



Brave Talk

Lompoc High School Alumni Association

515 West College Avenue Lompoc, CA 93436

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Alumni Association Celebrates 25th Anniversary

In March of 1983, the Lompoc High School Alumni Association was formed. Principal Bob Paisola had helped form alumni associations in other areas where he had worked and he wanted to start one in Lompoc.

The first officers and board of directors laid out the association's goals:

1. To facilitate, promote and assist with class reunions.
2. To publish an alumni association newsletter.
3. To recognize alumni accomplishments-thus a Hall of Fame was established.
4. To support and promote Lompoc High School.
5. To engage in matters appropriate for the growth and perpetuation of the alumni association.

From the original charter members the association has grown to 1756 members.

The first president was Victor Sousa. Other officers that year were: Earl Calvert, V.P.; Jerilyn Magnuson McGraw, Recording Secretary; Ken Main, Corresponding Secretary and Susan Canfield Hearrell, Treasurer.

Victor was president in 1983, 84, 85, 91 and 92. After serving on the board for 25 years, Victor recently retired. Bill Rule was president for 5 years in 1986 to 1990. Other presidents have been Carol Ann Fair Chambers in 1993-1997, Jim Campbell, Alice George Milligan, Kenneth O'Neal and Dennis Headrick. The current president is Rosie Terrones Chavez.

Original board members, who continue to serve on the board, are Helen Sousa and Dominic Signorelli. Other long term board members are Betty McLaughlin and Ardeane Machado Eckert. The board consists of 24 members, which are listed on the front of this newsletter.

All of the goals of the alumni association have been met and continue to be the most important aspects of the organization. Since 1986, \$24,500, worth of scholarships have been awarded to deserving students. A newsletter with reunion dates and alumni information has been sent annually. A Hall of Fame has been established with 127 alumni who have been recognized for lifetime achievements as well as sports achievements. A web site is up and running with reunion information as well as class lists and their addresses. Donations have been made for various needs at the high school, such as a donation for new band uniforms, donations to the Smoke Signal, Post Prom Committee, the art department, music department, the new weight room and a donation to the library in memory of Wayne Hastings and a donation to the Repair Huyck Stadium Fund in memory of Jim Spruill.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Have you moved? Is your address correct and current with us? If you have moved please send us your new address. The new membership chairperson who keeps track of all 1756 alumni members is Jamie Valla Johnson. Send your new information to her via the Lompoc High School Alumni Association 515 West College Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436 or e-mail her at j_valla@hotmail.com.

Keeping track of 1756 alumni association members is a huge undertaking, mainly because people move and don't think to let the alumni association know their new address.

Lompoc High Alumni Assn. Contact Info

To join the Lompoc High School Alumni Association, contact membership chair Jamie Valla Johnson. She can be reached at j_valla@hotmail.com.

For class reunions, contact Ardeane Machado Eckert at (805) 736-2088 or e-mail her at ardeane_eckert@msn.com.

For information regarding Brave Talk, or to contribute articles for the newsletter, contact Debbie Schuyler Manfrina at (805) 736-9504 or e-mail her at anirfnam.dj@verizon.net or Coleen Houk Valla at (805) 736-0326 or e-mail her at cvala@verizon.net.

You can also call Lompoc High School's Activities office at (805) 736-2899.

The address for the Alumni Association is Lompoc High School, 515 West College Ave. Lompoc, CA 93436. All inquiries may also be sent there.

Any of the above people can answer any questions you may have regarding the Lompoc High Alumni Association.

Class Reunion Contact Information

Are you interested in contacting someone regarding your class reunion?

The Lompoc High School Alumni Association maintains a listing of who to contact for each class reunion as well as a list of reunion schedules. Contact Ardeane Machado Eckert at (805) 736-2088 or e-mail her at ardeane_eckert@msn.com.

Class representatives take note! Please contact Ardeane and give her your phone and e-mail address when planning a reunion.

