



FALL 2020

The Ellsworth High School Alumni Association

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President's Message



Dear Fellow Alumni,

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in The Association's going into lock-down starting in March of this year. As a result: (1) there was no Bowling for Scholars; (2) there was no annual meeting; (3) no in-person class reunions; and (4) all Board meetings were held via Zoom. Nevertheless, the Investment Committee continued its diligent administration of the endowment fund **which now exceeds \$800,000**, and we awarded sixteen scholarships totaling \$21,000.

This disruption will pass and we will once again have fundraisers, annual meetings, and in-person reunions with our classmates. Please keep in touch regarding any items of interest, visit our Facebook page and web site, pay your dues, contribute to the EHSAA, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and most importantly - **STAY SAFE**.

Michael E. Povich '61, President

Scholarships Awarded

Named Scholarships (\$2,000)

George Ray	Eden Salzig	'20 Bowdoin College	Physics
Povich/Rotary	Aurora Burmeister	'20 University of Maine	Political Science
Tracy Family	Allison Robbins	'20 University of Maine	Business / Accounting
Paul and Patricia Firlotte	Deyan Rich	'20 University of Maine	Mechanical Engineering
Leah S. Allen	Ian Brenner-Simpson	'20 Berklee College	Music Technology & Engineering
\$1,000 Scholarships	Genevieve Cutshall	'20 University of Maine	Nursing
	Colby Hamilton	'20 University of Maine	Biology / Engineering
	Marissa Havey	'20 University of Maine	Exercise Science / Physical Therapy
	Amelia Hayden	'20 University of Maine	Vocal Performance
	Caitlin MacPherson	'20 University of Maine	Environmental Sci. / Elementary Ed.
	Madelyn Nida	'20 St. Joseph's College	Medical Biology
	Atticus Deeny	'19 Drexel University	Music Industry / Journalism
	Emma Henry	'19 Lesley University	Illustration & Comic Narrative Practice
	Lindsay Bland	'18 University of Maine	Nursing
	Fiona Tucker	'18 Christopher Newport	Theater / Education Leadership
	Haley Sattler	'15 University of Maine	Social Work



We wish them success in their future endeavors!

REUNIONS!

Planning a reunion? Let us know! We can provide class lists, addresses and post reunion information on Facebook and our website.

Did you have a reunion? Let us know! Send your photos and a brief write-up for our web and Facebook pages.

Email to ehsaa.me@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 11 in Ellsworth.

CLASS OF 1960

Plan to attend your **61st reunion** on *August 7, 2021!* Time and events TBD.
Contact the Association to get in touch with the Reunion Committee.

Scholarship News

This year 23 applicants vied for 16 scholarships worth \$21,000, the most we have ever awarded. This year's process followed standard protocols except that all deliberations and scoring took place via either email or phone. Although these social distancing restrictions did pose difficulties, the Committee is confident in the both process and the decisions made.

As always, the difference between being selected for a scholarship or not is often a matter of not enough money to award more scholarships. The Committee joins the Board in thanking all who have generously donated to the endowment, and encourages your continued support so we can increase the quantity and value of our awards.

Applications for the 2021 – 2022 scholarship year will be available after the new year on our website and also in the Ellsworth High School Guidance Office.



If you wish to learn how to make your application more competitive, or how our selection process works, contact the EHS Guidance Office, or correspond directly with

the Scholarship Awards Committee Chair, David Burks, at ehsaa.csac@gmail.com.

Investment Committee

As I write, we are fewer than 45 days from a national election, in the midst of a global pandemic, and protests abound across our country. That we live in unsettled times is an understatement.

Thankfully, our investment portfolio is monitored and guided by a dutiful and knowledgeable committee of Paul Firlotte '52; Ernest Tracy '54; Robert Maddocks '60; Barry Jordan '64; and Jerry Troger '96. We meet monthly to discuss investable markets and how to best invest the funds entrusted to the EHSAA.

The Committee's defined goal is to provide increased funding for scholarships. With this explicit objective, our committee can look beyond near-term uncertainties and focus instead on concrete economic metrics and time-tested investment strategies.

All donations are prudently managed. The Ellsworth High School Alumni Association is well-positioned to continue its good work for years to come. Your financial contributions will assist untold numbers of EHS alumni in their pursuit of higher education.

~ Jerry Troger, Chair

Where Are They Now?

It takes a village, perseverance and exceptional determination to achieve a goal. Proof of this is **Anna Jordan-Dickens DePrenger '13**, Waltham native, Cave Hill School and EHS alumna, EHSAA Scholarship recipient, and 2017 UMO graduate with a BS in pre-med and a minor in neuroscience.



