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Parents—please contact us if your THS alum has moved and provide us with the new address to help us save on postage.

Lifetime Membership Drive

Lifetime memberships fund the Ted Prince Memorial Scholarship. Ted Prince was the only THS student to perish in World War I after volunteering following college.

Donations received between 3/2/11 and 9/23/11.

1943 George Forsyth	1961 Susan Nicol Saunders	1966 Christine Shivery	1983 James Bond
1944 Lorraine Spittle Baake	1961 Robert Stuller	1969 Janice Vieser Simons	1995 Paul Swanson
1951 Charlotte Gebb Dietz	1962 Gerald (Jerry) Baxter	1970 Dorothy Anderson Reagle	2009 Jocelyn Ray
1956 Diana Hoth Bennett	1964 James Matheny	1972 Odessa Whye Scott	2010 Catherine Kakadelis
1957 Kalah Powers Fuller	1965 Allen Parsons	1975 Richard Ruby	2010 Clifford McCormick
1958 Ralph Smith			

New Lifetime Members receive a FREE set of THS ornaments!



NEWSNOTE

Towson High School Alumni Association

THS Receives National Blue Ribbon Title



Last December, THS was declared a Blue Ribbon School in the state of Maryland. On September 15, 2011, that status was elevated to a National level. The US Department of Education recognized THS as one of ten Maryland Schools to receive the designation. The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.

THS has regularly made national lists published by *Newsweek* and *The Washington Post* identifying it as one of America's best high schools. According to MSDE, THS students are 98 percent proficient and above in math and 99 percent in English. Seventeen percent of the seniors rank in the top five percent of students in the state, and more than 76 percent of students take the SAT. THS Principal Jane Barranger credited the atmosphere created by Superintendent Joe Hairston as a significant part in THS success. Dr. Hairston, in turn, congratulated Dr. Barranger; "We are so proud of the accomplishments of Towson High School under the leadership of Principal Jane Barranger," Hairston said in a statement. "This latest honor brings attention to the hard work of faculty, staff, and students, and the enduring support of the Towson community." Representatives from THS will travel to Washington, DC on November 14th and 15th for ceremonies where they will receive a plaque and flag commemorating their status as a National Blue Ribbon School.



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Alumni Awards 2011



The Senior Awards Assembly was held on May 26, 2011. The alumni presented awards to the following well-deserved recipients:

William P. Cole Medal of Excellence for Highest Academic Average

Annie Bishai was the class of 2011 Valedictorian. She was a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist and an Ethics Award Recipient. She also presented her visual arts portfolio at the US Department of Education in Washington, DC, in September 2010.

Louise Balls English Award for Creative Writing

William Fesperman won 1st place for poetry in both the Towson University and Rider University High School Creative Writing Contests and the Maryland Young Authors State Creative Writing Contest. He was honored at Carnegie Hall in New York for his Scholastic Awards and recited one of his poems at the White House as part of a national celebration of poetry.

Ted Prince Award for Strength of Character and Loyalty to THS

Jaimee Foster was THS Class of 2011 Salutatorian and held a 4.0 GPA. She received many other academic awards which include AP Scholar with Distinction, Maryland Distinguished Scholar Semifinalist, National Merit Scholar High Scoring Commended Student, Scholar Athlete Award, and the Varsity All-Academic Team Award. She is attending NYU.

Arthur Crommer Award for Excellence in Mathematics

Justin Thau graduated with a 3.95 GPA and was ranked 14 out of the graduating class of 336. He has been on the honor roll from 2007-2011. He also received the National AP Scholar Award and was a BCPS Scholarship Loan Program Recipient.

Nannie Feast Law and Public Policy Award

Antonina Duzhikhin was on the THS Mock Trial Team and won an All-Star Award. She is attending Towson University on a full scholarship with a major in Anthropology.

Attend an Alumni Meeting:

November 8th

February 7th

March 13th

7:00 PM
 Room 243, THS



Congratulations to the **Marching Generals** for placing **FIRST** in the Reisterstown Parade on September 10, 2011!

