



# TECHnically Speaking

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## From Tech High School Valedictorian to Global Business Leader Class of 1985 | 2026 Alumni of the Year

A Tech High School valedictorian whose career in finance and executive leadership reflects the lasting impact of dedicated teachers, academic curiosity, and life-long learning.

“The lessons I learned at Tech High School – discipline, curiosity, and a commitment to excellence – helped shape the path that followed.”

Efthimios “Thimio” P. Sotos, a member of the Arsenal Technical High School Class of 1985, has built a distinguished career in finance and business leadership, guided by the values of discipline, curiosity, and life-long learning that first took root during his time at Tech High School.

Thimio graduated as Class Valedictorian and was an active leader in several student organizations, including serving as co-commander of Tech Legion. He was also an active member of the Math Club, reflecting his strong interest in analytical thinking



and academic achievement. During his senior year, he participated in the school’s cooperative education program, attending classes in the morning and working afternoons in the Accounting Department at AFNB/Bank One. That early professional experience sparked a life-long interest in finance and business leadership.

Following graduation, Thimio attended Purdue University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree

in Industrial Management with concentrations in Finance, Industrial Engineering, and Economics. While completing his studies, he continued working with Bank One during summer and winter breaks, further strengthening the connection between education and real-world experience.

After graduating from Purdue, Thimio accepted a full-time position with Bank One, where he built a successful career in the Commercial Lending Division and ultimately became a Vice President. In that role, he developed client relationships across the country, including with the women’s footwear company Nine West Group. That relationship would soon shape the next chapter of his career, when Nine West recruited Thimio to join the company as Assistant Treasurer. That move marked the beginning of a long career in corporate finance and executive leadership within the

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## Volunteer!



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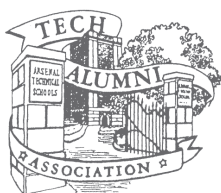
- Experience with Budgeting/Bookkeeping
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- Strong Social Media Skills
- Time and Tech Pride

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

## Alumni Day June 13, 2026

### ALL CLASSES WELCOME!

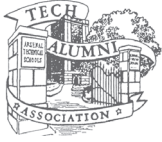
- 7am Campus Gates Open
- 8am Registration Starts
- 9am Veterans Memorial Ceremony
- 9:30am Business/Awards Program
- 11:00am - 1:00pm Lunch
- 2pm Alumni Basketball Game
- 3pm Buildings Close



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## A Message from the Alumni Association President

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

It has been a very busy and rewarding year for the Tech High School Alumni Association, and we look forward to sharing even more details with you at our annual meeting on Alumni Day, June 13, 2026.

Alumni Day remains our largest activity each year and we hope you will mark your calendars now for another fun-filled Alumni Day on Campus, the second Saturday in June each year. Please come and bring your loved ones as this is "A Family Affair." Whether you are celebrating a milestone year or just graduated last year, we hope to see you on campus on Saturday, June 13, 2026!

Throughout the year, the Alumni Association has continued its commitment to supporting the students and staff of Tech High School. We are proud of the meaningful impact our alumni community continues to make, and we would like to share a few highlights.

One of our most exciting moments this winter was trying something new by hosting a Homecoming Basketball Game on December 5, 2025. Those who came out enjoyed reconnecting with fellow alumni, cheering on our Titans as they defeated North Central High School in a thrilling, close game, and showing their school pride by purchasing alumni swag.

In the spirit of giving, we were honored to sponsor two very deserving Tech students for Christmas. The students were incredibly appreciative, and it was a reminder of how small acts of kindness can make a lasting difference.

Additionally, it was brought to our attention that some students were missing school during colder weather because they did not have warm coats. In response, our alumni community rallied together to purchase and donate coats to ensure students could attend school comfortably and safely during the winter months.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and dedication to Tech High School. Through your generous support, we are able to have a lasting impact on students and staff. That being said, we are in need of a treasurer and a social media coordinator. If you have the skill set to provide these services, please contact us at [athsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:athsalumniassociation@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating our accomplishments together and sharing more at Alumni Day.

