



The 13th Corner

Engaging alumni in preserving the Brighton legacy of educational excellence

Nominations open for 2009 BSAA/BHS

Alumni Hall of Fame

It's time to nominate a classmate or friend for the **BSAA/BHS Alumni Hall of Fame**. For criteria and the new nomination form, just go to our website:

www.brightonalumni.org

New alumni directory is in the works

Your **Brighton Schools Alumni Association** (BSAA) is considering updating and republishing the *BHS Alumni Directory*. We would like to get **EVERYONE** in there!

You can help us get started—and make it easier for old friends and classmates to find you—by registering or updating your contact information at the Brighton alumni website, created and managed by **Paul Hundredmark** (BHS '64) and **David McBride** (BHS '65).

Just go to www.brightonalumni.net and follow the prompts to register. You will have the option of not being listed in the new directory, if you prefer.

BSAA's scholarship fund is off to a stellar start

Thanks to the amazing generosity of **Brighton High School** (BHS) alumni and the equally amazing energy of **Brighton Schools Alumni Association** (BSAA) founder **Bob Lambrix** (BHS'57), the **BSAA Scholarship Fund** has seen truly stellar success in its first two years.

Launched in 2007, the scholarship provides \$1,500 a year for four years to an outstanding BHS graduating senior who plans to attend college at either a four- or two-year institution.

"The demand on students has never been greater than today, and the uncertainties regarding their post-BHS educations have never been more complex," said Lambrix. "Increasingly, families – especially single-parent families – struggle to accumulate the resources to provide for their children's college educations. We as alumni can help ensure that future generations of students can continue to build on the strong foundation they receive at BHS."

The BSAA awarded two \$1,500-a-year scholarships in its first year and one in 2008, to ensure being able to

continue to provide the annual awards over time.

Performance and practicality

An energetic up-and-coming young actor with a practical approach to the future is the 2008 recipient of the BSAA Scholarship.

Frankie DiCiaccio, the son of **Frank and Maria DiCiaccio** and **Donn and Donna Wells**, now attends Northwestern University. He received his BSAA scholarship check at the June 6 BHS awards ceremony and was the guest, along with his parents, of the BSAA at that evening's recognition dinner for the **BSAA/BHS Alumni Hall of Fame** (see page 3).

"The BSAA is proud to add Frankie DiCiaccio to its growing roster of outstanding BHS graduates and scholarship recipients," said Scholarship Committee co-chair **MaryJane Kimmell Link** ('58).

For DiCiaccio, the BHS experience was instrumental in learning "how imperative a role academic stimulation plays in my life," he said in his applica-



2008 BSAA scholarship recipient
Frankie DiCiaccio at recognition dinner.

tion. "Our core classes here constantly demonstrate real-life application of the subject matter, which has given me a great sense of value for my education ... While my Brighton training in the performing arts has given me an appreciation for my musical theatre niche, I also understand that, to be truly successful, I must be intellectually challenged by a diverse academic courseload ..."

DiCiaccio graduated from BHS with a 3.88 GPA, 2100 board scores, and an academic program that included nine enriched-section courses, three

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BSAA's first scholarship recipients report on college life

Rachel Mantel and Jennifer Milton, the first recipients of the **BSAA Scholarship**, are studying veterinary medicine at Ohio State University and English and music at Connecticut College, respectively. Both are thriving in college.

Milton went back to Connecticut College early for her sophomore year to train to be a Student Advisor for incoming freshmen. "It's sort of hard to believe that now the freshmen are looking up to me as an upperclassman, but, in a way, this has made the transition from freshman year to sophomore year a little easier for me," she said.

Last semester, Milton declared a double-major in English and music. She also plans to pursue a concentration in creative writing. "Because I had some AP credits from Brighton High School, I was able to get ahead in the game and test out of some intro classes, which was very helpful in allowing me to fit a double major within the four years at Conn," she said. "I basically stuck with my original goals that I had going into college, mostly because I've absolutely loved every class I've taken in both of these departments. I really feel a strong sense of belonging here at Conn, and have made amazing friends and have had the privilege of learning from brilliant professors.

"Music is still a huge part of my life," Milton added. Last year, she played in band and orchestra, took violin lessons, sang in an cappella group called the Williams Street Mix, and took music-theory classes. She is still doing all of that, although she left her flute at home. "I'm taking five classes (add on the lessons and orchestra and it comes to about 23 credits for this semester), so I don't want to spread



Rachel Mantel and Jennifer Milton.

myself too thin." She hopes to fit band into her schedule for the spring semester.

