



# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## Rachel Junck --From Student Council to City Council in One Giant Leap!



Rachel Junck, '17

Rachel Junck ('17) served on the AHS student council as a sophomore and a junior. Just 30 months later – at the age of 20 – she was elected in December 2019 in a run-off to a 4-year term as a voting member of the Ames City Council. That makes her the youngest person to win a seat on this Council in the 150-year history of that governing body. And the second youngest woman in Iowa to be elected to a federal, state or municipal office.

Rachel, a junior majoring in chemical engineering at Iowa State, also upset a two-time incumbent – another long-time Ames resident Christopher J. Nelson, who also graduated from

Ames High (in 1990). So why does someone mixing hard science and engineering turn politician? Junck says she knew, even as a freshman at Ames High, that she wanted to be an engineer because she liked math, science and problem solving. The only question was what kind? By the end of her junior year, she had fixed on chemical engineering (not necessarily because her father, Alan, taught the subject).

As for politics, she said she had always been engaged, but credited her U.S. history teacher, Tim Mooney, with giving her a big bump in that direction. As a result, political science is one of her two minors

(the other is Spanish). Even so, she might not have taken the plunge for City Council had it not been for the encouragement of a 26-year old former figure skater who shared her interest in politics. Taylor Blair from Madison, Wisconsin, says he skated from the time he could tie his shoes, but realized as a high school senior that he wouldn't make the US Olympic team, so he "ran away" and skated for "Disney On Ice" for five years. Then he came to Iowa State as an industrial design major. Rachel met him first as a political activist and later had a political science class together. Blair says he was impressed and said to her, more than

once, "Rachel, you are smart, energetic and a life-long Ames resident, go for it." He also offered to be her campaign manager. That clinched the deal.

It also took a huge bite out of her time in the 7-month period between May and December 2019: At least 800 hours. More like 30 hours a week for 30 weeks. And, she adds, that doesn't count the time invested by her campaign manager and some 20 volunteers. All that also included a run-off election in December after she finished 7 votes short of the 50.1 percent required to be elected in a three-way race in November. Junck says her campaign committee had anticipated a possible second vote, but were both pleasantly surprised – and disappointed – to have come so close. "We really learned an important lesson," she added, "that every vote counts."

For a while afterwards, Rachel says whenever she saw a small cluster of people she wondered what she could have done to get those 7 missing votes – and avoid the runoff four weeks later. But she and her volunteers were also prepared -- thanks to their exhaustive efforts to get students and residents to register and to cast absentee ballots. In the December run-off, Chris Nelson got 50.38 to 49.52 percent of the election-day voters, but Junck had a commanding 207-64 majority among absentee voters and swept home with a persuasive 55.06 percent of the total. Even more noteworthy is the fact that Junck won in the Fourth Ward which is loaded with Iowa State students with a reputation for not bothering to vote in local elections.

# Rachel Junck --From Student Council to City Council in One Giant Leap! *Cont.*

But 2019 was different, thanks in part due to the current political divisions and, more importantly, the fact that Junck was a candidate who was one of theirs. With nearly half the 67,000 population of Ames being Iowa State students, Junck stressed, they should have at least one voting voice on the Council since it makes rules about such key areas as rental property, affordable housing and parking. So how did Junck and her band of about 20 volunteers pull off this upset? Not by spending just \$5,000 on both elections, or by luck or some sort of fluke. They did it with shoe leather and a ground game that worked extra hard to get students to vote. And they did it without neglecting the residents who comprised the other half of Fourth Ward voters.

The main thrust initially was door knocking. It began at the end of May – immediately after Junck decided to run for the Council – and didn't end until December 4th. Over the summer months, Junck and Blair concentrated on Ames residents living in two of the five precincts. Every day from 5 p.m. when she got off work, Rachel and her team of 4 or 5 knocked on an average of 50 doors – or 350 a week. From early June through mid-August, they estimated that they had knocked on between 1,500 non-student doors (some more than once). That was at least one third of registered voters in precincts 4 and 5. And by the run-off election on December 3, Junck and her team had upped their ward-wide door-knocking total to nearly 3,000.

Junck used the doorstep to introduce herself, tell what she stood for and then ask each resident at the door what he or she thought the City could or should improve or change. And she took notes, she said, “so I wouldn't forget.” Blair, not only confirmed this, but added, “we would be driving along sometime later and she'd see a house and say, those are the people who thought this or that – and she didn't even have her clipboard with her.”

Rachel also condensed her platform to four points that were designed to appeal both to students and Ames residents. First, she said she wanted to shape Ames into a place where young people would want to build their future through good jobs and investing in public facilities and cultural programs. She also prioritized making Ames an inclusive and accessible community for all people. An essential part of this, she added, was creating affordable housing options and protecting tenants' rights.

Her fourth promise was to fight for climate change on a local level by making Ames carbon neutral. This involves decreasing the amount of waste produced by the city and increasing composting and recycling citywide. “This will always be one of the lenses through which I will make decisions,” she says. Junck noted that concern about climate change was an issue that united both students and permanent Ames residents,

In mid-August the Junck campaign shifted its primary focus to ISU students. Door-knocking there wasn't as effective because of university rules against soliciting in residence halls. But Greek houses were available. Rachel had a chance to present herself and her ideas to three or four fraternities and a dozen sororities, whose members obviously were interested in her campaign goals. Campus-wide, the Junck campaign, using space in the “free speech zones,” concentrated on registering students and encouraging absentee voting. Both paid big dividends. On July 1, the Fourth Ward had 12,197 registered voters. By election day (November 5) that number was 12,984 -- an increase of 787 (or 6.5 percent).

As impressive as that was, it was absentee voters who brought Junck victory. In the November elections, she received 80 percent (176 of 220) of the absentee ballots.

As Shakespeare wrote, “What's past is prologue.” And it, most assuredly, is for Junck, who promises to be “a council member who not only represents Ward Four, but all of Ames.” She also aims to do her best to be a role model for young people and, especially, women, who aspire to serve. Whether she becomes a chemical engineer or a public servant (or politician) remains to be seen. For the next four years, her new (second) e-mail address is: [rjunck@cityofames.com](mailto:rjunck@cityofames.com) (*Tom Emmerson, '55*)

## Meet the Junck Clan:

Current AHS students and lots of graduates may know Rachel's parents, both of whom have been Ames educators for 26 years. Alan teaches chemistry, while Vonda, taught First Grade at Sawyer Elementary before moving to the District Office in 2016 where she serves in curriculum and instruction as a teacher on special assignment. Rachel's twin sister—Taylor ('17) is a junior in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Iowa, and younger brother Scott ('19) is also a freshman there, double majoring in Sports and Recreation Management and Finance.