*With Titan pride,  
Christy Wilson-Johnson  
ATHS Alumni President*

# 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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 Class of 1996 30th Reunion  
 Katherine Sullivan Corey

**NOTE** from Communications Committee: If your name is misspelled, your graduation year is wrong, or your name is omitted from either list, please contact us at ATHSAlum-Comm@gmail.com so that we can correct our error in the next issue of this publication.

# CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to [ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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 2 and 7) planning on celebrating reunions in the Spring or Fall of 2027 should send your info in by October 17, 2026, to be included in the 2026 Fall/Winter Technically Speaking! It does not need to be a formal gathering. Please send details to [ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com](mailto:ATHSAlumniPublicity@gmail.com)

## TechFest

Sept. 12, 2026  
Sertoma  
Campgrounds

**TechFest** will be held on September 12, 2026, 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. Bring a covered dish to share (meats supplied) & a chair. \$5 admission fee. 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 17, 2026

On June 17, 2026, at 1 PM, the Class of 1951 will be gathering for lunch in the main dining room at the MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East St. in Indianapolis. Our table(s) are to the right as you enter. Members of all classes are welcome and feel free to bring a friend. Please reply to Barbara Mohr Heiden if you would like to make a reservation. Barbara Mohr Heiden, [Barbara.heiden@comcast.net](mailto:Barbara.heiden@comcast.net) or 317-371-2619.

## Class of 1964

In 2014, our class established a fund to support the Alumni Association website. Thanks to that initiative, the site has flourished—hosting a virtual Alumni Day, archiving over 20 years of this publication, and expanding its merchandise store. To continue improving the website's functionality and user experience, we now need to replenish that fund. If you can contribute, please send your donation to the Alumni Association and note that it is for the Class of 1964 Website Fund. For any questions, feel free to reach out to John Habig at [John.Habig@comcast.net](mailto:John.Habig@comcast.net).

## Class of 1967

60th Reunion plans

The Class of '67 is in the early stages of planning for their 60th class reunion. So far they plan on celebrating by attending TechFest 9/11/2027. More info to come in Fall Newsletter. Questions, please contact Becky Meredith at [beckymeredithmk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beckymeredithmk@sbcglobal.net), Arsenal Technical High School Class of 1967 Facebook page or Paula Nicewanger at [paula.weeklyview@yahoo.com](mailto:paula.weeklyview@yahoo.com)

## Class of 1970

CLASS OF '70 NEWS - Calling all 1970 Titans! Please plan to attend Alumni Day this year to represent our class! It is noteworthy that our classmate, Randy Wilson, will be receiving the Duane Blankenhorn Award this year. Randy's contributions to the Museum are noteworthy and his efforts will be recognized! We also remember Randy's tireless research on Bessie Anderson Speights and her time as a student at Tech. Because of Randy's research, we were able to establish the Class of '70 Bessie Anderson Speights Scholarship. We need to keep this scholarship funded so that we can continue to award a scholarship to a deserving student each year. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause! We hope to see you at Alumni Day! If you have questions, email Debbi Deckard Gerlach at [dkgerlac@yahoo.com](mailto:dkgerlac@yahoo.com).

The deadline for submitting information for the Fall/Winter 2026 issue of *TECHnically Speaking* is **Oct. 17, 2026.**

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## Class of 1976

**50th Reunion  
October 2, 2026**

Our 50th is set for Friday, October 2 at Ivy Tech Conference Center, 2820 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Join our Facebook page: 1976 AHS Class. Watch our Facebook page for details on fundraisers and specific details. Contact Dwayne Engram at [d2sle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d2sle@sbcglobal.net), or Isabel Espinoza at [espino1500@yahoo.com](mailto:espino1500@yahoo.com) or (317) 457-3815 to help us get a headcount and pre-register. Fundraisers to help keep our ticket prices down are forthcoming. Help support your 1976 Titans when you can.