The following reunions are scheduled:

Class of 1953—55 year reunion: Friday, August 29, 2008 Historical Society Dinner at the Lompoc Elks Lodge. Saturday, August 30, BBQ. Sunday, August 31, BBQ with the Historical Society at Ryon Park. Contact person: Donna Mundell Williams 5465 Campbell Road, Lompoc, CA. 93436 (805)-736-4801. E-mail address ronawms@sbceo.org

Class of 1958—50 year reunion: Plans in progress. Contact person: Lyla Farlow Sechrest (805) 736-6147 or e-mail her at lssechrest@verizon.net.

Class of 1962 and Class of 1963—45 plus year reunion: Friday, September 26, 2008. BBQ at 4:00 p.m., at Schuyler's River Bottom Ranch. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Make reservations payable to Class of 62/63. Contact person is Sharon Searls McVicar for Class of '63. To register you can contact her at sharonmacv@verizon.net or call her at (805) 736-5865. Class of 1962 contact person is Laragene Schuyler. Contact her at (805) 733-0222 or BR3131@verizon.net. Mail reservations to Class 62/63 Reunion c/o S. McVicar 431 South C Street Lompoc, CA. 93436

Class of 1967: Class gathering during the All 60's Reunion on Friday September 26 at 8:00 pm in the Dining Room of the Veteran's Memorial Building. Contact person is Susan Burton Harlow. (805) 736-3362 or sbharlow1@comcast.net.

Class of 1979—is looking for classmates for the 30th reunion to be held in the fall of 2009. Classes of 1978 and 1980 are welcome too. Contact person is Jim Denton. Send e-mail to jamdent7@aol.com.

All 60's Reunion. Classes from 1960-1969. September 26-28. For more information—See the article below or go to the web site at www.lompochsalumniassn.org.

All Sixties Reunion

“**Lets Go To The Hop**” is the theme of the all 60's reunion September 26th through the 28th. Post cards and flyers have been sent to members of the classes from 1960-1969. If you did not receive one and would like to be included you can go to the web-site and print a copy of the information, or call Bob Manfrina at (805)735-6006, or e-mail him at anirfnam.rw@verizon.net.

Registration is limited to the first 600 persons who send in their money.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday-Sept 26: Pick up registration packets at the Veteran's Memorial Building beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mixer at 7:00 p.m. at the Vets Memorial Building. No host bar, finger foods provided and live music by “The Sting Rays”.

Saturday-Sept 27th: Registration packets not picked up on Friday, can be picked up from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Vets Building, or at Ryon Park after 12:00 p.m. Crusin' begins at 9:30 a.m. from the Vets Memorial Building. BBQ/Picnic-1 p.m. at Ryon Park-South “O” Street and West Ocean Ave. Dance-7:00 p.m. at the Vets Memorial Bldg-no host bar, finger foods and music provided. Dancing to music provided by “Hard Times”.

Sunday-Sept 28th. Farewell Continental Breakfast at Ryon Park beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Some classes have scheduled a get together or activities during the week-end. Please see the classes of 1962, 1963 and 1967 schedules in the Class Reunions portion of this newsletter. Self guided tours at La Purisima Mission, Historical House, Wineries, etc. are available. A golf tournament is being planned by Dennis Grossini. For more information regarding the golf tournament contact Dennis Grossini at djgrossini@verizon.net or call him at (805) 588-3239.

The cost is \$65.00 per person or \$130.00 per couple. Registration forms and money is to be sent to All 60's Reunion, 1328 West Locust Ave. Lompoc, CA 93436

Lompoc Valley Historical Society Labor Day Weekend Activities

Friday, August 29, 2008, dinner at the Elks Lodge. Friendship hour begins at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. The Lompoc High class of 1958 will be honored. New inductees into the Lompoc High School Hall of Fame will be announced. The price is \$21 per person, which includes dinner, tax, gratuity and the facility.

Saturday, August 30, various class reunions are being held. The Fabing-McKay-Spanne House will be open from 1-4 p.m. to see old class pictures, old yearbooks and a special quilt show.

Sunday, August 31, a chicken BBQ at Ryon Park at noon. The cost is \$8 per person.

For reservations or information call the Historical Society at (805) 735-4626. Visit the Historical Society website at: www.lompochistory.org

2007 Alumni Association Hall of Fame Inductees



The 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees are from left Dr. Edward Taylor, Richard Newcomb, Jim Wafer and Mr. Thoman, husband of the late Beverly Mello Thoman.

