



SDHS Alumni Association

Fall 2020 Newsletter



President's Report **Eddie Head '73**

Fellow SDHS Alumni

Where do I start? I will start with good news and begin with congratulating SDHS graduates, Class of 2020.

We had over 480 graduating seniors this past school year.

Visit our website at sandiegohighschoolalumni.org to view photos and a short video on how the class of 2020 celebrated their graduation at:

<https://tinyurl.com/sdhs-grad>

News on the pandemic and how it is affecting the reopening of SDHS and Sports.

It has been decided by the State and SD Unified School District that schools will not re-open for on-campus learning.

The 2020-21 SDH school year will begin August 31st with virtual education until further notice.

It looks like there will be a SDHS sports season as you read this newsletter.

Things can change if the pandemic does not meet the reduction standards set by the state, county, and the school district. The State CIF announced in late July 2020, the following:

There would be only two-sport seasons for high schools, not the regular three-sport seasons.

All Fall sports (Cross-Country, Field-Hockey, Football, Gymnastics, Competitive Cheer, Volleyball, Water Polo) will start in January 2021 and play through March with divisional, regional, and championship games completed by April 17th.

As an example, football will begin practicing on December 14th, the first contest will be January 8th, and league play will end by March 12th. The football season will be a regular ten-game season. It is still to be determined whether or not there will be fans in the stands.

Winter and Spring sports (Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Competitive Sport Cheer, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Wrestling) will start in March and go through late June ending with the state championships.

How will the pandemic affect this year's All-Class Homecoming?

First, let me congratulate this year's Wall of Honor winners, Dr. Clyde Oden, class of 1962, Dr. Jo Frocks Birdsell, class of 1973, and the SDHS Foundation, established in 1975.

This year, the All-Class Homecoming program will be a virtual event. The program will be similar to past programs that highlight our winners, guest speakers, and videos.

More information on this virtual event and how you can join us will be posted on our website by mid to late September. I hope you can join us.

Before I close, I would also like to welcome Paul Hyde, class of 83, as our newest board member. Paul joined the board in February of this year.

A special thanks to your Board of Directors for their efforts and cooperation during this pandemic, without them, your SDHS Alumni Association would not be running as smoothly and going in the same direction.

Special thanks to Itzel Gonzalez and Andrea Serra, our office staff, and Ron Scott, our Webmaster, for doing some work from their homes to keep the Alumni Association going.

As always, I would like to Thank You, the members of the SDHS Alumni Association, for your support of SDHS and its students.

Eddie Head '73
SDHS Alumni Assoc. President



Membership Committee
Gaspar Luna Oliveira '68

Membership
Committee Chair

Hello Cavers! I want to thank each and every one of you that has renewed your Alumni Association Membership this year.

On behalf of your Alumni Association, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support.

Your commitment to help us serve our Cavers Community (e.g., the graduates of the 20th and 21st Century...our Alumni) is greatly appreciated.

Also, I want to thank all of the Cavers that have become new Members in 2020. Welcome to your Alumni Association family!

We hope that we meet your expectations as we do our best to keep our Cavers Community informed about the latest San Diego High School activities and developments that may be of interest to you.

In addition, we are grateful for the many donations that we have received in 2020 to help us continue to meet our budget needs (e.g., printing and mailing of the Alumni Association Newsletter). Your generosity is tremendous... thank you!

I regret that we were not able to have our Annual "Cavers at the Padres" game this Summer. The 2020 Baseball Season was affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic and all public attendance games were cancelled.

We are hoping that things will improve in the future and we can all plan to attend a Padres game in the Summer 2021.

Lastly, if you have not yet renewed your Membership, we hope you will rejoin soon - we need your energy, participation, and Caver Spirit!

You can sign up online or you can contact the Office. If you have any questions or would like to make a suggestion as to how we can improve our services to you, please send me an email at: gasparlunaoliveira@gmail.com

Or call/text me at (619) 548-4793. I will do my best to respond as promptly as possible.

My friends, please stay safe and healthy. Go Cavers!!!

Gaspar Luna Oliveira

WALL OF HONOR 2020

This year's Wall of Honor winners

SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC – ESTABLISHED IN 1992



The SDHS Foundation, Inc. was created in order to establish a charitable I.R.S. 501 (c) 3 tax deductible entity in 1992. Prior to 1992, SDHS lent enthusiastic support to the school mainly through the Alumni Association.

A group of 15 people, led by Daryl Ferguson, started to work together to establish this entity, independent of the Alumni Association, in order to enhance future funding opportunities under the 501 (c) 3 status.

Dick Jackson became the initial President and with the support of many others,

proud to provide between \$35-45,000 in financial support to these groups.