Music Boosters 5th Annual Fall Fundraiser

Friday, October 28, 2011
7:00pm - 10:30pm
Sheraton Hotel, Towson
\$50.00/person

Live Music by



Featuring THS Music Teachers,
Mr. David Rhen and Mr. John Olin

An Adult-Only Evening of Entertainment!
(21 and over)

Ticket price includes: Open Bar (beer, wine & soda) from 7-9pm, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dancing, raffles, door prizes and more!
(Cash Bar after 9pm)

Money raised will benefit THS students involved in the music programs

If interested in purchasing tickets, volunteering or donating, contact Elizabeth Guonjian, THS Music Boosters President, at thsmusicboosters@gmail.com or guonjian@yahoo.com or (410) 321-1640

*We are in need sponsors for this event! Donations of goods, services, and money are appreciated. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and sponsorship is tax deductible.

Visit us at
www.towsonhighmusic.com

Stop by Atwater's at Kenilworth Mall to see "Fresh Crop," a juried exhibition of THS art students' photography and painting!

October 14th - December 1st



Dear THSAA,

Thank you for the contribution from your Annual Fund Campaign to the Art Department. We purchased a quality aluminum easel which will be used to display artwork at various school events, exhibitions and meetings.

-Caryn Martin, Kate Morrill,
Dori Stickles & Cheryl Milligan

Greetings from the THS Sports Boosters!

The mission of the THS Sports Boosters is to support and promote all THS athletic teams in order to provide an athletic program reflective of the overall excellence of Towson High School. In order to provide financial support, we conduct fundraising events and collect membership dues from parents, alumni, local businesses and the community. Our volunteers provide time, energy and creativity to deliver the best possible experience to our student athletes. Through our initiatives we hope to contribute to the pride, spirit and enthusiasm of all Towson students and the greater Towson community.

Visit us at our NEW website:
www.leaguelineup.com/towsonsportsboosters

THS Chinese Exchange Program



Art teacher Cheryl Milligan and six THS students joined 23 other Baltimore County students and teachers for a 2 month trip to China. This was the second part of a Chinese Exchange Program that has been taking place between Baltimore County Public Schools and the Tie Yi School in Xi'an, China.

The first part of the program involved 31 students and 2 teachers who came from China on February 16, 2011. They stayed for eight weeks with host families and the students attended Hereford, Owings Mills, Dulaney, Perry Hall, Patapsco and Towson High schools. The program, started by Superintendent Joe Hairston, was established in 2007 and has grown every year. A librarian from Dulaney, Debbie Wilson-Matusky stated "The goal of the program is for students to get an understanding of the world and make them just more aware of the differences and the similarities in the different cultures." One Chinese student, Jindian Liu, who attended Towson said "I really enjoy it here. It's really fun. I can experience a lot about American society. I really like it".

The second portion of this unique exchange program occurred on May 25th when the BCPS students flew to China for their eight-week stay. Cheryl Milligan traveled with THS students David Eber, Cathy Cao, Andy Phillips, Stewart Fish, Melanie Mariano and Alex Yarkony. The group experienced a planned program in China, including visits to English classrooms, language classes, art lessons, kung fu lessons and field trips to the Great Wall of China.

Information used in this article was excerpted from The Towson Patch.

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Visit us at towsonhighalumni.org

Membership Renewal

Towson High School Alumni Association, 69 Cedar Ave., Towson, MD 21286

Name: _____
First Maiden Last

Grad. Year _____ Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Please do not e-mail me alumni highlights throughout the year!

Dues: \$150.00 Lifetime Send me my free set of ornaments! (Lifetime members)
 \$20.00 Annual
 Other tax-deductible gift \$ _____

We accept checks (payable to THS Alumni Assoc.) VISA, MASTERCARD or DISCOVER

Account # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security code on back (last 3 digits) _____

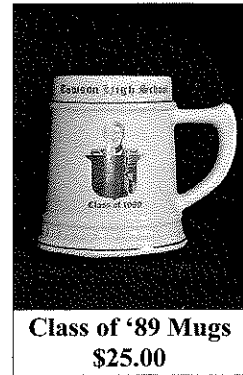
Alumni Store



Low-profile hat \$15.00



Lifetime members take \$5.00 off per item!



