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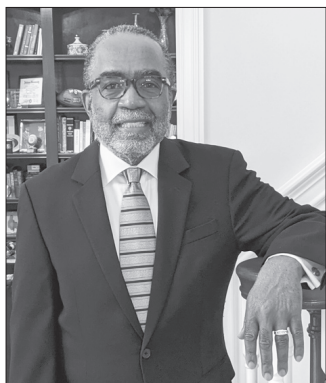
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## 2021 Alumnus of the Year **Dennis S. Nichols, class of 1971**

A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, the 2021 Alumnus of the Year, Dennis S. Nichols, is a product of Indianapolis Public Schools. He fondly remembers several educators from his K-12 education that had a profound impact on his life. While in elementary school, he made the decision to become a teacher just like those who taught him. He recalls his middle school teachers, some with PhD degrees, teaching at a level that today would be referred to as AP level instruction.

Even though he lived on the westside of Indianapolis, he made the decision to attend Arsenal Technical High School because of its diverse population and beautiful campus atmosphere. Dennis is an immensely proud 1971 graduate of Tech High School where he experienced all that he could academically and socially, including sports, ROTC, music and various clubs. The summer before his senior year, he met his best friend and soulmate, Pamela Murray. The two of them have been together since that day. They have been married for 48 years and have two children. After graduating, he attended Ball State University planning to major in education. At the end of his freshman year, Dennis was drafted into the US Army during the Viet-



nam War. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he immediately returned to college enrolling at Indiana University still majoring in education. Three years later he started his teaching career

with IPS, while working on his master's degree in school administration. Over the next four years he would earn two additional degrees in education along with becoming an assistant principal.

For over 40+ years he served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal (at both the elementary and secondary levels). He has also served at the school district level in many roles including consultant, Director of Business Services, Director of Operations, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. During his years of service, he was recognized by his peers and others. Among those awards are: Indiana Association of School Principals "Elementary Principal of the Year", School District Administrator of the Year, Butler University's Fellowship Award, Completing of the Indiana Principals Leadership Academy, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA) Life Achievement Award,

Indiana Minority Business "Champions of Diversity Award", Excellence in Leadership Award in Education, Indiana Competitions for Excellence in Service Award, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Award, and has been inducted into both the Indiana and National PTA Halls of Fame. Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut presented Dennis with a "Key to the City" and the Alumni Association awarded him the Distinguished Graduate Award and the Hanson H. Anderson Service Award.

Mr. Nichols has served several local, state and national associations and on their boards. Those include the Indiana Association of School Principals (President of District 11 - 1991-92 and 1997-98), the National Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals, American Association of School Administrators, Indiana Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, United Way of Central Indiana, Salvation Army of Indiana, Indiana University Alumni Association, Kiwanis Indiana, American Legion - Department of Indiana, National Alliance of Black School Educators, National Education Association, Indiana Association of School Business Officials, and Tech Alumni Association Board including two terms as President.

Since retirement Dennis enjoys spending time traveling and vacationing with his grandchildren, one in high school and the other attending IU. He and his wife have

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## Volunteer!

Your Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help us grow the organization and better serve all students and graduates of Tech. We are looking for people to serve on our committees. If you are interested please contact Anita (Chambers) Matthews at [majorclark@att.net](mailto:majorclark@att.net) or Cliff Bennett at [Cliff.Bennett@att.net](mailto:Cliff.Bennett@att.net) or leave a message on the Alumni voicemail (317) 693-5459

## Alumni Day 2021

**ALL CLASSES WELCOME!**

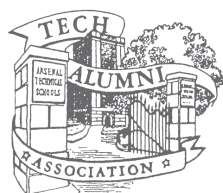
**SATURDAY,**

**September 11th**

7am Campus Gates Open  
10:00am Awards Program  
Lunch Following Program

**Register & Order Lunch  
by August 20th**

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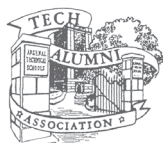
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## A Message from the Alumni Association President

