

INDIAN OBSERVER

A ROXBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI PUBLICATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As President of the Alumni Association of Roxborough High School it is a pleasure to send to each of you the Indian Observer for 2019. First of all, where has the last year gone? As an organization, we have accomplished much again this year, due in part to the board members who give their time and expression of the spirit of our school.

You will see and be able to read a message from our beloved Principal, Dana Jenkins. Her Vice Principals, faculty and staff are dedicated and hard working which helps keep RHS an active and viable school. They are so appreciated! The Sports Hall of Fame is another association that is proactive in keeping the enthusiasm of alumni athletes alive.

Included in the Indian Observer,

you will see articles on the many events and projects that have taken place this past year. Graduation continues the tradition by being held on Westerman Field and when Pomp and Circumstance starts playing, I am overwhelmed to be participating and presenting deserving graduates with the RHSAA scholarships. We also try to help meet the needs of the school. This year we were able to purchase a mat for the entrance of the main office.

Information regarding the Annual Blue and White Night follows. Last year we had a good attendance, and rekindled many old friendships. Why not join us in making more memories this year, as the proceeds of this event benefit the scholarship program and school needs.



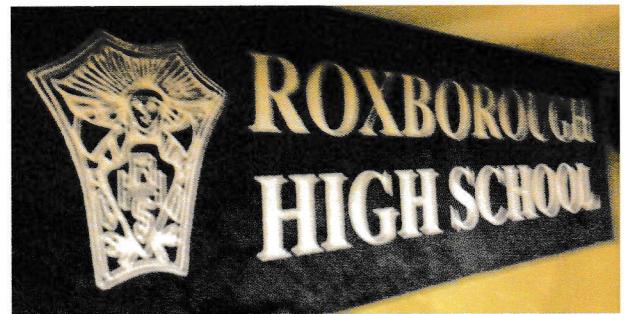
▲ Janet Szeliga

It is with much pride that I continue to fill the shoes of your President. I will strive to meet the goals that have been set, and I thank you for permitting me to serve in this capacity.

Proudly, and with the RHS spirit "high up on the hill,"

Janet M Szeliga

Janet Szeliga ('62), President



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Greetings All, As always, I continue with great humility and honor, to lead the staff and student body of the Academies @ Roxborough High School. We are continuing our work towards developing in our students, strong college and career competencies that empower them to compete in our global society. As you are aware, we are continuing towards full implementation of the ALL Academy model. In early December 2018, we officially applied for academy accreditation for our Health Science and Research Academy. We are scheduled for review by the National Career Academy Coalition in May 2019. If successful, we will have the first accredited academy in the city of Philadelphia.

Programming and supports aligned

with school-wide objectives, STEAM Initiatives and Philadelphia School District Goals, continue to transform the way students engage with college and career subject matter. Our students continue on a positive trajectory to meet the neighborhood high school graduation and college going rates.

We also continue to compete and win in local and state competitions. This year, our students have already earned 11 Adobe Premier Plus certifications, and 3 Microsoft certifications, well ahead of the testing season. We are expanding our programs as they relate to digital production media and business. As the



▲ Principal Dana Jenkins

State of Pennsylvania continues in its struggle to find ways to better assess the many talented students in our districts, I am confident that, as academic and technical skills are aligned and embedded in our career pathways, we will realize increased proficiency in all core content areas.

On another note, continuing in the Roxborough tradition of excellence in athletics, our football team won an American Division Championship, our Soccer team finished 2nd in the division, and our boys' basketball team is currently undefeated in league play, and owns a 12-2 overall record. And, let's not forget the Lady Indians who sported a 6-2 record in girls' varsity

basketball.

Lastly, we are anxiously awaiting our highly anticipated soft ball season on our brand new softball field. Despite a few major hiccups in the first quarter, our community school model has been able to sustain a wonderful environment, with a caring and dedicated staff. We will be increasing our program offerings to accommodate our continuing increasing enrollment. I

continue in my commitment to enhance the professional practices, college and career competencies, and overall quality of life for both staff and students during their time spent here at Roxborough.

In closing, I remain forever thankful and appreciative of the RHS Alumni Association for your on-going support and commitment. It does not go unnoticed. You guys are simply the best!! Congratulations on yet another

successful Blue and White Night.

Sincerely,



Dana Jenkins, Principal
Academies @ Roxborough High School

WEBSITE

The Roxborough High School Alumni website has completed its sixth full year of existence. The website is located on the web at (www.roxhsalumni.org). We encourage all alumni to visit the website to check out what is happening with your classmates and fellow alumni and also what may be happening at the school and any alumni events.

The "Welcome Home" page appears when you enter the website. All content is accessed from this page. You can

support the Alumni Association on the "Support/Join" page with a donation. You can become a lifetime member for just \$10. There is also a "Contact Us" form on this page. Here you can supply us with any personal information, such as change of address, email address, etc. You can send personal messages on the form and we can assist you in locating missing alumni. Please refer to the Roxborough High School website (www.roxhsalumni.org). The Alumni Board wants you, the RHS alumni, to

help us provide useful and informative news about our fellow RHS alumni. Help support our alumni association with contributions to the website content.

Thanks,
Art Smith '62, RHS Alumni Webmaster

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUPPLIED US WITH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE DO SO.

ALUMNI DATABASE UPDATE PROJECT

We are continuing to update our current Alumni database so that we can communicate with our members more efficiently and cost effectively. We appreciate those of you who have taken the time to update your information with your current email address.

For those alumni who have not yet responded, we are asking that you provide us with a current email address.

Once we have updated our database with your email addresses, we will be able to communicate with everyone electronically. This will allow us to share information more frequently and save the cost of mailing which will allow us to provide additional scholarship monies.