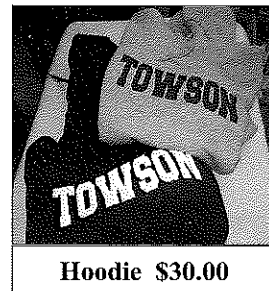
Class of '89 Mugs \$25.00



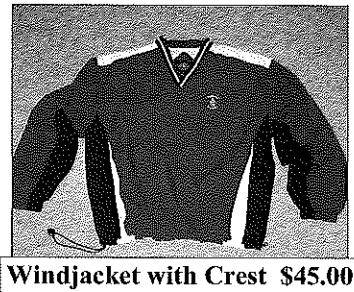
Polo Shirts \$25.00



Sweatshirt \$30.00



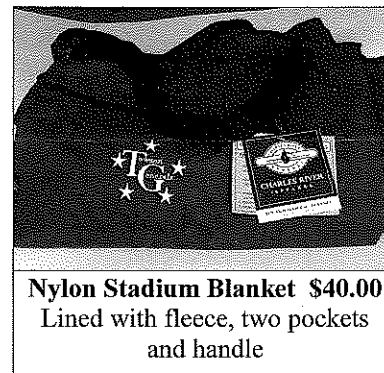
Hoodie \$30.00



Windjacket with Crest \$45.00



Sweatpants \$20.00



Nylon Stadium Blanket \$40.00
Lined with fleece, two pockets and handle



Hand Knit Wool Hats \$35.00
Black or Maroon

2011 Annual Fund Campaign

The teachers have submitted a "wish list" of items that will enhance the learning experience for our students. Your donations are greatly appreciated...and tax-exempt!

- Family Studies/Health - printer, \$500 & updated appliances, \$100
- World Languages - 2 LCD Projectors, \$1,400
- Athletics - set of field hockey goals with wheels, \$3,159
- Math - printer, \$500 & LCD projector, \$700
- Music - wireless tablet, \$266 & trophy case, \$3,500
- Nurse - industrial-strength shredder, \$300
- Physical Education - leg curl machine, \$1,850

Total School items:

- 10 large bulletin boards, \$1,500
- Chairs for team conference room, \$600
- "Blue Ribbon" rug for lobby, \$2,000
- Update soundboard and system for auditorium, \$7,000

Computers! Computers! \$750 each
English Dept (2) Art Dept (2) Science (4)
Social Studies (4) Special Education (4)
Technology Education (2)



In Memoriam...

