



HIGHLANDER HIGHWAY

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The Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation will enhance the achievement, heritage and educational opportunities for Oak Hills students and staff by providing alumni and community resources to promote unity and pride, and build a legacy for a stronger community.



Greetings Highlanders,

A new and exciting school year is underway! I hope this message from the Oak Hills Alumni and Educational Foundation finds all of you well, enjoying life and being productive in your careers and personal interests. The students, staff, parents and community of the Oak Hills Local School District will continue to strive to make you proud of their efforts, honoring the heritage of your best efforts and working toward the future with eager enthusiasm. There are inevitable changes in administrative responsibilities and an ever-changing landscape of curricular goals, student activities, staff development and community engagement. One constant is the high regard in which every Oak Hills graduate is held by all who now strive to write the latest chapter in the Oak Hills legacy. I strongly encourage you to take renewed interest in the schools that helped provide you with a challenging learning environment and the rich tools making your current success possible.

Highlander Strong is not just a familiar phrase, but rather a state of mind, embodying respect for academic excellence, honor for tradition, new vision for engaging the future and the hard work that tempers the steel of character.

Oak Hills students at all grade levels, enjoying extensive projects funded by the Foundation, are rising to new levels of academic achievement. Teachers are expecting and giving more than ever through innovative and challenging classroom activities. Oak Hills always expects far more from their students than the Ohio State Department of Education requires. Remember how you had been challenged by a class to think differently, stretch your capabilities and open your eyes to growth that you did not think possible? Academic classes and activities supporting STEM initiatives, language arts development, reading skills and fine arts are among the many programs supported through the work of the Foundation. Be proud of the growth taking place among current students and how they honor what you have already accomplished in your lives by the efforts they make in academic study. Come back and visit, talk to community members and use online district communication channels to stay informed. Share thoughts about your success and insight with those doing the hard work of education today! We still need you!

Honoring your contribution to the rich traditions of Oak Hills is vital to present students. By doing so, we cultivate a healthy respect for the past and an enduring legacy for future growth and expectations for superior achievement. Class reunions, social events such as the annual alumni golf outing and recognition dinner have been successful. The Foundation will be implementing new activities and programs to both enhance alumni connection with your school and seek out your good memories and intentions. A welcome tent at the 2017 Oak Hills Homecoming football game was great fun, giving away free cotton candy to those craving sugar and spirited conversation to all who had a moment to stop and talk. Great things are happening in Oak Hills schools!

Vision for the future requires new initiatives and of course, funding. I make a direct request to all of you to give generously to the Foundation, making possible the educational grants and other projects that provide programs and activities in and out of the classroom that are bold and forward thinking. The successful accomplishment of the Green Township Scottie Yard Playground at Oakdale Elementary, assistance with the renovation of the lone Holt Auditorium at Oak Hills High and partial funding for The Oak Hills Robotics Team competition are examples of more extensive and large-scale projects being engaged by the Foundation to ensure that Oak Hills remains in a preeminent position, not only locally but in the eyes of national recognition. Share ideas for what you hold dear to your heart and would give increased opportunity to current and future students.

I appeal to you to remember where you came from and how your experience at Oak Hills helped form your character, gave strength of purpose and challenged your sense of possibilities. The heart of Highlanders is made strong by what we have faced together in growth and the promise of what we knew was possible in a bright future. Come back often, in spirit and in person to remember, celebrate and support. Wherever you may be and whatever you may be doing, we are rooting for you and wish you well. You are part of long line of Highlanders whose legacy is rich, heart is strong and future yet to be more powerfully written.

Respectfully,

Larry Welsh, Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation Trustee

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Surf on over to check out our new website!

We are excited to announce the launch of a brand new Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation website! You'll find links to reunions and alumni events, as well as community events for the OHHS PTA and Athletic Boosters. The website also features more photos and grant highlights with many familiar faces!

The Foundation turned 21 years old in September and we've come a long way! Click on the trustees tab to meet our board, and be sure to tune in to the Tartan Talk for the latest Foundation news and updates from our chairman.