## Father William Joensen's Journey to the Bishophood

At his core, Bishop William Joensen, '78 is a self-proclaimed Iowa guy who loves people and the levity that life offers—but also has strived to deliver God's message of love and acceptance to the state he's called home for 59 years. "It's remarkable how much of an impact a place can have on you, no matter where I've gone throughout my stops in the state," Joensen said. "I'm an Iowa guy. . . I've always wanted to spend my life here serving the people here."

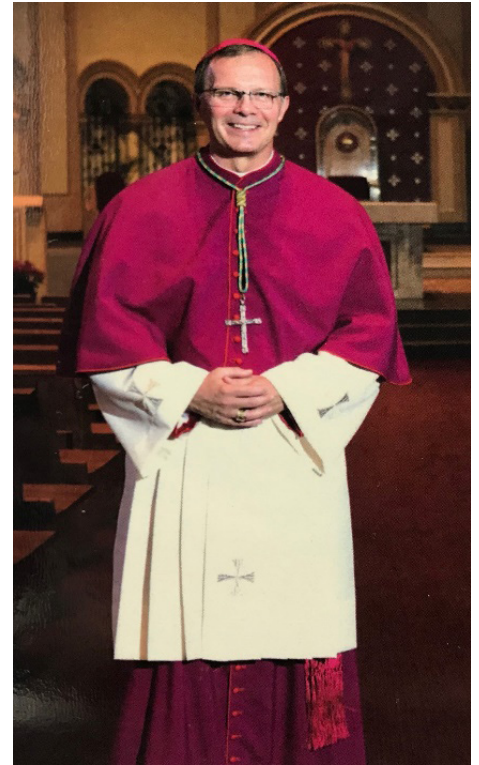
On September 27, 2019, Joensen was given that opportunity to serve his fellow Iowans when he became the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, the Roman Catholic diocese for the southwestern quarter of Iowa.

It was a July afternoon in Krakow, Poland, 4,700 miles from his native Iowa, when Joensen received a call from Nuncio Christophe Pierre, who serves as the apostolic nuncio or ambassador to the United States. "When you get a call from Christophe Pierre, it's either really good news of really bad news," Joensen said to the Tribune. Pierre's call to Joensen wasn't just good news, it was a life-changing call: a request to become the bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines. "After getting the call, I asked for a day to think about it, because at the time I

knew they were looking for archbishops in Alaska and Ohio, among other places," Joensen said. But to know that I was going to stay in Iowa, a place I have great fondness of and family—I knew that I was going to say yes."

Joensen was born in Waterloo and grew up in Ames. An active kid with an active mind, Joensen excelled on the football fields of Ames High, and later in the classrooms of Iowa State, but it was sitting in the pews during mass at St. Thomas Aquinas in which Joensen felt a tug to become a priest. Joensen recalls admiring the gregarious nature and social warmth that his uncle, an ordained pastor, would exude after every service. "It's funny. If you would have asked me what I would have been in late elementary and through adolescence, there were few things that I threw myself into, looking for my niche," Joensen said. "But there was this thought in the back of my head that told me to become a priest.

Following graduation from Iowa State, Joensen enrolled in the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa for a year and a half before attending the seminary at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque in 1989, he served in parish ministry for six years in Dubuque



and Waterloo, before continuing his academic studies. He earned a doctorate degree in philosophy from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 2002. Upon returning to Iowa, Joensen was a philosophy professor and dean of campus spiritual life at Loras College in Dubuque. *(Courtesy of: Robbie Sequeira, Tribune.)*

## Oune Somsanith's killer imprisoned

A teenager from Kansas City, MO., has been arrested, charged and convicted of second degree murder and aggravated assault in the shooting death of Oune Somsanith ('92) on 8 July 2018.

Krestin Rivers, then 16 years old, was sentenced on July 19, 2019 to 211 months (17.5 years) in the Kansas Department of Corrections according to the Wyandotte County, KS District Attorney's office. His earliest release date would be June 2033.

Somsanith, father of five and husband of Kelly Hawley ('93), was fatally shot on a Sunday while buying an I-phone from someone in Kansas City, KS. A memorial fund has been established by the Somsanith family for the children's college tuition (717 NW Eagle Ridge Circle, Lee's Summit, MO 64081).

*(Details provided by Reporter Kaitlyn Schwerts, Kansas City Star.)*

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## We Get Letters...

**Greetings Ames High School Alumni Association!** May I share good news with you? I am the recipient of "FY 2019 Smithsonian Facilities Outstanding Contribution by an Individual of the Year Award." I am a fourth generation Mason, and this is my 10th year as a Mason to the Castle of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. I graduated in the AHS Class of 1973 and from Iowa State University in 1980. I am fortunate to have had the teachers and coaches I had at AHS. Thank you AHS Alumni Association. (*netcotts@sl.edu*)  
**Steven Netcott, '73**

**Ames High School Alumni Association:** You do a nice job with the newsletter. I enjoy reading about the school and especially about the distinguished alumni and their contribution to society. You have me listed as Robert, and this is my legal first name, but at school there, and indeed all my life, I have gone by my middle name "Mike". Not many will remember Mike Heverly from the class of 1954. I only went to Ames High for one year, my senior year. Not really long enough to make a name for myself, or lifelong friends, but I fondly remember my time there. I remember Keith Covey. We were in his father's homeroom class. Bob Covey, I believe, was a track coach too, with a great coaching record. Thanks for the reminders of a great year.  
**Robert "Mike" Heverly, '54**

I enjoyed David Elbert's piece on the Hobby Shop, which brightened my childhood in Ames. Riding my bicycle

from home on McCarthy Road to Earl Nold's shop was a treat I would give myself from time to time, knowing nothing of the man who created that little paradise on Main Street. I imagine he must have known several model builders, older than I was, who contributed beautiful airplanes, displayed in the window or in the shop, that I will never forget. Now, on my rare visits to Ames, it's lovely to see that it is still there and running. Even better was to see it described and honored in the Alumni Newsletter, and to learn that its proprietor came to Ames the year I was born.

**James R. "Jim" Rundle, '67**

With each issue of the AHSAA Newsletter I'm reminded of how proud I am to have been born and raised in Ames, Iowa and to be a graduate of the Ames school system. Thanks to all who publish this excellent newsletter.

**Katherine Wright Garland, '54**

I'm mailing this renewal on my 91st Birthday—although for only one year. I'm doing well for an old guy—some health problems—but I'm hoping for at least five more years. "AIM HI!" The Newsletter is still most interesting to read. Keep up the good work and "Thank You".

