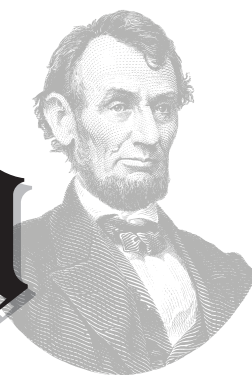




ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

President's Message

By Jon Woo

We're still moving things around and trying to get this Log rolling out on a schedule. Going forward, expect at least two logs this year, and maybe a third. This has been a long process so thank you for bearing with us.

We continue to roll along with the rest of the Alumni Association. Our new Board Members are getting up to speed and finding the bearings and we appreciate them for their work and dedication. Our scholarship program continues to grow. This year is on tap to give at least 35 scholarships totaling well over \$80,000; both are new highs for us and we cannot continue to give this money to these well deserving students without your support, so thank you so much for hanging in there with us.

HIGHLIGHT

Lincoln Facility Gets an Upgrade

By Dalton Brown

Lincoln Log Student News Paper Staff

Abraham Lincoln High School is set for a major transformation featuring upgraded facilities and a state-of-the-art turf field starting as soon as 2025.

On November 5th, San Francisco voters approved a \$790 million bond, opening up opportunity for various changes to the school, including a potential switch from grass to a turf field, repairing wheelchair access elevators, and installing an outdoor generator.

A bond is a loan issued by governments or corporations to a company or organization, like SFUSD, that will eventually be paid back with interest. The difference is that a loan is borrowing from a bank and a bond is borrowing from a government or corporation.

SFUSD created their bond program in 2003 and which has allowed SFUSD to invest more than \$2 billion in school building improvements. In the process of giving SFUSD the bond money, the city of San Francisco hopes to give schools a much needed opportunity for improvements as well as collect money from interest.

Lincoln will be given millions of dollars of the bond money for specific projects on campus in the coming years.

Kate Levitt, the Director of Communication at SFUSD's bond program, voices, "The SFUSD Bond Program is excited to make these essential improvements at Lincoln High School. We use data on facilities conditions to help us prioritize projects, and recognize the need to complete roofing repairs and replacement at several locations at the school."

A new outdoor stand-by natural gas-operated generator is scheduled to be constructed. Installation will begin in December 2024 and be completed by summer 2025. Around the city, four sites, Lincoln being the fourth, have generators, each covering a quadrant of the



Letter from the Editor

By Amy Alexander

Greetings, Fellow Mustang Alumni! We're excited to present the second edition of the updated Lincoln Log Alumni Association newsletter, now in full-color in digital and print versions.

In this issue, we're really happy to share information on the 2025 Wall of Fame Ceremony, the association's marquee annual event celebrating fellow graduates and current or former Lincoln High School teachers who exemplify Mustang excellence.

You'll also see updates on the Mighty Mustangs Football squad competing in yet another Turkey Bowl Championship, and news of recent class reunions. There also are Save-the-Date prompts for other fun upcoming events and reunions, as well as information about how you can participate in the alumni association as a donor, or volunteering at upcoming events! Another great way to participate in the alumni association is by contributing to the Lincoln Log Alumni Association newsletter! I'm confident our fellow alumni would appreciate learning about any interesting memories, accomplishments or memorial information that readers might like to share about their respective years at Lincoln High.

Thanks for reading, and we look forward to hearing from you!