### ***Hello Fellow Titans,***

Welcome to this edition of Technically Speaking. As I reflect on this time last year, the first case of COVID-19 was announced within the state of Indiana and we were beginning to receive guidance from the CDC, state and local officials. Given the impact of the coronavirus pandemic worldwide, we are challenged yet again this year with the timing of our Annual Alumni Day. The health, safety and welfare of those in attendance is of the utmost importance to us. As a result, our Annual Alumni Day Program and Luncheon is scheduled on Saturday, September 11, 2021. On Alumni Day we will introduce our 2021-2022 Alumni Officers and Board of Directors. This day is also the "Birthday" of Arsenal Technical High School. Tech will be 109 years old on September 11, 2021. We plan to kick off **Alumni Weekend**, with Homecoming scheduled on Friday, September 10, 2021. In addition, that evening the Class of 1971, will celebrate their 50TH Reunion. Then, following our Annual Alumni Day Program of events, we will continue with the TechFest celebration. **Alumni Weekend** will certainly be a full weekend of events that you do not want to miss!

While so much has happened over the last year, there is so much to appreciate and celebrate, as it is good to know that the Arsenal Technical High School Alumni Association is still here - active and carrying out the mission of the Association.

We are thankful to each of you for your uncompromising support. As a result, the Alumni Board can continue to execute the operations required to sustain the Association. The Alumni Association plans to provide scholarships to our deserving students of the graduating Class of 2021. Additionally, we were able to continue to support Tech students and staff with the recent approval of another grant.

Thank you for your contributions. As a result, we continue to make a difference and positively impact the lives of our students, and staff at Tech High School.

The Alumni Association Board makeup reflects the entire alumni population, with members from varied backgrounds, graduation years, geographic regions, gender, race and ethnicity. The group seeks new members to broaden its reach to alumni. I ask you to strongly consider reaching out to us and asking how you can serve your Alumni Association.

Please keep in touch with the Alumni Association. You may contact us at 317-693-5459 or email us at [athsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:athsalumniassociation@gmail.com). Our website address [www.athsalumniassociation.com](http://www.athsalumniassociation.com). Please send all mail communication to P.O. Box 11433, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201.

*Best Regards,*

*Anita Chambers Matthews, Class of 1981  
President, ATHS Alumni Association*

# CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to **ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com** • With Reunion News in the subject line.

## 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 contact with a phone number and/or e-mail address

## TechFest Sept. 11, 2021

**Techfest** will be held on September 11, 2021 at the Sertoma campgrounds located at 2316 S. German Church Rd. The event starts at noon and continues until about 8 PM. There will be a car show, class pictures, 50-50 drawing, live music, food, fellowship and much more! Five dollar donation appreciated. Please bring your own chairs, drinks and a side dish to share. For info, call Mike at **317-709-5815**. Techfest is also on Facebook

## Class of 1951 Lunch Brunch June 9, 2021

Although we were unable to meet in 2019 because of COVID-19 we are cautiously optimistic about meeting on Wednesday, June 9, at 1 PM. at the MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S. East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227. We have checked with MCL and they are maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks and all other precautions. Most of us will have had our vaccines by that time. We are asking that you RSVP ASAP so that we may know your intentions. All members who do not have computer access will receive a notification via snail mail or phone call.  
barbara.heiden@comcast.net or **317-881-5427**.

## Class of 1961 60th Reunion Sept. 11, 2021

As our country continues to return to more normal ease of travel with vaccinations and other restrictions behind us, the Class of 1961 60th Reunion will also be postponed until Saturday September 11th, 2021. This date will also accommodate the opportunity to participate in other ATHS Homecoming event Friday the 10th and TECHfest event the afternoon of Saturday the 11th. Additional volunteers are welcome to join the planning committee and reaching out to all our classmates. FOR FURTHER INFO: Please contact David and Donna Moon Opel at **317-796-2031** and forward any additional contact information to DRussell3@comcast.net.

