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## Tech Alumni Association Awards Ceremony



Left to right: Principal Reginald Shelt, Bill Buckley, Karen Kelly, Tim Jones, John Habig, Connie Chew, Anita Chambers Matthews, Rondell Jackson

**A**lumni Association President, Anita Chambers Matthews, chose to present the 2024 **President's Award** to **Frederick A. Kelly, Sr.** posthumously. Mr. Frederick A. Kelly, Sr., was well known to many as "Dean Kelly" at Arsenal Technical High School. He was honorably discharged from the U. S. Army with the rank of Captain after serving on active duty in World War II, the Korean War, and

as a reservist. Mr. Kelly was well respected and admired by generations of students at Arsenal Tech, serving as dean of students there from 1969 until 2009. Known by students for his bullhorn and paddle, he genuinely cared for all the students that walked through the Michigan Street gates. Talk to any Tech student from that time, and each of them will have one or more anecdotes about the beloved dean.

Mr. Kelly was the recipient of the Distinguished Hoosier award from the Governor for his longstanding and dedicated service to Tech and its students. He received his undergraduate degree from Tuskegee University, a Master of Education from Ball State University, and an honorary doctorate from Martin University, Indianapolis. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,

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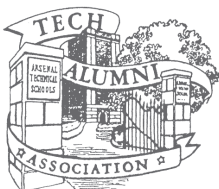
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- Strong Community Network or
- Computer Skills/graphic design or
- Experience in Leadership or
- Spirit of volunteerism or
- Strong Social Media Skills or
- Time and Tech Pride

If you have any of the above, then we need you! Please email us at [nominations@ATHSAlumniAssociation.com](mailto:nominations@ATHSAlumniAssociation.com) to discuss how you can help the ATHS Alumni Association by becoming a committee or board member or helping with alumni events and supporting our students with Tech Pride.

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### ALUMNI DAY

#### SAT. JUNE 14, 2025



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## A Message from the Alumni Association President

### ***Hello Fellow Greenclads and Titans,***

We are proud to present to you the fall edition of Technically Speaking. Over the years, our Technically Speaking newsletter has served as our primary channel to communicating and staying connected with each of you. Our newsletter is written, printed, then mailed or emailed to more than 20,000 alumni members throughout the nation and world in the spring and fall of each calendar year.

Once again, it is such an honor and pleasure to have been selected to serve as President of our Alumni Association. Thank you for your support and the trust that you have invested in me. Alumni Day was a great success! I can't begin to express the pleasure and excitement in seeing so many of you on campus as we celebrated our annual day on Saturday, June 8, 2024. Many of you really took advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with fellow classmates during the various class reunions or touring our beautiful campus while in parallel enjoying the various activities that occurred throughout the day.

As we proceed through this new school year, we remain committed to delivering on several key priorities. Specifically, our Veterans Memorial Wall, Alumni Plaza, and our Museum. While to date, several enhancements have been completed, there is still work to be done without impacting our commitment to supporting the students and staff at Tech.

We are grateful for your commitment to Tech and to our Alumni Association. Your financial support continues to enable our Alumni Association to deliver on the priorities noted above. It also gives us the means to provide our newsletter, grants in support of the staff/school, in addition to awarding scholarships to deserving graduating students.

No doubt from an impact perspective, the Board continues to evaluate the costs vs. benefits of broadly distributing hard copies of the newsletter twice a year. As such, our plans are to adjust the distribution. In doing so, our objective is certainly not to negatively impact you nor your ability to stay connected and aware of ongoing activities. Therefore, as we proceed to implement several revisions to the distribution, if you should have any questions or concerns, please contact us or me directly.

Each of us plays an integral role in ensuring that we are contributing to the sustainability of our beautiful historic campus and the successful execution of the mission of our Alumni Association.

I ask you to strongly consider reaching out to us and asking how you can serve your Alumni Association. Let's continue to work together. To appreciate and respect our differences. To understand that our strength comes from unity and not division.

Please stay connected with the Alumni Association. You may email us at [ATHSAlumniAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:ATHSAlumniAssociation@gmail.com) or at our website address [www.ATHSAlumniAssociation.com](http://www.ATHSAlumniAssociation.com). You may also contact me directly at: [amatthews@athsalumniassociation.com](mailto:amatthews@athsalumniassociation.com). Please send all mail communications to PO Box 11433, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201-0433.