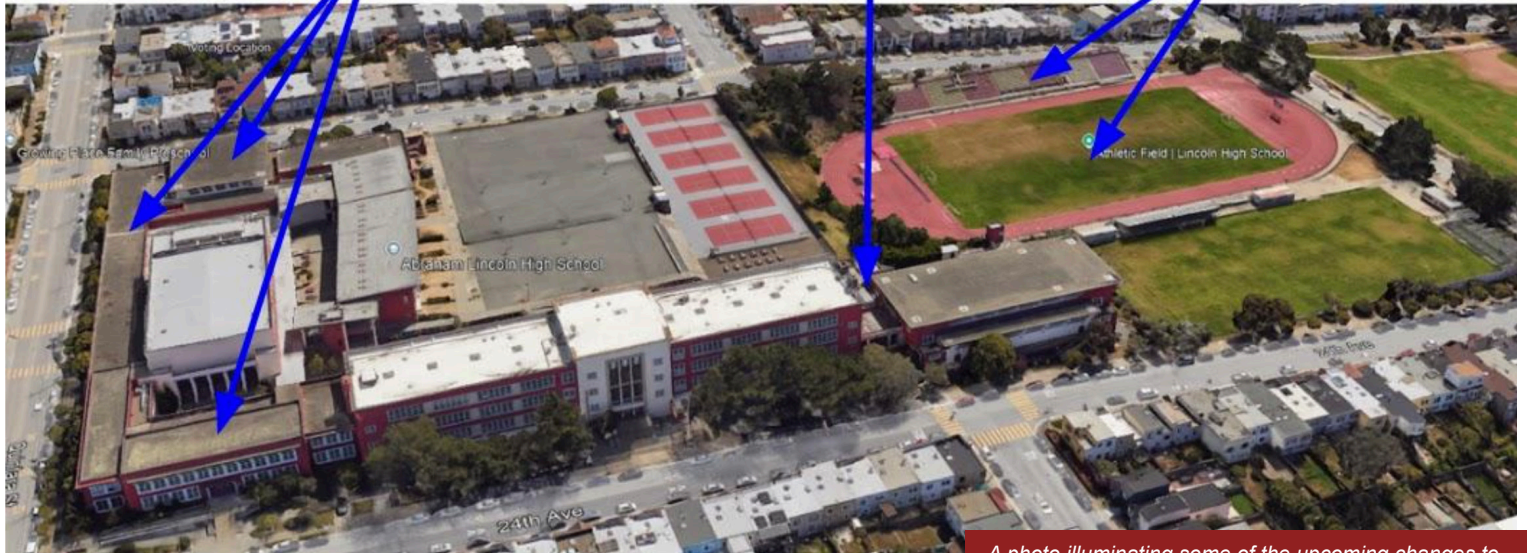
ALHS | UPCOMING PROJECTS

PA Upgrades

Roofing

Generator

Field and bleachers



A photo illuminating some of the upcoming changes to Lincoln through the bond. | Photo courtesy of Kate Levitt

Lincoln Facility gets an Upgrade (Continued)

city; these generators will ensure Internet connection in the face of an emergency for all SFUSD sites. Lincoln will cover the southwest quadrant of the city.

Levitt explains, “The generator is a districtwide priority to support connectivity in the event of an emergency.”

SFUSD analyzes every building in the department to see which need maintenance and upgrades. They found out some roofs at Lincoln experienced decay and weathering and need replacement. The roofs over the entrance at Quintara and 24th Ave, Quintara and 22nd Ave, and the North Gym have a tentative construction schedule of June to September 2025.

Levitt explains other projects the bond will fund, “We are working in partnership with the SFUSD Athletics office to make field and facilities upgrades around the district, including the upcoming Lincoln project.”

Shari Balisi, the principal of Lincoln, tells us more about these upgrades, including getting a sound system down there as opposed to always renting it.”

This new public address system will have a much larger coverage and includes associated cabling, integrated clock-bell devices, exterior speakers, wall speakers and head-end equipment. This system is theoretically ready, however delays from external vendors and delivery companies leave its completion until winter break. It will be ready for the second semester.

Balisi believes the most significant change this money will bring is converting our school’s grass field to turf. Abraham Lincoln is one of the few public schools left in San Francisco with a real grass playing field, but gopher holes have littered the field, and many players have

gotten hurt because of them. A grass field also requires a higher upkeep cost than a turf field.

Around the field the track is planned to be replaced. The top layer that athletes run on will be pulled up like a bandage and then a new layer of synthetic rubber laid down.

Balisi says, “Work is in progress right now. We are working with the architects; we are working with engineers and the contractors, but you probably won’t see the work until, I’m hoping, [no later than] 2026.”