## Class of 1981

**45th Reunion  
September 12, 2026**

The Class of 1981 will be celebrating its 45TH Reunion on September 12, 2026. Please mark your calendar! Additional details will be forthcoming. Come out and see all of your friends. For information, please email Anita Chambers-Matthews at [majorclark@att.net](mailto:majorclark@att.net) or Carolyn Wisdom at [lottawisdom40@yahoo.com](mailto:lottawisdom40@yahoo.com). The information will also be shared on our Class of 1981 Facebook page.

## Class of 1982

A reminder from Linda Chambers Martin: "Our 45th Class Reunion will be coming up in 2027!"

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### Invented First Programmable Computer

Howard Hathaway Aiken graduated from Tech in 1919. He was an American physicist and a pioneer in computing. He was the original conceptual designer behind IBM's Harvard Mark I (the United States' first programmable computer).



### Famous Artist



The famous Pop artist Robert Indiana who created the "Love" sculpture in 1964, graduated from Tech in 1946 as valedictorian.

### Tech Building History



(Left) The East Residence (West Residence still stands) which was torn down in 1928 to make way for the Treadwell Hall wings and the (Right) Twin Guardhouse located in the center of campus used as the Arsenal office until it burned in 1921 (empty foundation was called the "Square" for many years now has a fountain nearby).



**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)

## 2025-2026 ATHS Alumni Association Board

**2025-2026 Alumni Association Board:** Christy Wilson Johnson '83, President; Trent LaLand '82, Vice-President, Alumni Day; Deb Deckard Gerlach '70, Recording Secretary; Jenny Goodnight Yarian-ScalPELLI '64, Corresponding Secretary, Communication Director; Anita Chambers Matthews '81, Interim Treasurer, Immediate Past-President; Directors: Rondell L. Jackson '98, Endowment Grants, Reunion Co-Ordinator; Linda S. Hill '68, Scholarships; Debra Groth Scott '69, Ways and Means; Tamyka Dickerson '90, On-Campus Liaison; Reginald Shelt, Principal, Ex-Officio Advisors: Dennis S. Nichols '71, Past-President Emeritus; 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; Timothy Jones, Alumni Awards; Michael Burris, '74; Isadore Cosby, '81; Sharron Johnson Denning, '82; Howard Gearlds '68; John Habig '64; Ray Allison '92; Elaine Thompson Pfenning '62; Wanda Towner Harris '48; Antonio Singleton, '90; Jerry Troxel '68.

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## 2026 Annual Alumni Award Winners

Please join us on Alumni Day, June 13th, 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** | Randall "Randy" Wilson '70

**WALLY POTTER AWARD** | Marveda Tardy Saunders '86

**HONORARY TECH GRADUATE** | Phil Edwards, Shepherd Community

**KARL STIPHER AWARD** | Edric Mitchell '08

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** | Adrian Russell '07, Cathy Rott Nuzum '70, Toniane Jeffers

### Thimio Sotos

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fashion and retail industry.

Over the course of more than three decades, Thimio has served in senior financial and operating leadership roles across Fortune 500 companies, private enterprises, and private equity-backed organizations. His career has included executive positions with companies such as Jones Apparel Group, BCBG Max Azria, MetroPark USA, J Brand, and Johnnie-O. During his time at Jones Apparel Group, he became one of the youngest Treasurers and Chief Financial Officers within a Fortune 500 company – a notable milestone early in his career that reflected both his financial expertise and leadership abilities. Today, he serves as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of KEVANI, INC., where he works closely with the company's founder to oversee financial performance, operations, business development, and long-term strategic planning.

While reflecting on his time at Arsenal Technical High School, Thimio credits several teachers who had a lasting influence on him. World Civilization teacher Ms. Parker set exceptionally high expectations for her students and instilled two lessons he has carried throughout his life: to "allow your mind to be a melting pot of knowledge" and to "read, read, and read some more." Mr. Ireland, his calculus teacher and Math Club sponsor, taught a challenging subject in a way that made learning both engaging and enjoyable – a teaching style Thimio has tried to emulate throughout his career. And Mr. McCreary, known to students as "Mr. Mac," introduced Thimio to computer programming and helped lay the foundation for the analytical and problem-solving skills that would later become central to his professional work. The lessons he learned from these teachers continue to influence how he approaches leadership, learning, and mentorship today.

