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New Members Inducted into the CHS Alumni



Left to right: Edward S. Inman III '78, Jason E. Jacques '93, Lolita Lipa Roberts '91, Philip V. Casacalenda III, and Raymond A. Coppa



New Alumni Hall of Fame Display

The following individuals were inducted into the CHSAA Alumni Hall of Fame for 2022 on November 2, 2022: Philip V. Casacalenda, III, '78, Raymond A. Coppa, Edward S. Inman, III '78, Jason E. Jacques '93, and Lolita Lipa Roberts '91. The inductees were presented with a plaque, a pen, and a CHS pin. Inductees were introduced by a family member and/or friends as a tribute to them. A plaque for each inductee will be displayed at CHS in the new Alumni Hall of Fame display.

Many thanks to Brooke Macomber, Jamie Cotnoir and his class, and the maintenance team at CHS for making this new display possible.



New Scholarships Added by CHSAA for 2023

The CHSAA, due to the generosity of its donors and the efforts of the CHSAA committee, was able to donate \$38,000 in scholarships this year to the 23 CHS seniors. A complete list of donors is available on our website at <https://www.oakeralumni.org>. These scholarships bring our all-time total to \$202,000 since 2011.

Three new scholarships will be added for 2023:

Thanks to the generosity of the Murray Family, a new \$1000 scholarship has been established for 2023. The scholarship will honor Francis Herbert Murray who passed away in February, 2021 at the age of 76 from complication of COVID-19. Frank graduated from Hope High School in 1962 and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1966. Frank was employed as an Actuarial Analyst for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI for 28 years before retiring. He was also interested in and enjoyed the real estate business. The CHSAA will offer this scholarship to a member of the class of 2023 who plans to further his or her education to prepare for a vocational career. The CHSAA is excited to honor Frank in this way by helping another CHS graduate further his or her education. Thank you to Linda Murray and the members of the Murray family for funding this scholarship.



**Lawrence
"Larry" Mello**

**Annmarie
Byrnes**

**Francis H.
Murray**

A second scholarship will honor Lawrence "Larry" Mello who passed away recently and who served as an art teacher and curriculum coordinator at CHS for over 30 years. The scholarship is supported by the Mello family, Mr. Mello's former colleagues and students, and current teachers in the art department at CHS. The amount of the scholarship will be \$1000 and will go to a CHS senior pursuing a career in the arts.

A third scholarship will be honoring Annmarie Byrnes who passed away recently. This scholarship is being sponsored by friends and family of Annmarie recognizing her many years contributing to her church and to the children of Coventry. This scholarship also be a \$1000 scholarship going to a CHS senior.

It takes a village to raise and support our young people and the CHSAA network is committed to helping our seniors with their cost of education to ensure their success going forward.

Annual CHSAA Breakfast held on January 21, 2023



Check presentation – Class of 1972 Attendees at the breakfast

The 5th Annual CHSAA Mini-Reunion breakfast was held on Saturday, January 21 from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Olde Theater Diner on 33 Sandy Bottom Road. Over 50 people were in attendance enabling the CHSAA to raise \$1636 for our general scholarship fund. The Class of 1972 made an unannounced donation to the CHSAA from the generous members of their class at their 50th anniversary celebration in May. Lee Gadoury and Deborah Guthrie presented a check for \$2657.06 to the general scholarship fund. The CHSAA is thankful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of the members of the class.

Is your class is planning a reunion? Please consider what other classes have done, such as donating the 50/50 raffle earnings from a reunion to CHSAA or adding a few dollars to ticket price to generate a donation for CHSAA. Every donation helps us to expand our scholarship donations.

Many thanks to everyone that attended to make this event a success!

Hugh T. Clements, Jr. '75 Appointed to New Position in Washington, DC



After nearly 40 years with the Providence Police Department, and 11 years as Chief, Hugh T. Clements, Jr. has been appointed to serve as the new Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office). The COPS Office is the part of the Justice Department concerned with advancing community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and Tribal law enforcement. Chief Clements is a 1975 graduate of Coventry High School and a 2014 inductee to the Coventry High School Alumni Hall of Fame. We wish Chief Clements much success of his new position and thank him for his amazing leadership of the Providence Police Department.

Olde Theater Diner Golf Tournament nets \$6500 for the CHSAA



Tammy Flippo '83



Ernie Nardolillo '95



Coventry Pines Golf Course

The CHSAA has received a donation of \$6500 from the Olde Theater Diner Golf Tournament which held on October 2nd at the Coventry Pines Golf Course. Many thanks to Ernie Nardolillo and Tammy Flippo for their hard work raising these funds. Funds will be used to fund the OTD Scholarship and used as a match for other scholarships as well. Thank you to all who participated in this event!