Milton also is working at the library and participating in the English Department's Student Advisory Board. One of her courses will certify her to become a tutor in the college's Writing Center. She is also looking into a volunteer program through the music department that will let her teach beginning music students in an elementary school.

Mantel is her second year at the Ohio State University, majoring in Animal Sciences. "Through my first year at school, I realized that veterinary medicine is not what I want to do, but I still want to be involved with animals," she said. "I am not positive on exactly what I want to do with my life, but I am leaning toward animal nutrition or animal pharmaceuticals."

Last summer, Mantel decided to try something different from her usual seasonal job at a vet hospital. "My riding coach at Ohio State told me about a job possibility in Tennessee, so I jumped on it, and had the best summer of my life! I worked at an outdoors/sleepaway camp summer camp for kids aged 6-14, outside Nashville," she said. She worked as barn staff and head counselor of the youngest-girl cabin for the majority of the summer, and then became barn director, caring for 36 horses and running the camp horseback riding program. "I learned so much through this experience," she said.

Mantel credits her BHS years with

being able to handle those responsibilities. "I never would have been able to step up and do what I did this summer if it weren't for everything I learned while being active on Student Council (at BHS)," she said. "If I were to give an incoming high-school freshman one piece of advice, it would be to become extremely active in at least one club, and eventually become an officer.

"So many valuable lessons can be learned from clubs. I learned responsibility, the meaning of hard work, how to handle money and budget, how to work with all sorts of personalities, and how to take hold of sticky situations and turn them around. It also gave me leadership skills—once I learned not to be so shy and sweet all the time and assert myself, I was able to refine those skills and put them to good use!"

Scholarships, continued

Advanced Placement classes, and five years of math and science.

DiCiaccio balanced his interest in theatre with strong academics. He was a National Merit-commended student, was one of 20 students invited to participate in the NYSSMA's All-State Vocal Jazz, and won first place in the senior division of the 2007 Alice B. Wilson Poetry Contest. He participated in Crazy Pitches, an a cappella singing group, including two years as co-director; the Welcoming Committee, including two as a co-president; dance; and Vocal Jazz and Concert Choir, including one year as president of the choir.

DiCiaccio shone in community activity, an essential element of the BSAA Scholarship, participating in the Kick Cancer's Button; Brighton Summer Performing Arts, including as a teaching assistant/assistant director for a year; and Natural Helpers. Classmates chose him as an anchorman of the high school's daily student TV production, "The Morning Show."

DiCiaccio also worked part-time at Aja Noodle Company and the Charbroil Family Restaurant.

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Summa cum laude Barons

(\$10,000 or more)

Bruce P. Bedford	1958
Robert J. Lambrix	1957
Robert P. Lane	1958
Clark T. Madigan	1957

Magna cum laude Barons

(\$5,000-\$9,999)

Class 50th Reunion Gift	1958
Jack Ferraro	1963
Linda Maxion	1960
John C. Shoemaker	1960

Cum laude Barons

(\$1,000-\$4,999)

Class 50th Reunion Gift	1957
Sanford Epstein	1944
D. Alan Hershey	1954
<i>(in memory of Gary Hopps 1954, Bruce Proper 1954, Carl Witzel & Etsy Reifsteck)</i>	
James W. Crawford	1954
<i>(in memory of Gary Hopps 1954, Carl Witzel & Robert Hynes)</i>	
Sanford Gradinger	1954
<i>(in memory of Gary Hopps 1954, Carl Witzel & Robert Hynes)</i>	
Dr. Henry P. French, Jr.	1953
Peter B. Heinrich	1955
Dr. Robert J. Alaimo	1957
<i>(includes matching funds from Procter & Gamble)</i>	
Martin & Helen Agnew	1947
Stephen C. Alaimo	1957
Brooke Banbury	1958
Stuart & Betsy Bobry	1947
Frank Cappellino	1947
Patricia Jones Corbett	1947
Alan G. Hanford	1962
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Kitzman	1957
Hugh M. Laumeister	1951
Maryjane Kimmell Link	1958
David & Jane O'Brien	1947
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore A. Olson	1957
Dr. Lawrence Repsher	1957
Susan Melech	1954
Tom Merkel	1970
Gretchen H. Shafer	BCSD