Among the athletic groupings, many of them co-ed, are football, badminton, basketball, lacrosse, track and field, wrestling, and tennis. SDHS also sponsors music/choir, drama/theater, culinary, ASB, Special Education, Jr. ROTC and many of these groups have come to The Foundation for financial assistance.

The SDHS Foundation, Inc. thanks all past and present supporters for their continuing contributions.

Currently, the following persons serve on the Board of trustees: Officers are Ernestine Rae Riner (President), Stan Murphy (Vice President), Klaus Mendenhall (Treasurer), Barbara Nedd (Secretary) and Trustees Shirley Knox, Edward Ott, Larry Sand, Carolyn Sharp, Joni Walker, Karen deLaurier and Frank Stephens.

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William Fiss, Edward Ott, Oliver Belzer (Treasurer), Herb Ybarra, Captain Paul Hartby (liason to Hoover High School) -to name just a few, were able to establish an amazing network of supporters.

In the 28 years of its existence, The SDHS Foundation, Inc. has been able to generate approximately \$4.1 million in alumni and supporter contributions/donations for Scholarships, Clubs and Organizations!

Qualifying students in the past 4 years alone have benefited by the issuance of over \$100,000 yearly in scholarships. Board of Trustee member, Karen deLauier, committee chairperson and with her committee's assistance, puts in countless hours coordinating the distribution, collection and review of applications to ALL SDHS seniors.

This current school year 52 new scholarships were issued as well as approximately two dozen renewable scholarships were processed for prior recipients that were successfully continuing with their college education.

There are many clubs and organizations and many, organized athletics taking place on campus. We are

WALL OF HONOR 2020

This year's Wall of Honor winners

Ed.D Jo Frocks Birdsell, class of 1973



History of leadership and service throughout undergraduate years:

- Concert Band
- Marching Band
- Badminton Team
- Editor-in-Chief "The Russ"

- Principal, National School District
- Dean of Education, Point Loma Nazarene University
- Consultant, California Commission on Teaching Credentialing
- Chair, Department of Educational Administration, National University
- Co-Chair, Department of Teacher Education, National University
- Interim Assistant Provost, National University
- Statewide Coordinator of Clinical Practice, National University
- Chair, Independent California Colleges and Universities Council on the Education of Teachers

Participation in activities that support the mission of the SDHS AA:

- Volunteer, Blind Students Union
- Volunteer, UPLIFT, Urban People Living in Faith and Trust
- American Blood Bank, 10 Gallon Club

Leadership in community activities:

- She has been a Keynote Speaker, League of United Latin American Citizens
- President, Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Omicron Chapter
- Area Director, Delta Kappa Gamma

Significant accomplishments in local, state, national or international professional organizations and/or public service:

- Director of Bilingual Education, Chula Vista Elementary School District
- Consultant, California State Leadership Academy

Other notable qualifications:

- B.A., San Diego State University
- California Bilingual/Bicultural Teaching Credential
- M.A., Educational Administration, National University
- Ed Specialist degree , Point Loma Nazarene University
- California Administrative Credential
- Ed.D., Northern Arizona University

Interests:

- Reading, Music, Needlework

WALL OF HONOR 2020

This year's Wall of Honor winners

Dr. Clyde Oden class of 62



Dr Oden was co-captain of the Track team in his senior year.

He was one of the few athletes to earn a Variety letter in Cross Country all three years.

His work included serving with the RAND Corporation, as Co-Chairman Community Advisory Board on HIV/AIDS Project.

Married to US Congresswoman Barbara Lee Oden. They are both committed to serving the needs of their communities and Nation, seeking justice and equality for all of us.

He was John Doogan's pastor at the AME Bryant temple, he has his spiritual and inspirational religious leader, as he was for my fellow parishioners , a true God sent.

He was named by SDHS as "Man of the Year" in April 1962. attended San Diego State University before transferring to University of California, Berkeley.

He was elected president of the student body, School of optometry.

He was elected president of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. earning master's degrees in public health, Optometry and Business Administration

He has supported efforts to create the SDHS homecoming program, with his advice and options.

He has been the strongest spiritual leader of the class of 1962.

Clyde has often kept us informed of our brothers and sisters when they have had serious health issues, encouraging all of us to support them.

He is the minister of choice for our Funerals

He has always been community focused on concern for poor, underserved and disenfranchised in communities of color.