**Norval Armstrong, '46**

Thank you for the reminder. I graduated from Ames High in 1945. It was a wonderful year. We had a great class. Keep up your good work. Every school

should have such a good alumni association as Ames.

**Mary Frances Larson, '45**

Please renew my AHS Alumni Association dues. Thank you so much for all of your work to keep this organization going! Ames High School was a wonderful place to go to school!  
**John Kylo, '72**

Hi! Sorry that we allowed our subscription to lapse. Pauline and I just celebrated our sixtieth (60th) wedding anniversary with an open house and 45 friends and relatives. Our anniversary cake had our wedding picture cutting our cake 60 years ago. Pauline wonders whether any of her high school classmates are still with us.  
**George & Pauline Frangos Engleson, '39**



## How ERA got torpedoed – and resuscitated, thanks to activists like Roberta Young ('55)

American revolutionary Thomas Paine once wrote of another political figure's career, "As he rose like a rocket, he fell like a stick."

This could also apply, with some modification, to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment of 1972 which said, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by

the United States or by any state on account of sex." Congress approved the wording in March 1972, which meant three-quarters of our 50 states needed to approve before it could become an official Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Twenty-two states had approved by the end of 1972 (Iowa was number four) and another eight endorsed the Amendment in 1973,

bringing the total to 30 – just eight states short of ratification.

After that, the effort encountered hard sledding – thanks primarily to strong resistance organized primarily by Phyllis Schlafly, a conservative Republican activist from Illinois, who actively entered the fray in 1973 as instigator and leader of STOP ERA

# How ERA got torpedoed – and resuscitated, thanks to activists like Roberta Young ('55) *Cont.*



Roberta Young, '55

(Stop Taking Our Privileges). She and her cohorts argued that the ERA would strip women of rights and pile on major obligations – such as required military service, including actual combat.

They also insisted that married women would be stripped of protective rights in a divorce, including alimony and preferential rights in child custody cases. Schlafly's supporters even warned that single-sex bathrooms would be replaced by public unisex facilities. They also claimed –with some force -- that the ERA would only benefit young career women and would threaten the security of middle-aged housewives who had no job skills.

Another nail in the ERA coffin was Schlafly's CLAIM to middleclass women that the amendment would jeopardize their Social Security benefits – and both legitimize and legalize marriage of same-sex couples. Besides that, the STOP ERA movement assured women that their rights were already sufficiently guaranteed by the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Schlafly and her supporters also descended upon state and other legislative bodies bearing homemade bread, jams and apple pies. Favorite

signs and slogans included: "I am for Mom and apple pie," and "Preserve us from a Congressional jam: vote against the ERA sham.

By the end of 1973 public support for the ERA had dropped below 50 percent in the 20 states that had not ratified it. Between 1974 and 1977 only five more states endorsed the Amendment. Forty years later – in 2017 – Nevada voted Aye, followed a year later by Illinois, bringing the total to 37. Not surprisingly, perhaps, two of the holdouts were Utah and Arizona (Mormons were largely opposed).

The other eleven comprised what were formerly the Confederate states or sympathizers (except for Texas and Tennessee which were the 8th and 9th states to ratify the ERA). That left Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia -- all of which had also strongly opposed the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote (1919-1920).

As Roberta (Robbie) Young Madden ('55) points out in her op-ed piece in the Asheville (NC) *Citizen-Times* on Dec. 29, 2019, *the Equal Rights Amendment stands on the brink of becoming ratified if it wins approval by just one state – which looks to be Virginia or possibly even North Carolina, where Madden now lives. If this happens, it will for Madden be the culmination of a half-century's effort on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment – coupled with another 21 years as a strong feminist. Robbie knows exactly when and where this occurred: in 1949 when she was 12 years old.*

*"My mother worked for many years at an Ames supermarket and was the most dependable person they had," she writes. But when it came time to promote an employee to store manager, "they didn't even consider my mother and instead picked a bag boy." "Mom came home and said, 'If I were a man, I would have gotten that job'.*

*Mom was philosophical about it, but it really made me mad."*

*After graduating from AHS in 1955, Robbie became a wife, mother and political activist. She was involved in struggles for workers while also digging into such issues as racism, poverty, women's health and consumer protection, including 18 years as director of racial and social justice for the YWCA in Baton Rouge, LA. That just scratches the surface of Madden's activities and awards. But her number one concern throughout was securing ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, especially in Louisiana, where she and spouse David Madden lived for 41 years before moving to Black Mountain, North Carolina in 2010.*

*Madden served as field director for Common Cause in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. She also is board chair of the Southern Mutual Help Association. After the move to North Carolina, she was both the founder of Ratify ERA-NC and served as co-president of the ERA-NC Alliance. It's been 48 years since the Equal Rights Amendment "rose like a rocket" and subsequently fell like a stick. But that stick rebounded in 2019 and Madden and her comrades are optimistic that 2020 will be the year it finally becomes the 28th Amendment to the Constitution.*

But Madden and other ERA champions are bracing for stiff political opposition and legal challenges especially, but not solely, by men and women who oppose transgender rights and abortion. At age 83 Robbie is not about to retire or retreat from the fray – especially after investing a half-century of her life to the cause of equality.

*(Photo courtesy of Blake Madden Photography)*

*(Tom Emmerson, '55)*

P.S. Robbie's new e-mail address is [robertamadden@ratifyera-nc.org](mailto:robertamadden@ratifyera-nc.org)

# Other News Here and There. . . *by Loof Lirpa, Honorary Alum*

## REAL OR FAKE—YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST

### AHS Alum Resolves (finally) Zero vs. 'O' Confusion

Worldwide public and commercial complaints have forced the International Association of Serialology (IAS) to turn to an AHS '45 grad for a solution to a problem that has increasingly vexed manufacturers and the public for at least half century. Simply put, the issue is: Is it a Zero or an O (as in Oh)?

Those who have been obliged to report a fault or even simply register an appliance or computer or virtually any other device will recognize the problem. Small print, difficult, dark location – or even large print, easy to read, accessible -- the question remains: Zero or letter O?

Ames High alum F. Elmo Farkinson, ABD ('45) to the rescue – belatedly. A half century ago, F. Elmo proposed to the IAS that the letter O (as in Oh) be eliminated from all serial numbers.

Alphabeticists raised international opposition and the proposal was shelved... until this year.

On January 1 (2020) the international assembly voted to delete the confusing letter from all subsequent serial numbers. Manufacturers applauded the decision – if only because of the volume of erroneous serial numbers and complaints they have had to endure over the decades.