The website also has links to archived alumni newsletters as well as previous distinguished staff and alumni winners, including photos, bios and related videos. When it's time to nominate 2018 distinguished grads, more information will be posted online.

There's also a place to make tax-deductible gifts so we can continue our amazing work in the nine Oak Hills schools and the community. We have a new online contact page if you have a question or idea and a new, easy-to-use form to update your alumni contact information.

Explore the new site for yourself and bookmark it in your favorites: <http://www.oakhillsalumnifoundation.org/>.

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Ahoy, matey!
Your donation dollars at work

Students at Delshire Elementary School are able to learn acting, set design, choreography, music and more thanks to your support. They perform several musical productions each year through our education grant opportunities.

GIVE A GIFT **STAY CONNECTED**

reunions our impact events

2017 Oak Hills Retirees

This year's Oak Hills retirees were recognized during a reception at Nathanael Greene Lodge on May 17. Thank you for your service to Highlander students, staff and community!

Retirees include:

Jane Abbott - Instructional Assistant
Lawrence Abrams - Bus Aide
Maureen Abrams - Bus Aide
Susan Behrle - Food Service
David Blankenship - Mechanic



Teresa Bledsoe - Custodian
Roberta Bradley - Instructional Assistant
Debra Brafford - Bus Driver
Lynn Brown - Food Service
Bonnie Burbrink - Secretary
Steve Cox - Custodian
Shirley Cunningham - Food Service Manager
Pamela Dawson - Instructional Assistant
William Diggins - Bus Driver
Diane (Ginger) Evans - Bus Driver
Janet Gering - Food Service
Ann Halusek - Teacher
Trudy Heider - Food Service
Andrea Heile - Teacher
Ruth Holzinger - Food Service Manager
Linda Johnson - Instructional Assistant
Cindy Kron - School Psychologist
Kimberly McCoy - Teacher
Larry Mentrup - Custodian
Sherry Middendorf-Fuller - Teacher
Peggy Moorman - Food Service
Edwin Neidich - Bus Driver
Marilyn Oehler - Crossing Guard
Dan Redding - Custodian
Janice Sauer - Bus Aide
Don Wetterich - Custodian

Your donation dollars at work!



Wow! Thanks to your generosity last year we are able to support 33 education grants for teachers in the Oak Hills Local School District during this 2017-18 school year. We look forward to sharing the progress and results of their projects in the coming months.

Want to learn more about the things we fund? Visit the Tartan Talk section of our website at <http://www.oakhillsalumnifoundation.org/tartan-talk/>.

To help make programs like this possible for future students, please consider a gift to the Foundation. To donate visit our website. Thank you!

Seeking treasurer

Good with numbers? The Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation currently has a board seat open for a treasurer. If you're interested in this volunteer position, please contact Emily at buckley_e@ohlsd.org or 513-598-2682. Some of the required duties include making regular deposits, managing accounts payable/receivable, year-end tax filings and producing monthly financial reports for the trustees. Local candidates only, please.



THE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING A
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Lobby wall renovation at OHHS

We are thrilled to see the updated lobby wall at Oak Hills High School. It has been designed to match the auditorium renovation elements and recognize our special donors. Huge thanks to the Chizer family for sponsoring the box office and the Schoenberger family for sponsoring the stage in the lone Holt Auditorium. Thank you! We invite you to come and see it for yourself during the first production of the year, *Romeo & Juliet*.



2017-18 Theatrical performances at OHHS

Oak Hills High School has announced their theatrical performance show line up for the 2017-18 school year. All seats are \$10.

Reserve tickets by emailing OakHillsHSTickets@gmail.com.

Romeo & Juliet

November 2-4, 7 p.m.

Fiddler on the Roof

March 8-10, 7 p.m.

March 11, 2 p.m.

Elf Jr., the musical

December 15 & 16, 7 p.m.

See How They Run

May 3-5, 7 p.m.