## Class of 1970 50th Reunion Update

The Class of 1970 projects were well received and have come to fruition! The grave marker for Bessie Anderson Speights is complete and has been installed at Floral Park Cemetery. The dedication date will be Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. at Floral Park. The Indiana Historical Society is helping us promote this endeavor and we also hope to have media presence in attendance at the ceremony. Please plan to attend! The scholarship fund has also been established and we will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving senior on Supreme Day. It is our sincere hope that we will continue to receive donations on a regular basis to keep this scholarship funded and available to award each year. If you wish to make a donation, please make checks payable to ATHS Alumni Association and mail to P.O. Box 11433, 46201. Be sure to put a note on the memo line of your check that it is for the Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions, please email Debbi Deckard Gerlach at dkgerlac@yahoo.com.

The deadline for submitting information for the Fall 2021 issue of TECHnically Speaking is **October 1, 2021**.

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## Class of 1971

50th Reunion  
Sept. 10, 2021

**CHANGE OF DATE!** Our planning committee moved our 50th reunion celebration from Friday, June 11th to Friday, September 10th. In consideration of your health, safety and welfare and by this date all those 18 and older will have had an opportunity to receive a Covid-19 vaccine. After almost two years of planning this event we have everything scheduled for you to experience including cocktail/social hour, full buffet dinner, program, live band, dancing, socializing, photographer and our alumni apparel available for purchase and much more. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Checks and money orders should be made payable to: ATHS Class of 1971 50th Reunion. All payments should be mailed to Bruce Oakley, 8540 Palm Court, Indianapolis, IN 46219 before Thursday, July 1, 2021. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

Mark your calendars, our reunion date is set for the evening of Friday, September 10, 2021, at Primo Banquet Hall & Conf Center, 2615 National Ave, Indianapolis, IN. We begin at 5:30pm with a cocktail/social hour. The Tech Homecoming & Tail gating is also scheduled on the Tech campus throughout that date. If you have any questions, contact Dennis S. Nichols at dsam317@gmail.com or Bruce Oakley at boakley53@aol.com

Reunion Planning Committee: Brenda Cooper Holloway, Bruce Oakley, Debbie Coffman Durrett, Dennis S. Nichols, Frances Bradley McCavley, James Isbell, Jim Lingenfelter, Maureen K. Sands Treece, Paul Wilson, Randy Auble, Ronald Davie, Ronald Seats and Terri Wong Kurbusky.

## Class of 1981

40th Reunion  
Sept. 10-11, 2021

Plans are underway for our 40th Class Reunion. Members of the Class of 1981 are meeting virtually every two weeks. If you wish to receive email updates and/or participate on the planning committee, please send your contact information to: majorclark@att.net. If you do not have access to email, please leave a detailed message on our alumni office voice mail **(317) 693-5459**. Include your first name, maiden name and last name, address and telephone numbers for a return call. Our event is set for September 10 - 11, 2021. Mark Your Calendar! If you have any questions, please contact John Crawford (john@kjcproperties.com) or Anita (Chambers) Matthews (majorclark@att.net.)

## Class of 1982

40th Reunion  
Summer, 2022

The Class of 1982 is planning our 40th Class Reunion for the summer of 2022. Please send your contact info to Kim (Bernard) Hood at ATHS1982@gmail.com and we will send you class reunion updates as they come along. Secondly, join our Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Tech1982/> to keep informed. The Facebook page is called "Arsenal Technical High School Class of 1982". See You Soon!

**Classes of 1966, 1976,  
1986, 1991, 1996,  
2001, 2006 & 2011**  
Sept. 11, 2021

To celebrate the anniversaries of the 55 year, 45 year, 35 year, 30 year, 25 year, 20 year, 15 year, and 10 year classes, separate tables will be set up so that you can catch up with former classmates. Be sure to send in your luncheon reservation on the sheet in this newsletter. The Alumni Association looks forward to seeing you on September 11th.