A recent graduate of Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM) in NC, Anna has commenced a 3-year residency in pediatrics. A medical mission to Ecuador confirmed her decision to enter the medical field. "Medical mission trips change your life. It opened my eyes to just how different the world is, and I saw first-hand how much need there is in this world. I realized how blessed I am, and there discovered my love for helping and treating children."

Anna shared how intimidating the cost of higher education can be, and is extremely grateful for the Association scholarships she was awarded. "They helped me pay for my education and ease the anxiety I had about paying for college. It also gave me a sense of pride that I was representing those who awarded me the scholarships. It made me work even harder in college to prove that I truly did deserved them."

~ David Burks

Louie Luchini '99, EHSAA Board Member and EHS



Cross Country Coach, was named to the 2020 Class of the Maine Running Hall of Fame.

At EHS, Louie was a state champion runner and then while a student at Stanford University, he was an all-American runner. Highlights of his running career include competitions in the 2004 and 2008 US Olympic trials, running professionally for Nike, and his favorite, the 2003 NCAA Men's Division I Cross Country Championship in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Louie served four terms in the Maine State House of Representatives. In 2018 he was elected to the Maine State Senate representing Hancock County – Senate District 7.

~ Thelma Beal

Follow EHS activities on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQx3N4-jds9pUhk0NODLhAw>

Ellsworth High School 2020 Graduation



The pandemic caused major changes to the 2020 EHS graduation, but the school and community responded in several ways.

EHS faculty created *individual video tributes* for each graduating senior and posted them on the school's Facebook page. Visit the page to get to know the Class of 2020. Families and businesses recognized the graduates with signs posted on telephone poles and in yards.

Because of restrictions on gatherings, *EHS Class Night* was held virtually and streamed on YouTube. This video is still available and may be watched at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnC00vjGVrs>

For *in-person ceremonies*, EHS officials built an outdoor stage in front of the school. Over the course of a week, individual students arrived in cap and gown, with family and friends, and walked the stage while their names were called. Graduation speakers recorded their speeches, musicians performed, and a "virtual graduation" was created. View the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQ14WHBnSMM>

The school and community also partnered in a *vehicle procession*. Beginning at the Maine Coast Mall, the students drove or were driven across High St, down Main St, and to the high school. The community lined the streets, cheering our seniors along the entire route.

A final *in-person diploma ceremony* was held outdoors in June. Students approached the stage in groups, walked the stage in cap and gown, and received their diplomas. Families and friends "socially distanced" and attended from the parking lots. Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qaevc2JwZYk>

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! It was not the Senior year you thought it would be, and you will always remember it. We wish you all the best in your future adventures!

~ Louie Luchini



Earlier this year, the Ellsworth School Board approved a student-led proposal to paint school sidewalks in rainbow colors to show support for the LGBTQ+ community. In September members of the EHS Gender/Sexuality Diversity Alliance (GSDA) along with Advisor, Carrie Richards Kutney, and EHS Principal, Dan Clifford, painted crosswalks at both Ellsworth High School and Ellsworth Elementary Middle School. Local businesses donated supplies for the project.



~ Photos by Michael Povich



We Remember

(October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020)

1941 Shirley Carlisle Nelson Joseph H. Young, Sr.	1952 Pauline Lee Anderson O'Donnell	1964 James Edward Norris, Jr.
1942 Jessie Young Wallace	1953 Patricia Ann Abbott Firlotte	1966 Daniel Martin
1945 John "Jack" W. Christie Hope Mason Linnehan Sylvia Davis Pierce	1954 John C. Edes David Curtis Stevens	1969 Nanette Linda Thorsen Bickford Roger I. Randall, Jr.
1946 Ronald A. Jones, Sr.	1956 Barbara Ann Wessel Richardson	1972 Mary L. Kief Card Kathleen Koulovatos Clarke Gary Wilson Googins
1947 Clara Irene Joy Salsbury	1957 Doris Kemp Bunker Wayne Richard Rogers	1973 David Juel Harriman William "Bill" T. Lyons
1948 Fred Anderson Mima Callender Grindle	1958 Jan Crowley Willard Lanning Bruce Richard Merritt	1975 Roy Edward Burton
1950 Gerald Herbert Dumas	1959 Richard Wayne Kane	1979 James A. Hancock
1951 Wilbur Addison Saunders	1961 Marney McLean Miles-Pineda Ronald Wescott	1982 Ralph Edward Edgecomb
1952 James "Jim" Wesley Hodgkins Hugh Carroll Joy	1963 Ruth W. Sommer Wilbur	1987 Patrick Carney Jordan
	1964 Joan Bradbury Archer	1993 Christopher Michael Norris



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 graduates pursuing post-secondary education.

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(marriages, births, deaths,
 reunion information, photographs)

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Mark Your Calendars!

**Check the webpage and Facebook
 for upcoming events**



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