If you are currently receiving a copy of our Alumni Observer Newsletter by mail, we ask that you update or provide us with your current email address by sending your name and email address to

the following: roxhsalumni.org
For those of you who are in the process of planning reunions, we would also appreciate a list of names, addresses and email addresses of those graduates who would like to be added to our alumni database.

We hope that each of you will take the time to update your information and help us create a complete, current and accurate database. Thank you.

Jeff Boles '65, Database Manager

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONTINUES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

The Alumni Association announced five college scholarships for deserving graduates of the Class of 2018 during commencement ceremonies in June. These awards will provide \$20,000 to the recipients over four years.

Tiffani Loughrey and Daniesha Majette received two-year scholarships to matriculate full-time at Montgomery County Community College and Community College of Philadelphia, respectively. Each will have the opportunity to extend the award at an

affiliated institution to earn a bachelor's degree.

Three four-year scholarships were awarded to Gavin Boston to attend the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.; Nasir-Rashaan Johnson at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; and, Marlyce Tarver at Moore College of Art in Philadelphia.

Another scholarship was extended to Malcolm Bundy '14 to complete his degree in Environmental Studies at Shippensburg University.

The Alumni Association Board applauds these fine Roxborough graduates and is overwhelmed with pride when the recipients acknowledge

the moral and financial support they receive from fellow alumni. Many are thankful for the opportunity to realize their dreams to attend college and prepare for a rewarding career. These Alumni Association scholars join other RHS alumni at the University of Pennsylvania and at Arcadia, Indiana, Penn State, Temple, and West Chester universities.

Contributions to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund are gratefully accepted. You may send checks payable to the RHSAA Scholarship Fund to P.O. Box 25971, Philadelphia, PA 19128-5971.

Blue & White Night Reservation Form

Please make your reservations by April 13, 2019

mail to: RHS Alumni Association
c/o Joan Katzenbach
464 Wigard Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19128

name _____

class of _____

spouse/guest's Name _____

address _____

phone _____

e-mail _____

For more information please call
Joan Katzenbach 215-483-4746
Arlene Jones 215-508-5606

Number of Reservations _____

Chicken Francaise _____
Salmon Beurre Blanc _____

Total amount enclosed\$ _____
(\$55 per person)

*To reserve a table for 10 guests, please list
individual names on reverse of this card.
Sorry, no refunds after April 19th.*

RHS SPORTS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2019 INDUCTEES

The Executive Board of The Roxborough High School Sports Hall of Fame is proud to present the Class of 2019 inductees. Voting by the general membership was recently completed and following are the six inductees.

Matthew Hanson (Class of 1984) Football, Baseball, Bowling, Robert Lukens (Class of 1979) Wrestling, Lois Esther McNally (Class of 1936) Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Golf, Tennis, Track, Christopher Oswald (1977) Soccer, Calden Pierce (Class of 2007) Football, Kenneth J. Smith (Class of 1970) Football, Basketball.

This year's induction banquet will be held on Thursday, April 4th, 2019 at Flourtown Country Club, 150

McCloskey Road, Flourtown, PA 19031. A cash bar reception will be at 6 PM, with Dinner to follow at 7 PM. Tickets are \$30, with children ages 4 – 12 at \$15.00 each. Tables seating 8 – 10 persons are available.

Please contact Pat Robinson, 3481 Tilden Road, Philadelphia, PA 19129 at 215-870-7306. Make checks payable to RHSSHOF, with a deadline of March 21st. In order to facilitate seating arrangements, please advise on your ticket request if you are a relation to one of the inductees, i.e. family, friend, teammate, classmate, etc., or if you wish to be seated with someone. If you wish to show your support by placing an ad in our banquet book, please contact Lynne Gramberg at lgramberg@hotmail.com or 215-487-7811.

The Roxborough High School Sports Hall of Fame is in its 28th year

and continues to be a vital link between our school, Alumni Association, and the community. We recently held our 18th annual Roxborough High Sports Hall of Fame Golf Classic which is held on Columbus Day each year. Close to 110 golfers participated and the funds raised set an all-time record. The Hall of Fame again sponsored the annual pre-game Thanksgiving Day Breakfast at JD McGillicuddy's where some 85 alumni gathered. The Hall of Fame continues to provide scholarship assistance and capital funding to our Athletic Department.

Current Officers of the Roxborough High School Sports Hall of Fame:
President - Joe Stanley
Vice President - Paul Bennett
Secretary - Shelly Pester
Treasurer - Paul Bennett

REUNION NEWS

The class of 1968 held its 50th reunion in October at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. The occasion was filled with hugs, laughter, tears and memories during the 5-hour event, with nearly 200 in attendance. Classmates traveled from across the United States, France and Canada. Cliff Hubbard, Gene Magee, Jim Wuenschel, and Alumni President Janet Szeliga were in attendance. Remaining funds from the reunion were donated to the RHS Scholarship Fund. It was an incredible

evening. It was filmed, and a DVD is available for purchase.

Please contact Barbara Aldinger/Erthal at EDDNBARB@comcast.net if interested.



▲ 50th Reunion Attendees





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You are invited to attend
Blue and White Night
presented by the Roxborough High School Alumni Association

Saturday, April 27, 2019

North Hills Country Club ~ 99 Station Avenue ~ North Hills, PA 19038
Hor d'ouerves 6 - 7pm ~ Full Course Dinner 7 - 8pm ~ Music & Dancing until 11:00pm

All Classes Welcome
\$55.00 per person cash bar
Handicapped parking available

Alumni Board of Directors:

Janet Szeliga, President

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We, the Alumni Association Board, strive to keep the spirit, tradition, friendships and memories of our school alive. Your support is important in achieving these goals.

***Blue & White Night is the only social function
officially sanctioned by the R.H.S. Alumni Association***