### If you think scientists are rational & uniform – take a rain check

Scientists in chemistry and astronomy are each dealing with what could be cataclysmic changes in their thinking. In chemistry, it primarily, but not entirely, involves the addition of Kryptonite to the Periodic Table. The case is being made that Kryptonite (KRY), has descended from a black hole or similar body that has been proven to “seriously weaken or harm a particular person or thing.”

Green Kryptonite is the most common form currently known to exist. It generates radiations which have profound effects. It is actually blue on the outside but there is

a yellow light on the inside that makes it green when hit by light.

Another, argument within the “woke” scientific community revolves around the gender of the various elements. Some argue that, by virtue of their endings, some of the elements are feminine or masculine or even neutral. The debate continues. (Kryptonite has not yet been compartmentalized.)

### Astro-physicists have dug an even deeper hole.

An even greater debate has erupted over what some astronomers call “woke” and others regard as “dopey.” In this case, terminology is the tangle. In particular, the argument involves the term “black holes,” which is used to describe what happens when a star collapses at the end of its life.

Renown physicist and astronomer Doktor Steffen Kalowski (AHS '69), argues that “the current phrase is accurate and appropriate” while other almost equally distinguished woke Millennials say the phrase should be “dark or even deep holes.” Meanwhile, Ames High’s astrology teacher, Gretchen Guesstible, had, for the moment, the final word. “These people give me a good laugh, “she said. “We all know the truth lies elsewhere, don’t we?”

### Eclipsing Veenker Golf Course To Avoid Ames ‘Sprawl.

To avert “urban sprawl” at all points of the compass, the City of Ames and Iowa State University are studying a plan to create a major housing complex at the southeast corner of what is currently the Veenker Memorial Golf Course. Planners say the area’s central location (west of Stange Road and north of soon-to-be-unnamed Squaw Creek) would avert the need for expensive additional roads, water, sewers, school busing and other infrastructure associated with outward expansion. It would also preserve valuable farmland surrounding Ames.

Although still in the planning stage, the proposed Veenker Residential Center (VRC) could be accomplished by converting the golf course from 18 holes to 12. That would make the course less

expensive and more manageable for linksters of modest ability – and increase the prospect of more golfers opting to walk rather than riding carts.

It would also mute critics who believe educational institutions should not be engaged in profit-making operations that directly compete with the private sector. Meanwhile, the VRC planners are soliciting comments from residents, ISU students, farmers and developers. Suggestions and recommendations should be sent to VRC planning committee chair Cuthbert Gleep, c/o Veenker Club House, 2916, Veenker Dr, Ames, IA 50011

### AHS PARKING METERS – TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Parking Meters for the new Ames High School parking lots? Gossip gleaned at a downtown beauty shop about plans to install meters for AHS student vehicles has been vehemently denied by a District school staffer who asked not to be named on grounds of proprietary confidentiality. That person issued this statement: “To the best of our knowledge, we know nothing at this point in time about any concrete plans for metering the new 555-vehicle capacity lot.

“If such a plan were (hypothetically) in the works, he/she/they added, “neither teachers nor staff nor visitors would be required to pay to park. Another anonymous subordinate from District Finances said: “We claim no knowledge of any proposed rates for parking, but we agree that such a proposal would generate much-coveted revenue and, perhaps, encourage more students to take the bus (Cy-Ride) to the building. “Nor do we know whether fans attending sporting or cultural events at the new high school would be required to feed the meters.

School District purchasing officer Amy Ann Outraged did state, for the record, that, “we have not categorically placed any new orders for parking meters for any of Ames’s seven schools.” *Editor’s Note:* The beauty parlor in question was unable to confirm at this time whether the Superintendent is one of its clients..

## Dr. Valerie Nyberg, AHS Principal Elect

The Ames Community School District is excited to announce Dr. Valerie Nyberg as the new principal of Ames High School for the 2020-2021 school-year. Dr. Nyberg is currently the Associate Principal at George Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a position she has held since 2013.

As an associate principal in Cedar Rapids, Nyberg has experience in both curriculum and instruction as well as buildings and grounds. She was responsible for the evaluation of certified staff, development of the master schedule, and directly supported multiple departments such as English, special education, and Career/Technical Education, among others. As associate principal of building and grounds,

she attended weekly construction meetings and worked closely with various departments to ensure that instructional programming was not compromised during construction. In her role as associate principal of curriculum and instruction, she worked diligently to ensure that students have multiple pathways open to them and this required working closely with special education teachers.

In her cover letter to the District, Nyberg expressed that her main impetus for becoming an educator stemmed from her “desire to make the path wider for students of color and other students who experienced difficulties in their educational careers.” She helped develop an equity team that oversaw the

implementation of staff professional development that included components such as student access to Advanced Placement (AP) classes, data review, implicit bias and cultural competence training. This experience aligns with the District’s commitment to equity and will be crucial as the District addresses gaps in achievement and access at Ames High based on data from its recent equity study.

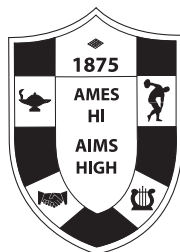
Nyberg received her Doctorate in Teaching and Learning from the University of Iowa in 2012. In 2019, she was honored as the Assistant Secondary Principal of the Year by the School Administrators of Iowa. *(Courtesy of Amazing Magazine, ASCD)*

## 2020 Ames High School Alumni Directory

The Ames High School Alumni Association has published three Alumni Directories—1994, 2001 and 2011. We are in the planning stages for a 2020 edition which we hope (remember—we are an “all-volunteer” organization) will be available in the fall of 2020. We are receptive to suggestions, but limited in space, and as Harry Truman said: “The Buck Stops Here!” *(WCR)*

## 2020 Class Reunion Tours of Ames High?

Sadly, Ames High School will not be available for class reunion tours during June, July and the first half of August this summer. Phase II of the building of the new Ames High School would make access to the building not only difficult, but it would present some safety issues. The AHS Athletic Office will be moving to Fellows Elementary for the summer. The AHSAA Office will be relocated to 2418 Northwestern Avenue for the summer. Tours for late summer and early fall appear to be available.



## Ames High School Student Body Presidents?

We have been attempting to gather a complete listing of the Ames High School Student Body Presidents. Unfortunately, with numerous changes in the sponsorship of the Ames High School Student Council, there has not always been a smooth transition of records and some have obviously been discarded. We have “scoured” our complete set of **SPIRITS** for missing information, but we are still lacking the presidents for the following school-years: 1945-46, 1965-66, 1985-86, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99. If you have information on these years, please send it to: [wcrippsaw@aol.com](mailto:wcrippsaw@aol.com). Also, to help verify the information we do have, if you were a class president or remember your class president, please forward that information. As Julius Caesar would have said—maybe: “Gratias ago vobis!”