Best Regards,

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

# Tech Alumni Association Awards Ceremony *Continued from front page*

Gideons International, Lions Club, and a board member at Wheelers Men's Mission. Mr. Kelly passed away July 17, 2017, at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary L. Kelly, and son, Frederick A. Kelly, Jr. He is survived by his two daughters, Janetta M. Kelly, MD, and Katrina L. Kelly. His award was accepted by his daughter, Katrina.

The 2024 Karl Stipher Award was presented to **Connie Chew**. Ms. Chew, a native of Endicott, NY, has lived in Indianapolis most of her adult life. She is a mother of three children, all of them graduating from an IPS high school and currently attending college. One child graduated from Tech in 2022 even receiving the Alumni Association's Annual Scholarship. Ms. Chew has worked for Indianapolis Public Schools for 28 years with twenty plus of those years working directly with families and the community as a parent liaison, now known as FACE (Family and Community Engagement Liaison). She has been the FACE at Arsenal Technical High School since 2014. With her own experiences in mind along with the experiences of the parents that she has worked with over the past ten years, Ms. Chew

has developed the Parent Center to assist the parents and community of Arsenal Tech with food, toiletries, and clothing. The Alumni Association supports this endeavor monetarily and by collecting donations such as the collection of canned goods during this year's Alumni Day festivities.

The 2024 Duane Blankenhorn Award went to **John Habig '64**. The son and nephew of Tech graduates from the 30s and 40s, John went on to graduate from Wabash College in 1968 with a degree in Mathematics. He then spent 2 years in the Peace Corps in the Philippines as a math teacher in a rural high school. Returning to Indiana he was a substitute teacher. Upon receiving a "letter from the President", he wound up in the Army as an artillery fire direction specialist serving in Vietnam. It was during his time in Vietnam that he married his first wife, a nurse from the Philippines. When he left the Army, he and his family returned to the Philippines where he earned a master's in mathematics from the University of the Philippines. He returned to Indianapolis where he started on a lengthy career as a life and health actuary that took him, to New Jersey,

Nevada, South Carolina and finally California. Retiring from the insurance industry, John taught high school math for a couple of years before returning to Indianapolis to be with his aging parents. Upon his return to his Hoosier roots he reconnected with his former classmate, Jenny Goodnight, and in turn reconnected with the Alumni Association. He started becoming active by being the treasurer of the Class of '64's 50th Reunion committee. Since then, he has served as a volunteer and an advisor to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. John feels his most important accomplishment are his 2 adult children who live with their spouses in California. John is a member of the Communications Committee and any other committee that needs his help.

This year, with the approval of Tech Administration, **Tim Jones**, ATHS Head Track and Field Coach, has been awarded status as this year's Honorary Tech Graduate. Tim, or "Coach," as many of his students and colleagues call him, hails from Walton, Indiana and is a 1983 graduate of Lewis Cass High School. Coach studied Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics at Purdue University in West

Lafayette, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education. Prior to becoming a professional educator, Tim worked in the financial services sector. In 2001, Coach Jones married the love of his life, Connie Jones, and she has supported his love of teaching throughout his career. In addition to teaching all levels of mathematics at Arsenal Tech for 21 years, Coach has also been a match in the Big Brothers program since 1999, a leader in an award-winning Kiwanis club and a philanthropist supporting, among other groups, the Leukemia Society of America, and the Ronald McDonald House Charities at Riley Hospital. Coach Jones has coached Cross Country and Track and Field for 20 years during which time the squad captured 2 Indianapolis City Championships and multiple conference championships. His project for the 2024-25 school year is to re-establish a Key Club Chapter on Tech's campus. Finally, in addition to his wife, Coach Jones would like to thank his parents for their support along with many of his fellow teachers and administrators, both present and past, who have made his professional journey so rewarding.



**HOLD YOUR CLASS REUNION ON CAMPUS  
AND CREATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Reunion committees may contact Dr. Rondell Jackson '98 for more information [RJACKSON@ATHSALUMNIASSOCIATION.COM](mailto:RJACKSON@ATHSALUMNIASSOCIATION.COM)



# CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to [ATHSAlumniAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:ATHSAlumniAssociation@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 a part of their events. Organizers are asked to keep their announcements brief. All notices must include at least 1 contact with a phone number and/or e-mail address.