Scholarship planned for the Ardis Barbour Award Going Forward

The Ardis Barbour Award

Liangie Calderon



2022 Ardis Barbour

Award Scholarship

Winner 2022 Ardis Barbour

Award Scholarship Winner

The Ardis Barbour Award the most important senior award at CHS other than the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Ardis was the long-time principal at Hopkins Hill and when she retired, the award was established by the faculty at Hopkins Hill to honor her. The award was first given in 1971 to Karen Davie '71. The CHSAA is looking to lineup donors to give a scholarship to the winner of the award.

A few donors have come forward and we are researching the names of the recipients over the 50 years to see if we can get them to donate to the scholarship fund. To date almost \$9200 has been donated or pledged to establish this scholarship.

The CHSAA has reached its goal achieving a total of \$11,000 to build a sustaining fund for the scholarship. Donations for this fund are still welcomed. The scholarship for 2022 was presented on Senior Awards Night last May to Liangie Calderone in the amount of \$1000.

The incomplete list of Ardis Barbour Award winners is printed below: 2022 Liangie Calderone, 2021 Brendan Dowling, 2020 Jaya Joyce, 2019 Rylee Campbell, 2018 Deanna Cerce, 2017 Jason Hoskins, 2016 Trevor Campbell, 2015 Kathleen Cronin, 2014 Andrew LeCampion, 2013 Patrick Shea 2012 Katie Auld, 2011 Allison Bousquet, 2010 Lindsey Myers, 2009 Michaela Tracy, 2008 Lindsey Paiva, 2007 Aimee Belanger, 2006 Caitlin Smith, 2005 Kaela Adams, 2004 James Daley, 2003 Zachary Clark, 2002 Christopher Schayer, 1989 Erin McCarthy, 1978 Suzanne Criscione Tracy, 1977 Marc Bourret, 1976 Steven D. Moore and Anne Robertson, 1974 John E. Ogradnik, 1972 Susan Dutilly Wieboldt, 1971 Karen Davie.

Please contact us at chsaa2009@gmail.com if you have a name for us or you would like to donate. Donations can be made at <https://www.oakeralumni.org> or to CHSAA PO Box 705 Coventry, RI 02816

Grants Presented by the CHSAA in 2023

The CHSAA will be funding \$3,000 in grants this year for school projects. A request for proposals has been sent to the faculty to apply for grants involving students for school improvement or to help students academically or with career exploration. The deadline for application is January 31, 2023. Grants will be awarded by Feb. 21, 2023.

Comedy Night Planned for the Fall of 2023

As a follow-up to our successful Funny4Funds Comedy Night last April, the CHSAA will be partnering with the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club to sponsor the event. Tickets will be \$25 and will be available at the end of August. A date will be secured shortly. Details will be posted on our Facebook page and our website.

About our organization...

The Coventry High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) is a nonprofit, 501-(3)(c) tax-exempt organization founded in 2009. Our mission is to: 1) provide scholarships for CHS seniors, 2) provide funds for school educational projects, and 3) recognize successful and community-minded individuals who have attended CHS, been employed at CHS, or who have been benefactors to the CHS community.

Since 2011, the CHSAA has awarded \$202,000 in scholarships including \$38,000 for this year. Over the last five years, \$11,550 has been donated for school projects. Our goal is to help students identify their career pathways before leaving high school to minimize the wasting of time and money by changing colleges or majors, extending the time, and increasing the cost of college.

All of the committee members are volunteers, so virtually all the money raised through fundraisers or donations goes to the students of CHS. Our website is www.oakeralumni.org and donations may be made there via credit card or by mailing a check to: CHSAA P.O. Box 705 Coventry, RI 02816. Some individuals have also arranged bequests to the organization to help ensure that future CHS seniors will continue to receive support through CHSAA Endowment and other investments. Please consider helping us.

A Debt of Gratitude...

Many thanks to the members of the CHSAA committee, the Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and all our generous donors. Members of the committee give generously of their time and personal resources to help make the scholarships and grants possible. CHSAA Committee members: John Ball, Jim Kuipers '85, Mary Ann Cantino, Kathy Lavallee '83, Amanda Lavallee '12, Mary Vandervelde '76, Maureen Jendzejec '75, Andrea Hopkins '64, Kate McCarthy Barnett '85, Stacy Ferrara '83, Kevin Dolan '80, Pat Johnson '81, Jean Boucher '68, Ernie DiMicco '66, Jo-Ann Passarelli '80, Lori DiCostanzo, Sarah Charette '95, Helen Gray '64, and Diane and Robert Tremblay, James Hopkins '58, and Stephen Bestwick '80