## Recent Books by Ames High Graduates

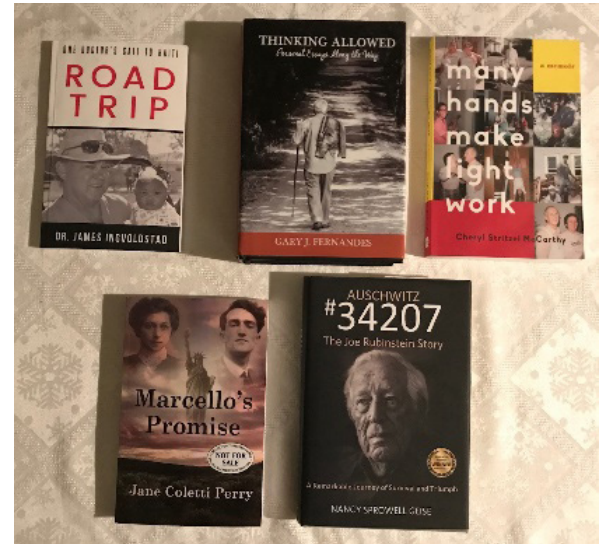
**Road Trip: One Doctor's Call to Haiti.** Dr. James Ingvoldstad's, '64 narrative combines travel adventures, twist of fate, surprise acts of kindness, introspection and self-discovery in a country often ignored or misunderstood. A road trip can be physical or metaphorical and takes you from one place to another. It may be self-motivated or encouraged by another. It may involve risk to leave the familiar and explore the new, but it will help identify one's inner self. The option of accepting that honestly and ultimately embracing it becomes one of the benefits. (*Carpenter's Son Publishing, Franklin, Tennessee.*)

**Thinking Allowed: Personal Essays Along the Way,** by Gary J. Fernandes, '61. Gary serves his first entre into the literary world with this collection of eclectic essays and an affinity for the pen that's been evolving for seven decades. In earlier life, as he climbed young ambition's ladder and raised a family, neither his prolific college paper-writing for friends (helping fund his own degree), nor his poetry composed on frequent business flights, nor the exacting corporate reports he churned out at EDS satisfied his creative urge. (*Write'm Cowgirl Publishing, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX.*)

**Many hands make light work, a memoir,** by Cheryl Stritzel McCarthy, '77. This is a rollicking true story of a family of nine children growing up in the college town of Ames, Iowa in the '60s and 70s. Inspiring, full of surprises and laugh out loud funny, this unique family champions diversity and inclusion long before such concepts become cultural flashpoints. (*SHE WRITES PRESS: www.shewritespress.com*)

**Marcello's Promise,** by Jane Coletti Perry, '63. Jane has published this frontier novel, *Marcello's Promise*, (Five Star Cengage, December, 2019). Inspired by events in her father's life, the story is a heartfelt journey of a husband's promise to his wife for the American dream, from the hills of Italy to a Wyoming coal mining town, 1915-1926. (For more information: [www.janecolettiperry.com](http://www.janecolettiperry.com))

**AUSCHWITZ # 34207, The Joe Rubinstein Story,** by Nancy Sprowell Geise, '79. From Amazon's bestselling author of *The Eighth Sea* comes this true-life account. In 2007, Holocaust survivor Joe Rubinstein told author Nancy Sprowell Geise that he would never publicly share his experiences at Auschwitz and several other of the most notorious Nazi concentration camps. Five years later, he changed his mind. When Nancy began writing Joe's story, she had no idea the impact would have on her life as she immersed herself in Joe's world and his remarkable journey of survival and triumph. (Merry Dissonance Press, Castle Rock, Colorado)



## Ames & Gilbert schools – two peas in the same pod?

Anyone old enough to have heard about legendary pitcher Satchel Paige will almost certainly recall one of his many famous sayings, namely: "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." That could apply to school district and high school rankings between Ames and Gilbert.

Ames High is considered the third best public high school in Iowa by Niche.com – an organization that ranks schools from K-12 through university both nationally and by individual state. In the Iowa category, Ames High School has been ranked only behind Iowa City West and Pleasant Valley (Bettendorf). Then come (4) Iowa City High, (5) Ankeny Centennial, (6) Johnston and, drum roll, (7) Gilbert High School --- out of the state's 328 high schools

As both towns have grown and expanded, the distance between the Tigers and Little Cyclones is just 5 miles. In fact, the two school districts abut with parts of north Ames in Gilbert's domain. Evaluating K-12 school districts puts the Ames-Gilbert axis significantly ahead of all other closely related communities.

The same Niche.com evaluators – using a sliding 10-point scale, ranks the Gilbert School District number 2 in the state and the Ames Community School District number 4. Number 1 was Pleasant Valley and number 3 is Johnston. A similar study of high schools -- conducted earlier in 2019 by US News and World Report -- ranked Ames High (1) and Gilbert High (4).

--- Tom Emerson, '55

## The Class of 1961—Alive and Well, *by Judy Ellis, '61*

One of the things I love about being a 1961 graduate of Ames High School is how close our class has become over the years. It was not an easy road beginning with our senior 1960-61 school year. The “new” high school on 20th Street was close to being completed except there were several unfinished classrooms, no hard surface accesses and no parking lots. The solution? Split the senior class! Half the class was assigned to the “new” school in the morning and half attended the existing high school in the morning. At noon each group switched schools. So, we parked on 16th Street or rode the bus that far and walked on a boardwalk to the “new” high school. It was bad enough during the winter, but the spring mud was brutal. If you slipped or were “accidentally” pushed off the boardwalk, you might be in mud over your shoes. But we endured.

The Class of 1961 has come together every five years since graduation – always with an exceptional number of attendees. Fast forward to our 50th

reunion when Paul Clark had the idea to start a monthly coffee on the first Friday of the month. He gathered a list of emails and sent a monthly reminder to those classmates within the state. We met at the east Hy-Vee for many years with a dedicated group of classmates for coffee and lively conversation. During a major renovation to the east Hy-Vee we looked for other venues and we now meet at the west Hy-Vee at 9:00 am on the first Friday of the month.