Gone But Not Forgotten

Name	Yr	DOD	Name	Yr	DOD
Marie Kent Anderson	1964	7/8/2029	June E. Mayo	1957	
Marjorie Grapes Skinner	1928	3/8/2020	Art N. Paley	1957	
Earl Langguth	1945	5/31/2018	Ellen C. Pedersen	1957	
Eleanor Alzona			Carlyn W. Rosser	1957	
Constable	1953	8/6/2020	G. Lucille Salcedo	1957	
Robert Tellez	1953	2020	Carole L. Stubbs	1957	
Mark Anthony Cabrera	1957	9/26/2019	Richard D. Thu	1957	
Michael Cardenas	1966	4/26/2020	Andy D. Torres	1957	
Jerry Eucce	1964	1/1/2020	Warren J. Wilson	1944	Jun-18
Margo D. Blanco	1957		Peirce George Ferriter	1951	8/28/2019
Vito A. Busalacchi	1957		Alice Usher Gay	1946	11/20/2019
David M. Chavez	1957		Almon R Reisweber	1939	
Ida B. Culpan	1957		James M. Cobleigh	1957	2020
Virginia Ann Curry	1957		William S. Hillman	1957	2020
Donald A. Diestel	1957		Loyd L. Walker	1963	
E. Annette Dryden	1957		Kathy E. McGuire	1963	
Gordon A. Glazier	1957		Mary L. McCurley Green	1963	
Victoria S. Gonzales	1957		Lawrence Mothershed II	1963	
Lula Annette Johnson	1957		Sylvester A. Williams	1963	
Cleveland Jones	1957		Willie J. Steel	1963	
Jeanne T. Kay	1957		Donald Taylor	1954	Dec-17
Paul S. Kennerly	1957		Odis D Kirkpatrick	1957	4/8/2015
Carol E. Levy	1957		Jack Farrell	1961	7/8/2020
Delia L. Lopez	1957		Charles T Robinson		
Angela Martinez	1957		Verna Williams		
Joan E. Mayo	1957				

Alumni Executive Board

Eddie L. Head II	President
Gaspar Luna Oliveira	1 st Vice President
Deborah Malbrough Nix	2nd Vice President

<https://tinyurl.com/AlumniHome>
 View all Board members, roll over "About"
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San Diego High School Foundation, Inc. President's Message

E. Rae Riner

This past year, The SDHS Foundation, Inc. has participated in many ways to enhance the academic, social and emotional well being of the students at San Diego High School.

The students have faced many new challenges since virtual education/Distance Learning, has been implemented. This has meant a great deal of separation from their teachers, peers and the patterns and habits to which they had become accustomed. We applaud the students for their resilience and feel honored to have contributed to student success in many different ways during these uncertain times.

Below are some of the ways in which we have shown our support and financial assistance in 2019-2020:

- *Granted 52 College Scholarships in the amount of \$85,900. and administered additional renewables.
- *Established a budget of \$42,000 for program support to numerous clubs & organizations.
- *Contributed funds for Boys & Girls lacrosse, basketball, wrestling, badminton, and soccer.
- *Provided funds to assist teachers in scheduling guest speakers & practitioners.
- *Lent support to the Special Ed. Dept for numerous activities and projects.
- *Budgeted funds for hundreds of students to tour California colleges.
- *Supported both choir and drama clubs in providing on and off campus opportunities.

*Partnered with the Parent/ Teacher/Student Organization helping to fund Teacher Appreciation Week.

*Participated in Campus Action Partners (CAP) which supports teacher Projects with funding.

*Provided \$3,000 to seniors for 2020 Yearbooks so all seniors could have a lasting memory of SDHS.

*Note: many of the end of year activities had to be cancelled due to school closures, however, the funding will carry over when school is able to resume its on-site scheduling of classes and activities.

This year The SDHS Foundation, Inc. is focusing on new ways to increase our involvement and partnership, communication and presence by contributing to our newly created Facebook page & Instagram, the Principal's Caver Weekly and by gaining new Partners in Education.

One reason the San Diego High School, Inc. is able to lend such tremendous support to the students and staff at the school is because of a very dedicated Board of Trustees that believe in the future of our students.

Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion

Our 50 year reunion committee is planning a very memorable event to celebrate this occasion.

DATE: October 15 and 16, 2021

WHERE: Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island

We are developing a website that I will post here in the near future.

Contact us:

Cavers for ever, Patti

<https://tinyurl.com/Class-of-71>

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WALL OF HONOR 2020 (cont.)

In conclusion, we would like to remind all Alumni that both organizations, San Diego High School Foundation, Inc. and San Diego High School Alumni Association are their own distinct legal entities.

Both Organizations are administered by their respective voluntary Board of Trustees and provide many successful programs and opportunities for involvement by Alumni and supporters.

The SDHS Foundation, Inc.'s primary purpose is to raise tax deductible contributions/donations for the aforementioned Scholarships, Clubs and Organizations that are not always being covered in these

rather difficult budgetary times. Whereas, the Alumni Association, NOT tax deductible is a membership entity providing support for its Associated Student Body (ASB) 'on campus' activities and class reunion program support.

This distinction should always be considered when providing funds for these ongoing successful entities.

Should there ever be any question regarding this distinction, do not hesitate to contact either Board of Trustees for assistance