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# Winter 2024 Newsletter

“STRENGTHENING OUR YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION.”

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**Jim Hathaway  
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Rob Wilkie**

**Join us on  
Saturday, February 3, 2024  
in the  
New Smyrna Beach High School Auditorium  
at 10:00 am  
as we present the  
16th Annual ‘Cuda Achiever  
Alumni Hall of Fame  
Awards**

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...Please consider volunteering for CAPS or donating your time. We are always looking for help. The sky is the limit and our yearly goal is to provide as many scholarships as possible to seniors in need.

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Happy new year to all of our CAPS supporters.

After another successful year of fundraising, we'd like to announce that we have come to a difficult, yet heartfelt decision. After more than two decades of holding our famed Spaghetti Dinner as our main fundraiser, we have decided to move in another direction. This decision did not come lightly and it was mainly due to low attendance numbers, even after promoting the event more than we ever have in the last five years. We have recognized that fundraising has changed in recent years. Our goal this year is to revamp, and put together a new annual scholarship event that everyone will enjoy, and feel confident in supporting. We currently have an amazing board with a multitude of networking connections, and I have no doubt that we will develop an amazing event. We want to give an enormous, thanks to all of our supporters through the decades, and we hope that many of you continue to follow us and donate to us for this cause. We have brought the scholarship foundation into a solid position to continue awarding high school seniors money towards their first year of college or tech school. As we navigate these changes, many of our longtime sponsors will likely hear from current board members that have contacted them before with new information about our new fundraising endeavors.

With that being said, we'd also like to say that we have not ended our Cuda Achiever Hall of Fame program. This year we are continuing with the tradition of honoring these fine individuals who have to meet specific requirements, and are hand-selected by the board following community nomination. We will hold our annual ceremony at the high school on Saturday, February 3rd at 10 AM. This ceremony is always heartwarming as the community comes together to celebrate those who have given back to their community in a big way. We as a board, the recipients, and their family and friends will also celebrate following the ceremony at a private luncheon. If you are unaware, there is an entire hallway in the main office of the high school, which highlights all of the CAPS Cuda Achiever recipients and it is actually quite a sight to see. We as a board, look forward to this EVERY YEAR!

For additional current events, many board members are assisting high school seniors with scholarship applications at the Scholarship Boot Camp at the high school. This event is vital as high school seniors benefit from as much financial assistance as possible when awarded a community scholarship. Lastly, a number of our board members will be present at Honors Night in May to provide our recipients with their scholarships.

In closing, I want to mention that we are always looking for volunteers with CAPS. If you or someone you know, is looking for an entity to donate their time or money to, CAPS is a well established and deserving foundation that plans to continue the tradition of helping high school seniors with the enormity of finances they face when transitioning to college or tech school.

Again, thank you for your time, commitment, and donations. We will all miss the annual Spaghetti Dinner, but we promise to bring something just as worthy and fun to our community very soon. For further information and to donate please visit: [www.nsbcaps.com](http://www.nsbcaps.com) or visit our Facebook page. It is always encouraged to email any of our board members as well with inquiries or to inform us of alumni community events.

Best,

Carissa Peterson APRN

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IN PASSING CONT...

Amanda Rae Pritchard (’76)

Amanda went home to be with Jesus on October 16, 2023. She fought courageously against cancer. Amanda held many different careers including customer service, caregiving, and hospitality management but none as important to her as motherhood. On any given day, Amanda could be found sporting Miami Dolphins gear as they were her favorite team, and she took this seriously. She loved music, festivals, joking with friends, going to church, a good cup of coffee, and sometimes even dancing in the living room.

Michael L. Robinson (’97)

Michael passed away June 27, 2023.

Glenn Sihler (’79),

Glenn died November 5, 2023. Glenn returned to the Edgewater area in 2016 from Port St. Lucie. He was a United States Air Force parachute packer veteran and later became a building superintendent in the construction industry. Glenn was a beloved coach for football, softball, and baseball. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. He is remembered as great man with a big heart. He adored his children and grandchildren more than anything else in the world.