There are two traditions that have developed over the years. If a classmate is in town on the first Friday of the month, they know where to find a group of friends. We have had classmates and spouses attend from Washington, Arizona, North Carolina as well as those from Ankeny, Carroll, Ogden and Cedar Rapids. We see retired administrators, teachers and coaches who stop by to visit. Classes that graduated ahead and behind us have started their own monthly coffee or joined us at our table. All are welcome to sit with us to share memories



A small group tour of Ames School on January 10th: (l-r) Doug Samson, Judy Warren Ellis, J. Paul Clark and Jim Bates.)

and catch up on family activities. So, this is an open invitation. If you are in Ames on the first Friday of the month, come join the Class of 1961 at the west Hy-Vee. The only time we switch to the second Friday is if a holiday falls within the first week of the month. Fifty-five plus years ago our class was divided but over time we have remained connected. Even a muddy field could not divide the Class of 1961.

## December, 2019 GORP Meeting. . .



Picture (l-r): Sarah Baughman Ollila, Chuck Abbott, Ann Sande Reed, Mary Sue Arrasmith Brown, Jennifer Darnell Groate, Carol Lasche Tetmeyer, Jack Wharton, Judy Agard, Bill Rosebrook, Dennis Scott, Jacquie Rosebrook, Vicki Fitzgerald Neal and Julie Packer McWilliams. (Editors note: The AHS Class of 1962, as sophomores in the fall of 1959, is the class that initiated/broke me in as a new teacher and one of the main reasons I am in my 62nd year at AHS. “Ames Hi does Aim High”! Gratias ago vobis! WCR)

## New Ames High School—Phase One

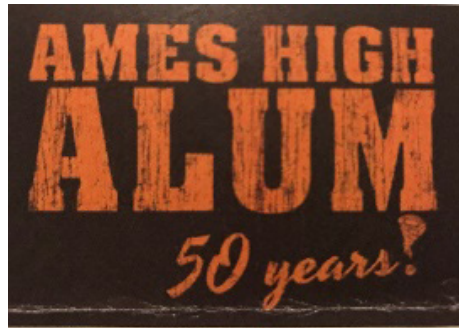


Photos by Jane Ripp – March 1, 2020)

# AHS Class of 1969 50th Reunion

The Ames High Class of 1969 held their 50th reunion September 5-8, 2019. We had a great time reconnecting with our classmates and making new connections with classmates we never knew during high school. To commemorate this milestone, the Class of 1969 established the 1969 Class Gift with the hope of giving back to the school that gave us our start and help Ames High remain at the high level of excellence we were all fortunate to experience.

A Class Gift sub-committee was formed and worked closely with our reunion planning committee. In the months leading up to, during and for several months following our reunion, we encouraged our classmates to donate toward our 1969 Class Gift. At one of the events we held a silent auction with items donated by classmates. In addition to donations, we created Ames High t-shirts to celebrate our reunion and to raise even more funds for



the Class Gift. Working in collaboration with the Ames Education Foundation, we determined that we wanted to create an endowment that would positively impact as many current and future students as we could.

The culmination of our fundraising efforts resulted in a total of **\$34,750**, which included a very generous anonymous \$10,000 matching gift challenge. We are proud to announce that the **Ames**

**Schools STEAM (Science, Technology, English, Arts and Mathematics) Endowment** has now been established. Each school year this endowment will generate a minimum of \$1,500 that will be used for projects that will benefit students at Ames High. These projects will include, but are not limited to: curriculum development, innovative technology or instructional acquisitions, experiential learning, teacher training, student support and club or extracurricular development and support.

It is our hope that this Endowment started by the AHS Class of 1969 will benefit Ames students for many years to come. We challenge future reunion classes to add to the Ames Schools STEAM Endowment by contacting the Ames Education Foundation or to create a class gift of their own.

*(Bonnie Voelker Jackson, '69)*

**"Ames Hi Aims High"! Class of 1969**

## From the AHSAA Archives . . .

### A Bit of Ancient History.

In the Spring of 1870, a call for a special vote of the electors of Washington Township, county of Story, state of Iowa was made for the purpose of hearing the petition of the school district, known as sub-district No. 4, to become the Independent District of Ames. The petition was granted according to law, and May 2, 1870, the electors of Ames elected a board of "trustees", and on May 7, the result of the election on May 2, was announced and the following citizens qualified and organized as the first board of the Independent District of Ames: viz: G. G. Tilden and Isaac Black for the three years' term; H. F. Kingsbury and T. Weld for the two years; and William West and H. R. Bradwell for one-year. On organization H. F. Kingsbury was elected president; J. H. Miller was elected treasurer; N. A. Rainbolt was elected secretary.

Mr. Christman was elected, October 14, 1870, "to reach the upper department of our school at a salary not to exceed \$ 50.00 per month. Miss Julia Tilden was chosen for the lower department at \$ 35.00 per month.

March 11, 1871, the district of Ames assumed a debt of \$ 2,700. This debt was

Ames' share of the debt of Washington township, for school purposes. The next bond indebtedness was voted June 109, 1875; purpose to build a new school house. At the regular annual election in March, 1880, the board submitted a request to issue bonds for the purpose of building a new school house. Ten thousand dollars was asked. The vote stood 148 in favor and 28 against. This debt was contracted and the school house was built.

The following superintendents were in charge of the Ames City Schools during the first twenty-seven years: G. A. Garrard, W. F. Chevalier, M. F. Morgan, C. C. Carstens, E. D. Y. Cultertson, Mrs. C. C. Smith, George I. Miller, C. R. Scroggie and F. E. King. *(1908 A.H.S. Meteor)*

### Alumni Association.


About 1885, there was an organization formed of Ames High School graduates; but there being so few they became scattered. In 1892, a new effort was made and officers were elected as follows: President, Bernice Sheldon, '85; Secretary, Cena Thayer, '86; reasurer, '81. Strengthened by the growth of years, in 1905 the classes of 1903 and 1904 determined to reorganize and gave an

enthusiastic reunion and banquet to the class of '05 at Adam's Hall. The officers elected that year were Bryce Hutchison, '04, President; Leola Talbott, '02, Vice President; Luella Robb, '02, Secretary; and Floyd Williams, Treasurer, '03, Treasurer.

In 1906, a reception to the large class of 38 members was given at the residence of M. A. Manning. To this will be added a class of about thirty the present year of 1907. It is remarkable how large a number have continued their education in the higher institutions of learning—15 of the class of 1905 and 22 of the class of 1906, being now in college while 10 of these classes are now teaching. Mrs. Susie Daniels Perkins, '83, had the pleasure of seeing two daughters graduate in 1905, and Mrs. Clara West Manning, '85, had a son who graduated in 1906. These are the only instances where parent and child both belong to the Alumni. May it always be the spirit of this organization and of its individual members to jealously guard the good name of A. H. S. and to encourage the undergraduates of our city to press forward till they too are enrolled as members of the Ames High School Alumni. *(1908 A.H.S. Meteor)*

# AHS celebrates a successful 2019 fall season,

By Ian Smith, '03



Ames High athletics celebrated another highly successful fall sports season in 2019.