Highlander grad leaders

Three local Highlanders graduated from the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber WELead class 11 on June 13. Congratulations, Emily Buckley '93, Gina (Couch) Whittle '93 and Alana (Mattar) Tucker '00.



Class Reunion Review

Is your class hosting a class reunion? Do you need guidance to organize and plan your event? Contact Emily C. Buckley in the Oak Hills alumni office at 513-598-2682 or buckley_e@ohlsd.org for a reunion planning checklist, or find it on our website. Your event will be added to the reunion listings on the web as well as the official Alumni Foundation Facebook page and we'll tweet about it! Reunion information will also be included in future issues of the *Highlander Highway* and the electronic newsletter, *The Tartan Times*, so be sure to keep us updated on your reunion plans and details. Below are the listings of upcoming reunions. Additional details can be found on our website, www.oakhillsalumnifoundation.org.

2018

Class of 1968: September 22, 2018, 6 - 10 p.m., Embassy Suites Blue Ash. Join the Facebook group for more information at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/684255358325298/> Call Jan Bischof Knosp to RSVP or with questions at 513-324-2652. Meet and greet social for Friday evening, September 21. Details TBD.

Class of 1978: September 2, 2018 (Sunday of Labor Day weekend ~ fireworks!) at Paul Brown Stadium in the Club East Lounge. Please visit the class website <http://www.oakhills78.com/> and be sure to update your contact information to stay informed.



Class of 1967



Class of 1979

Updated transcript request process

Any graduate of Oak Hills High School who needs transcripts should contact Anita Deuschle at 513-922-2300 or visit the Oak Hills High School main office. There will be a \$3.00 charge for each transcript.

Looking for class representatives

We are looking for class representatives to act as an extension of our alumni office. Help us share information with your class by publishing updates to Facebook and Twitter and emailing or calling your classmates. We'll send you alumni news and ask you to help spread the word! Help us keep our database current by updating your classmates' snail mail and email addresses too! Encourage your classmates to attend our functions and keep them informed! If you're interested contact Emily at buckley_e@ohlsd.org or call 513-598-2682.

Another successful golf outing in the books! (despite the soggy day)

Even though the skies were grey at our annual June golf outing, it didn't stop our golfers from having a blast!

Thanks to our amazing sponsors all teams were able to enjoy a delicious pulled pork and chicken lunch from Big Dogg BBQ courtesy of John Maher Builders Inc., an Oak Hills golf towel (put to good use, as everyone arrived sopping wet!) thanks to Promark, an event tshirt (good thing we had dry clothes for everyone!) thanks to Underground Sports Shop and plenty of drinks. Prizes turned into raffles as we had to go with plan B due to the rain, but we ended up with many happy winners! Thank you to Bick's Driving School for sponsoring our prizes. Since the weather was anything but splendid the golfers received a rain check from Aston Oaks Golf Course to play their 18 holes of golf another time. Thank you for your flexibility, Aston Oaks, grads and golfers!

Everyone was a great sport and we still were able to raise nearly \$12,000 for the Foundation! Thanks to all who showed up and those who supported our event this year. Everyone had a great time! Three cheers for our volunteer team who worked so hard to keep things running and everyone smiling.

Save the date for next year (we will do our best to make sure the day is sunny and pleasant) on June 22, 2018.



Visit www.facebook.com/OHHSAlumni to see more event photos and videos!

Homecoming excitement 2017

We had a great time reconnecting with Oak Hills graduates and their families at our Homecoming booth on September 29. The cotton candy was a hit with young and old and it was so wonderful to see so many smiling Highlander faces.



Highlanders are on Instagram!

You can now follow what's happening in the Oak Hills Local School District on Instagram. Find photos of events and school happenings, and tag the district in your pictures at [oakhills_highlanders](https://www.instagram.com/oakhills_highlanders).



