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**117TH
RHS-LRHS
Alumni Banquet**



**Ritzville High School
and
Lind-Ritzville High School**

HONORED CLASSES

1924 1949 1974 1999 2024



**Gilson Gymnasium
May 25, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME	Alumni President Nichole Thiel, 1987
RESPONSE TO WELCOME	Brock Kinch, President Class of 2024
INTRODUCTION OF TOASTMASTER	Nichole Thiel, 1987
TOASTMASTER	Tyler O'Brien, 2015
INVOCATION	Jim Moeller, 1972
BUFFET DINNER (Marie Newton Borth, Class of 2002) Helpers: Christine Warren Devore (2001), Eleda Warren Najera (2007) Claire Borth	Classy Country Catering
RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN R CLASSES 1905-1923 AND SILVER-DIAMOND GRADS OF 1924	Nichole Thiel, 1987
ROLL CALL OF GOLDEN R CLASSES 1925-1948	Nichole Thiel, 1987
INTRODUCTION OF DIAMOND GRADS OF 1949	Nichole Thiel, 1987
ROLL CALL OF GOLDEN R CLASSES 1950-1973	Toastmaster
INTRODUCTION OF GOLDEN GRADS OF 1974	Doug Swyter
ROLL CALL OF CLASSES 1975-1998	Toastmaster
INTRODUCTION OF SILVER GRADS OF 1999	Jamie Wellsandt DeVore
ROLL CALL OF CLASSES 2000-2023	Toastmaster
INTRODUCTION OF CLASS OF 2024 AND ALUMNI PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS	Michael Nichols
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	Nichole Thiel, 1987
Closing Remarks	Toastmaster

CURRENT OFFICERS OF RHS/LRHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

President	Nichole Thiel	1987
Vice President/Secretary	Vacant	
Secretary	Julie Gardner Flyckt	1993
Membership Secretary	Marilyn Sielaff	1970
Treasurer	Stacey Schell Schoessler	1978
Directors	Michele Kagele Kiesz	1979
Webmaster	Thomas Pulliam	1994

BANQUET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Decorations	Nichole Thiel	1987
	Marilyn Sielaff	1970
Programs	Marilyn Sielaff	1970
Tables and Chairs	Alumni Board & Ritzville Firefighters	
Auditing	Kallie Harder	2017

Toastmaster:

Tyler O' Brien, Class of 2015, is the fifth generation in his family to grow up in Ritzville, with his father (Todd O'Brien '87) and grandmother (Cheryl Ragsdale Eng '65) preceding him as RHS alumni.

In high school, Tyler received varsity letters 10 times across football, basketball, track and field, and golf. While Tyler was in high school, the Broncos football team went 50-3, winning back-to-back state championships in his sophomore and junior year. Tyler loved FFA as much as sports. He participated on 6 state championship FFA teams, competed at nationals in Soil Judging, Meat Judging, and Marketing, and was the President of the Lind-Ritzville FFA chapter his senior year.

After graduating, Tyler went to WSU, where he involved himself heavily in fraternity life, earned a degree in Political Science, and met his wife, Gretchen. Tyler went on to law school at Gonzaga. He graduated and passed the Washington bar exam in 2021. Shortly after, Tyler and Gretchen moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where they still live today.

GRADUATES OF 2024

Ayden Alfonso
 Isabella Arroyo
 Emily Balfe
 Arienna Bernal
 Maycee Carlson
 Danny Chavez
 Reetamae Dean
 Richard Diaz-Berber
 Blake Earle
 Maxwell Fedie
 David Gutierrez-Morales
 Caleb Heater
 Harlee Hennings
 Cindy Julien
 Brock Kinch
 Carlie Loop
 Megan Melcher
 Bridger Moore

Klover Mullins
 Michael Nichols III
 Talus O'Brien
 Octavio Peredes Martinz
 Travis Redburn
 Traye Redburn
 Sujeili Rodriguez
 Sarah Russell
 Trey Schukay
 Sequoia Slater-Burns
 Gabriel Smith
 Kempber Smith
 Shawn Steinberger
 Ashleigh Swartz
 Lane Tellefson
 Dominic Turnbull
 Willow Tuner
 Lance Williamson

Alumni Donations 2024 (as of May 15, 2024)

\$1,000.00-\$3,500.00 - Donald Averill (1960)

\$500.00-\$999.00 - Greg (1966) & Laurel Walenta (1967) Taylor

\$100.00-\$499.00 - Barbara Freese Jolly (1952), Jeanette McRae Harris (1960), Bob & Charlene Miller (1959) Clark, Jacob (1954) & Alice Weber, Greg Schrag (1974), Randy (1975) & Michele Kagele (1979) Kiesz in Memory of Gene (1948) & Patty Kagele & in Memory of Lawrence Kiesz (1948), Gerald (1959) & Kelly Braun, James Thomas (1964), Gary & Dena Freese (1958) Roberts. Colleen Ahern Jacobsen (1974), Jeff (1974) & Jan Lenhart, Mike (1965) & Sandy Bauer, Michael Weber (1954)