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# Memorial Gifts to the Tech Alumni Association

*Thank you for your generous support of Tech and its students through your Memorial Giving*

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## In Memory Of:

James A. Towner, 1948 and Robert M. Book, 1948  
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 In memory of my sons  
 Rudolph (Rudy) L. Mayes, 1952  
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 Lyman Patterson, 1940  
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 Edna Taylor  
  
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 Ralph Jester and Donald Powers, 1957  
 Dr. Stephen D. Beeker, 1957  
 P. Diane Bowman Comstock 1957 and Tech English teacher  
 Carlos Bell - Tech Coach  
 Robert Wegener, 1957  
 Mary Mitchell Johnson, 1958  
 Larry I. Bland, 1958  
 Karl Kalp - Tech Faculty and IPS Supertendent  
 Inez Jean Hammonds, 1953  
 Joyce Ann Carlross, 1962  
 Olen Eugene Bailey, 1937  
 Wallace "Wally" Saettel, 1950  
 Dorothy Grigsby Habig, 1938 and Louis C. Habig, 1936  
 Patricia Englert Gessner, 1952  
 Robert A Beck 1965  
 Mark Aaron, 1965  
 Linda Clark Hunter, 1964  
 Thomas Danheiser - Tech English Teacher  
 Frank E. Hill, 1927 and Margaretta (Leibel) Hill, 1930  
 Linda Clark Hunter, 1964  
 Robert A. Bennett 1942 and Gregory R. Bennett 1967  
 Linda Glover 1969 and Laurence R. Hayes, III -Lawrence Central - 1967  
 Bessie Anderson Speights, 1916  
 Bessie Anderson Speights, 1916  
 Phyllis A. Snow, 1968  
 Michael "Oba" O'Hara, 1971  
 My mother - Ruth Paulson  
 Ernest Cline, 1950 -Tech Teacher and Coach; Alice Goodrum, 1930  
 and Eileen Kohut - Tech English teachers

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## **In Memory Of:**

Fern Messmer Roesch, 1934  
Fern Messmer Roesch, 1934  
Lloyd Eugene Hobbs, 1945  
Fern Messmer Roesch, 1934  
Edward F. Wirtz, 1945  
Robert E. Armes, 1943 and David C. Armes, 1972  
Lloyd Eugene Hobbs, 1945  
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## **In Honor Of:**

Ollie Willoughby and Betty Tharp Willoughby, '49  
The Class of 1950  
James (Jim) Price 1968  
Sandra Clyburn, 1972 - Tech Librarian  
Tech Teachers - John Hall - History, John Tackas - English,  
and Nancy Sutton - Sr. Counselor

# Annual Alumni Award Winners

Please join us on Alumni Day, September 11th, to learn more about these deserving award winners.  
A description of these awards is found at [www.athsalumniassociation.com](http://www.athsalumniassociation.com).

**DUANE BLANKENHORN AWARD** | Jenny Goodnight Yarian-Scalpelli '64

**WALLY POTTER AWARD** | Isadore Cosby '81

**HONORARY TECH GRADUATE** | Melody Diggs-Lundsford

**KARL STIPHER AWARD AWARD** | Judy Driver

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** | David B. H. Best '46

# 2020-2021 ATHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## 2020-2021 Board Members

Anita Chambers Matthews '81, President; Clifford Bennett '69, Vice-President, Reunion Coordinator; Deb Deckard Gerlach '70, Recording Secretary; Midge Kelley '92, Corresponding Secretary; Dountonia Slack Batts '92, Treasurer, Compliance Officer; Ramon L. Batts '90, Endowment Grant Director; Linda S. Hill '68, Scholarships Director; Jenny Goodnight Yarian-Scalpellini '64, Communications Director; Diana Wong Poett '73, Ways and Means Director; Elaine Thompson Pfenning '62, Alumni Day Director; Edric Mitchell '08, On-Campus Liaison