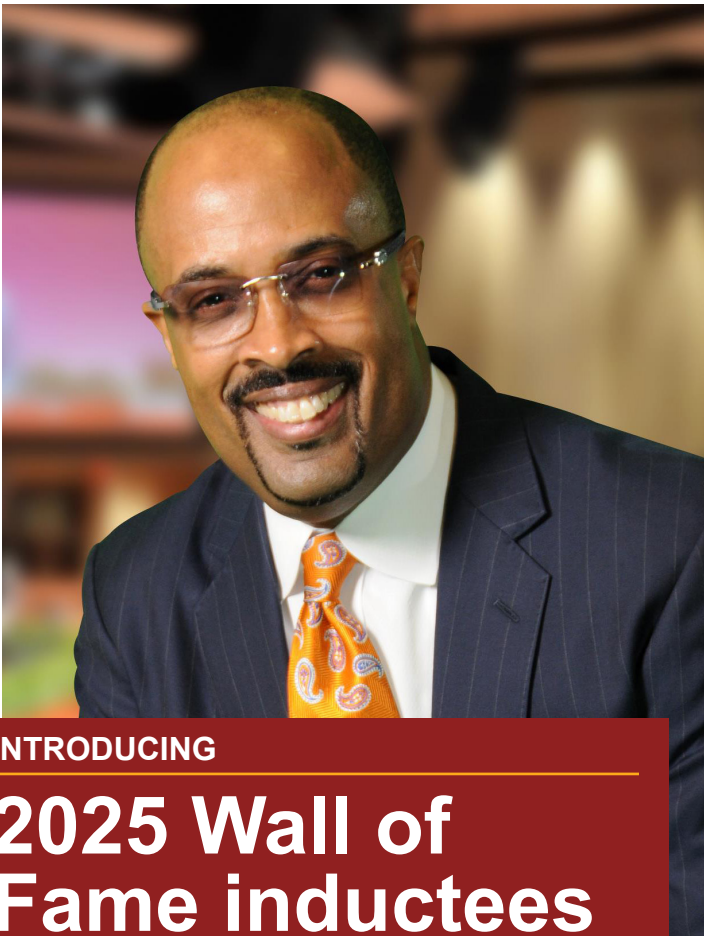
These plans are currently in what’s called the project assessment phase. Engineers and architects are brought in to analyze for things like water damage, and, if the budget allows, the bleachers, locker rooms and storm water management will potentially be upgraded.

The wheelchair access elevators at the 22nd Ave. entrance to the field will definitely be upgraded. For years these elevators have been in dysfunction, leading those with disabilities with no way to reach higher bleachers. Because this is such an obvious limitation, this work will likely be prioritized over the bleachers and locker rooms.

All of the projects mentioned by Balisi have funding from this bond and another from 2016.

Levitt informs us that some projects do not have room for input and feedback, but others do. The athletic field, for example, may use the input of teachers, family, and the community.

Levitt illustrates, “We want to make improvements to as many school sites as we can.”



INTRODUCING

2025 Wall of Fame inductees

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

REV. FREDERICK HAYNES, III

Rev. Frederick Haynes, III grew up in San Francisco, where his father, pastored at the historic Third Baptist Church, the first African-American Baptist congregation west of the Rocky Mountains.

When his father died in 1975, young Frederick Haynes, only 14, entered Lincoln High School. Despite the tragic loss of his father, that son would excel at Lincoln. He was the valedictorian at graduation.

After Lincoln, Rev. Haynes earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and English at Bishop College, a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation. He also has received a Ph.D. from the Christian Theological Seminary, where he studied African American preaching and sacred rhetoric. He became Senior Pastor of Dallas's Friendship-West Baptist

Church in 1983 which grew to over 13,000 members. At Friendship-West, Rev. Haynes worked to address issues like social injustice, domestic violence, environmental racism and voting rights and, importantly, predatory lending practices.

In 2022, President Biden awarded him the Joseph R. Biden Jr. Presidential Lifetime Achievement Leadership Award in Community Service.

HELEN DILWORTH

Helen Dilworth, known to her voice students as Dr. Diva, possesses an exceptional soprano voice, praised by none other than Leontyne Price. Following Lincoln, Helen earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree from San Francisco State, a Master's degree from Stanford and a doctorate from USC. Accepted to the prestigious Merola program at SF Opera, Helen has excelled at both performance and education. She taught at the high school level and college (SF State, SF City



College and the Conservatory of Music). She has performed many soloist roles from opera with the San Francisco Opera and the Baton Rouge Opera (Magic Flute) to oratorios with major symphony orchestra such as Beethoven's Missa Solemnis (SF Symphony) and Mozart's Mass in C Major (Robert Shaw). She is adept in gospel music as well as Broadway (Kurt Weill's Lost in the Stars). She has recorded on the Cambria label (Songs of Love and Chamber Works).



