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2017 Alumnus of the Year Mary Paula Collins Nicewanger



Mary Paula (Collins) Nicewanger grew up a block and a half from Tech on Sturm. She started at Tech in the 7th grade (School 14 had no junior high). She majored in art and was in the art club and was the cartoonist for The Cannon. She graduated in 1967.

Her art teacher Miss Phemister was her mentor and had her create a portfolio for Herron School of Art, where she won a full scholarship for all four years. During college she worked evenings as a masking artist in a photoengraving shop preparing artwork for the engraver. She graduated in 1971 with an art teaching degree and got married after graduation to Steve Nicewanger (Arlington grad).

Mary Paula's first teaching job was at two elementary schools #1 & #3. She had over 1,000 students. Her second year she taught at Tech ('72-'73) in their art department. She retired from teaching the following year before the birth of her daughter (Mary Beth). She went on to work at Lee Wards Arts & Crafts teaching craft classes. In 1982 she appeared weekly on Channel 8 Noon News with Debbie Knox and Ray Rice demonstrating crafts in a five minute live presentation.

Her second child a boy (Chris) was born that following year and she stayed home a couple years doing freelance art and teaching art classes for Free University, Walker Career Center and several High School Adult Education Classes.

Next was a seven year career at L.S. Ayres Advertising Department as a layout artist. She oversaw photo shoots for catalogues and traveled to New York for Fashion Shoots. Ayres was bought by May Co. in 1992 and again she had to start over. A two year job in Hook's Advertising Department and then two years at H.H. Gregg gave her the computer skills she needed to apply at The Indianapolis Star in 1996. As a graphic artist in that Advertising Department she handled hundreds of clients.

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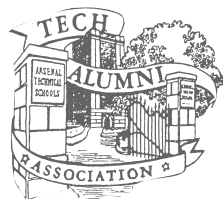
Alumni Day 2017

ALL CLASSES WELCOME!
June 10th | Tech Campus

8 am Campus Opens
10 am Awards Program
Lunch Following Program

Register & Order
Lunch by June 1st

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A Message from the Alumni Association President

Greetings Techites!

It is hard to believe another year has gone by. Spring has finally arrived, and Alumni Day, June 10, 2017, will be here before you know it.

As a former Tech High School teacher and administrator, I still have a lot of Tech gear. Whenever I go out wearing a Tech sweatshirt or jacket, someone will invariably stop and tell me that they or a relative or friend either attended or worked at Arsenal Technical High School. They usually have a really good story or two, and so many of them remark about the positive impact being at our alma mater had on their lives. Even now Arsenal Tech continues to have that positive impact on many students. These young people are our future, and that is why your Alumni Association is committed to helping them have the same great educational opportunities that you and I had.

To help serve these young people who are not that different from the way you and I were as high school students, the Alumni Association continues to need your support. The money you donate allows us to provide scholarships to the students and grants to the faculty and staff. The time you donate helps us support the Tech administration by supplying them with extra manpower to help with campus activities.

Our new Tech Alumni vice president and director of operations, Mr. Dennis S. Nichols (Class of 1971), has spearheaded an effort to increase Alumni membership and to focus our energies. Under his leadership we have established or reestablished several committees. Among these are committees on Membership, Publicity and Publication, Service Projects and Programs, and Sponsored Events and Fundraising. If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, please email Dennis at dsamnichol@yahoo.com.

I hope you will join us on the Tech campus for Alumni Day. In addition to having an excellent catered lunch, there will be much to see, including the military memorial in front of the Arsenal, the Tech Museum in the McClintock Media Center, and the Alumni Plaza in front of the Anderson Auditorium. Best of all will be the opportunity to interact with many of your Tech classmates. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. There are several ways you can contact the Alumni Association. You may phone us at 317-693- 5459. You may drop us a line at P.O. Box 11433, Indianapolis, IN 46201. You may e-mail me at vista51@att.net, or check out our website at athsa-lumniassociation.org.

Thank you very much for helping the Tech Alumni Association support Tech students and for helping us to maintain the history and traditions of our alma mater.

With warmest regards,

Bill Buckley, Class of 1969

2017 ATHS Alumni Association

Alumnus of the Year (continued from cover)

When in 2005, The Star (Gannett) bought all the community newspapers in Indy, she was sent to the Eastside Herald to manage and be the graphic artist. After 3 1/2 years there with a successful newspaper, The Star closed all 3 community newspapers in 2009.

She and the other 3 ladies who worked at the Herald started their own independent newspaper the next week. The Eastside Voice which has become the Weekly View has been in publication for 8 years, with an online version at weeklyview.net. The newspaper has 8 regular columnists and is very well read in the community. They distribute in 24 zipcodes and 500 locations from downtown Indy, east to Greenfield, north to Lawrence, Geist, Castleton, Broad Ripple and south to Beech Grove, Southport, New Pal and everywhere in between.

