

## ***THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-6 OF JUNE 1, 2015***

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

**1. FOUNDATION AWARDS 2015 SCHOLARSHIPS.** We are proud to announce these absolutely outstanding recipients of the Foundation's 2015 scholarships:

**ELSA TLAPECHCO – THOMAS V. MILLER, SR. SCHOLARSHIP.** While at Surrattsville, Elsa was an honor roll student who maintained a 3.3 GPA, was an SGA member in grades 10, 11 and 12, served as SGA President in grades 11 and 12, was founder and President of the Hispanic American Leadership Organization, served as a Student Leader and Peer Mediator, was a member of the Art Club, and played on the Tennis Team. Outside of school, Elsa volunteered at the Humane Society, at the Special Olympics and at area animal shelters. Elsa plans to attend Stevenson University in the Fall majoring in biology, and to attend veterinarian school after college.

**IYANA DOWNIE - ESTHER CLIFTON MILLER SCHOLARSHIP.** While at Surrattsville, Iyana maintained a 3.6 GPA while completing AP classes in psychology, pre-calculus, computer graphics and biology. Iyana served as Wing Commander (the highest student position) in the School's award-winning AFJROTC program, where she received numerous citations and awards. Iyana was the President of the National Honor Society and of G.E.M.S. (Girls Empowered Meeting With Success), and served as a Peer Mediator. Outside of School, Iyana was a Clinton Library Volunteer Reader, an escort at the Mt. Vernon Slave Memorial, a volunteer for Can You Care Food Drive, Children Fighting For Cancer, and the Special Olympics, and worked as a child care provider. (Iyana received the second highest number of community service hours – 638.5 -- in the Class of 2015.) Iyana plans to attend Virginia Wesleyan University in the Fall, and to major in child psychology.

**JANINE HUME-DAWSON.** While at Surrattsville, Janine was on the Honor Roll and the Principal's List, and maintained a 3.1 GPA. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the SGA, the Drill Team, the Morning Announcement Team, G.E.M.S. (Girls Empowered Meeting With Success), the Tennis Team, the Choir, and led the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign and the Can You Care Food Drive. Janine plans to attend Alcorn State in the Fall as an AFJROTC student, majoring in psychology and minoring in pre-law. After college, Janine hopes to become a JAG lawyer.

**ALEXIS NICOLE SMITH.** Alexis maintained a 3.98 GPA at Surrattsville while taking AP calculus and statistics, and was on the Principal's Honor Roll. She was a member of the SGA, and served as its Treasurer and Historian. She was Editor of the Yearbook, served as a Student Leader and class officer, was a member of the Track and Volleyball teams, and served on the

Morning Announcement Team. In the Marching Band, Alexis served as Section Leader, Student Director and Drum Major. Alexis plans to attend Ohio State University in the Fall, majoring in athletic training.

LAWRENCE BROWN II. At Surrattsville, Lawrence maintained a GPA of 3.96, while taking AP courses in statistics and psychology, and being awarded the Principal's Award in grades 10 and 11. He was a member of NHG, the Student Leadership Club, the History Club, the Society of Torch and Laurel, the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, and the Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams. Lawrence was awarded Second Place in the Write-a-Book Competition and First Place and Second Place at School Science Fairs. In the Fall Lawrence plans to attend Coastal Carolina University to pursue a healthcare career.

The Foundation also co-sponsored two Tekau Rasayon Memorial Scholarships with the AFJROTC unit, which were presented to the following young scholars:

CADET COLONEL MARLON TAFFE, who will be attending University of Maryland College Park in the fall.

CADET COLONEL IYANA DOWNIE (see above).

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmxyo2TtgA>

**2. FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2015 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS.** The Foundation also is proud to announce this year's duo of truly extraordinary Achievement Award recipients!

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT PHYLLIS G. DICKERSON. Senior Master Sergeant Dickerson, who is retiring in 2015, is one of the instructors in Surrattsville's multi-award winning Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Affectionately known as "Sgt. D" and "the Mother of the AFJROTC unit," she serves as a mentor and leader of the outstanding students in the program, and is cited by many as a primary reason for the program's many successes. SMSgt Dickerson also is very active as a volunteer at her church and in the community.

SMSgt Dickerson retired from active duty in the Air Force in 1994 to take her instructor position at Surrattsville, and immediately began to work with Col. Umstead to build the AFJROTC program into one of the top programs of its kind in the country.