- 1926 Mary Osenburg Kilchenstein, Baltimore, MD
- 1934 Lucille Gray Keyes, Baltimore, MD
- 1934 Paul Hofmann, Kingsville, MD, 18-Feb-11
- 1935 Harriet Roberts Gordon, Churchville, MD, 16-Dec-10
- 1935 Gladys Hodson Berlinicke, Heber Springs, AR, 19-Jul-08
- 1936 Dorothy Foard Mumma, Towson, MD
- 1936 Irene Smith Benbennick, Winter Springs, FL, 01-Jun-09
- 1937 Hilda Burk Yoder, Long Green, MD, 25-Feb-11
- 1937 Doris Lytle Shaffer, Concord, VA, 18-Jun-10
- 1939 Evelyn Grolock Debaugh, Towson, MD, 08-Jan-07
- 1939 Janet Heggie Neel, Boston, GA, 01-Dec-06
- 1939 Ima Frantz Magovac, Chardon, OH
- 1939 James Spicer, Plymouth, OH, 17-May-10
- 1941 Virginia Sanders Bond, McDaniel, MD, 22-Oct-10
- 1941 Ruth Amrein Horn, Nottingham, MD
- 1943 George Potter, Baltimore, MD
- 1944 John Costlow, Beaufort, NC
- 1944 Shirley Pacini Shawhan, Killeen, TX, 01-Jun-11
- 1945 Thomas Dewlin, Palm Coast, FL, 06-Sep-10
- 1946 Pearl Blevins Six, Auburn, NH, 10-Dec-07
- 1947 Louise Wood Batchelor, Winston-Salem, NC
- 1949 Donald Wolfe, 23-Aug-10
- 1949 Robert Archer, Westminster, MD, 20-Mar-11
- 1951 Patricia Hoth Myers, Mc Minnville, OR, 11-Jan-11
- 1951 Joan Smith Lewis, 24-Jul-11
- 1951 Edgar (Ed) Sittler, Roanoke, VA, 21-Jul-08
- 1952 Elizabeth Dewlin Murdock, Cockeysville, MD, 01-Feb-11
- 1952 Paul Guzzo, Havre De Grace, MD, 23-Jan-08
- 1952 Edward Speer, Bluffton, SC, 10-May-11
- 1952 Marianne Harbaugh Libercci
- 1952 William Susemihl
- 1952 William (Bill) Devilbiss
- 1952 Dolores Clayton Hoover
- 1952 David Bowerman, Lutherville, MD
- 1952 Edith Donnelly Schlinke
- 1952 Nancy Seim Dewlin, Palm Coast, FL, 06-Sep-10
- 1953 Audrey Braecklein Merryman, Monkton, MD, 21-Nov-10
- 1954 Thomas Beckett, Hendersonville, NC, 06-Oct-10
- 1954 Chester Jermain, Harrington, DE, 10-Jan-11
- 1954 Charles Imhoff, Houston, TX
- 1954 Carolyn Cowan-Devilbiss, Towson, MD, 18-Dec-08
- 1955 Doris Sprecher Hoxter, Baltimore, MD, 02-Dec-06
- 1955 Ruth Sprecher Diedeman, Baltimore, MD, 01-Apr-02
- 1955 Charlotte Isenock Porter, Perry Hall, MD, 10-Mar-11
- 1955 Sara Wirtz Dixon, Nottingham, MD, 21-Jan-11
- 1955 Arlene Blottenberger Clark, Westminster, MD, 04-Aug-09
- 1957 Chris Lofton, Sherman Oaks, CA, 01-May-02
- 1957 Monte Yingling, Towson, MD, 23-Aug-11
- 1958 David Gemmell, Cape May, NJ, 23-May-10
- 1959 Richard Wayson, Orinda, CA
- 1959 Richard Johnson, Westminster, MD
- 1960 Katharine Archer Hanson, Spokane Valley, WA, 23-Jan-11
- 1961 George Roeder, Evanston, IL
- 1961 Craig (C.Z.) Zahnow, Escondido, CA
- 1961 Leopold Beernink, Timonium, MD
- 1962 James Storrs, Millersville, MD
- 1962 James Logan, Reisterstown, MD, 01-Feb-10
- 1962 John Trouland, Monkton, MD, 20-Mar-11
- 1964 James Meginniss, Tucson, AZ
- 1964 Joanne Miles, Lake Forest, CA
- 1965 Milton Sturgis, Baltimore, MD
- 1965 Paula Loeffler Gerding, Spring Hill, FL, 10-Jun-11
- 1965 Norma Blome Nethkin, Towson, MD
- 1965 James Adam, Rosedale, MD, 13-Apr-10
- 1965 John Martin
- 1965 Patricia Hamilton, Baltimore, MD, 12-Aug-11
- 1967 Christina Crowell Wise-Mohr, Silver Spring, MD
- 1968 Christie Jaeger Thomas, Phoenix, MD, 23-Oct-10
- 1969 Pamela Thompson, Rockville, MD, 01-Nov-09
- 1969 Kathy Pierce
- 1969 James Stephenson, Gloucester, NC
- 1969 Owen Sexsmith
- 1969 Stephen Webb
- 1969 Patricia Weitzel
- 1969 Denise Strappelli
- 1969 Frances Del Mazo
- 1969 Martha O'Connell
- 1969 Frederick Metschulat, Baltimore, MD, 06-Jul-10
- 1969 Henry Linstid
- 1969 Joanne James
- 1969 Walter Hartlove
- 1969 Sharon Goldrick
- 1969 Barbara Clark Schmitt, Pasadena, MD
- 1969 Janet Childress, Powell, VA, 10-Jun-86
- 1969 Catherine Schultz Dolph
- 1969 Kathy Shell, 15-Oct-10
- 1969 Maureen Hare
- 1969 Barbara Button McMahon, Nottingham, MD
- 1969 Susan Brooke
- 1970 Susan Donaldson Klimas, Terryville, CT
- 1972 David Swain, Newark, OH, 27-May-10
- 1973 Larry Jones Ellicott City, MD
- 1976 Carter Makosky, Lutherville, MD, 08-Oct-09
- 1985 Deborah Budacz Rice, Lutherville, MD
- 1995 Thomas McCord, Baltimore, MD
- 1995 Matthew Azola, Baltimore, MD, 02-Aug-11
- 2009 Aaron Waltemeyer, Towson, MD, 24-May-10