## REMINDER

Milestone years (those years ending in 5 and 0) planning on celebrating reunions in the Spring or Fall of 2025 should send your info in by March 31, 2025 to be included in the 2025 Spring/Summer *Technically Speaking*! It does not need to be a formal gathering. Please send details to [ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com](mailto:ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com)

## TechFest

Sept. 13, 2025

**Techfest** will be held on September 13, 2025, at Sertoma campgrounds located at 2316 S. German Church Rd. starting at noon. Techfest is an all-class reunion for alumni of Tech high school. We will have music, 50-50 drawings, a car show, merchandise sales, class pictures and much more! Come on out and see all your old friends! For information, call Mike at 317-709-5815. Techfest is also on Facebook.

## Class of 1951

June 18, 2025

Our Lunch Bunch continues to meet for lunch at the MCL Cafeteria on the south side of Indianapolis, 3630 South East Street, on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 1 pm. If you can secure transportation or if you are a wife, child, dear friend who formerly attended with your loved one we would love to have you join us. Members of other classes are also invited. We will meet inside the entrance, and eat to the right in the large dining room. For questions, please contact Barbara Mohr Heiden, 317-371-2619 or [Barbara.heiden@comcast.net](mailto:Barbara.heiden@comcast.net).

## Class of 1965

60th Reunion

At TechFest

Sept. 13, 2025

Hang on to your hat everyone, because the Class of '65 is having a 60th class reunion. I know, you never thought you would ever see another one again BUT, we are going to give it one more try!! Put a hold on Saturday 9/13/25 for one of the most exciting days of the year. You will see classmates from years prior and years past. I can't imagine a better day! Please come join us! All the details will be in the Spring newsletter. If you would like to be on the planning committee or you have questions contact Sandi Wong-Brown at [TechTitians65@yahoo.com](mailto:TechTitians65@yahoo.com).

## Class of 1970

Class of '70 News! Calling all 1970 Titans! June 2025 will mark 55 years since we walked the hallways and walkways of our beautiful campus! We would like to organize an informal reunion to honor this important milestone! To make plans, we need to know who would be interested in this event. The number of responses will determine the venue, food, and cost for this gathering. Proposed date is Friday, June 13, 2025, which is the day before Alumni Day on campus. If you'd like to participate in this reunion of your 1970's classmates, please email Debbi Deckard Gerlach at [dkgerlac@yahoo.com](mailto:dkgerlac@yahoo.com) or Cindy Lewis Hartshorn at [cindychartshorn@gmail.com](mailto:cindychartshorn@gmail.com).

## Class of 1975

50th Reunion

The class of 1975 is seeking classmates to participate or volunteer to help with our 50th reunion. We have established a committee to find a location as our first step. If you would like to participate. Please text Leslie Hogue at 317-340-1925 or email at [lkhogue57@gmail.com](mailto:lkhogue57@gmail.com)

The deadline for submitting information for the Spring/Summer 2025 issue of *TECHnically Speaking* is **March 31, 2025.**

# CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to [ATHSAlumniAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:ATHSAlumniAssociation@gmail.com) with Reunion News in the subject line.

## Class of 1980

45th Reunion

Class of '80 Reunion is in the works. Send your contact info and/or questions to Dennis Hays ([dennishayes62@yahoo.com](mailto:dennishayes62@yahoo.com)), Anita Baker Allen ([anitamallen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anitamallen@sbcglobal.net)), or Willie Pittman ([williepitt@yahoo.com](mailto:williepitt@yahoo.com)).

## Class of 1985

40th Reunion

The Class of 85 is in the initial stages of Celebrating our 40 Year Reunion. We are excited and ready to see you and reminisce about our days on that beautiful campus. The committee has set up a Facebook page as well as an email to send communications. You can find our Facebook page at: AHS Class of 1985 40th Reunion. If you would like to serve on a committee or update your contact information, please send an email to: [athsclassof85@gmail.com](mailto:athsclassof85@gmail.com)

## Class of 2015

10th Reunion

Calling all Tech Titans from the class of 2015! It is time to get excited for our upcoming 10-year reunion in 2025! Reunion planning for a summer 2025 gathering is underway. Email [athsreunion2015@gmail.com](mailto:athsreunion2015@gmail.com) or text Brittany Dixon at (317) 414-9956 to be added to the contact list to receive follow-on details or express interest in assisting with coordinating the reunion. We hope to see everyone there!