SMSGt Dickerson's many accomplishments began early in life. She attended Essex High School in Virginia and excelled across the entire spectrum of school activities. She was very active in the school Choir, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Homemakers of America, Cheerleaders, and a four-year letterman on the Track and Field Team. Her exceptional athletic performance earned her a position on the Virginia All-State Track and Field team for four consecutive years.

After graduating from high school in June 1973, SMSGt Dickerson enlisted in the Air Force. Her Air Force assignments included Edwards AFB, CA where she was involved with the test program for several new military weapon systems, Okinawa, Japan where she became an inspector of several different aircraft assigned to her, Altus, Oklahoma where she continued her career as an inspector, and Incerlik, Turkey where she was a member of the transient maintenance unit which serviced all tanker, cargo, and fighter aircraft in that region. Next, SMSGt Dickerson was assigned to Andrews AFB where she worked in the Transient Maintenance Branch to support all incoming and outgoing aircraft traffic in support of the White House and the Pentagon. She was later assigned as Crew Chief of the Vice President's aircraft which on many occasions backed-up the President of the United States. Her next assignment was to Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, where she held the role as Production Superintendent of flightline maintenance. Sergeant Dickerson was directly involved in Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and Provide Comfort. In July 1993, SMSGt Dickerson returned to Andrews to serve as Superintendent of the Transient Maintenance Section, her last active duty posting before coming to Surrattsville.

SMSGt Dickerson's military decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster and one bronze oak leaf cluster. And, perhaps most impressively, she was named AFJROTC Instructor of the Year in 1996-1997!

LT. COL. DARYL UMSTEAD. Lieutenant Colonel Umstead has been the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor in Surrattsville's multi-award winning Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps since August 1997. In this role, he is responsible for the management and administration of the program in accordance with Department of Defense, Air Force and AFJROTC guidance. Lt. Col. Umstead is widely recognized as a primary force behind the absolutely extraordinary successes of the School's AFJROTC program.

Lt. Col. Umstead graduated from Hillside High School in North Carolina and earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. He next obtained a Master's of Arts degree in Human Resources Management from Pepperdine University. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through AFROTC and attended the Communications Electronics Maintenance Officers Course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. His duties included communications, logistics and educational assignments in South Carolina, the Philippines, Virginia, Illinois, California, Washington, DC, Naples, Italy and back to DC where he served as a Professor of Aerospace Studies at Howard University. He retired from active duty on the ceremonial lawn at Bolling Air Force Base in 1997 to begin his tenure at Surrattsville.

Lt. Col. Umstead's military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Lt. Col. Umstead also has been a great supporter of the Foundation since its establishment, even serving on the Foundation Board for a number of years.

*A Note about Surrattsville's AFJROTC Program:* In the eyes of many, no two individuals have been more instrumental in the extraordinary successes of the School's AFJROTC program than Lt. Col. Umstead and Senior Master Sergeant Dickerson. The School's AFJROTC was established with the initial unique objective of establishing a 9<sup>th</sup> grade (and beyond) transitional program that includes mentoring, guidance, career assessment, interest inventories, test-taking skills, study skills, portfolio development, and post-secondary school opportunities exploration

The program also stresses reading, writing and vocabulary development to prepare cadets for the PSAT and SAT tests, and has included post-test follow-up and AFJROTC-led prep classes (at one time serving 500 students with six instructors). The program also supports students in their efforts to complete their required community service hours.

Each Fall, the program provides off-site training to cadets in uniform wear, basic customs and courtesy, physical fitness awareness and drill movements. As a result of this intensive preparation, the Surrattsville program continually places first in competitions in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia. And the program even provides waltz lessons in preparation for the annual military ball!

Despite having its instructor total cut from six to four, the program continued to earn the very prestigious AFJROTC Honor Unit Status. An alumni program brings Surrattsville grads back to the School to inform cadets about life after high school and to emphasize the importance of high school preparatory work. For 15 years, the program sponsored Clinton's great community parade. The program's Kitty Hawk Honors group spearheads tutoring and mentoring efforts which keep the programs academic goals alive and which has resulted in many years of cadets qualifying as Surrattsville's valedictorians and salutatorians.

Each year, the program sponsors "Curriculum in Action" field trips to places like the White House and Andrews AFB. The program stresses resume development through summer leadership programs like Boys' and Girls' State and the program's own Cadet Officer Leadership Program. Surrattsville's AFJROTC Unit MD-942 was named an AFJROTC Outstanding Unit in 2000, Distinguished Unit in 2012, and Distinguished Unit with Merit in 2013. It has always been committed to being "the best of the best," and a recent Air Force inspector noted that the Surrattsville unit is "one of the nation's premier units, serving as a model for other units to follow."