Dean's List Barons

(\$500-\$999)

John W. Clark	1954
<i>(in memory of Jerry Brockmyre 1954)</i>	

Roger A. Harvie	1954
Rudy R. Nessel	1954
<i>(in memory of Carl Witzel & Robert Hynes)</i>	
Peter N. Paris	1950
Terri Feinglass Ross	1951
Elizabeth Wettarrings Smith	1947

Valedictorian Barons

(\$250-\$499)

John T. (Jack) Hoffmeister	1947
<i>(in memory of Robert Hoffmeister 1949)</i>	
James R. Peters	1954
Michael J. Murray	1951
Nicolas M. Albertson	1947
John & Jane Donohue	1945, 1948

Honor Society Barons

(\$100-\$249)

Ruth Rochow Debevoise	1947
Jeanne Waibel Dowell	1947
Ruth E. Thaler-Carter	1971
<i>(in memory of teacher Elizabeth Hart)</i>	
Mari Ostendorf Wells	1946
<i>(in memory of Frederick "Fritz" Ostendorf 1943)</i>	
Dr. & Mrs. James A. Durfee	1950
Elsa Bodecker Ramsden	1953
Justin F. Allchin	1945
Ross F. Anderson	1947
Henry M. Asin	1954
Roger W. Batty	1951
Townsend P. (Tom) Burge	1945
Mary Heinrich Curran	1951
<i>(in memory of Bill Heinrich 1949)</i>	
Susan Allen Hale	1958
Alfred E. Heggie, MD	1947
Ken Hershey	1950
Mary Martin Hyder	1958
Marjorie Spitz Karowe	1947
Gloria Klee	1944
Richard & Barbara Rochow	1939, 1946
Elinor Reinhardt Postler	1954
Joan DeGelleke Shrewsbury	1947
Warren D. Smith, MD	1949
Lewessa Kirk Sorem	1941
Ruth Schell Stewart	1951
Robert J. Trost	1954
Donald & Doris VanVechten	BCSD
Hon. Richard Webster	1947
Edwin N. London	1945
Cynthia DeGelleke Cole	1951
George Cooper	1944
Donald Corbett	1947

Honor Roll Barons (up to \$99)

Magdalen Kraft Duncan	1951
Elinor Cleary Hallman	1947
John S. Hunt	1947
Martha Kirk Lays & Robert Lays	1947, 1971
Ronald & Carol Krier MacDonald	1949, 1948
Dr. Gerald L. Pellett	1954
Kathryn Washer Riedel	1956
Margaret B. Schneider	BCSD
Leonard Treash	1951
Susan Davidson Braun	1953
Clark & Joyce Paddock Wackerman	1943
Charlotte Field Wallace	1954



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Gifts by Class

Class of 1939	\$ 100
1941	\$ 100
1943	\$ 25
1944	\$ 2,650
1945	\$ 525
1946	\$ 200
1947	\$ 7,250
1949	\$ 150
1950	\$ 750
1951	\$ 2,225
1953	\$ 1,400
1954	\$ 8,775
1955	\$ 1,250
1956	\$ 50
1957	\$27,500
1958	\$39,459
1960	\$10,000
1962	\$ 1,000
1964	\$ 5,000
1970	\$ 200
1971	\$ 1,150

Supporting future scholars

Let's keep this great start going! Supporting the BSAA Scholarship is not only easy and tax-deductible; it's also an excellent reunion class gift and a great way to remember classmates, teachers and staff in the Brighton schools. Just send contributions to: BSAA Scholarship Fund, 2035 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610.

Alum's depiction of 12 Corners in the 1950s now available as prints

Just in time for holiday giving, prints of a delightful painting of the 12 Corners area circa the mid-1950s by a noted Rochester-based artist and graduate of **Brighton High School** (BHS) are available in three frame-able sizes. Proceeds benefit the **Brighton Schools Alumni Association** (BSAA), and may be ordered by mail and for use at upcoming BHS reunions.

Jim Christy, a 1957 BHS alum, painted the nostalgic "12 Corners in the mid-1950s" scene for his 50th class reunion last year. It depicts a number of historic 12 Corners businesses and landmarks, many of which are no longer in existence, including the Belmar, Don & Bob's, the Chateau, Howard Johnson's and more.

The original painting was a centerpiece of the 15th Annual Town of Brighton Arts Festival at the Brighton

Town Hall, and remains on display at the Town Hall.