\$50.00-\$99.00 - Brad (1972) & Debbie Kagele (1974) Arlt, Jim (1972) & Cathie Minion (1974) Moeller, John Sieverkropp (1974), Margaret Montague Gannon (1967), Stacey Schell Schoessler (1978), Thomas Pulliam (1994), Janet Miller Sprenger (1979), Ione Ragsdale Wright (1962), Alton Leisle (1967), Brett Alspach (2004), Jamie Alspach Chappell (1999)

\$1.00-\$49.00 - Kirk (1964) & Ami Danekas, Daniel & Nadine Lyle (1974) King, Ron (1966) & Barbara McGarry (1966) Greenwalt, Mike (1960) & Linda Wellsandt (1959) Howell, Tom Edwards (1953), Denise Miller Anthony (1974), David Steinmetz (1961), Rex (1964) & Ann Harder, Jim & Joyce Klein (1965) Preston, Jack Schwisow (1974), Colleen Miller Kuhn (1979), Steve Heimbigner (1967), Bruce (1975) & Patti Ritter (1974) Gering, Brad (1979) & Debbie Grams (1981) Gering, Bruce (1967) & Vicki Kramer (1969) Benzal, Pamela Bauer Van Winkle (1967), Scott (1993) & Michelle Teske (1995) Hennings, Steve Taylor (1963)

Seniors with Alumni Parents & Grandparents

Emily Balfe	Father-Mike Balfe	1992
	Grandfather-Tom Balfe	1966
	Grandmother-Debi Janzen Balfe	1970
Maycee Carlson	Father-Andrew Carlson	2002
	Grandmother-Mary Hille Reilly	1969
	Great-Grandfather-Boyd Hille	1945
Harlee Hennings	Father-Scott Hennings	1993
	Mother-Michelle Teske Hennings	1995
	Grandfather-Randy Teske	1975
	Grandmother-Marsha Arlt Teske	1974
	Grandfather-Harold Hennings	1966
	Grandmother-Nyla Telecky Hennings	1966
	Great Grandfather-Robert Telecky	1939
	Great Grandmother-Betty Heimbigner Telecky	1940
	Great Grandfather-Don Arlt	1951
	Great Grandmother-Rita Plager Arlt (Lind Grad)	1950
Megan Melcher	Mother-Angela Steinmetz Melcher	1989
	Grandmother-Peggy Oestreich Crossler	1966
	Grandfather-David Steinmetz	1961
	Step-Grandmother-Barbara Snider Steinmetz	1970
Bridger Moore	Father-Bob Moore	1990
	Grandfather-Randy Moore	1968
Talus O'Brien	Father-Todd O'Brien	1987
	Grandmother-Cheryl Ragsdale Eng	1965
Trey Schukay	Father-Brent Schukay	2003
	Mother-Johanna Burgeson Schukay	1996
Lance Williamson	Father-D.J. Williamson (Lind Grad)	1998
	Mother-Breanne Williamson (Lind Grad)	1997
	Grandfather-Richard Davis (Lind Grad)	1966

SPECIAL MUSIC PROVIDED BY TOM MCLAIN, CLASS OF 1968



RHS Fight Song (1949-1950)

Yes, Ritzville High that's it just shout it out	RED & BLACK!
We've got the best darn school without a doubt	Rah! Rah ah-ah!
And we will yell, yell, yell for all of you	Fight team fight.
Our Alma Mater we will sing our praises to	Do your best.
And we will cheer our team for another score	Win this game for
RHS!	

HONORED CLASSES

Silver Diamond Grads of 1924

Mabel Bierman Lehman*
 Helen Cady Stockman*
 Edna Dewald Ireland*
 Mabel Downey*
 Randall Egan*
 Ernest Fifield*
 Dena Greenwalt Schultz*
 Amanda Kalkwarf Denison*
 Lora Koch Miller*
 Ferdinand Kramer*
 Rosa Mark Lavinge*

Lola McCollom Clifton*
 Ruth McCollum Olson*
 Frances McManonon Ottomeier*
 Doris Olson*
 Elvera Olson Hanson*
 Josephine Olson*
 Olive Randall*
 Harry Schwisow*
 Votaw Staser*
 Soloman Wilde*
 Helen Wyrick Setters*
 Charlotte Wyrick Slagle*

Diamond Grads of 1949

Gene Arlt*
 Donald Arnst*
 Lorane Becker
 Everett Benzel*
 Robert Benzel
 Donald Burghard*
 Pauline Cole Hille
 Marian Derr Meise*
 Edna Marie Eckhardt Murray
 Marilyn Edwards Schoesler*
 Nancy Edwards Ludwick*
 Marguerite Esslinger Dammel*
 Barbara Heimbigner Niendam*
 Betty Lou Horch Hauge*
 Elaine Kessler Sielaff*
 Carol Kiehn Schuh*