Last September four alumni were inducted into the Lompoc High School Hall of Fame: Beverly Mello Thoman, Richard Newcomb, Jim Wafer, and Dr. Edward Taylor.

Beverly Mello Thoman—Class of 1941.

In High School, Beverly was president of her senior class. After graduation she became a secretary to the officer in charge of personnel at Camp Pinedale in California. At age 27 she married and became the mother of two children. She was stricken with polio and placed in an iron lung and was in the hospital for three months until she recovered. In 1952 she was chosen Mother of The Year in Santa Barbara County. In 1967, at age 43, she graduated with honors from San Jose State.

The family moved to Hood River, where Beverly taught special reading at the middle school. While in Oregon, she became very involved with the Eye Bank. She received many awards and honors for her work in eye and hearing programs. She was especially honored for her work in promoting eye donations. Upon her death, in 2003, she made a gift of her eyes to the Oregon Eye Bank.

Her induction into the Lompoc High Alumni Association plaque was accepted by her husband and her sister, Shirley Mello Fabel.

Richard Newcomb—Class of 1957

Dick and his family moved to Lompoc in 1953, during his eighth grade year. In high school, Dick played the clarinet in the Braves Blue Ribbon Band, was a

track manager, participated in class plays, and was editor of the 1957 Yearbook. Dick graduated Valedictorian of his class.

Dick entered UCSB under a special honors program where students were allowed to design their own majors. Dick chose to specialize in English Literature. In his freshman and senior years he was named the “Most Outstanding Academic Student”. After graduating Magna Cum Laude and at the top of his class from UCSB, he chose to by-pass a Master’s degree and proceed directly into a Doctorate degree program in English Literature at the University of Washington. He realized he did not enjoy teaching and began to work as a Resident Advisor in the UW dormitories. Here he rose to the position of Head Resident for an entire 12 story men’s dormitory. While in this position he was instrumental in instituting many new programs for minority students.

He began to work as an Academic Advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University. During his 30 plus years as an Academic Advisor, he served in many special capacities, finally ending up as the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. At which time he served as the liaison between the University of Washington and approximately 20 community colleges in Washington. He was awarded the honor Academic Advisor of the Year for the whole state of Washington.

Dick has an extensive library, and is a published poet. In retirement Dick loves to travel, judge poetry contests, and visit family in Lompoc.

James “Jim” Wafer—Class of 1957

Jim was 10 years old when his family moved to Lompoc from Chicago. While attending Lompoc High, he was on the football team and during his senior year, he was elected student body president. Following high school, he was accepted into an exclusive 70-man Air Force Flight squad mentored by General Jimmy Doolittle. During his four year tour, he trained as an aircraft and engine mechanic and developed a taste for airplanes and flying. This inspired him to get his pilots license and his own aircraft.

He started a business in 1974 called Thin Film Technology in Buellton, CA. It began as a one man operation out of his garage, and when he sold the business in 2005 for 10 million dollars, he had 60 employees. The company provided an essential link in the circuitry used in all manner of industry, from television monitors to fighter planes. Thin Film operated 30 different machines varying in size from that of an average microwave oven to massive futuristic cylinders 8 ½ feet in diameter. He recognized a market for the custom-manufactured components, therefore building a very successful business.

Jim credits the education he received at Lompoc High for his success. He loves hot rods and Corvettes. He and his wife live in Buellton, CA, but also have a ranch in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

For more on Jim’s life, you can read about him in the featured article in the 2006 Brave Talk.

Dr. Edward Taylor—Class of 1977

At Lompoc High, Eddie was an outstanding basketball player who received many honors and a basketball scholarship to Gonzaga University.

At Gonzaga, he played basketball for four years and graduated in 1983. He received his masters degree from there and then went to the University of Washington where he earned his doctorate. He was recently named a member of the Board of Trustees of Gonzaga University. He is also Vice Dean of Undergraduates and an Associate Professor at the University of Washington.

He and his wife, a physician, have two children. He visits his mother Mildred who still lives in Lompoc. His fifth grade teacher, Homer Clees, presented his Hall of Fame plaque.