## 2020-2021 Advisors

Dennis S. Nichols '71, Immediate Past-President; William Buckley '69, Past-President Emeritus; Rondell Jackson '98, Reunion Coordinator; Cynthia Lewis Hartshorn '70, Retired Tech Teachers'; Joe Fuller '82, Veterans Outreach Program; Beth Aubrey Meyer '77, Museum Director; Jacqueline Newbern Hudson '72, Special Projects and Events; Mary Paula Collins Nicewanger '67, Technically Speaking Layout Editor; Corye Franklin, ATHS Principal, Ex-Officio; Ray Allison '92; Peggy Berchekas Clark '66; Judith Maxwell Coons '56; Isadore Cosby '81; Howard Gearlds '68; Wanda Towner Harris '48; Marilyn Hicks Hoffman '60; Betty Brock Stucker '50; Jerry Troxel '68

If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Anita Chambers Matthews ('81)** at [majorclark@att.net](mailto:majorclark@att.net)

Thank you for carrying on!  
F. A. Dickmeyer '59

## Notes from ALUMNI

Charles Nelson '45 tells us that  
he still plays golf at 94.

Dustin McCallister '91 included this note  
"that he is currently an active duty Naval  
Aviator, at 20 years currently. Flying  
F-35C's out of NAS Lemoore, CA.  
Thanks for your efforts!"

According to the late Lloyd Hobbs  
'45, Tech was the place to be and  
Shortridge (where his sisters went to  
school) was for "SISSIES".

James Gallent ('45) recounts that he served in both  
WWII and the Korean Conflict. Using skills obtained  
at Tech and Lain Technical Institute, he went on to work  
for Bridgeport Brass and Alcan Aluminum among  
others retiring in 1989.

Robert Armes '43 played football while at Tech, but left  
school to join the Army. He had a 10 hour pass from  
Ft. Ben to attend graduation. He was in the Engineering  
Corp - went into Normandy on day 5. Was in 5 major  
battles including the Battle of the Bulge.

## Dennis S. Nichols (2021 Alumnus of the Year) *Continued from front cover*

traveled the globe visiting over 40 countries and four continents. They are scheduled to visit two more continents in the next two years, leaving only Antarctica left to visit. He is still actively involved with the Tech Alumni Association, serving the past five years on the board and several committees.

He has also been actively involved with the Kiwanis Northwest for the past 12 years, serving on the board including President. He continues to be an active member of American Legion Post 249 for over 45 years. He is also immensely proud to be a lifetime IU alumnus and to be involved with

the Neal Marshall Alumni Club.

Dennis now plans to focus on things he enjoyed many years ago - canvas oil painting, fishing, visiting State and National Parks and taking long walks.

# Tech Alumni Association Contributing Members

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## CLASS OF 1945

James C. Gallant  
Charles M. Nelson

## CLASS OF 1946

Janet Lou White Meyer

## CLASS OF 1947

Douglas J. Fordyce  
William M. Karandos  
Donald Lee Willoughby

## CLASS OF 1948

Wanda F. Towner Harris

## CLASS OF 1950

Delores A. Eldridge Sauer  
George Richard Erber  
Elizabeth (Betty) Janneck Dick  
Wilma J. Goens Wells

## CLASS OF 1951

Richard D. Biddlecomb

## CLASS OF 1952

Preston J. Batta  
Don B. Perry

## CLASS OF 1953

Vivian A. Larson Doyle  
Markus E. Patterson  
Anitta J. Roe Hamilton

## CLASS OF 1954

Sandra L. Allen Coate  
Mary Louise Brock-Jones Harlan  
Fred D. Sullivan

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William F. Freeman  
Alberta Matzke Buckman  
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Joyce A. Taylor Jackson  
Linda A. Zeigler

## CLASS OF 1956

Barbara Foust Freeman  
Henry (Jack) B. Sipes

## CLASS OF 1957

Alice J. McCutchan Beeker  
Janet Sue Porter Robbins  
Marlen C. Purvis  
Jerry A. Taylor  
Betty L. Wegener Clements

## CLASS OF 1958

Kathryn Cochran Lueck  
Russell David Fisher  
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Karen S. Belles Howell  
Richard E. Bowman  
Fred Dickmeyer  
Daniel William Short