If interested in sending in a Memorial Donation for your loved one, please mail to: Towson High School Alumni Association, 69 Cedar Ave, Towson, MD 21286

Reunion News & Hall of Fame

Harris Glenn Milstead Inducted into the Hall of Fame



Born on October 19, 1945 to a conservative, wealthy, middle-class family in Lutherville, Glenn grew up to be anything but conventional. He graduated from THS in '63 and began a friendship with John Waters, an aspiring filmmaker, who gave him the name "Divine." Waters' films were quite edgy for the time so Divine kept his involvement with them a secret from his parents, whom he felt would not understand them or the reason for his interest in such controversial films. He acted in 16 films, most of which were directed by Waters, and he usually played starring role.

In the late 1970's, Divine began a successful career as a disco singer. He released several dance music records which were club hits in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia. In the US, Divine's highest-charting song peaked at #21 on the *Club Play Singles Chart*, while another reached #16 in the UK and was a Top 10 hit in Australia, reaching #8.

To promote both his music and his film appearances throughout the 1980's, Divine appeared on American television chat shows such as *Late Night with David Letterman* and *The Merv Griffin Show*. He became a well-known celebrity and inspired musicians and artists alike. David Hockney and Andy Warhol, artists of the pop-culture genre, painted portraits of him. His "Divine" persona was also the inspiration for Ursula the Sea Witch from Disney's 1989 movie, *The Little Mermaid*.

**"I think I've always been respectable. What I do onstage is not what I do in my private life... It's an act... It's how I make my living. People laugh, and it's not hurting anyone."
-Divine (1983)**

Divine's most popular movie was *Hairspray*, released in 1988. He played two roles; Edna Turnblad and Arvin Hodgepile, for which he was nominated for the Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Male. Due to Divine's portrayal of Edna Turnblad, later musical adaptations of *Hairspray* have commonly placed male actors in the role of Edna, including Harvey Fierstein in the 2002 Broadway musical and John Travolta in the 2007 re-make.

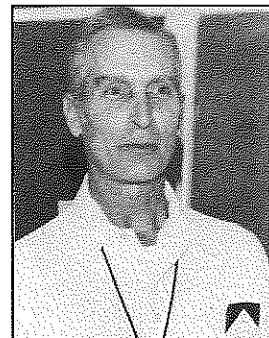
Combining his pop icon status as a singer, actor, female impersonator and comedian, he was an outrageous personality who, with his groundbreaking humor, left an indelible impression on the entertainment community.

Divine died from an enlarged heart on March 7, 1988, a week after *Hairspray* was released.

Information about Divine was obtained from Internet Sources.

Guess the Teacher!