Wall of Fame Dinner

Date April 28, 2025

Locations The Family Club
545 Powell Street
San Francisco

Contact

lincolnalumni.com/wall-of-fame-2025

See page 9 for more info



2024 BELL GAME

Lincoln Mustangs Pluck Washington Eagles Clean

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

Photo courtesy of Michael Mack
instagram: @m.mack.photo

In a big show of power, the Lincoln Mustangs defeated Washington 54-0 in the annual Bell Game in October 2024.

Throughout all four quarters, the Mustang football squad showed exceptional speed and accuracy on offense, and crushing plays on the defense. During the match, Mustang's offenses easily put points on the board, culminating in a 54 point margin that established a new milestone for the team.

Mustang running back Michael Washington rushed for 160 yards and scored three touchdowns during nine carries. All told, Lincoln was unstoppable on the ground and finished the game with a total of 381 rushing yards. Lincoln's defense also distinguished itself, sacking Washington's quarterback five times during the game. Mustang Lazarus Tulali accounted for two of those five sacks. Congratulations, Mustangs Football team, on another smashing performance in the annual Bell Game!

IN MEMORIAM

Kevin Joseph Breining

10/02/1963 - 11/20/2024

Kevin J. Breining, S81, died in November 2024 at 61. Born in San Francisco to Fred and Louise Breining, Kevin was the 11th child of 12 siblings, affectionately known throughout the Sunset District neighborhood as 'The Breining Family.' One of Kevin's older brothers, Fred, also graduated from Lincoln, then went on to pitch for the SF Giants for several seasons. Kevin Breining attended Holy Name School, then attended Lincoln, where he was a star athlete and helped to lead the Mustangs varsity basketball team to a City championship.



Turkey Bowl 2024

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff



Lincoln High School didn't win this year's Turkey Bowl championship game on Thanksgiving Day, but there is lots to be thankful for. Lincoln has a stellar football program — and awesome parents (above) who led a pregame caravan and tailgate.

Kent Carter renewed a tradition on the 100th anniversary of the Turkey Bowl — the caravan from Ocean Beach to Kezar Stadium.

"For our family, football has always been a part of the Thanksgiving tradition," says Kent, who has a son who plays for Lincoln. "It's been fun to attend the Turkey Bowl and support our local high school athletes."



Join and/or Renew Your Membership

Join the Alumni Association and pay your dues. Contact us today!



ALHS Girls Flag Football Team Makes History

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

The 100th Turkey Day in The City saw the Girls Flag Football and Boys Football teams compete for the City Championship.

The day started off with the girls taking on Lowell. The Mustangs entered the championship game as the #2 seed with a 9-1 record. Their only loss was to the very same Cardinal, 21-0 in November 2nd. Revenge was on order.

Senior QB Anya Tom and Sophomore receiver Kai'Veyh Robinson connected for 5 completions, topping 100 yards and both TDs for the Mustangs.

In the second half of the championship doubleheader, the top seeded Mustangs faced Balboa. Lincoln was stymied by the Balboa defense which held top Lincoln Rusher Michael Washington to 77 yards and 29 carries. Lincoln coughed the ball up three times enroute to a 26-7 defeat. It was still a valiant effort by a Lincoln Football team that has seen 10 championships since 2004, under Coach Phil Ferrigno.



REUNION REPORT

REUNION STORIES

The Lincoln class from Fall 1960

By Steven Shawl (F60)

On September 27, 2024 members of the class 1960 gathered for a fantastic reunion. In the morning, 10 class members along with 3 spouses, toured the school. Our student tour guides were amazing and everyone was truly surprised and pleased with what we saw of our old stomping grounds. The breadth of diversity we saw during our short time there was exciting. The hallways were not only filled with lockers(!) but in many places art work and posters for activities and celebrations. Although dark with only one light illuminating it, we saw the auditorium where we graduated, which certainly brought back memories.

In the afternoon we had a lunch at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Twenty-three classmates attended, accompanied with 9 spouses. What a great time we had reminiscing about our time back then and catching up on the 63.5 years since



graduation. In addition to great conversation and fun, the facility was perfect and the food really good! And Marcia Spears Cates led us on her ukulele to the school song! One of the wives told us how truly friendly everyone was and even they had a great time!