~ In Memoriam ~

ALUMNI, CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS

Audrey Jennings Abbey 1928	Maryann McLaurin Battle 1961	Anthony "Tony" Tharp 1984
Helen Donovan 1929	Marcy Aguilar Chipman 1962	Bryan Robert Manfrina 1991
Louise Murray Lawrence In class of '29, but graduated in 1934	Barry Oman 1962	Anna Marie Jasso Torres 1998
Genetta Cheatham Schuyler 1930	Paul Belluz 1964	Kenneth Alan Greene Jr. "JR" 1999
Harry Betaque 1931	Rosemary "Rosie" Davis Williams 1964	Pedro Canchola, Jr. 2005
Alice Archer Lockwood 1932	Victoria Butler Truman-Bates 1964	
Denning McArthur 1932	Richard Vega 1964	Teachers
Minnie Beattie Heinrichs 1934	Ann Crummy Rocha 1965	Irene Minikin Wilton Teacher at Lompoc High 1939 and 1940
Emma Iversen Hilderbrand 1934	Bernardino "Barney" Terrones 1965	
Ethel Streeter Plo 1935	Suzanne Burns Harvey 1966	John F. Porter Band and orchestra director at Lompoc High and Lompoc Valley Middle School for 37 years
Arthur William Hennessy Classmate	Larry R. Johnson 1966	
Eleanor Vaughan West 1936	Terry Stouch 1966	Michael Ryan Teacher at Lompoc High School
Lena Cabral Mendez 1938	Rick R. Bailey 1967	
Bryce McCabe 1938	Tillie Greco Melendrez 1967	Patricia Crosby Elementary teacher
Phyllis Rios Phelan 1939	Robert Gene "Bebop" McIntosh 1967	
Paul W. Ziesche 1939	Connie Smith Ayres 1967	Glendon Wegner Superintendent of Schools 1958-1975
Mary Sousa Bondietti Classmate	Timothy "Tim" Timmons 1967 Classmate	
Doris Kalin Clark 1940	Robert M. Alexander 1968	Gus Peterson Lompoc High Teacher
Malcolm McCabe 1941	Larry Wayne Wise 1968	
Vivian L. O'Connor Reedy 1941	Manuel Casarez 1969	Lois Barnes Elementary teacher
Burta Swan Hutchins 1941 Classmate	Rhonda Jean Amis (Smith) 1969	
Kenneth "Toby" Hooker 1945	Nancy Stroebel Floren 1969	Rosalie Churchanis Forinash Elementary teacher
Patricia Stillman Cook 1945	James Alan Hale 1971	
Laurence A. Armstrong 1946	Classmate	Billie Leverett Elementary Teacher
Marjorie Azbill Hooker 1946	Michelle "Shelley" Obermire Green 1972	
Robert "Bob" Ross 1946	Deborah Ann Dyer 1973	Marlys Swanson Elementary Teacher-La Canada and Miguelito
Mary Silva Kalin 1947	Marvin Duane Wright 1973 Classmate	
Helen Douglass Dufresne 1947	John Gaitan, Sr. 1975	Robert "Bob" Leeds Lompoc High automotive teacher and auto club advisor-1964-1968
Stuart Dodds 1948	James "Jim" Romero, Jr. 1976	
Evans Sechrest 1950	Michael David Ellison 1977	
Mary Louise Shoemaker McKinney 1950	Cheryn Pettit Kelley 1977	
Larry Barbosa Navarro 1951	Douglas Lee Huyck 1978	
Angela Phyllis Lynch Hayes 1953	Toni Trent Marley 1979	
Carol Crolley Bratz 1954	Shawne O'Brien Day 1980	
Julietta "Julie" Yanez Aguilar 1954	Jeff Walker 1980	
Allyn Hartnell 1955 Classmate	Carlos Anthony Ramirez 1981	
Judy Stokes Berger 1955	Michael "Mike" P. Robinson 1981	
Bill Powers 1958 Classmate	Rachelle Kersavage Seymour 1983	
William H. "Hank" Schuyler 1959	Christopher Allen Dawson 1984	
Jean Benner Akkerman 1961		
Carmen Bumatay Gonsalves 1961		
Richard Guevara 1961 Classmate		