## Other Classes

June 14, 2025

To celebrate the anniversaries of the "5" and "0" year classes, tables will be set up so they can catch up with former classmates. We encourage all members of all milestone years to gather on Campus for the 2025 Family Affair. The Alumni Association looks forward to seeing all of you on June 14th.

The deadline for submitting information for the Spring/Summer 2025 issue of *TECHnically Speaking* is **March 31, 2025**.

## 2024-2025 AHS Alumni Association Board

**2024-2025 Alumni Association Board:** Anita Chambers Matthews '81, President; Rondell L. Jackson '98, Vice-President, Reunion Coordinator; Deb Deckard Gerlach '70, Recording Secretary; Jenny Goodnight Yarian-ScalPELLI '64, Corresponding Secretary, Communication Director; Dountonia Slack Batts '92, Treasurer, Compliance Officer; Directors: Ramon L. Batts '90, Endowment Grants; Linda S. Hill '68, Scholarships; Trent LaLand '82, Alumni Day; Debra Groth Scott '69, Ways and Means; Tamyka Dickerson '90, On-Campus Liaison; Reginald Shelt, Principal, Ex-Officio Advisors: Dennis S. Nichols '71, Immediate Past-President; William Buckley '69, Past-President Emeritus; Janet Sims Brown '81, Communications; Midge D. Kelley, Yearbook Sales; Timothy Schneider '69, Museum Director; Cynthia Lewis Hartshorn '70, Tech Retired Teachers; Joseph Fuller '82, Veterans Outreach Program; Mary Paula Collins Nicewanger '67, Technically Speaking Layout Editor; Richard Storm '66, Alumni Plaza Coordinator; Isadore Cosby, '81; Howard Gearlds '68; John Habig '64; Ray Allison '92; Elaine Thompson Pfenning '62; Wanda Towner Harris '48; Jerry Troxel '68.



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# ATHS Alumni Association

## Centennial Museum News & Needs

By Tim Schneider, Class of 1969

Since completing the museum's physical makeover, we have welcomed numerous visitors. They are always impressed with Tech's varied history dating back to 1862, the large number of artifacts, and the size



of the museum space at just under 5,000 square feet! The museum has exhibits in three large galleries plus 1,000 square feet of open library space. We have made tremendous progress over the last 18 months reimagining these exhibits. We still need to complete artifact identification and information tags with some historical context.

Our regular museum makeover volunteers include Linda Hill '68, Tim Schneider '69, Randy Wilson '70, and Billy Isbell '67. Our drop-in helpers were Phil Appleman, Jennifer Bonnet Baker, Debbie Groth Scott (all class of '69), and Newman Montgomery '67. We welcomed non-grad Cid Poe who lent a helping hand on numerous days. Another non-grad found Tech artifacts at thrift stores and yard sales and donated them to the museum. They all made a tremendous impact. If you can help on a weekly or monthly basis, even once or twice a school year, we would love to have

you join us. We always need additional helpers.

In addition to onsite helpers, we need artifacts from your days at Tech. Even if it seems insignificant, we want it. We want uniforms, awards/certificates, honor roll ribbons, school spirit items, class rings, charm bracelets, scrapbooks, Techoir records, event programs, yearbooks, prom dresses—and guys

your jackets/bowties/cummerbunds, class reports/essays, art, photos/snapshots, patches, newspaper clippings, Tech bookstore items—all your Tech stuff. We also need display mannequins and dress forms. AND, if you see a Tech artifact on eBay or elsewhere, consider purchasing and donating to the museum. Or contact us at the email address below so we can check it out.

The museum's only sources of income are sales of merchandise in the museum such as Tech calendars and donations to the Alumni Association designated for support of the museum. Bernard McFarland '90 recently made such a donation. We nearly depleted our funds for



the museum makeover purchasing frames, cotton gloves for artifact handling, sheet protectors, report covers, display pieces, mothballs, a dehumidifier, and artifacts for new displays.