Outside of his professional life, Thimio remains deeply committed to his faith, family, and community. His faith has

played an important role in shaping both his personal values and his approach to leadership. He and his wife, Elaine, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in 2026. Together they enjoy spending time with family and friends and have been honored to serve as Godparents to many children across the country.

Thimo credits the teachers and opportunities at Tech High School for shaping his lifelong commitment to learning and leadership. He reminds us all to allow your mind to be a melting pot of knowledge – and read, read, and read some more.

As the 2026 Arsenal Technical High School Alumni of the Year, Thimio remains grateful for the foundation Tech High School provided – preparing students to pursue excellence, lead with integrity, and create meaningful impact in their communities and careers. The values instilled during his time at Tech, together with his faith and commitment to lifelong learning, continue to guide both his leadership and his approach to life.

# A Message From the Alumni Association

## Where Do Your Donations Go?

Over the past 18 months, the Tech Alumni Association has proudly transformed endowment funds and generous gifts into meaningful experiences for current students and staff. Your support continues to strengthen the traditions, opportunities, and sense of community that define the Tech Family.



### Alumni Support in Action

Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, the Association has funded a wide range of initiatives that enrich student life and support our dedicated educators. Recent contributions have made possible:

- Refreshments for the 2026 Spring Art Show, catered by Tech's culinary arts students
- Varsity baseball travel to Gulf Coast State College for the IHSAA Legacy Program
- Performance rights for the faculty musical *Fiddler on the Roof*
- Uniforms and accessories for the cheerleading squads
- A reMarkable tablet and color printing equipment to enhance AP English instruction
- Decorations that helped make the 2025 Senior Prom a night to remember

Alumni support also helped replace the clear plastic backpacks required by Tech's security policy and ensured a successful Teacher Appreciation Week. These efforts demonstrate how alumni generosity directly impacts the daily lives of students and staff.

We invite all alumni to continue making a difference by attending school events, cheering on our teams, supporting the arts, and volunteering their time.

### Supporting Students Through the Alumni Room/Pantry Fund

The Association's fund designated for the Alumni Room / Pantry continues to play an



essential role in supporting the Tech Family Pantry. These dollars have helped the Administration provide:

- Non-perishable food items
- Personal hygiene items
- Essential clothing such as shoes, socks, shirts, pants, and winter coats

This support ensures that students facing hardship have access to the resources they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

### Stay Connected

Your continued engagement keeps the Tech spirit alive. Whether you attend a performance, cheer from the stands, volunteer your time, or support our programs financially, you help ensure that today's students experience the same pride and opportunity that shaped generations of Techites.

Thank you for being part of the legacy.

# Tech Alumni Association **Contributing Members**

*We acknowledge those whose donations to the Alumni Association were received by the Association between October 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. Those donations are listed below.*

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Katherine Sullivan Corey

**CLASS OF 1949**

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**CLASS OF 1956**

Henry "Jack" Sipes

**CLASS OF 1957**

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**CLASS OF 1958**

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\*deceased

# Tech Alumni Museum Update

Tim Schneider '69, Museum Director

**1862 American Flag.** The Civil War era flag replica will be displayed during the Business Meeting and Awards Presentation in Anderson Auditorium on Alumni Day.

## Alumni Day - New Exhibits.

Two new exhibits will be unveiled on Alumni Day. Yearbook Art Through the Decades will highlight some of the amazing student artwork featured in the publications. It will focus on the 1920s through 1940s. Beginning in the 1950s, photographs became the primary visuals. Do you know which was first yearbook to feature a cover photograph? (Hint: It wasn't color.) In the 1970s, clip art was used some. And beginning in the late 1980s, computer graphics were introduced and continued through the 2010s. The 2020s have seen a resurgence of photography that outweighs editorial content. Comedy and Tragedy art has been featured on yearbook covers multiple times, as have color photos of the campus as full, or nearly full, wraparounds. Photo and illustration images of students have also been popular choices. Be sure to visit us on Alumni Day to find these various firsts and trends.