*Our condolences are extended to families and friends of our deceased classmates.
We have attempted to include all names of deceased alumni of which we have knowledge.
If we have omitted any names, please accept our sincere apologies.*

EDITORIAL

By **Debbie Schuyler Manfrina**

This year the Lompoc High Alumni Association is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Nearly 1800 alumni have spent \$20 for a lifetime membership. Lifetime membership—that has got to be the cheapest membership dues of any organization. If you know a family member or student who does not belong to the alumni association—please sign them up. It's the best deal going.

The new officers have been elected for the coming term of the alumni association. Paul Bommersbach, Assistant Principal at Lompoc High, has recently been elected President. Jamie Valla Johnson is Vice President, with Dr. Teresa Martinez Baker taking over as Recording Secretary. Coleen Houk Valla is the Corresponding Secretary. Susan Burton Harlow and Carrie Chambers Guerra are the newest board members.

The first item of business for the alumni association for the new year is to name a new Hall of Fame committee. Bill Rule, Victor Sousa, Billy Huyck, and Harlan Bratz have all decided to retire after being on the selection committee for 25 years.

After many years of raising money for various causes, the Alumni Car Show Committee has hit on a great fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Ardeane Machado Eckert had the idea of starting our own car show six years ago, after a number of us were attending car shows in the area. Ardeane and Rodney Eckert chaired the first five shows and this year Barry and Debbie Manfrina continued the tradition. With a super committee and a lot of help the car show raised \$8,000. for the scholarship fund. Bob Manfrina and Bob Holloway worked tirelessly to gather sponsors and raffle prizes and to organize a tri-tip sandwich BBQ cooked by Tim Costa and his wonderful crew. We are sincerely grateful to the number of people who stepped forward to help us this year.

The committee was Paul Bommersbach, Rosie Chavez, Debra Bazzi-Craig, Kelvin and Deena Blocker, Jamie Valla Johnson, Daniel and Shaleen Ortiz, Gina Phelps, Lynn Romine, Arlen and Lyla Sechrest, Tracy Schriver, Coleen Valla and Gail Wolpert, plus, of course, Bob Holloway and Bob Manfrina.

The newsletter is 5 months late getting published this year, and hopefully it gets to you before a class reunion you were waiting for happens. I broke my patella (knee cap) and was laid up for three months, then physical therapy for a couple of months. Still unable to bend my knee to work at the computer, it kept getting later and later. I apologize for the lateness and have finally decided to just get it published with a lot of missing material, especially the sports page.

Alums in the Military

If you are in the military or are the parent of a Lompoc High graduate who is in the military, please send the information to the Lompoc Alumni Association address on the front of this newsletter.

Army National Guard Spec. **Greg Hayes** has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Hayes is a cannon crewmember normally assigned to the 1st Battalion, 143 Field Artillery, in Santa Maria. Specialist Hayes is a 1977 graduate of Lompoc High.

As of June 2007 Army Sgt **Donald Holmdahl** had just returned to Iraq for the third time since 2003. Holmdahl is a wheel mechanic, attached to the 1-30 inf. battalion, 3rd infantry division from Fort Stewart, Georgia. Sgt Holmdahl has served with the 4th Forward Support Battalion 4th inf. division Fort Hood, from 1996-1999, served in Germany with the 3rd Coscom 77th maintenance company, Babenhausen 1999-2002. Sgt. Holmdahl has been awarded 3 Army Commendation Medals, and 2 Army Achievement Medals while serving with the 3rd inf. div. Donald graduated from Lompoc High in 1982 and is the son of Dewayne Holmdahl-class of 1956.

Airman **Matthew Hunt**, 2002 LHS graduate, and 2004 graduate of Hancock College graduated with honors from U.S. Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He is receiving technical training at San Antonio, Texas, on egress systems maintenance for airplanes. Once he completes the advanced training he will be stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona

2003 LHS graduate **Peter Thermos** was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps on Jan. 5, 2008. The official ceremony took place at the Reagan Ranch Center in Santa Barbara. Thermos graduated from Officer Graduate School, at the U.S. Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Va. in 2006, and graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2007 with a double major in law and geography and a minor in history. He will report to The Basic School at Quantico Va. in May

Yang Xiong, a 2003 graduate, recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Bases in San Antonio, Texas.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Joseph R. Prieto** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Joseph graduated from Lompoc High in 2005.