Donations of any kind can be sent to ATHS Alumni Association, PO Box 11433, Indianapolis IN 46201. Questions on how you can assist the museum can be sent to that address or emailed (with Museum in the subject line) to [ATHSAlumniAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:ATHSAlumniAssociation@gmail.com). Monetary donations can also be made direct to the museum from the home page of the Alumni website using the DONATE button.

The Centennial Museum is in the Cecil McClintock Media Center (library) and is open Wednesdays 10AM-2PM during school. Enter via the Michigan Street gate and check in at the Arsenal for a campus badge. For visits other than Wednesdays, please call Tim at 707-246-5454 to schedule an appointment.



(Above) Tech merchandise for sale in the Museum such as an umbrella, note cards, calendars, snow globe, framed photo collage of campus, etc. (Upper Right) Framed campus photos in the snow to use as Christmas ornaments created by Linda Hill (class of '68). Great gift ideas!

# 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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Robert E. Scudder, 1939  
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Deborah Spellman Perr, 1982

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James R. Twineham, 1946  
Douglas L. Walker, 1943  
Frank A. Rexroth, 1947  
James W. Burkart, 1947  
The Class of 1950  
Arno W. Haupt, 1946  
Herbert D. Traub, Tech Drafting teacher  
Monte L. Coate, 1954  
Clara Schreiber Schmidt, 1926; Rex V. Johnson, 1934;  
Sammie Sullivan Johnson, 1938  
Sharon Bergdoll Kelly, 1956  
Sharon Bergdoll Kelly, 1956  
Philip L. Zeigler, 1951  
David Best, 1946  
Leo Moye, 1955; Sharon Bergdoll Kelly, 1956  
Joe W. Sexson, 1951, Donald L. Sexson, 1954  
Joyce Suess Sipes, 1960; Donald R. Powers, 1957;  
Ralph Jester, 1957  
Robert Dale Byrd, 1954  
Robert L. Wegener, 1957  
L. Sandra Lane Tona, 1952  
Felson Bowman, 1958  
Gary Marshall Sarver, 1961  
Mary Riner Churchman, 1962; Ruth Ann Reed Giezendanner, 1962;  
Deana Warner Huber, 1962  
W. Benson "Ben" McAllister, 1961  
Tom Heitzman, 1965  
Mark Aaron, 1965  
William F. Moon, 1928, Techoir Director; Jo Ann Strebe Moore, 1952,  
Girls' Ensemble Director and Techoir accompanist;  
Robert Simpson, Boy's Octette Director;  
Douglas Bacon, 1963; David Denham, 1965  
Dr. Heinrich M. Schmidt, 1927; Isabell Early Schmidt, 1928;  
Ann Schmidt McGuire Brown  
Thomas L. Hickey, 1970  
Sgt Charles "Chick" Sanders, 1966  
Bessie Anderson Speights, 1916  
Frank E. Hill, 1927; Margaretta E. Leibel Hill, 1930  
Laurence Hayes III  
Robert A. Beck, 1965  
Bessie Anderson Speights, 1916  
Ivan Christensen, 1970  
Bessie Anderson Speights, 1916  
Susan K. Fox, 1969  
Robert A. Benson Jr, 1971  
Susan Guessner Miller, 1976 from The Girls of AVALITZ  
Christopher Davis, 1982; Marcelino "Marce" Qunitana, 1982

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# Tech Alumni Association Contributing Members

*We acknowledge those whose donations to the Alumni Association were received by the Association Between April 1, 2024 and September 30, 2024. Those donations are listed below.*

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Mary Wheeler Bullock

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The Class of 2024

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Jane Brock-Jones Bowman, 1961  
David F. Hutchinson, 1963  
Linda C. Alexander, 1965  
Keith Phemister, 1965

**In Memory of:**

Judith Roach England, 1973  
James A. Lowery, 2001  
Kathleen McNulty, Retired Tech Teacher  
Phyllis Brinkman Bradley, 1952  
Kathleen McNulty, Retired Tech Teacher  
Timothy Mayo, 1970  
Kathleen McNulty, Retired Tech Teacher  
Kathleen McNulty, Retired Tech Teacher  
Marvin L. Shuck, 1952 - my father