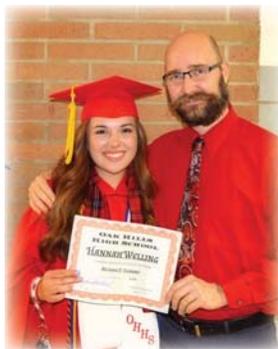
Plaque dedication for David Upchurch



The Rapid Run Middle School PTA presented a plaque to David Upchurch's family at the October school board meeting. The plaque will be displayed in his memory near the main office at Rapid Run Middle School. Administrators and staff shared wonderful memories and stories of their colleague and trusted friend during his time with the district. He certainly left his mark on the Oak Hills community and is greatly missed.

Congratulations Hannah Welling, Mick Telkamp scholarship recipient

Oak Hills art teacher, Steve Groh '88 was thrilled to present the second Michael P. Telkamp Memorial scholarship to talented senior Hannah Welling this summer. Hannah is an AP Scholar with Distinction and was co-class president.



"Hannah is one of the most enthusiastic and positive students that I have had the pleasure of teaching and I am sure she will be a star at The Ohio State University where she plans to pursue a degree in graphic design," Groh shared.

Michael P. Telkamp was known to his friends as Mick and was a member of the class of '87. He passed away unexpectedly earlier last school year and his friends and family came together to create this scholarship in his honor. Last year's recipient was Taylor Helms who is currently pursuing her fine arts degree in the DAAP program at University of Cincinnati.

If you'd like to contribute to the scholarship fund, visit our website: <http://www.oakhillsalumnifoundation.org/donate/>

Intern spotlight

Kayla Weber '14, summer intern



Kayla graduated from Oak Hills High School in 2014 and now attends Cincinnati Christian University where she is pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management with a concentration in Sports Management.

In her free time she enjoys playing volleyball. In fact, she plays on the CCU team and began her senior season there in August. She is constantly going on adventures to new places and exploring the world around her.

"Being able to come back and be a part of the amazing atmosphere at Oak Hills was a pleasure this summer" she shared.

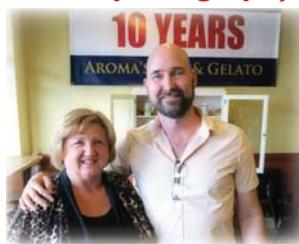
Kayla helped with the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation golf outing, education grants, district communications, social media and many other projects.

Jonathan Wohlfrom '14, fall intern

Jonathan is a fourth-year communications student at the University of Cincinnati. He graduated from Oak Hills High School in 2014 where he swam and ran cross country and track. He has remained involved with the district by acting as an assistant coach for both the high school and middle school swim teams and the Oak Hills Youth Athletics swim team. He has three older sisters who also graduated from Oak Hills and he recently completed his first full marathon in October! We're excited to have him on board.



Alumni photography show



Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the alumni photography show at Aroma's Java & Gelato in August. The event celebrated the 10th anniversary of the alumni-owned establishment and the many Oak Hills student photography shows over the years.

MARCH 2, 2018 * 6:30 PM

OHHS PTA LADIES NIGHT

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Calendar of events and activities

- 11/18/17: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., OHHS, Band Association Craft Fair, \$2 admission at the door
- 1/14/18: The Farm, Oak Hills Sports Stag with the Reds Nasty Boys
- 3/2/18: 6:30 p.m., Receptions, OHHS PTA Ladies Night
- 6/22/18 1:30 p.m., Aston Oaks, alumni & community golf outing



Save the date (moving to a Sunday this year) on January 14, 2018 for the Oak Hills Athletic Boosters annual Sports Stag at The Farm. This year's entertainment features Norm Charlton, Randy Myers and Rob Dibble, the Cincinnati Reds Nasty Boys! Stay tuned to

oakhillsports.com for more details.

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Visit the Kroger website, <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow> to link your Cincinnati Kroger Plus card to the Oak Hills Alumni & Educational Foundation today! We are #29526.



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<http://oakhillsalumnifoundation.org/>

Please visit us to find class reunion dates, grant project summaries and updates, and event information



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