Caleb J. Copeland is a private in the Army National Guard. He graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He graduated from LHS in 2005.

2006 graduate **Ashley N. Morehart** recently graduated from the Aviation Logistics Tactical Information Systems Course with Marine Detachment, Athens, Georgia. During the 25 week course, Morehart received technical training on computer network information systems operation, installation, maintenance and repair. She also received training in digital network infrastructures in support of the Naval Tactical Command Support System.

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1961 GRAD GLEN NEWCOMB SELECTED GRAND MARSHAL OF 2008 FLOWER FESTIVAL PARADE

The theme of this year's Flower Festival was **Music Music Music**. Who better to be honored as the grand marshal of this years parade than **Glen Newcomb**.



GLEN NEWCOMB
Drum Major and Band President

In 1953, Glen, his parents and older brother Richard, moved to Lompoc from Virginia. Glen's Dad was transferred from the Johns Manville plant there to be the Plant Personal Relations Person here. Glen was put into Hulda Kapplers 4th grade class. Mrs. Kappler was the music teacher for Lompoc Elementary School and then at Hapgood when the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders were moved to the new school.

At Lompoc High, Glen was lead clarinet player and the drum major. In 1961, Glen led the Lompoc High Band down Constitution Avenue for the Presidential Inauguration Parade for John F. Kennedy.

After graduation, Glen and his wife-1962 grad Mary Holland-went to the University of Seattle in Washington. He went on to study clarinet with the Seattle Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Touring Orchestra and the Tokyo Symphony. When he was offered a job teaching music back in Lompoc he jumped at the chance since his family was here in Lompoc. He was band director and music department head at Cabrillo High School for 21 year, and at Vandenberg Middle School until he retired in 2001 Teaching music education and music appreciation to students was what Glen really loved to do.

The championship Marching Conquistadors of Cabrillo High received numerous awards under Glen's leadership and performed at the opening ceremonies of the 1985 Olympics.

That same year Glen was selected Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year and was named the runner up as the California Teacher of the Year.

Now retired, he spends his professional musical time as the concert master and assistant conductor for the Allan Hancock Concert Band and has recently been named assistant conductor for the Lompoc Pops Orchestra. He and Mary are passionate about renaissance music and costumes of the period and perform at renaissance fairs throughout the California Central Coast. They have a son, Rob, who is also a music teacher for the Lompoc School District, and a daughter Stephanie, who is a nurse at the Lompoc Hospital. They have a young grandson Stephen Bastian.

Military (cont'd)

Navy Seaman Recruit **Gabriel A. Caballero**, class of 2006, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Reserve Airman **Lacey M. Camarillo** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Lacey is a 2006 graduate of Lompoc High.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Alexander R. Milholland** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Alexander graduated from Lompoc High in 2007.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Christopher A. Reyna**, a 2007 graduate of Lompoc High School recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Ca.

Derrick Luken, class of 2007, has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by the new cadets.



"The Christmas Formal" from the 1958 La Purisima Yearbook

Do you know someone who should be considered for the Alumni Association Hall of Fame? Selections are made from nominations made by fellow Lompoc High Alumni and friends. Criteria for selection is based on **lifetime achievement**. For nomination papers, contact the Lompoc High School Alumni Association at 515 West College Ave. Lompoc, CA 93436, Letters of recommendation can be sent to the high school until a new committee is formed.

Alumni Assn. Scholarship Recipients

Laura Schelvis, daughter of Joy House Schelvis - class of 1979, received the 2007 Lompoc High School Alumni Association Scholarship for graduating seniors. Laura placed number 1 in the class of 319 students.

Besides the Alumni Scholarship, she was named Elks Most Valuable Student, received the Lompoc Valley Republican Women's Federated Memorial Scholarship, a Santa Barbara Foundation Loan Award, Lompoc High Associated Student Body Scholarship, the Violet Richardson Award and a Westmont Dean Scholarship.