**In Honor of:**

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John E. Lane, 1956  
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Richard, 1959  
Mary Brock-Jones Harlan, 1954  
The Class of 1963  
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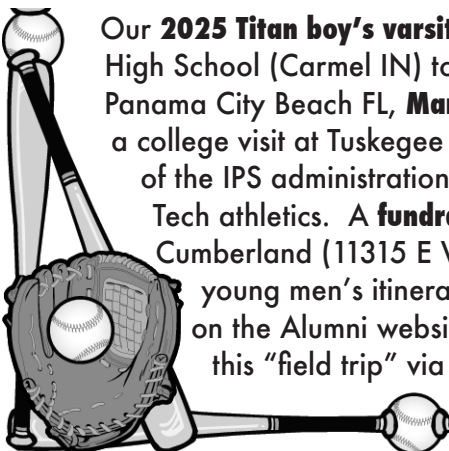
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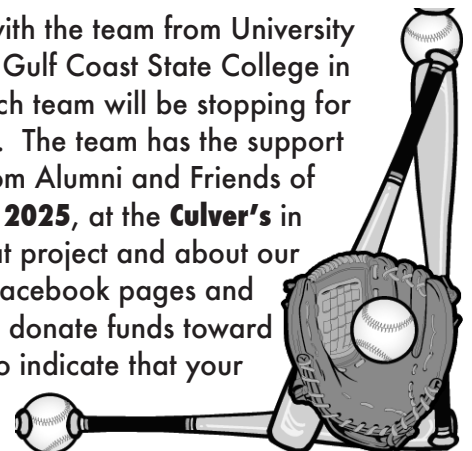
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Our **2025 Titan boy's varsity baseball team** has been invited along with the team from University High School (Carmel IN) to participate in several baseball games at Gulf Coast State College in Panama City Beach FL, **March 22 – 30, 2025** (spring break). The Tech team will be stopping for a college visit at Tuskegee University before arriving in Panama City. The team has the support of the IPS administration but needs additional financial support from Alumni and Friends of Tech athletics. A **fundraiser** is tentatively scheduled for **March 4, 2025**, at the **Culver's** in Cumberland (11315 E Washington St.). More information on that project and about our young men's itinerary will be posted on Alumni Association Facebook pages and on the Alumni website as more details are available. You can donate funds toward this "field trip" via mail or via the Alumni website. Be sure to indicate that your donation is for the Titan BB team.



# Alumni Day 2024

By Christy Johnson, Class of '83

On June 8, 2024, the Campus was bustling with over 500+ Tech Alumni, Family and friends for our annual Alumni Day. This year with a new theme: It's a Family Affair! That's right, we welcomed spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandchildren and friends to see our beautiful historic campus and experience Tech Pride up close and personal. The day kicked off with registration in the cafeteria followed by a salute to our veterans. If you haven't been over to see the veterans memorial outside of the Arsenal building, you are missing something special. Next, we had our annual board meeting in the auditorium where you could also take advantage of receiving flu and covid vaccina-



tions. After the board meeting, everyone met in the cafeteria where we enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by RealTaste Catering and listened to the melodic music performed by Stephen Helping Band, face painting and a bounce house was enjoyed by all of our visiting little ones. We also had Chick Fil A, cotton candy and Ritters Frozen Custard. Alumni gear was on display and many took advantage of the free shipping on Alumni Day! If you missed picking up the latest alumni paraphernalia, you can still order @ athsalumniassociation.com.

While visiting the buildings we attended classes, DJ Wright was providing music on campus and then we transitioned to the Boys Gymnasium for our first ever alumni basketball game with a special performance by our alumni cheerlead-



ers and current cheerleaders! Titan Spirit was strong and we rallied back and although we did not win, fun times were had by all!

Plans are already under way for next years Alumni Day (second Saturday in June) on June 14, 2025. Watch for details coming soon on our website as we want to see you at our next Alumni Day!

# Class of 1984 Celebrates 40th Reunion with Love, Laughter, and Nostalgia

By Raye Williams English

On Saturday, September 28, 2024, the Class of 1984 reunited for their 40-year reunion at the Mavis Arts & Event Center. The night was nothing short of spectacular as classmates embraced one another with hugs, smiles, and tears of joy, many reconnecting for the first time since their high school graduation in May 1984. The atmosphere was filled with palpable love and nostalgia, reminding everyone of the lifelong bonds they share.



tribute was also made to veterans from the Class of 1984, recognizing their service with commemorative lapel pins. Certificates and special gifts were given throughout the event recognizing the first Titan to register, Joyce (Anderson) Douglas, the 40th registrant, Robert Hardiman, and the 84th, Eric Davis. Larry Sledge, who served 28 years in the military, was recognized as the veteran with the longest service, and Holli Sullivan-Dolan was honored for traveling the farthest, all the way from Oregon.