Lee Albert Smith Sr. (Chisholm High School)

Lee transitioned into eternal rest on April 30, 2023. Lee was educated in the Volusia County School System. He was a graduate of Chisholm High School where he was a member of the school band. Lee joined the United States Army in 1963 during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1965. After serving his country Lee had a rewarding career as a Cement Truck Driver, working for Lonestar Cement which later became Tarmac Cement where Lee eventually retired after many dedicated years.

Alex Thompson

Alex peacefully passed away on September 28, 2023. Beloved husband, father, and friend, Alex's warmth and generosity touched the lives of all those around him. Alex was known by many for his unconditional love for his family, church, and fishing. A sports enthusiast, he loved to watch various sports performances, matching his zeal for life on and off the field. Teaching and helping others were amongst Alex's greatest accomplishments. He passionately loved teaching and making a difference in other peoples' lives.

Brooke Noel Williams (’13)

Brooke died September 4, 2023. She came to the area in 1995 and was a lifelong Florida resident. She participated at Arc and Easter Seals. She loved music, dancing, coloring books, and bowling. Brooke was a computer wiz and would always make people smile, she truly loved people. Brooke will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

From Our Readers

I love my class of ’62 classmates. We just celebrated our 61st reunion in April. There’s no place like NSB.

~ Carol Swann Gibson

I am the proud Grandmother of 2 NSBHS grads who were CAPS scholarship recipients! THANK YOU! Both of my Cuda Grads are on the Wall of Fame!!

~ Susan Bauer Tenney

This is the gift that keeps on giving. The Cuthberts, proud teachers/admins of NSBHS We are both retired from the Space Center. Sue from NASA and Wes from Lockheed Martin.

~ Wes and Sue Hutchinson

2023 CONTRIBUTORS

December 1, 2022 – November 30, 2023

\$10 - \$99

- Jay Adams

Taylor Bronkie Bailey

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CONTRIBUTIONS IN HONOR OF:

- Sue Hall (who got her high school diploma at age 50)* by Susan Patterson

*Timothy Merrick (2023 Cuda Achiever)* by Amy Turner and Linda Cuthbert

*The Class of 1958* by Sue Contardi

*The Class of 1959* by Suzanne Young Longo

*The Class of 1981* by Bobby Baker

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MEMORY OF:

- JB-Jack Bellman* by JB’s Fish Camp

*Fannie Cleland* by Charles and Jane Stuckey

*Douglas E. Cole* by Mae Cole

*Sally Griffin Shiles Cribbs* by Martha Humphrey

*John C. Deal Jr. (Class of 1937)* by John and Sherrie Deal

*Mario Fazio* by Tony Melachrino

*Howard E. Gilkes* by Kendra Gilkes

*Barbara G. Layer, my wife of over 68 years* by Richard E. Layer

*Betty Jo Middleton* by Lynette Dale Wagner

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*Mary Evans Pleterski* by Jack Pleterski, James Pleterski and Sara Pleterski Brown

*Billy Prosser (Class of 2013)* by Patricia Socha

*Gail Swoope* by Dallas (Pat) Johnson

*Annette King Young (Class of 1957)* by Lindsay and Tina Carr

*The Class of 1958* by Sue Contardi

Update From Recipient

Hello,

This is Angel Methax, the Wendy and Shawn Lane scholarship recipient from the Class of 2023 at New Smyrna Beach High School. I just wanted to update you on my progress at New College of Florida and how your funding has helped me remain dedicated to my studies as a Pre-Health student.

New College of Florida has a very unique grading system as instead of letters and percent-ages we receive narrative evaluations from our professors similar to a review from an em-ployer at work. For all five classes that I was enrolled in for Fall 2023, I received satisfactory evaluations which means I received credit for these classes. In January my school doesn’t hold classes but instead has students complete small research projects. I have signed up for a group one that is about Ecology and water sports. Once a week I will be in a lecture about ecology and then participate in field trips where we use water vessels to observe nature. This is a very useful project to further my education in pursuit of my Biology major. For the spring term, I am enrolled in four classes: Biology of Sharks, Skates and Rays, Dealing with Data I, General Chemistry II and Epidemiology Matters: An Introduction. As classes aren’t offered during the summer, I will be look-ing for internship or job opportunities to enhance my medical resume.