Laura's many accomplishments include Principal's List all four years, Renaissance Member all four years, Brave of the Quarter, Elks Student of the Month, Scholar Athlete in freshman basketball, jv volleyball and varsity volleyball. As a senior, Laura was CSF President, Class of 2007 Secretary, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award, and was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. In her years at Lompoc she was awarded Certificates of Achievement in Mathematics, English and Visual and Performing Arts.

A few of her volunteer service hours were for the Relay For Life Team to raise money for Cancer Awareness, tutor at the Lompoc Public Library, Make a Difference Day and the Salvation Army, just to name a few.

Laura plans to attend Westmont College in Montecito.

Two additional scholarships were awarded this past year. Both were for \$1,000 and they went to two students already attending college. The recipients were:

Adam Scott Williams. Adam graduated from Lompoc High in 2002 and is presently attending California State University Northridge, and will graduate this Spring. His major is Kinesiology with a specialty in exercise science. He carries a 3.11 GPA. He plans to attend graduate school once he completes CSNU.

Emily Ludden. Emily graduated from Lompoc High in 2006. She is attending UCSB. She is a pre-communications major. She is active in many aspects of the University and is a much respected leader on campus according to the Resident Director at UCSB. She has a 3.42 GPA.

ALUMNI WEBSITE

The Lompoc High School Alumni Association website is up and running. For information on class reunions, a membership application, submitting address changes, the class representative list, the entire membership list of the Alumni Association and Brave Talk go to www.lompochsalumniassn.org

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LHS Auto Team Places Third



Lompoc High School Auto teacher Mike Johnson and students, Joshus Tainowitz and Alberto Vasquez went to Irwindale Speedway May 8 and 9 as participants in the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Challenge. The Lompoc High School team placed third out of 20 other California teams in the state finals.

Lompoc High School's First Cheerleader

In 1926, when Genetta Cheatham moved from Fresno to Lompoc she discovered Lompoc High didn't have cheerleaders like her school in Fresno. Lompoc had a yell leader which was someone, usually a male student, who stood and yelled into a megaphone.

Thinking Lompoc High needed a cheerleader, and hoping to catch the eye of star athlete Lawrence "Bill" Schuyler, she asked her friend Ernie Brooks to help her write a fight song. Genetta loved the song "On Wisconsin" so they used that as the basis for "On To Lompoc".

Eighty years later cheerleaders and the Lompoc Fight Song are still a big part of Lompoc High.

*On to Lompoc,
On to Lompoc
Fight on for her fame;
Run the ball clear 'round the goal post
Touchdown sure this time,
Rah, rah, rah.
On to Lompoc,
On to Lompoc
Fight on for her fame;
So fight fellows, fight, fight, fight,
We'll win this game.*

Where Are They Now?

Do you have information regarding classmates with interesting occupations or special achievements? Is there someone out there who deserves recognition after all these years? Submit any information to the Alumni Association, 515 West College Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436, or e-mail Debbie Schuyler Manfrina at anirfnam.dj@verizon.net

LOMPOC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

The following is a complete list of LHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame Inductees, listed by graduation year.

