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## Tech Alumni Association **Operating Fund**

**T**hanks so much to all of you who have generously donated to our operating fund. This fund is responsible for the existence of our Alumni Association; we seem not to promote it as we do other funds. Our newsletter alone cost over \$7,000.00 for printing, postage and mailing of each copy. We continue to look for ways to reduce this cost, like encouraging members to receive the newsletter electronically, and as always, we are constantly updating our mailing address list to reduce the number of returned newsletters. Our Alumni Association is planning some new fundraising projects, but only main source of revenue, "donations". It should be mentioned that by buying merchandise from the Alumni Association at various Tech events also provides some funds for the operating fund. We are asking for donations to support this fund. No amount is too small or large. Send all contributions to: Arsenal Technical High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11433 Indianapolis, Indiana 46201. Or if you wish you can go to the Alumni Association website, [www.athsalumniassociation.com](http://www.athsalumniassociation.com), and using the yellow 'Donate' button at the bottom of the home page contribute via a secure Pay Pal connection using a debit or credit card. Please note on your check or Pay Pal donation that your contribution is for the operating fund.

Respectfully,

Dennis S. Nichols, Ed.S.  
President, Tech High Alumni Association

## Alumni Day – Fun for All



Alumni Day 2018 took place on June 9th on the Tech Campus. The day began with registration and campus tours, followed by the annual business meeting. Awards were presented to several Tech graduates, including Alumnus of the Year Linda Ingle Haas ('68). Lunch followed in the cafeteria where alums caught up with old friends and made new ones. All in All, Alumni Day 2018 was another success. We hope you can join us on June 8, 2019!

## Donate Today!

Help support the ATHS Alumni Association. Your donations are tax deductible, and many employers have matching programs.

Your donation help support projects for students and teachers, provide scholarships to deserving students, and improve the quality of school life for all Tech students.

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## Want to Help the Alumni Association?

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 one of our newly created committees. If you are interested please contact **Anita Chambers-Matthews ('81)** at [majorclark@att.net](mailto:majorclark@att.net)



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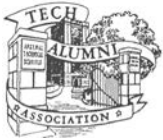
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## A Message from the Alumni Association President

### Greetings Fellow Alumni and friends of Tech

by Dennis S. Nichols, Ed.S. Class of 1971

*It is my honor to serve in the leadership role as president of Tech Alumni Association. I would like to update you on a few of the changes being implemented this year.*

*Anita Chambers-Matthews, Vice President and Timothy Oliver, Campus Liaison, and I met over the summer with Corye Franklin to welcome him as Tech's new Principal. Among other things, we discussed ways in which our Alumni Association can support one of the greatest challenges facing Tech students today - meeting graduation requirements. As a result, the Tech Administration and the Alumni Association have resolved to partner in assisting Tech's students to meet many of the challenges that face them daily.*

*After visiting the Alumni Room at Arlington High School, through discussion and planning, our Association has established an on-campus Alumni Room. This room is in Treadwell Hall, room 127. During the school day items are available that the students might need. The Association has stocked this room with items such as school supplies, uniforms, book bags, snacks packages, hygiene kits with toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc., and much more. If you wish to monetarily support this effort, please send all checks payable to ATHS Association to the attention of "Alumni Room" on the memo line. Please mail to our P.O. Box listed below.*

*Our Alumni Association has reached out to the Tech Retired Teachers Association to partner in activities and events. We are planning to include the Retired Teachers Association on Alumni Day by showing a special series of videos showcasing the rich history of Tech High School.*

*The Tech Athletic Hall of Fame is coming back with its own Board of Directors. This Board will have the responsibility of identifying past outstanding athletes. Using the criteria in the Athletic Hall of Fame By-Laws and Procedures, the final selection of individuals will take place. All recipients will be honored at the planned Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Banquet. The date and location for this event will be announced in the spring issue of this publication, TECHnically Speaking newsletter.*

*Many of you are independently providing support to Tech students. I personally invite you to attend our monthly Board meetings to hear about more projects and programs the Association has taken on. Our meeting dates, time and location are posted on our website at [www.athsalumniassociation.com](http://www.athsalumniassociation.com). You may also e-mail me personally at <mailto:dsn41752@gmail.com> or leave a message on our voice mail at 317-693-5459. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 11433 Indianapolis, IN 46201. Please consider becoming an active member of your Alumni Association by contacting our Vice President, Anita Chambers-Matthews, Class of 1981 at [majorclark@att.net](mailto:majorclark@att.net). Thanks for all that you do to help support the Tech Alumni Association. We will continue to advance our efforts by helping students at Tech and preserving the rich history of our alma mater.*

# Annual Alumni Award Winners

On Alumni Day, June 8, 2018 the **Alumni Association** presented several awards. President Bill Buckley first introduced Mr. Rick Newlun as the newest Honorary Tech graduate. Mr. Newlun, Facility Coordinator, was introduced to Tech Alumni when he was drafted by some charming volunteers in the Tech Centennial Museum to perform all sorts of herculean tasks. He single-handedly hung most of the pictures in both of the museum's locations and built most of the displays. He is always available to let volunteers into the Media Center and/or museum when the facilities are locked. Whenever they need a table or chairs, he knows where everything is hidden on campus – all of this in addition to his regular duties. He is indeed a Tech Titan.

For 2018 President Buckley chose to award the **President's Award** to James and Monica (Smith) Lomax from the Class of 1990. Mr. and Mrs. Lomax are the founders of LikeNOther Foundation which has as its mission "To reach urban youth to promote successful preparation for life through mentoring, life-skills, and academics". The Lomaxes, through this foundation, are leading the youth of the Tech community towards the ultimate goal – a quality education that will sustain them through life.