The Little Cyclones achieved numerous top finishes at state competitions and an

individual title at the state girls' cross-country meet. Senior Camille Jackson finished her cross-country career in storybook fashion. After three years of running at the state meet, Camille accelerated to a new level under the guidance of head coach Cole Anderson. Her hard work paid off when she won the Class 4A state title in a time of 17 minutes and 23.9 seconds. That mark was 20 seconds better than her second-place competitor and a new course record at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge. Camille won every meet she entered this past season.

The boys' cross country team also tallied a successful season. The Little Cyclones took home 11th place at the

state cross country meet. Senior Noah Kohut-Jackson paced Ames High in 26th place.

In the water this fall, the girls swim team continued to be the elite program in the state of Iowa. Ames finished second in the state behind Dowling Catholic. Dan Flannery's program has now finished in the top-2 in the state 10 years in a row, including eight state championships. The Little Cyclones also took home top honors at the district meet.

Tough playing conditions couldn't deter the Ames High golf team from playing well at state at the Tournament Club of Iowa in October. Coach RJ Voss and the Little Cyclones took home fifth place at the Class 4A meet. Senior Connor VanWheelden was Ames High's top individual finisher in 7th place.

Like the golfers, the Ames High fall cheer also finished in fifth place at its state competition. The Little Cyclones competed against other top teams in

Des Moines this November. The stellar finish marked another successful season under the direction of Coach Sarah Buss. In addition to the team finish, Genesse Diggins-Kennedy, Joscelyn Buss, Alissa Hoover, Kelsey Hoover and Allie Carr were named to the 2020 all-state cheer squad.

Led by first-year coach Meg Williams and a strong senior class, the volleyball squad won 10 matches this fall. The Little Cyclones were competitive throughout the season and built a strong base for the program's future.

On the gridiron, the football team experienced a number of highlights during the 2019 season. The Little Cyclones had a three-game winning streak during the middle of the campaign and beat Council Bluffs Abe Lincoln 58-21 during the homecoming game. Ames High athletics is excited about the continued success of its fall sports teams and is looking forward to the winter season.

## Friday Night Lights

After 34 seasons walking the sidelines as an Ames High football Coach, Bruce Vertanen announced his retirement from football following the 2019 season. In a letter to his coaching staff, Vertanen said: "It has been one of my greatest joys to be the head football coach at Ames High. I can't thank you enough for all that you have done to support me, my family, and more importantly, our program as a whole. Wins and losses will fade with time but the kids will never forget how you treated them."

Vertanen has been a staple of not only the Ames High football program but of Ames High athletics. He walked the sideline on Friday nights for 34 years, 19 years as head coach and 15 years as an assistant coach prior to that. On September 14, 2019, he notched

his 100th win and currently ranks 3rd all-time at Ames High with 106 wins. In addition to football, Vertanen coached the girls' basketball team for 12 seasons where he made 2 state tournament appearances and was the CIML Coach of the Year three times. He was an assistant boys' basketball coach when Ames won back-to-back state championships in 2010 and 2011. He was also named Iowa High School Assistant Track & Field Coach of the year during his coaching career.

For Vertanen, everything was about supporting the athletes and creating a team atmosphere. He gave his athletes credit for their success and continually noted the impact that his assistants made every practice and game. Assistant football coach and head boys' basketball coach Van Downs said,

"Bruce Vertanen is one of the hardest working coaches I have ever worked with. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Bruce and his family for all his years of sacrifice and commitment to the district." Ames High Athletic Director Judge Johnston echoed that sentiment noting the impact that Vertanen has made to the athletic program. "I can't thank Bruce enough for his leadership, not only within our football program, but our entire athletic program. It has been a privilege to watch him develop our young men both on and off the field. He genuinely cared about every athlete on his teams from the star player to the least talented player on the roster." (Courtesy of *Amazing Magazine*, ASCD)



# Memorials

- In memory of: **Beverly J. Ogg Stone, '55**  
By: Mary Beth Kirkham, '62
- In memory of: **Marcia McGuire Gilman, '52**  
By: Julie A. Gilman, '76
- In memory of: **Marcia McGuire Gilman, '52**  
By: Henry "Hank" S. Gilman, '52
- In memory of: **Gary B. Ellis, '58**  
By: Kathleen "Kit" Carr Struthers, '58
- In memory of: **David B. Andrew, '75**  
By: Michael J. Nostwich, '75
- In memory of: **Robert D. Munson, '51**  
By: Gloria Nass Danielson, '51
- In memory of: **James R. "Scoop" Hildebrand, '69**  
By: Iowa State University "FIJI"
- In memory of: **Charles V. Grau, '66**  
**Mark W. Johnson, '676**  
**Lawrence D. "Larry" Lasche, '68**  
By: Kent L. Hagen, '67
- In memory of: **Janet A. Hoff, '48**  
By: Anne Barnard Bice, '48
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
**Karen M. Smedal John, '62**  
By: James A. Bates, '61
- In memory of: **David Alan Frahm, '79**  
By: Janis R. Frahm, '76
- In memory of: **Catherine Louise Wood, '66**  
By: Linda Fiscus Vogtlin, '66
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Ben E. Fellows, '58
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Linda Miller Woodworth, '58
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Stephen & Barbara Duncan
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Kent L. Hagen, '67
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Michael & Cheryl Wessels
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: William L. McGowan, '61
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Lucy Carey
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Clair Rierson
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Marvin & Donna Scherr
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Arthur & Margie Oldehoeff
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Monday Night Bridge Club
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Donna Green Clink, '61
- In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: James W. Dresser, '58
- In memory of: **Blaine G. Zenor, '60**  
**Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Dennis, '60 & Shirley Tice, '61
- In memory of: **1964 Deceased Classmates**  
By: Connie Bailey Wright, '64
- In memory of: **David B. Norris, '71**  
By: Leisa H. Doran, '81
- In memory of: **1952 Deceased Classmates**  
By: W. Guy Fox, '52
- In memory of: **Karen Smedal John, '62**  
By: Karsten Smedal, '58
- In memory of: **David A. Taft, '52**  
**Keith E. Soesbe, '54**  
By: David R. Smith, '52
- In memory of: **Coach Tom Jorgensen, Staff**  
**Coach Jack Mendenhall, Staff**  
By: Keith Bailey, Staff
- In memory of: **Roger Spratt, Staff**  
By: Karen Spratt, Spouse