The second special exhibit features **James Baskett**, one of our Hall of Famers, who attended Tech around 1920. He would have graduated



James Baskett as Uncle Remus in the movie "Song of the South"

Tech in 1922, but after his father's 1921 death, James set off to conquer the world. And in many ways, he did. He appeared on Broadway, working with Louie Armstrong and Bill 'Mr. Bojangles' Robinson. In Hollywood, he made 11 movies but is most famous for his last. His acting skills were praised by Hedda Hopper and Walt Disney. Shortly before his death in 1948, he received an Honorary Oscar Award for his last role two years after the movie premier; a premier he was not allowed to attend. He was the last actor to receive an Honorary Oscar for a single performance. And he was the first Black male actor to receive an Oscar (yes, before Sidney Poitier in 1963). ~ The movie is Song of the South and James Baskett played the storyteller lead, Uncle Remus. This year marks the 80th anniversary

of the film's release, so it seems an appropriate time to remember and pay tribute to James Baskett. Baskett defended the film and his character in it, saying, "I believe that certain groups are doing my race more harm in seeking to create dissension, than can ever possibly come out of the Song of the South."

The characters and stories of Uncle Remus originate in Africa and are generations old. They were put in writing by Joel Chandler Harris in 1880 as Uncle Remus: His Songs and His Sayings. It became a best seller.

**Oral Histories.** We still need submissions of your personal oral histories. These can be memories of Tech events, day to day campus life, or your 'Tech' neighborhood. Stories of a favorite teacher or class, pep rallies, receiving an award, the cafeteria's

beef Mannattans, going to or from school, someone who held a door for you, a special date/friend, making band/orchestra/choir/athletic team/cheer squad. Tell us your favorite memories surrounding Tech. Along with the history of the Army Arsenal and Tech High School, your history here is just as important and worth sharing.

**Hall of Fame.** We also still need submissions for our ATHS Alumni Hall of Fame. One new addition is Robert S. Lewis Jr. '01, Indianapolis Fire Department Captain, hired on Aug. 3, 2015. He was inspired to join IFD by his father, who served in IFD from 1979-2001. Capt. Lewis is currently co-instructor and recruitment officer for Tech's Fire Rescue Program. He was recently promoted to merit rank of Lieutenant.

*Editors Note: If you have visited the Alumni Museum and were unable to make a cash donation at that time, consider a donation to the Alumni Association; see the form on page 10. You can designate all or a portion of your donation for the Museum. If you'd like to make your donation in honor one of our past volunteers whom you may know, they are Katherine Sullivan Corey '46, Janet White Meyer '46(D), Beth Aubrey Meyer '77, and Tom Jordan '51.*

# 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

Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle (Maiden) Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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All of the information on this form along with contributions to the Alumni Association and registration for Alumni Day (and payment for the luncheon) may be submitted via the alumni website [www.ATHSAlumniAssociation.com](http://www.ATHSAlumniAssociation.com) under the Alumni Day tab. We need everyone to register (even those not ordering lunch), so that we know how many alumni and guests we expect to be on campus. Please plan to enter the campus via the Oriental Street gate and park in the north parking lot between Stuart Hall and Howard Longshore Stadium. Mobility Assistance will be available. If using a rideshare use 727 N. Oriental St. as the address.

## Contributions

All contributions are tax deductible.

In Memory of:  In Honor of:

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

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

Contribution Made to:

Operation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____	Veterans Memorial Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____
General Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____	Alumni Room/Pantry	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____
Wally Potter Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____	Alumni Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____
Joe Sexson Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____	Other (Please Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____

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## Alumni Day Reservations Reservations for Buffet Luncheon must be received by May 31, 2026

Buffet Lunch catered by Sincere Catering (fried chicken, baked veggie ziti pasta, green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, tossed salad, yeast rolls, desserts, bottled water, tea, and lemonade). In addition, a Chick-Fil-A sandwich with chips, unsweet tea/lemonade/water, and desserts will also be available.