Who remembers this THS teacher? The first three people to call the alumni office at 410-821-7889 will get a free pewter ornament of their choice! (The answer will be in our Spring edition)



Congratulations to last edition's winners! We had over 70 calls! The photo was of classmate Ellen Richmond Sauerbrey, '55. Winners were Anne Shanklin Monks '55, Janet Ford Scrivnor '55, and Dolores Wilhelm Geis '53!

Reunion Dates

Check www.towsonhighalumni.org for up-to-date changes

Class of 1952

60th Reunion
September 22, 2012
Crowne Plaza Timonium
Nina Beaufelder
410-296-0158

Class of 1962

50th Reunion
September 28-30, 2012
Embassy Suites Hunt Valley
Howard Crawford
towsonhighschool1962@gmail.com

Class of 1965

50th Reunion
Donna Lawson Croff
407-523-3441
croffw@bellsouth.net
Cindy Gagliano Hutson
410-785-1117
cindyhutson@comcast.net
Pat Olgilvie Lipsecomb
410-346-6899
pridesing@yahoo.com
http://thsclassof1965.weebly.com
for more information

Class of 1976

November 26, 7-11pm
Country Club of MD
THSClassof76@aol.com
Janet Houck Kines
jlkines@hotmail.com
Mary Osmeyer Weldy
mosmeyer@aol.com
Michelle Boeri
mboeri2000@yahoo.com

Questions about reunions? Contact our Office Manager, Teri McDonald for information 410-821-7889

THSAA Bulletin Board

Email: towsonhighalumni@bcps.org

Thank you to Christine Schott, '96, for the 1996 Graduation Program!

We still need old commencement and award programs to add to our archives. You can scan the program and send it to us via email, mail us a photocopy or send the original to be preserved forever!

Towsontown Spring Festival
May 5th & May 6th, 2012
Vist the THSAA booth on Chesapeake Ave!

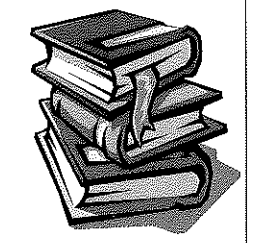


Check us out on Facebook!
The first 50 alumni to Like us will receive a THSAA magnet!
"Towson High Alumni Association, Inc."

Yearbooks for Sale

Did you forget to order your yearbook when you graduated? Want to reminisce? Here's your chance!

1911 (0) Need	1931 (11) \$25	1950 (4) \$25	1967 (4) \$80
1912 (2) \$150	1932 (9) \$25	1951 (4) \$25	1968 (3) \$80
1915 (0) Need	1933 (4) \$25	1952 (0) Need	1970 (4) \$80
1916 (5) \$75	1934 (5) \$25	1953 (4) \$25	1971 (3) \$100
1917 (2) \$100	1935 (3) \$50	1954 (3) \$50	1972 (3) 100
1918 (3) \$100	1936 (4) \$25	1955 (3) \$35	1980 (3) \$100
1921 (2) \$100	1937 (3) \$50	1956 (3) \$100	1984 (3) \$100
1922 (6) \$50	1938 (7) \$25	1957 (3) \$100	1992 (3) \$100
1923 (3) \$75	1939 (3) \$25	1958 (2) \$100	1995 (2) \$80
1924 (3) \$75	1940 (4) \$25	1959 (2) \$100	1996 (2) \$100
1925 (5) \$50	1941 (5) \$25	1960 (3) \$100	1997 (2) \$100
1926 (3) \$75	1942 (3) \$50	1961 (3) \$100	1999 (2) \$100
1927 (5) \$25	1943 (2) \$100	1962 (3) \$100	2000 (2) \$100
1928 (7) \$25	1944 (4) \$80	1963 (3) \$100	2001 (3) \$80
1929 (6) \$25	1945 (2) \$50	1964 (3) \$80	2004 (2) \$100
1930 (15) \$15	1948 (2) \$35	1965 (2) \$100	2005 (2) \$100
	1949 (2) \$35	1966 (3) \$100	



If you have any yearbooks that you would like to donate to our archives, please contact our office at 410-821-7889.