"This painting captures a special moment in time for Brighton residents and BHS alumni," said Christy. "I had a great time recreating my memories of the area. The most fun was recreating the old cars seen on the streets in the painting. I think fellow Brighton residents and classmates will enjoy reconnecting with their pasts when they see the painting at the town hall or the smaller print versions."

Print sizes and prices (including shipping) are:

- 16x13 inches with border, \$35
- 23x19 with border, \$45
- 30x24 with border, \$55

Prints are unmatted, rolled and shipped in "Priority Mail" tubes. Each print will be signed by the artist and accompanied by a detailed map and legend identifying the buildings and



Jim Christy (BHS'57) and his painting.

most of the cars in the painting. Payment must be made by check to the BSAA. Because the BSAA is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, a portion of each purchase is tax-deductible. Orders may be sent, with check payable to the BSAA, to:

1950s Poster, c/o Jim Christy
127 Commodore Parkway
Rochester, NY 14625

For additional information, contact Christy by phone at (585) 586-0045 or by e-mail at jcwc@rochester.rr.com.

2008 Alumni Hall of Fame honors new inductees, launches symposium

This year's inductees in the **BSAA/Brighton High School (BHS) Alumni Hall of Fame** represent leadership in academic and community arenas: **Daan Braveman** (BHS'65), president of Nazareth College, Rochester, NY; **Karen Noble Hanson** (BHS'61), chief financial officer (CFO) and canon for Finance, Resource and Community Development, Episcopal Diocese of Rochester; and Dr. **Robert Weisbuch** (BHS '64), president of Drew University, Madison, NJ.

The inductees were introduced to students at the year's BHS awards program on June 6. Our annual recognition dinner was held that evening at the Country Club of Rochester. Weisbuch could not attend, but plans to attend next year's dinner.

The dinner featured videotapes of all three new members commenting on what their Brighton educations meant to them and how their Brighton experiences shaped their beliefs and lives.

This year, we also added something new: a symposium at BHS on the evening of June 5, to give the community and Brighton students

an opportunity to meet and learn from members of the Alumni Hall of Fame.

The first-ever symposium featured Braveman and Hanson, discussing topics of interest to young people today: "Civic Engagement; the integration of community service into your lifelong learning and living" and "The Ethics of Making Money."

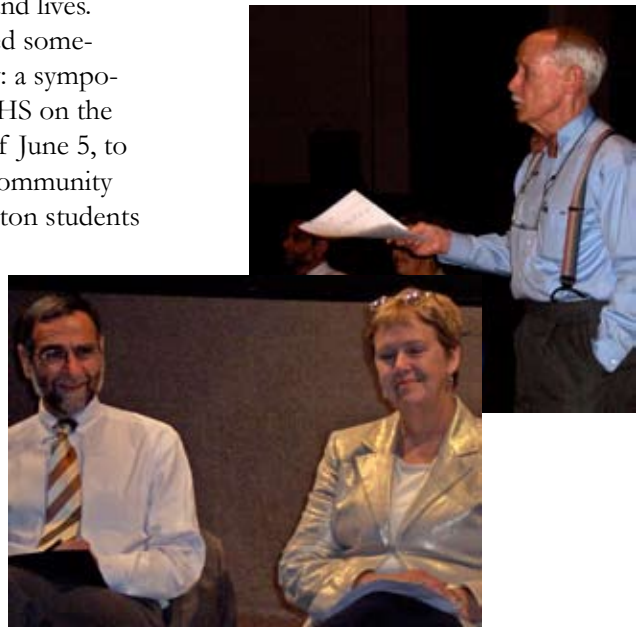
"This was an exciting opportunity to hear insights from community leaders at the top of their fields," said **Alan Ziegler**, chair of the BSAA/BHS Alumni Hall of Fame Committee.

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2008 BSAA/BHS Alumni Hall of Fame members
Daan Braveman, Karen Noble Hanson and Robert A. Weisbuch.

Braveman and Hanson at first-ever BSAA/BHS Alumni Hall of Fame Symposium (right); committee chair Alan Ziegler moderates the event (above).