Buffet Lunch(s): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chick-fi-A Lunch(s): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation to Alumni Association (from above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-lunch registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ (no cost)

Do any attendees need mobility assistance? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please indicate how many \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all attendees and class years: (e.g.: Jane Doe Smith, 60; John Smith, 59)

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# ALUMNI DAY Saturday June 13, 2026

## “It’s a Family Affair!” • Come Home to Tech!

**G**et ready, Titans – **Alumni Day is back on Saturday, June 13, 2026**, and it promises to be bigger, brighter, and more exciting than ever! After the tremendous energy and turnout of last year’s celebration, we’re thrilled to bring back “It’s a Family Affair” for round three. This special day is all about reconnecting, reliving cherished memories, and celebrating the lifelong bond we share as Tech alumni. So start calling your classmates, gathering your friends, and making plans now – because this is your chance to return to our beautiful historic campus for a day filled with fun, fellowship, and Titan pride. Bring your children, grandchildren, family, and friends – there truly will be something for everyone!

### LUNCH OPTIONS – IMPORTANT PREPAYMENT DETAILS

#### Buffet Lunch – \$25 catered by Sincere Catering

Menu includes: Fried chicken, baked veggie ziti pasta, green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, tossed salad, yeast rolls, desserts, bottled water, tea, and lemonade.

#### Chick-fil-A Option – \$12

Includes chicken sandwich, chips, desserts, bottled water and tea and lemonade.

**IMPORTANT: EACH LUNCH OPTION (CATERED LUNCH OR CHICK-FIL-A), MUST BE ORDERED AND PREPAID.** This is not an “all-you-can-eat buffet”. You can register online on the Tech Alumni website ([ATHSAlumniAssociation.com](http://ATHSAlumniAssociation.com)) under the Alumni Day tab, OR by using the registration form and mailing a check.



### Alumni Basketball Showdown & Special Halftime Performances

Enjoy an incredible showcase of Tech talent featuring alumni performers:

- Rapper Bryan Smith (“Twelve”) – Class of 1999
- Trand Lane – Class of 1983 performing Whitney Houston’s “I Have Nothing” and “For the Love of You”
- Percussionist John Reed – Class of 1983
- Damon Wharton – Class of 2014 performing Luther Vandross’ “Superstar” and Tevin Campbell’s “Can We Talk”
- Saxophonist Trent LaLand – Class of 1982

### ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Raffle drawing (cafeteria)
- Bingo games
- Face painting for kids
- Games with prizes for kids (egg race, sack race)
- Classic car show
- Guided campus tours or explore on your own
- Tours of the Tech Museum (Media Center)
- Alumni basketball game

### ORDER OF EVENTS Saturday, June 13, 2026

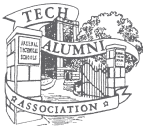
- 8:00am** – Registration (Cafeteria)
- 9:00am** – Veterans Memorial Ceremony (Veterans Memorial Plaza)
- 9:30am** – Alumni Association Annual Meeting/ Awards Program (Auditorium)
- 10:30am** – Guided Campus tours
- 11:00am** – Lunch Served with Slideshow (Cafeteria)
- 1:15pm** – Bingo Begins (Cafeteria)
- 1:15pm** – Car Show Begins
- 2:00pm- 4:00pm** – Alumni Basketball Game & Halftime Performances

### 60th Reunion - Class of 1965



### CLASS PHOTOS & CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Don’t miss class pictures beginning at 11:00 AM on the north steps of the Arsenal. It’s the perfect opportunity to reconnect, laugh, and capture new memories together.



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# Honoring Our Veterans

The Alumni Association remains deeply committed to honoring Tech's veterans through the Veterans Memorial. We continue to discover additional Techites from World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War—many of whom passed away before we began collecting names—who deserve recognition among the thousands of alumni who served in our Armed Forces. Funds for this endeavor are greatly appreciated.

With the retirement of Wanda Towner Harris, who has faithfully maintained the veterans list since the project began, we are seeking volunteers to help continue this important work. We are also exploring long-term solutions for adding names once our current space is filled.

If you are interested in assisting with research, data entry, or planning for future memorial expansion, we would welcome your involvement.



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