I started my volunteering at the Accessibility Learning Center as a program coordinator for four hours a week. After about a month, I was hired on to work six hours a week continuing this work with pay. This job allows me to be very active on campus and create programs to teach students about disabilities. I have an orientation for a second job as an ambassador for the Take Stock in Children program in which I have a scholarship from. As I plan to attend graduate school in Pennsylvania, these jobs are giving me an excellent opportunity to save up the money to move there.

Sincerely,

Angel Methax

New Smyrna Beach High Class of 2023

Your enthusiastic scholar at New College of Florida



IN PASSING

Dianne Bell (’65)

Dianne departed this world on November 21, 2023. Dianne was a long-time resident of Daytona Beach. She was a beacon of kindness and compassion. A passionate soul, Dianne found joy in the harmonies of life, and among her greatest pleasures was the music of Queen. She reveled in the joy that music brought to her life. Dianne had an unwavering passion for shopping as she transformed every shopping excursion into an adventure.

Richard “Rick” Storm Browning, Jr., (’82)

Rick passed away on October 23, 2023. After graduation from high school, Rick continued his education at the University of Central Florida where a college project began his sole 35-year entrepreneurial career, as owner and operator of Volusia Vertical & Shutter, Inc and subsequently Wallpapers Galore, Inc. Rick lived a full and vibrant life. He had a passion for the outdoors, and a connection to animals and the water. He experienced freedom and exhilaration surfing the waves, boating, offshore fishing, traveling, skiing, and skydiving.

Francis (Fran)P. DiNicola (’71)

Fran passed away December 21, 2023. Fran was employed by NSB Utilities and later worked at Kennedy Space Center as a water and waste operator/mechanic. He retired in May 2020 from KSC. Franny's interests included Saturday night races at NSB, attending antique auctions, tinkering with his Jeep Wrangler, and watching old Westerns. Fran put the utmost importance on visiting family and friends. He loved to discuss many topics, but his favorite was talking about dogs and their humans.

Joe Warren Garrett (’62)

Joe passed peacefully on September 20, 2023. Joe was a New Smyrna Beach native he made many lifelong friends while in high school. He loved his trucks, Cracker Barrel, and his family.

Phyllis Hall (’77)

Phyllis died September 18, 2023. Phyllis was a lifelong New Smyrna Beach resident. She was a registered nurse. Phyllis attended Edgewater First Baptist Church. She loved reading, watching movies, traveling, and going to the theater. Phyllis was a devoted mother, sister, and a loving daughter.

Robert Harmon (’56)

Robert died December 18, 2023. At Stetson University Bob met Gayle and the two eloped and married in March of 1959. Bob left Stetson for the army in the summer of 1959, earning a position with the army special forces in the Green Berets. During Bob's long career as a firefighter for the City of Daytona Beach, he remained active in the army reserve, rising to the rank of master sergeant. After retirement, Bob and Gayle volunteered for the Marine Discovery Center in New Smyrna Beach.

Theo Kurrus (’65)

Theo passed away September 2, 2023. Theo attended college at the University of South Florida. Theo and Susie, his wife of 46 years, owned a beach concession in New Smyrna for 21 years before moving to Phoenix, AZ where they lived for 23 years. After retiring they moved back to NSB where Theo enjoyed fishing, driving on the beach and playing pool with his many good friends at Moe's and Lucilles.

Daniel S. Lane (’79)

Daniel died October 20, 2023. Daniel came to the NSB area in 1961 from his birthplace, Columbus, Ohio. A United States Army veteran, he worked as a computer specialist and radio technician. Daniel enjoyed college football and working on computers. He was a member of the high school band at New Smyrna High school.

William (Bill) Dean Mead (’66)

Bill passed away September 23, 2023. A lifelong resident of the NSB area, Bill grew up in Oak Hill where he played baseball, basketball, and football. After high school he attended and graduated from the University of Florida with a teaching degree. He taught in Volusia County Schools, including as a physical education teacher. He finished his career as a principal of Chisholm Elementary. After retirement Bill enjoyed fishing.

2023 CONTRIBUTORS

December 1, 2022 – November 30, 2023

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