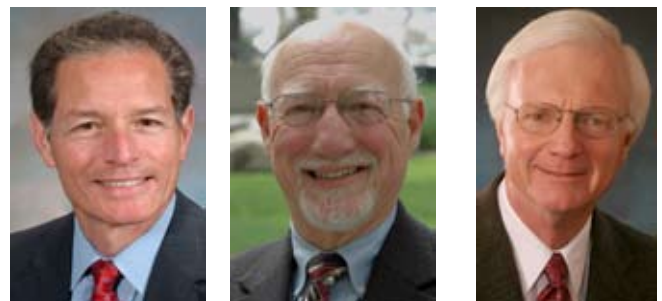


Past inductees in BSAA/BHS Alumni Hall of Fame



2007 BSAA/BHS Alumni Hall of Fame members (left) Brad Berk, MD; Lonnie Lane and John Shoemaker.

Bios of all may be found at the BSAA website, www.brightonalumni.org.



The display at BHS (above). 2006 members (left to right) Jackson Broughton, David Kearns, William Scandling (deceased), Frederick Trost and Pauline Yu.



Alumni get together with former BHS administrator



Several BHS alumni from the classes of 1942, 1947, 1950 and 1961 enjoyed lunch in the Alumni Resource Center last summer with a popular former administrator: **Joe Slack**, who served as superintendent of buildings and grounds for the BCSD from 1939–'60, when he was promoted to business manager for the BCSD. He retired in 1970.

Joe and his wife **Margaret Karges**



Slack, who taught girls' physical education at BHS from 1936–'70, were popular with the students. At 93, he rises every day before 6 a.m. and works seven days a week at his son's truck-stop business.

The alumni had a great time swapping stories about people and events at BHS in the '40s, '50s and '60s.

Alumni Hall of Fame, continued

"Their topics appealed to middle- and high-school students who are expected to incorporate community service into their Brighton educations and have an interest in the practicalities of their future careers."

Getting involved

To get involved with this exciting BSAA project:

- **nominate** an alum—just go to our website (www.brightonalumni.org) or call (585) 442-6055;
- put the 2009 **events** on your calendar now, symposium—**June 4**, recognition dinner—**June 5**; and
- consider a **donation**—send contributions to the BSAA, 2035 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618.

Become a part of Brighton schools history!

The **BSAA** is working with Brighton High School students to beautify a courtyard formed by series of additions to the high school building. The design, developed by BSAA's **Scott Miller** (BHS'54) with input from the students and the administration, includes a sculptural feature depicting all of the schools that have been part of the **Brighton Central School District**, along with brick paths and decorative benches.

The BHS **Class of 1955** provided substantial funding for this project through a 50th reunion gift.

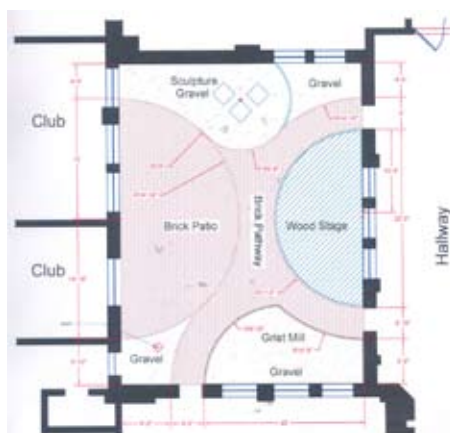
Alumni and their friends and families may purchase bricks for the pathway that can be personalized to recognize a graduating class, a favorite teacher or classmate, students of all ages, friends of Brighton education, and more.

Six benches also are available for purchase and personalization (if more benches are requested, BSAA will consult with BCSD about placing others throughout the 12 Corners campus).

Engraved bricks are available

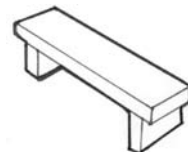


BHS students and advisor who have worked with the BSAA on courtyard beautification project (below).



at \$100 each. Bricks for the BSAA Courtyard Garden are made of clay and etched using laser technology, a combination that will ensure strength and durability. The surface of a brick measures 4 x 8 inches each.

IN MEMORY OF
NANCY STAPLES
BHS Class of 1953



Benches are \$1,000 each. Each measures 4 feet long, 16 inches deep and 18 inches tall. The benches are made of four-inch-thick gray granite, with ends of steel-reinforced concrete and seats of Douglas fir, milled and sealed with three coats of exterior polyurethane.

Ordering information

These opportunities are open to individuals only; there are *no corporate or business sales*.

To order your bricks or bench, just go to the BSAA website, www.brightonalumni.org.