Dave Plowman, who came from his home in Thailand, brought us all gifts of red baseball hats emblazoned with a gold mustang!

The reunion organizers were Buff Atkinson Alexander, Jenifer Renalde Crabtree, Marcia Spears cates, Stan Pappas and Steve Shawl. A 159 page booklet was put together with pictures from the reunion, pictures of all attending, pictures of all known to be deceased, and a listing of all known email addresses. Unfortunately, contact has been lost for many.



REUNION STORIES

1974 Class Reunion

By Sarah Margolis Pearce (74)

The Class of 1974 held its 50th reunion on September 28th, 2024 at the Irish Cultural Center. Nearly 200 alumni attended from near and far. We had a weekend of events to cater to everyone's tastes. A mixer at Karl's Beacon on Friday night warmed us up for the weekend. Thank you to Rhonda Hontalas for this. The dinner/dance event on Saturday night featured a raffle to benefit the school. Thank you to reunion committee members Carolyn Clark-Swann, Sheryl Cox and many others who contributed. We had a coffee/pet/family get-together on Sunday morning at Parkside Park. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships developed. Special attention was paid to those classmates who passed away. Thank you to Cindy Skinner for the memory display. Special thanks to MaryAlice Chester Raabe and Sharon Sakamoto Shiraishi for above and beyond the call of duty for all the details and hard work. We were able to make sizable donations to both the school and alumni association thanks to the efforts of our classmates.

Back row: left to right: Cynthia Skinner, Mary Alice Raabe (Chester).
Front row left to right: Carolyn Clark-Swann (Swann), Sarah Pearce (Margolis), Sheryl Crenshaw-Cox (Crenshaw), Sharon Shiraishi (Sakamoto)



CALENDAR



REUNIONS

Save the Date

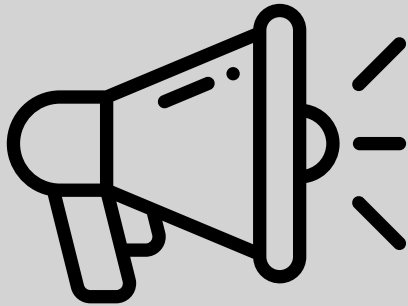
Annual Luncheon Reunion

Date: March 27, 2025

Location: Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco

Contact: Is-e Hogan isehogan@aol.com

Details: Classes of S57, F57 & S58 are getting together to celebrate!



Do you need help planning
a reunion or alumni event?

Contact Us!



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lincolnalumni.com/lincoln-log



UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETINGS

Held on the
first Tuesday of every month

6:30pm via Zoom

for more info contact

linalum@lincolnalumni.com

The Abraham Lincoln High School Alumni Association's **9th Annual Car Show**



Join us for this Sunset Community Event!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

9AM - 2PM

**Abraham Lincoln High School Parking Lot
Enter on 22nd Ave between Rivera And Quintara
San Francisco, CA
Car entry begins at 8am.**

\$35 per vehicle when pre-registered online.

\$40 at the gate.

Current ALHS students' vehicles free with Student ID.

All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome!

FREE for spectators.

Food, vendors and crafts for the kids onsite.

Scan the QR code or visit our website for more.

www.lincolnalumni.com/car-show



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The Abraham Lincoln High School of SF Alumni Association's

Annual Wall of Fame Dinner

At The Family Club, 545 Powell Street (at Bush), San Francisco

Monday, April 28, 2025

5pm: No host cocktails

6pm: Dinner and Induction

PRESENTING THE 2025 WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Helen Dilworth, Class of Fall 1960. Soprano, Educator. Winner of several awards including the SF Opera Merola, iL Cenacolo Metro, Opera Sanderson award.

Rev. Frederick Haynes III, Class of 1978. Senior Pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, TX since 1983. Recipient of the Joseph R. Biden Jr. Presidential Lifetime Achievement Leadership Award in Community Service.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Gilbert Chung Lincoln faculty from 1983 to 1997 teaching AP Chem and ESL/Bilingual Department Head. Assistant Principal from 2001 to 2008.

We will also celebrate our Alumni Scholarship recipients from the Class of 2025!