Established in 2002 to honor Duane Blankenhorn ('52), teacher, guidance counselor, and a Past-President of the Alumni Association, the **Duane Blankenhorn Award** is given to an Alumni Association member who has served for at least 5 years on the Alumni Association Board. This year's recipient is Ray Allison ('92). Ray has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2009, where he has been responsible for publishing our newsletter, *TECHnically Speaking*, and for maintaining the Association's Web site. Ray is leaving the board this year but is thankful for the opportunity to serve Tech.

The **Karl Stipher Award**, named in honor of the first Alumni Association President, was established to recognize people, whether they are a graduate or not, who have dedicated themselves to Arsenal Technical High School. This year's recipient is Beth Aubrey Meyer ('77). Beth, who spent most of her time while a student Tech in the Music Department (Orchestra, Bell Choir, Boys' Octet accompanist, and Techoir), taught music at 3 IPS elementary schools for 10 years before returning to Tech as Orchestra Director in 1991. She served as co-chair of the Tech Centennial Committee and as a voting member of the Alumni Association Board, most recently as campus liaison. Although she has retired from IPS, she is continuing to advise the Alumni Board as the Director of the Tech Alumni Centennial Museum.

The **Wally Potter Memorial Award** was established in 2010 to recognize a Tech graduate who has played a sport, coached a sport, or been involved in the Tech Athletic program in some way and has supported the Tech Athletic program, the Tech Academic program, or Alumni Association activities in some way since their graduation. The 2018 honoree is Mr. John Kanouse. John Kanouse ('56) was a long time Tech Social Studies teacher and the Head of the Social Studies Department. He was a member of the Tech Community Council and was one of the founders of the Tech Athletic Hall of Fame. As Strong supporters of Tech athletics, he and his wife, Carolyn, have attended every Tech home basketball game for 40-odd years.

# CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to [ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com](mailto:ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com)

## 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

Sept. 14, 2019

TechFest will be held on September 14, 2019 at the Sertoma campgrounds located at 2316 S. German Church Rd. TechFest is a picnic/party open to all alumni of Tech high school. It's always a great time! For further details, call Mike Burris at 317-709-5815. TechFest is also found on Facebook.

There will be a TechFest golf outing in 2019 at a date TBD. For further information, call Richard at 317-590-8772 or Gus at 317-625-3809.

## Class of 1951

Lunch Brunch  
June 12, 2019  
Sept. 11, 2019

Our Class of 1951 Lunch Bunch has met twice a year for 10 years. Our spring luncheon is on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 1 PM, at the MCL Cafeteria on the south side of Indianapolis. The fall luncheon is on Wednesday, September 11, 1 PM at the MCL Cafeteria in Castleton.

We have a great time visiting with our former classmates and welcome members who visit from other Tech classes. Electronic notification is sent to our entire class and notices are mailed to those recent attendees with no email address. For information contact Barbara Mohr Heiden, at 317-881-5427, <mailto:barbara.heiden@comcast.net>

## Class of 1959

60th Reunion  
June 7, 2019

**ATTENTION CLASS OF 1959!** We are busy planning a 60th reunion get-together which will be on Friday evening June 7. SAVE THIS DATE! Complete details will be in the Spring issue of *TECHnically Speaking* which will be out in early May of 2019 with details (time, venue, cost, etc.) Please let us know now if you are interested in joining us. This will help us with venue selection (room size) and food planning. Your response does not obligate you, but it will give us a better handle regarding possible attendees.

Please reply to Donald Parish; <mailto:mooseparish@sbcglobal.net>, cell phone: (317) 445-4544. We look forward to seeing you next June!

## Class of 1969

50th Reunion  
June 7, 2019

The class of 1969 will celebrate their 50th reunion at Primo's South, 2615 National Avenue, Indianapolis (off I-65, exit 107 - South Keystone), on Friday, June 7, 2019, and continuing on Alumni Day, on Tech Campus, on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Additional information will be posted on the Facebook page - ATHS Class of 1969 50th Year Reunion. Committee contacts are: <mailto:terryloux@yahoo.com>, 317-372-6675; <mailto:cliff.bennett@att.net>, 317-973-2466; and <mailto:rodlewis1@att.net>, 317-507-6925. Reservations can be sent (along with check or money order) to ATHS Class of 1969 50th Reunion, c/o Cliff Bennett, 13799 Forum Meadows Dr, Carmel IN 46033. The cost is \$50 per person (\$100 per couple).

The deadline for submitting information for the Spring 2019 issue of *TECHnically Speaking* is March 1, 2019.

# Tech Alumni Association Contributing Members

*We acknowledge those who have contributed \$10 or more to the Alumni Association as of October 15, 2018.*

## **CLASS OF 1945**

J. Beryl Birk Nicholson  
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## **CLASS OF 1951**

ATHS Class of 1951  
Lunch Bunch  
Gene Gammons

## **CLASS OF 1954**

Thomas R. Rechenbach  
Donald E. Stevens

## **CLASS OF 1956**

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## **CLASS OF 1961**

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Many employers will match your donations dollar-for-dollar. Check with your employer.

The Tech Alumni Association can also accept donations of stock, as well as cash gifts.

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**Name & Address**  Check here if this is a name or address change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Correspondence** Please send to the address above or e-mail it to us.

We welcome your comments and encourage you to share information with us about yourself and other Tech alumni that might be of interest to others in future issues of *TECHnically Speaking*.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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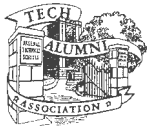
## 2018-2019 ATHS Alumni Association

### Board of Directors (voting members)

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Charles W. Norman Memorial Scholarship	Ibrahima Fall
Class of 1945 Scholarship	Saul Martinez
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