## Some Have Left Us

Class	Name	Date of Death	City, State	Class	Name	Date of Death	City, State
1939	Shaeffer, Margaret Ann (Elliott)	d.9-3-2017	Loveland CO	1959	Randau, Ronald Leroy	d.12-25-2019	Creedmoor NC
1940	Coy, Gretchen Eulah (Anton)	d.1-22-2020	Spirit Lake IA	1960	Alfred, Ronald Lewis	d.5-22-2019	Ames IA
1940	Elliott, Joe Oliver	d.1-20-2020	Saratoga Springs NY	1960	Reed, Mary Sue	d.8-3-2019	Xenia OH
1945	Zanias, Ted	d.12-16-2019	Mission Viego CA	1960	Webb, Ann Teresa	d.11-29-2019	Ames IA
1946	Kagarice, Dorothy Jean (Harlan)	d.1-12-2020	Colorado Springs CO	1962	Demarest, Judith Nadine (Nichols)	d.12-30-2019	Ames IA
1947	Terrones, Anthony Joseph	d.1-7-2020	Ames IA	1962	John, Karin Maxine (Smedal)	d.11-4-2019	Lake Havasu City AZ
1948	Nicola, Bonnie M. (Rynkiewicz)	d.6-29-2019	The Woodlands TX	1963	Peterson, Jeffrey H.	d.8-24-2019	Pekin IL
1948	Sjulin, Mary Ethelyn (Ross)	d.11-5-2019	Ankeny IA	1964	Adams, Kenneth Andrew	d.9-1-2019	Philadelphia PA
1950	Barnard, Thomas Edwin	d.12-16-2019	Grimes IA	1964	Overland, Gary Lynn	d.1-31-2020	Ames IA
1952	Gilman, Marcia L. (McGuire)	d.9-6-2019	Crossville TN	1965	Barton, Robert William	d.1-16-2020	Castle Rock CO
1953	Dunlap, Robert Eugene	d.12-11-2019	Mason City IA	1967	Lokken, Mary Clare	d.8-6-2019	Ames IA
1954	Coffman, Carita Irene (Zenor)	d.12-4-2019	Lisbon IA	1968	Lee, Donetta Jean	d.3-26-2017	Des Moines IA
1954	Reese, Helen Delores (Elliott)	d.10-22-2018	Rochester MN	1969	Lemish, Jeffrey Thompson	d.11-6-2019	Ames IA
1955	Diehl, Donovan Floyd	d.10-30-2019	Chapel Hill NC	1970	Anderson, David Allen	d.1-16-2020	Ames IA
1956	Ferguson, Jack Martin	d.12-6-2019	Boone IA	1974	Farrar, Kirk Lewis	d.11-15-2019	Ames IA
1957	Burr, Catherine Ann (Reed)	d.12-14-2019	Hebron KY	1982	Bachmann, Scott Allen	d.9-10-2019	Ankeny IA
1957	Hicks, John Frederick	d.5-12-2019	Redmond WA	1983	Barnard, Jacqueline Ann	d.11-20-2019	Bethany OK
1958	Davis, Richard Lee	d.1-8-2020	Colo IA	1986	Nelson, Gregory Shawn	d.2-4-2020	Saint Paul Mn
1958	Ellis, Gary Dean	d.11-3-2019	Ankeny IA	Staff	Aurand, Elmer Carol	d.12-11-2019	Ames IA
1958	Erickson, Donna Louise	d.1-23-2020	Story City IA	Staff	Morford, Sharon	d.1-27-2020	Port Aransas
1959	Davis, Charlotte Sylvia (Clapp)	d.1-8-2020	Colo IA	Staff	Roger Spratt	d.12-2-2019	Mesa, AZ

## Ames Education Foundation



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**P.O. Box 1125  
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Ames, IA 50010**



Ames Education Foundation announces the generous gift of the Anderson Family, in memory of Brent Anderson, to support the Ames High School STEAM Endowment.

Brent Anderson was born February 10, 1971 in Ames, IA. He attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Central Junior High, and Ames High School. He was the youngest of four siblings, Dave, Greg, and Derek. Brent lived a full life in his short time here! He played football and intramural basketball at Ames High and skied on school ski trips. He also loved computers. His high school teachers often asked Brent to help them with computer projects. This was one of his passions along with a legacy of kindness and caring for others and all are memorialized in this gift.

The Brent Anderson bequest will be devoted to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Music enrichment at Ames High and Ames district middle and elementary schools. This gift will be added to a permanent endowment to provide a perpetual stream of future support for Ames students and a living memorial to Brent. The Foundation celebrates Brent's life and his legacy and thanks the Anderson family for their vision and generosity.

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Mail to Ames High School Alumni Association, 1921 Ames High Drive, Ames, IA, 50010. Make checks payable to AHSAA.

Please circle membership dues enclosed:      1 year - \$8.00      2 years - \$15.00      3 years - \$20.00  
**Outside the USA:**      1 year - \$16.00      2 years - \$30.00      3 years - \$40.00  
 Additional Donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Memorial enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Num: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (first set of numbers on name label)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ If married, is your spouse an AHS grad? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

First and last name of spouse (maiden name of wife): \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's first and maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and addresses of brothers and sisters who graduated from AHS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of other relatives who graduated from AHS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and address of someone who will always know your address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Suggestions / comments for the AHAA (special events, newsletter ideas, anything): \_\_\_\_\_

## 2020 AHSAA Officers



W. C. "Bill" Ripp, Director; Ed Hendrickson, Jr, '74, Vice-President & Web Master; Robin Haugland Fletcher, '74, Auxiliary; R. J. "Jack" Smalling, '58, President; Mary Hosmer Shahan, '54, Secretary; Kirk Schmaltz, AEF Representative. Not pictured: Connie Martin Vaclav, '76, Treasurer. *(Editor's note: "We have multiple requests—anything over one is multiple—for a picture of the officers responsible for the operation of the AHSAA." So here it is, and "It is what it is!")*

## **AHSAA Calendar**

### **2020 AHSAA Monthly Meetings:**

April 21	May 19
June 16	July 21

### **2020 Class Reunions:**

June 26-28	Class of 1975 - 45th Reunion
June 26-28	Class of 1980 - 40th Reunion
August 8	Class of 1960 - 60th Reunion
August 14-15	Class of 1985 - 35th Reunion
Sept. 11-13	Class of 1965 - 55th Reunion
Oct. 2-4	Class of 1970 - 50th Reunion
Dec. 26	All Classes Holiday Gathering

### **2021 Class Reunions:**

June 25-27	Class of 1981 - 40th Reunion
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**The AHSAA meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please email or call (515-232-0230) for the exact time and location of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

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