Reservations may be made online at www.lincolnalumni.com/wall-of-fame-2025 or by completing the form below and mailing to Isabel Hogan, 1116 Fairlawn Court #11, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

All reservations must be made by Monday, April 14th, 2025

*Tickets will not be mailed. Your name will be listed at the door. All donations are tax deductible.
For questions, please e-mail lincalum@lincolnalumni.com or leave a voicemail message at 415.779.2162.*

Name: _____ Class Of _____

Address (Street/City/Zip) _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Name of Guest(s) and ALHS graduating class (if applicable): _____

Dinner selection: \$100 includes wine with dinner, choice of entree and dessert:

_____ Prime Rib _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian

Checks payable to ALHS Alumni Association or via credit card below:

Card number: _____ Exp _____ CVV _____

I cannot attend but wish to make the following contribution: \$ _____



SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Gerry Manning F57

Joy (Maggi) Rodoni F57

Danell Zeavin F58 (in Honor of F58 classmates birthdays for the Gordon Gribble Scholarship)

Marilyn (Carlsen) Barham S62 (*In Memory of sister, Diane Carlsen S64*)

Class of Fall 1960 with leftover money from their reunion

Richard Murray F60

Isabel (Nadel) Hogan S58

Robert Pollitt F58

1955 MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

James (Ken) McManigal S56

FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Dave Fish F65

CAR SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

Norm Stahl F66

NEW SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF BILL MASON

Paula Martinezmoles (retired admin), **Dianne (DeLauff) Easton** F59,

Isabel (Nadel) Hogan S58

Thanks to Bill (S65) & Sharon (F64) (Schroff) Myhre for donating 3 yearbooks and other memorabilia to the Association.

Thanks to Bill Mustanich S65 for his generous donation to the 2024 Annual Lincoln Car Show.

GENERAL FUNDS

Art Citron S1956 (*In Memory of Henry Brook S1956, Judy (Thomas) Glosser F1955, and Jim O'Connor S1958*)

ANNUAL GIVING

Lynne (Estie) Maggioncalda S1959 (*In Memory of Ernie Maggioncalda F1958*)

Patrick Marvin F1955

Ellen Prager F1963

Sue (Rae) Keane S1961 (*in Memory of Vera (Windholz) Compton S1961*)

and **Jan (Motzer) Frye** S1962

Joanie (Misrack) Ciardelli S1960

Peter Whitehead S1956

Carol (Hill) Sox S1957



GENEROUS DONOR



Special thanks to ALHS Alumni Association Board Member **Bill Mustanich** for his donation to the 2024 Car Show!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andre Armand S57

Suzanne (Carney) Ricci F61

Gary Schumacher S63

Rena Tang 1985

WELCOME BACK:

Laurene (Lund) Andrews S60

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

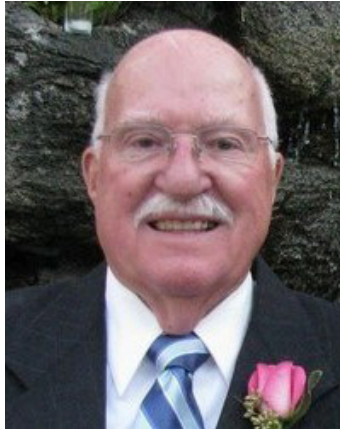
Cynthia Skinner S74

George (Bill) Ballas F66

Al & Sharon (Ferraris) Sinor – both F61



IN MEMORIAM



Bill Mason
S44 Former president of
ALHS Alumni Association

William J. "Rocky" Mason S44 passed away at age 98 on July 15th, 2024, at UCSF. After graduating from Lincoln High, Mason enlisted in the US Navy, serving as a yeoman and a gunner for two years aboard a landing craft ship. For 74 years, Mason was married to Janice

Pibernig, a fellow Lincoln High School graduate.

After completing a BA in business administration from UC Berkeley, Bill returned to active-duty and served during the Korean Conflict, earning a Commendation Medal for bravery during his service. After the end of the Korean conflict, Bill returned to San Francisco and earned a teaching credential and a master's degree. He taught at a local high school for two years, then returned to Iowa, where he earned a PhD in Economics. Later, Bill also taught and served in administrative leadership roles at SF State. Along the way, Bill showed a wide range of interests and extracurricular pursuits, including woodworking and athletics.

He also served for many years as president of the Lincoln High School Alumni Association, dedicating countless hours to keeping fellow Mustang alumni informed about events, scholarships and the general welfare of our beloved alma mater. We thank Bill for his many years of service.