## CLASS OF 1960

Carlton C. Greene MD  
Charles B. Woods  
Larry M. Hammonds

## CLASS OF 1961

George T. Hawkins Jr.  
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## CLASS OF 1962

Maurice A. Barnes  
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Shirley T. Fuller Rodriques  
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## CLASS OF 1963

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Susan Forkner Lebo  
Billie Eugene Mitchell  
Nora Newkirk Liederbach

## CLASS OF 1964

Frank Deal  
Jenny Goodnight Yarian-ScalPELLI  
John C. Habig  
Rene Robert Lewin  
Maxine R. Madritsch Mullins  
Fredric L. Snow  
Larry J. Walters

## CLASS OF 1965

Lewis C. Beem  
Elizabeth Brasher Hileman  
Thomas R. Creasser II  
Richard Eric Johnson  
Elster A. Meador Jr.  
Peteris Putelis  
Robert L. Snow

## CLASS OF 1966

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Michael D. Rows  
Gregory C. Young

## CLASS OF 1968

Betty Beverly Stigger  
Robert E. Harris  
Linda S. Hill  
Jerry E. Troxel

## CLASS OF 1969

Clifford W. Bennett  
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Claudia J. Couse Hayes  
Jerry L. Harmon  
Nathaniel Jones  
Cathy J. Ressinger  
Timothy P. Schneider

## CLASS OF 1970

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James D. Alstott  
Richard B. Bedwell  
Linda S. Chapman Wolfe  
Linda K. Chronis Abner  
Kent T. Clark  
Timothy A. Couse  
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Class of 1970 50th Reunion

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## CLASS OF 1981

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Charles W. Fairchild  
Marshall (Bill) Gibson Jr.

## CLASS OF 1982

Robert Carlton Fox  
Timothy Oakes

## CLASS OF 1993

Michael Brogan

## CLASS OF 1999

Dustin McCallister

## CLASS OF 2000

Rebekah Odell Brooking

## CLASS OF 2002

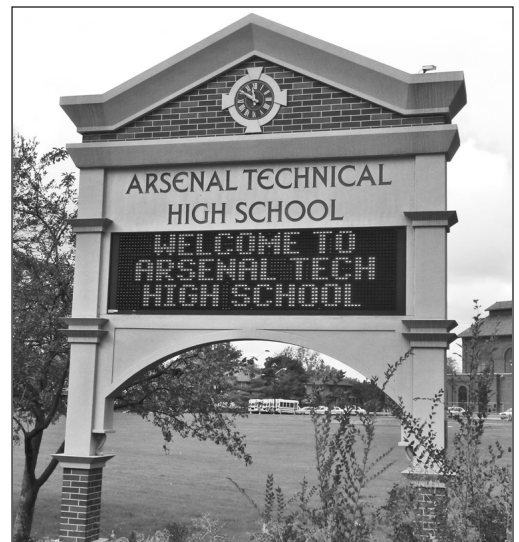
Nicholas Brooking

## CLASS OF 2009

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Reunion committees may contact Dr. Rondell Jackson '98 for more information [ronljack98@yahoo.com](mailto:ronljack98@yahoo.com)

## Tech Alumni Response Form

Please make all checks payable to: ATHS Alumni Association Mail checks  
to: 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In Memory of: ☐ In Honor of: ☐ (Attach separate sheet if necessary)

Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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All donations should be made payable to ATHS Alumni Association and mailed to the above address.

### Alumni Day Reservations due by August 20, 2021

Registration includes all activities and a box lunch provided by Malone's Catering. Box lunch must be pre-ordered using this form. Registration is not needed if NOT eating lunch.

Please select the sandwich that you wish to order with the number that you wish to order on the line next to it.