The reunion was a success thanks to the dedicated planning committee, which included Class President Janet Kilgore, Vice President Stephanie Guynn, Sondra Hayden, Fred Jackson, Trish Jackson, Vince Thompson, Lisa Wiggins-Tracy, Terry Yates, and Raye English. Their teamwork and heartfelt collaboration resulted in a night to remember. Janet fondly recalled the effort put in by each member to create an unforgettable experience, as she recognized them one by one.

A special recognition was given to Fred Jackson's sister, Tonya Jackson Smallwood ('77), for her generous contribution to the giveaways, a thoughtful gesture that added to the evening's sentimentality.

Throughout the night, DJ Trouble G transported everyone back to 1984 with iconic tunes, and the highlight of the evening was a spirited Soul Train line, where classmates danced with the same enthusiasm they had in their teenage years.

One of the most touching parts of the night was the special area set aside to honor the class's dearly departed. A heartfelt

The evening also offered a culinary experience with three different dining stations: Italian, BBQ, and made-to-order stir fry, prepared on-site by talented chefs. A cozy lounge was set up with yearbooks and English department publications from 1984, allowing Titans to reminisce and journey down memory lane with friends and family.

The reunion was filled with laughter, love, and cherished memories, making it a night to remember for a class that has withstood the test of time. Look At Us Now!

# Class of '74 50th Reunion

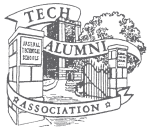
The Tech class of 1974 had an amazing reunion on the weekend of June 7 and 8, 2024. On Friday we had dinner and cocktails at The Med restaurant in Irvington. Saturday we met for Alumni Day at Tech High School. It was a terrific opportunity



to see our old campus and rekindle memories from when we were students 50 years ago. Saturday evening, we had a dinner-dance at Primos Banquet Hall. It was a great evening of getting to see old friends and making new ones! We had over 150 in attendance! Thanks to everybody involved for making this event so successful.







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# HONOR DAY '24 • Tech Alumni Scholarships

On May 17, 2024, the Alumni Association (and its generous donors) thanks to the hard work of Linda Hill, Scholarship Director, and her committee, awarded the following scholarships to deserving 2024 graduates.



**ATHS Alumni Association:** Asher Young  
**Bessie Anderson Speights Memorial Scholarship:** Aanyah Butler  
**Brian S. Gore Memorial Scholarship:** Mercy Makanjuola  
**Cecil & Georganna Tresslar Scholarship:** Heidy Olivares  
**Fern Messmer Roesch Memorial:** Rosa Parr  
**Frank & Margaretta Leibel Hill Mem Scholarship:** Lilian Adebayo  
**Harlan & Helen Brockman Hicks:** Amya Jenkins  
**Howard Longshore Memorial Scholarship:** Katherine Bautista  
**In memory of Bennie Sayles:** Ivana Casas Hernandez  
**In memory of Mary Sayles & Benjamin Sayles:** Yareli DeLa Cruz-Corlez  
**Joe Sexson Memorial Scholarship:** Kayla Lacombe  
**John M. Hoffman Mem Scholarship:** Ivana Casas Hernandez

**Kierstyn Roberts Memorial Scholarship:** Mercy Makanjuola  
**Louise Swan Memorial Scholarship:** Ady Verdugo  
**Mary Lou McCullough Memorial Scholarship:** Goodness Makanjuola  
**McAdams Family Foundation:** James Lee  
**McAdams Family Foundation:** Aries Avila  
**McAdams Family Foundation:** Denise Gamas Gonzalez  
**McAdams Family Foundation:** Nevaeh Gillespie  
**Milton Bierman Memorial Scholarship:** Michael Pacheco  
**C. Edward Taylor:** Jenifer Ramirez  
**Edna M. Taylor:** Yahaira Bautista  
**Techfest Scholarship:** Jaazania Gonzalez