Dr. Albert Larsen	1906	Glenn Schuyler	1935	G.W. Moore Family		Larry Rheams	1960
Elwyn Walkefield	1907	David Herdman	1935	Frank Romero	1950	Jim Bohl	1961
Harold Dimock	1913	Clarence Lair	1936	Tony Domingos	1950	Joyce Roberts Howerton	1961
Weston Learned	1916	William Ed Larsen	1936	Wallace "Tyke" Grider	1950	Gary Seymour	1961
Harry Arkley	1917	William Morgan	1937	Ronald Williams	1950	Bob Mange	1962
Harry Kelliher	1918	Ray Anderson	1938	Doug Adkins	1950	Fred Lopez	1963
Nick Carter	1921	Mary Dettamanti Fairbanks	1938	Roland Chesser	1951	Dr. Darlene Garcia Suarez	1964
Elsie Sperber	1922	Ed Everett	1938	Jim Dutra	1951	Dennis Grossini	1965
Anne Scolari Calvert	1924	Myra Huyck Manfrina	1939	Eugene Huseman	1951	Gunther Cunningham	1965
Forrest Hibbitts	1924	Beverly Mello Thoman	1941	Larry Navarro	1951	Rick Candaele	1965
Dean McHenry		Dee Davis Sudbury	1942	Joe Hernandez	1951	Christy Claycamp Stanley	1966
Cecilie Glidden Larsen	1924	Virginia Horn Morehart	1943	John "Bink" Olson	1951	Dennis Headrick	1967
Earl Calvert	1925	William Proud	1943	Ethel Cass Bell	1951	Bob Campbell	1968
Larry Heiges, M.D.	1925	Harold Begg	1943	Carol Ann Fair Chambers	1952	Monte Bolinger	1971
Ray "Pooley" Jacobs	1925	Jim Sloan	1943	Bill Rule	1952	Charlie Jackson	1971
Ed Negus	1925	Harry Brooks	1945	John Huyck	1952	Roy Thomas	1971
Cesarina Loustalot	1926	William Alexander	1945	Bob Feeley	1952	George Perry	1971
William Perozzi	1926	Forrest Staffanson	1946	Walter Alves	1953	Marvin Cook	1972
Bert Howerton	1927	Lenora Hoag Mulryan	1946	Erlan Calvert	1953	Johnny Gray	1972
Ernest Brooks	1928	Domenico Signorelli	1946	Peter Sousa	1953	Roy Howell	1972
Perry Dean Martin	1928	Bob Robinson	1946	Peter Aguilar	1953	Dave Stegman	1972
Bill Schuyler	1929	Robert Hapgood	1946	Sherman Hansen	1954	Russ Bolinger	1972
Fenton Holloway, M.D.	1930	Chuck Deering	1947	Doris McCoy Cross	1954	Mike Bratz	1973
Edwin "Bud" Jenks	1931	Roger Westmont	1948	Pat Lower Brady	1954	Terry Williams	1973
Winnie Taylor Eckert Massey	1932	Charlie Grossini	1948	Rudy Martinez	1954	Dr. Janet Jeffers Lo	1977
Albert Bodine	1932	Doug Hitchen	1948	Frank Signorelli	1954	Rick Aguilar	1977
Mary Morehart Miller	1932	Isadore Triguero	1948	Anna Triboli Sorenson	1955	Dr. Edward Taylor	1977
Walter Manfrina	1932	Jerrie Patton Domingos	1949	John Hoag	1956	Casey Candaele	1979
Lawrence J. Huyck	1933	Ron Hooker	1949	Richard Newcomb	1957	Sheldon Canley	1986
Mimi Pensa Main	1934	Leroy Scolari	1950	Jim Wafer	1957	Tommy Thompson	1990
Ken Stillman	1934	Jack Anderson	1950	Rodney Eckert	1958	Napoleon Kaufman	1991
Elsa Horn Wygal	1934	Alice George Milligan	1950	Teddy Grossini	1958	Scott Morgan	1991
						Kim Wuest	1994
1941 Football Team		The Original Model T Club		Tilden Brughelli			



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Alvin Cabral	1968
Carol Hilderbrand Calvert	1957
Rosebel Scolari Cameron	1956
Ardeane Machado Eckert	1966
Jim Hall II	1986
Loretta Stanich Hannah	1957
Bob Holloway	1957
Betty McLaughlin Lewis	1942
Bob Manfrina	1965
Teresa Martinez-Baker	1996
Lorraine Fairbanks Ploch	1959
Lynn Benedict Romine	1964
Jerry Scolari	1959
Arlen Sechrest	1954
Lyla Farlow Sechrest	1958
Domenico Signorelli	1946
Helen Huyck Sousa	1957
Donna Campbell Starbuck	1956
Bill Thompson	1964
Jamie Valla	1991
Leigh Taylor Johnson (alt.)	1991

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rosie Terrones Chavez, President	1967
Paul Bommersbach, Vice President	1986
Debbie Schuyler Manfrina, Secretary	1961
Coleen Houk Valla, Corresponding Secretary	1968

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