Irvington is the core of their newspaper and Mary Paula and her husband (retired Librarian) have lived in the same house in Irvington for 38 years. They have a 7 year old granddaughter and 3 year old grandson. In 2012 during the Tech Centennial Year, Mary Paula wrote a story a month about Tech and then compiled them into a Tech Tabloid that she had inserted in her newspaper the week before the Centennial celebration. Mary Paula passes the Tech campus down Michigan and up Oriental at least 4 times a week on the way to and from visiting her grandkids. She loves Tech!

Annual Award Winners

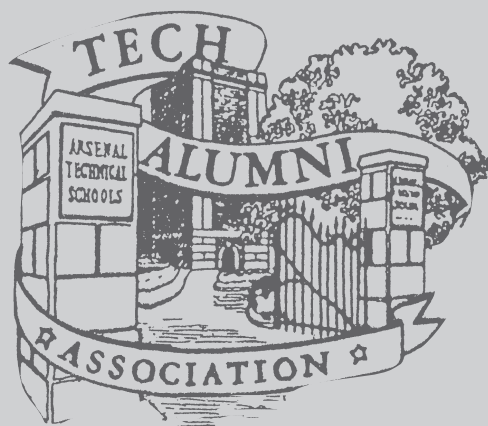
Please join us on Alumni Day, June 10th, to learn more about these deserving award winners.

DUANE BLANKENHORN AWARD | Joe Fuller ('82)

WALLY POTTER AWARD | Tim Oliver ('89)

HONORARY TECH GRADUATE | Dr. Vernita Robinson

KARL J. STIPHER AWARD | Janet White Meyer ('46) and Katherine Sullivan Corey ('46)



Want to help the Tech Alumni Association?

Your Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help us grow the organization and better serve all graduates of Tech. We are looking for people to serve on one of our newly created committees. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Nichols ('71) at dsamnichol@yahoo.com.

CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to TECHnicallySpeaking@ameritech.net

Guidelines for Posting Class Announcements



Reunion notices and other class announcements are published in **TECHnically Speaking** on a space-available basis. Priority will be given based upon proximity of the event to the publication date of the newsletter, and to those groups which incorporate the Alumni Association's Tech Alumni Day activities as an integral part of their reunion events.

Event planners are encouraged to keep their announcements brief. All class announcements must include at least 1 but no more than 3 contacts, with each having a phone number and/or e-mail address.

TechFest

September 9, 2017

Techfest will be held on September 9, 2017 at the Sertoma Club located at 2316 South German Church Rd. from noon till 9 PM. Techfest is an open picnic for all alumni of Tech high school. There will be door prizes, a DJ, live music, games and much more. Come see all your old friends! For information, call Mike at 317-709-5815 or email us at techfest@aol.com. Techfest is also on Facebook.

Class of 1948

70th Reunion
June 10, 2017

Class 1948 will be celebrating their 70th reunion on Alumni Day June 2018. For more details contact Wanda Towner Harris 317-839-1656 or jwharris1@juno.com.

Class of 1951

Lunch Bunch

The Class of 1951 "Lunch Bunch" has been meeting bi-annually for 10 years at the MCL Cafeterias. Our first luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 1 PM at the south side MCL, 3630 S. East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The September luncheon is Wednesday, September 13, 1 PM, 5520 Castleton Corner, Indianapolis, Indiana.

We look forward to meeting for lunch each year and visiting with our classmates. In addition we usually have members of other classes who join us. You will be notified electronically prior to the luncheon in order that we may have a count of those attending. Those members who have previously attended a luncheon and do not have a computer are notified with a postcard. We hope you plan to attend one or both of our luncheons in 2017!

Class of 1957

60th Reunion
June 9, 2017

The sixty year reunion of the Class of 1957 will be held on Friday June 9, 2017, 3PM to 7PM at The Willows on Westfield, 6729 Westfield Blvd Indianapolis, IN 46220. Reservation forms will be mailed out around April 15. If you do not receive your reservation form by May 1, please call Dick or Marie VanSant at 317-244-8111.

The deadline for submitting information for the Fall 2017 issue of *TECHnically Speaking* is October 1st.

CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to TECHnicallySpeaking@ameritech.net

Class of 1967

50th Reunion
June 9, 2017

June 9th is the date for our 50th reunion. The reunion will be held at Primo's near South Keystone and I-65. Meet & greet will run from 4 pm to 6:30 pm with Dinner at 6:30 pm followed by door prizes and dancing at 7:30 pm. We are also extending a very warm invitation to classmates from other classes to be part of the fun. If you want a registration form, please contact Paula Nicewanger at: paula.eastsidevoice@yahoo.com. If you prefer, you can call her at 317-508-4717.

You can also go to this site and download a registration form:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/330556683970320/files/>

You can also join your classmates at Tech High School at TechAlumni Day the very next morning (Saturday, June 10) for a class picture at 9:00 am, Alumnus of the Year presentation at 10:00 am, and lunch (register with the Alumni Association through this Technically Speaking). Please join us in celebrating our years at Tech and rekindling the friendships we made there. Hope to see you June 9th and 10th.