Bernice Lassiter
S45 Lifetime Member

October 24, 1926 Fresno, CA-
December 19, 2024

Bernice Lavern Lassiter passed away peacefully on December 19th, 2024, at age 98. Bernice, lovingly known as "Bea" to her friends and family members, and "GG" to her great-grandchildren, was born in Fresno, California, in 1926. In 1945, she graduated

from Lincoln High School and volunteered as an auxiliary nurse aide during World War II. After high school, Bernice worked at Pacific Bell as a Telephone Switchboard Operator. Later, she and her husband, Chuck Lassiter, owned Polly Ann Ice Cream on Noriega Street.

Following Chuck's passing, Bernice ran an in-home daycare while raising her children and played a key role in helping to establish Grace Infant Care Center in the Sunset District as a devoted member of Grace Lutheran Church. In retirement, Bernice remained active, contributing to numerous volunteer projects within her neighborhood and community. She cherished spending time with family and friends and was fondly known for her love of dancing, earning the nickname "Twinkle Toes" at neighborhood karaoke events.

Above all, Bernice was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. We will miss Bea, and are grateful for her long service to the Lincoln High Mustang community.

Betty (Wittrich) Hollett – S45
5/12/27 - 9/19/24 in Sacramento area

Thomas Chesterman – S49
8/14/31 - 4/10/23 in Arizona

Dorothy (Mitzner) Lo Schiavo – S49
2/10/31 - 11/23/24 in Hillsborough

Robert Mattson – S55
9/8/37 - 1/8/67 in Redwood City, CA

Barbara (Sleath) Clifford – F55
3/29/37 - 12/14/2023 in Duxbury, MA

Eleanor (Judy Thomas) Glosser – F55
5/17/38 - 10/21/24 in Pacifica, CA

Blake Myock – F55
1/2/38 - 8/2/24 in Marin County, CA

Henry Brook – S56
3/30/38 - 9/27/24 in Los Altos, CA

Joan (Bruhns) Hamilton – S56
6/16/38 - 10/14/24 in Mendocino County

Charlotte Mitchell Blackford – S57
4/28/39 - 10/8/24 in Pleasanton

Fred Peeters – S57
5/9/39 - 8/16/21 in Springfield, OR

Marjorie (Dito) Molfino – F57
4/22/40 - 11/14/24 in Daly City

Richard Ledon – F57
3/26/40 - 9/30/24 in San Francisco, CA

Judith (Saufnauer) Thompson – F57
5/13/40 - 8/26/24 in Walnut Creek, CA

Tom Spencer – F57
4/21/40 - 11/27/24 in Paso Robles, CA

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IN MEMORIAM

CONT.

Jim O'Connor – S58
7/23/40 - 10/17/24 in Daly City, CA

Steve Sankoff – S58
10/24/40 - 8/17/24 in Lincoln, CA

Bill Stenwick – S58
10/27/40 - 8/27/23 in Auburn, CA

Marilyn Witbeck – S58
12/15/40 - 4/30/24 in Charleston, WV

Larry Dearing – F58
5/13/41 - 10/1/24 in Marin County

Donna (Ward) McAlary – F58
6/3/41 - 2/2/22 in Manteca

Jerilynn Lucia-Johnson – S59
12/20/41 - 8/15/24 in San Mateo

Peter Cerri – S60
4/18/42 - 10/29/24 in Forestville

Jon (Steve) Overbaugh – F61
4/3/44 - 9/25/24 In San Francisco

Dave Kanisto – S62
1944 - 2024 in Gardnerville, NV

Marilyn (Hammer) Stephens – S63
12/26/45 - 7/17/24 In Lincoln, CA

Michael Leonardini – S66
12/8/47 - 8/15/24

Sara Kaufman – S70
1/27/53 - 10/9/24 in Redwood City

Nancy Orcutt – S74
Died: 12/02/23 in San Francisco

John Alan Poelstra – S74
11/20/56 - 9/6/24 in San Francisco

Kevin Breining – S81
10/02/63 - 11/20/24 in Sonoma County

Connie Jackson – S82
9/2/64 DOD: 10/28/24 in San Francisco

Joe Virzi – S82
2/19/64 - 10/24/24 in San Francisco