# \_\_\_\_\_ Honey Baked Ham

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad

# \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Turkey Breast

# \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(fee is for the box lunch) Additional Donation to Alumni Association: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed (including any donation): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees and class years: (use separate page if necessary)

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# ALUMNI DAY Saturday Sept. 11, 2021

## Campus Tours

Campus Open 7 am (self-guided)\*

\*golf carts available for the disabled

The 2020 - 2021 Alumni Association Board of Directors has decided to meld our Alumni Day celebration with Homecoming, several of the class reunions, and the annual TechFest. A lot will be going on, but these are the activities we plan on having on the Tech Campus on Saturday, September 11th — the 109th anniversary of the establishment of our beloved school. The gates will open at 7 a.m. Since we do not have a crystal ball, remember we will follow all CDC, State of Indiana, and City of Indianapolis guidelines for gatherings of our size. The health and safety of our

## Awards Program

10 am in the Auditorium next to Cafeteria

Alumni is our top priority. Also, we realize that in keeping with IPS mandates, buildings may not be accessible as in the past. Please check our website ([www.ATHSAlumniAssociation.com](http://www.ATHSAlumniAssociation.com)) and our various Facebook pages for updates.

Gates will open at 7 a.m. and registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the cafeteria in Moon Hall. The Class of '71 will have their 50th reunion picture taken at 9 a.m. on the north steps of the Arsenal. Other classes should check at the registration desk for the times for their picture. Alumni merchandise will also be available for sale in the cafeteria. The program

## Lunch

After Awards Program in Cafeteria

will begin at 10 a.m. in the Anderson Auditorium. The program will include a short business meeting and the presentation of Alumni Awards. The meeting will adjourn to the cafeteria for a lunch that will allow our alumni to "catch-up" with their fellow Techites. The campus will be open until 3 p.m. We have our fingers crossed that the Tech Museum (housed in the Media Center) and Alumni Room (housed in Treadwell Hall) will be open to visitors. Please watch our electronic sites for updates.

# BACK ON TRACK 2021

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**RACE STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.**

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR  
AND INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR NEAR-EASTSIDE STUDENTS AND CLUBS



The 2020 race was recognized as an official Indianapolis Bicentennial Community Project. In honor of this the committee created, under the guidance of Leana Kruska, 4 short videos depicting Arsenal Tech's vibrant and proud history. You will find the video link on [facebook.com/arsenal5k](https://facebook.com/arsenal5k)

Cost is \$20 for adults. Students run free. Check [facebook.com/arsenal5k](https://facebook.com/arsenal5k) for details on how to register on-line. All proceeds benefit scholarships for any senior student living or attending school in the Near Eastside Community Organization (NESCO) community who participates in the race or volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a race sponsor, please contact Tessie Lloyd-Jones [tesskim.lj@gmail.com](mailto:tesskim.lj@gmail.com) or Emily Angel [eangel86@gmail.com](mailto:eangel86@gmail.com)





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# The Veterans Memorial

**T**he Veterans Memorial was gifted to Tech by the Alumni of the Class of 1955 as part of their 50th Reunion celebration. By 2010 it was decided that a monument with the names of "all those who attend Tech and served in the United States armed forces" should be added to the Veterans' Memorial area. Wanda Harris ('48) and Joe Fuller ('82) took the lead in this project. While it had been hoped that the monument (which is referred to as the Veteran's Wall) could be dedicated during the celebration of Tech's Centennial, it was finally ready to be dedicated on Alumni Day in June of 2013. Five plaques have been added to the original thirteen plaques with over 6700 names of veterans (living and dead) that attended Tech. However, there are more than 600 names awaiting to be added to plaques. The number of names pending to be added grows each day. To accommodate those names requires us to minimally purchase 2 additional plaques. Each plaque costs approximately \$2000. While we have more than half the money for one plaque, additional funding is needed to continue to add names to this memorial dedicated to Tech's veterans.

Donations to purchase plaques such that we can sustain our project in honor of Tech Veterans can be directed to this project by placing "Military Memorial Fund" in the memo line of the check or money order or in the comments section of a PayPal donation. Thank you for your support and contribution.