Class of 1981

36th Reunion
June 9, 2017

Hello AHS Class of 1981! As we embark on the Annual Alumni day at AHS, we are planning to come together to celebrate our 36TH Anniversary! More details to follow soon. In the interim, please complete the form within your newsletter to register and to order lunch. If you have additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 317-257-6097. Looking forward to seeing you, Anita Matthews (Chambers)

Class of 1987

30th Reunion
June 23-24, 2017

Friday, June 23 - class of 1987 White Party at Indianapolis Urban League - 7pm to 11pm
Go to the following site for information and registration:
<https://1987athsclassreuni.wixsite.com/aths1987reunion>

Saturday, June 24 - classes of 1985 through 1989 are invited to join us at Eagle's Crest/ Eagle Creek Park for a picnic - 3pm to 7pm
Go the following site for information and registration:
<https://1987athsclassreuni.wixsite.com/aths1987reunion/saturday-pitch-in>

Questions?

Send an email to the planning committee at: 1987athsclassreunion@gmail.com

2016-2017 AHS Alumni Association

Board of Directors (*voting members*)

President, Bill Buckley ('69); Vice President, Dennis Nichols ('71); Treasurer, Linda Clark Hunter ('64); Corresponding Secretary/ Records, Midge Kelley ('92); Recording Secretary, Deborah Deckard Gerlach ('70); Endowment Fund Grants, Judy Maxwell Coons ('56); Ways and Means, Linda Clark Hunter ('64); Newsletter Editor, Ray Allison ('92); Scholarships, Marilyn Hicks Hoffman ('60); Reunion Coordinator, Betty Brock Stucker ('50); Alumni Day Activities, O. Elaine Thompson Pfenning ('62); On-Campus Liaison, Beth A. Aubrey Meyer ('77).

Other Alumni Association Leaders:

Joe Fuller ('82), Ramon L. Batts ('90), Timothy A. Oliver ('89), Michael J. Burris ('74), Peggy Berchekas Clark ('66), Linda S. Hill ('69), Rondell L. Jackson ('98), Donald L. Parish ('59), and Sharon A. Stewart ('59).

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Wilson, Raymond

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Brunot, Joyce E. Ilett
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Yoas, Audralee Glaubke

CLASS OF 1951

Class of 1951 Lunch Bunch

CLASS OF 1952

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CLASS OF 1954

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CLASS OF 1955

Harding, Richard G.
Sullivan, Barbara Schmidt

CLASS OF 1956

Kehrer, Robert E.

CLASS OF 1957

Taylor, Jerry A.

CLASS OF 1959

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Shelton, Sharon N. Coffee

CLASS OF 1960

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Woods, Charles B.

CLASS OF 1962

Barnes, Maurice A.

CLASS OF 1963

Hyatt, Stephen J.
Lebo, Susan Forkner

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Yarian-ScalPELLI, Jenny
Goodnight

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Jackson, Carol Oakley
Stella, William
Stella, Kathy
Wallace, Phillip
Young, Greg C.

CLASS OF 1969

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Collins, William
Fuller, Joseph
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Kelley, Midge
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1948

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Bowman, Richard, 1959

Jackson, Joyce

In Memory Of:

Fisher, James, 1963,
Forkner, Jeanne, 1966 &
Churchman, Mary Riner, 1962

In Honor Of:

Rinehart, William E., 1948

Surchevich, George, 1949 &
Surchevich, Theodore, 1954

Kehrer, James, 1948

Bowman, Donald,
Russell Bowman Family,
Bowman, Janet, 1953,
Bowman, David, 1956

Her parents and siblings

Tech Alumni Response Form

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ATHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11433 Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

Name & Address

☐ Check here if this is a name or address change

Name: _____ Class Year: _____
First Middle (Maiden) Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Contributions

All contributions are tax deductible. Please include a Matching Gift form if your employer will match your contribution

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All contributions should be made to the [ATHS Alumni Association](#) and mailed to the above address

Alumni Day Reservations

Reservations due by June 1, 2017

Registration includes all activities and a buffet lunch provided by Malone's Catering.

Buffet lunch must be pre-ordered using this form.

Luncheon Buffet

Southern fried chicken, Southern BBQ on bakery-fresh buns,
BBQ baked beans, cole slaw, corn on the cob, and brown
country biscuits with apple butter

Beverage Choices

Tea and lemonade are included with lunch buffet
Soft drinks and bottled water will be available for
purchase on Alumni Day (pre-ordering not required).

Registration Fee: _____ x \$15.00 each = \$ _____ (fee includes luncheon buffet)

Additional Donation to Alumni Association: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Names of attendees and class years: _____



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News & Notes

Endowment Fund Grant Awards

Following is a list of ATHS Alumni Association
Grant Award recipients in the last 6 months.

September 2016: \$1,200.00

Eric Floyd
Homecoming Activities

November 2016: \$7,200.00

Brandon Anderson
Band trip to New York



New Veterans Memorial Plaque

There have been calls
asking if another
plaque will be put on
the Veterans Wall. We
are collecting names
and donations for this
to happen. You can call
Wanda Towner Harris
at (317) 839-1656 or

e-mail her at jwharris1@juno.com. We will need around
300 names before this can happen and about \$1000.00 to
pay for it. Send your donations to the Tech Alumni Assn.
with a note for the Veterans Memorial.