Robert Kramer*
 Gloria Leisle Gilliland*
 Marjorie Oestreich Lefevre*
 Robert Oestreich*
 Oscar Olson*
 Hans Peot*
 Iene Schell Olson*
 Joan Schoesler Robinson
 Bernice Steffen Hemmerling*
 Larry Steinmetz
 Stanley Stockman*
 Esther Tenaglia Kwasney*
 Dolores Vehrs Dick*
 Everett Wagner*
 Freda Wilhelm Uhrich
 Loren Woodside*

ALUMNI CONTACT INFORMATION

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ALUMNI RECORD UPDATES: We depend on alumni for the accuracy of our information. If a name is spelled wrong, if an alumni member is deceased, etc., please let the membership secretary know so that the records can be corrected. Please inform us of any new address or e-mail addresses, also. It helps keep the database up to date and when we send invitations. out. Send updates to member-

Golden Grads of 1974

Thomasina Adams
 Colleen Ahern Jacobsen
 Marsha Arlt Teske
 Keene Basso
 Monte Benzel*
 Scott Borgens
 Elizabeth Brown
 John Faure
 Kandice Ford Heimbigner
 Tim Geschke
 Pearl Gunsch Reimers
 George Haase
 James Heimbigner
 Joel Heinemann
 Curtis Hennings
 Ronald Hennings
 Connie Kagele Phillips
 Debra Kagele Arlt
 Janet Kavanagh Schrag
 Melody Keetch Knight
 Karl Langenheder
 Lindsay Lefevre
 Jeffrey Lenhart

Nadine Lyle King
 Craig Maier*
 Kole McCrady
 Patti Ritter Gering
 Denise Miller Anthony
 Catherine Minion Moeller
 Debra Oestreich Hamm
 Richard Patterson
 Linda Reeve Harold
 Karen Roberson*
 Lavina Ruegsegger Fangul*
 Gregg Schilling
 Janet Schoessler
 Gregory Schrag
 Rhoda Schrag Friesen
 Jack Schwisow
 John Sieverkropp
 Catherine Stevens Iabes
 Doug Swyter
 Janette Walker Irwin
 Jeff White
 Jean Young Renner

Silver Grads of 1999

Jamie Alspach Chappell
 Amber Arlt Whitman
 Dustan Arlt
 Jamie Arlt Munro
 Kamie Arlt Iverson
 Ryan Borth
 Jackson Burger
 Amy Burt Riggs
 Alex Castillo
 Sergio Chavez
 Liam Condon
 Brian Daubert
 Craig Day
 Amy Fitch Warmanen
 Dana Fortin Calvin
 James Soren Jacobus
 Joshua Johnstone
 Tia Kimble Kubik
 Tiffany Kissler

Karin Klettke Neuman
 Rebekah Jean Leroy Denney*
 Angel Link Neal
 Amanda Marshall Morgan
 Jessica Marshall Aldax
 Lori McRae Williams
 Louie Orozco
 Kamie Parrish Gylling
 Morgane Plager Roth
 Eric Reimer
 Nicholas James Rosenoff
 Veronica Schoesler Clinton
 Brenda Smith
 Reina Spencer Murcar
 Neva Staley Malby
 Jamie Wellsandt Devore
 Justin Whitney
 Amber Wood Wohlers
 Megan Yerxa

Ritzville High School Alumni Association
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2023 Financial Report

Balance on Hand – Jan. 1, 2023

General Fund	\$5,369.52	
Savings Account	4,368.65	
Composite Scan Fund	929.44	
Scholarship Fund	29,659.69	
Scholarship Certificate of Deposit	5,000.00	
Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2023		\$45,327.30

Income:

Banquet Ticket Sales	\$4,721.00	
Scholarship Fund Donations	15,436.03	
Interest –Savings Account	4.15	
Scholarship CD	25.17	
General Fund Donations	280.00	
Memorials	0.00	
WEB/Standard Digital Donations	730.00	
Total Income		+\$21,196.35

Expenses:

WEB.com (Website Host)	\$ 333.35	
Classic Country Catering	3,798.08	
Invitations, Programs, Computer Supplies	558.64	
Decorations Supplies, Cake, Ice Cream	192.90	
Referee Photo-Photo booth	1,294.92	
U.S.P.S. (box rent, envelopes, stamps)	1,187.30	
Misc. Expense (Yearbook)	55.00	
Sec. of State (Annual NP Report)	0.00 (donated)	
Scholarships: '23-\$500 each	3,500.00	
Taylor Galbreath, Jasmine Olson, Cameron Ward, Raegan Snider, Jahteya Taylor, David Hinkle, Hunter Dinkins		
Total Expenses		-\$10,920.19

Balance On Hand – Dec. 31, 2023

General Fund	\$ 2,950.33	
Savings Account	4,369.23	
Composite Scan Fund	1,659.44	
Scholarship Fund	41,624.46	
Scholarship Certificate of Deposit	5,000.00	
Ending Balance Dec.31, 2023		\$55,603.46

2023 Scholarship donation from the Class of 1972-\$261.03

Stacey Schell Schoessler-1978, Treasurer Audited By: Kallie Harder-2017