The achievements and successes of these great kids under the tutelage of SMSgt. Dickerson and Lt. Col. Umstead cannot be overstated. Although these two exemplary educators will be sorely missed after their retirement, the foundation they have built over the decades will certainly benefit Surrattsville's AFJROTC cadets for years to come. Congratulations and best wishes to these outstanding role models, instructors and mentors who have provided so much to the students at Surrattsville!

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**3. EXTRAORDINARILY GENEROUS GRANT TO FOUNDATION FEATURED IN GAZETTE ARTICLE.** As previously reported, the Foundation's two newest Scholarships were endowed by Nancy Miller (67) in honor of her parents. Recently, the Gazette featured a lovely article about Nancy's extraordinary generosity, and it can be viewed at:

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20150528/NEWS/150529236/1145/alumna-endows-two-new-scholarships-for-surrattsville-high-school&template=gazette>

Here are overviews of these great new endowed funds to benefit Surrattsville graduates:

The Foundation's Thomas V. Miller, Sr. ('36) Memorial Scholarship was endowed by Nancy Miller ('67) in 2014 honor of her late father. Nancy notes, "My father was born in Clinton in 1919 and died here in 1991. After graduating from Surrattsville in 1936, he briefly attended the University of Maryland but decided that he would rather work than study, and thereafter worked six days a week, at least 12 hours a day, until the day he died, to support his wife and ten children."

This annual scholarship is granted to a deserving, hardworking senior, with special preferences given to applicants who have to work at an outside job while in school. Special consideration also is given to applicants who might be planning a post-Surrattsville educational path that does not include a traditional college experience.

The Foundation's Esther Clifton Miller Memorial Scholarship was endowed by Nancy Miller ('67) in 2014 honor of her late mother. This annual scholarship is granted to a graduating senior with a preference for seniors planning to pursue an education degree and a career as a teacher. Nancy notes, "At age 19, my mother was then the youngest person ever to be certified to be a teacher in the District of Columbia. A native of D.C., she graduated from Eastern High School when she was 15, and Wilson Teachers College at age 19. She taught in the public schools of

the District until she moved to Clinton after her marriage to my father, Thomas V. Miller, Sr. She was an occasional substitute teacher at Surrattsville Elementary School, she taught CCD religion classes to elementary-age children at St. John's Catholic Church in Clinton every Saturday, and was the leader of numerous Bluebird and Camp Fire Girl troops of all ages that met at our house every Friday after school. And all the while raising 10 children! She loved everything about children and teaching. I know she would be pleased to know that this Scholarship will be used to help Surrattsville graduates become teachers."

The Foundation is very grateful to Nancy for her extraordinary generosity to benefit the great kids at Surratts.

**3. FOUNDATION PURCHASES GARMENT BAGS FOR BAND GOWNS AND TUXEDOS.**

The School's outstanding band program recently purchased new formal performance attire for these musical Hornets. The Foundation recently purchased high-end garment bags to protect this nice investment by the band program. Don't miss an opportunity to hear these great young musicians if you get the chance!

**4. FOUNDATION SPONSORS SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FIELD TRIP.**

The Foundation recently sponsored a Special Education Department field trip to an event at Six Flags. Special Education Science teacher Tracey Wigfall reported that "the students had an awesome time at Six Flags and thanks to the Foundation for making this possible!

**5. NEW YOUTUBE VIDEO FEATURES FOUNDATION'S FALLEN HEROES**

**PLAQUE.** Thanks to the tireless efforts and artistic talents of the Foundation's youtube master, Foundation Board member Sandra Smith Simmons (70), the Foundation's youtube channel features another new program, this one about the Foundation's Fallen Heroes Plaque that was conceived and executed by Bob Jeter (64). Many thanks to Sandra and Bob for these great efforts to honor Hornets who have made the ultimate sacrifice to benefit others. This beautiful and moving new video program can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnGmMoQZb28>

**6. FALLEN HERO HONORED WITH ROADWAY DEDICATION.**

Those of you who travel the Inter-County Connector may have noticed a sign near its intersection with I-270 indicating that the roadway was recently dedicated to the memory of Bill Talbert (65). Bill's ultimate sacrifice was recognized with an Achievement Award in 2012, and his photo and bio can be found at <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2012.shtml>. What a fitting tribute to this remarkable Hornet who dedicated his life to the service of others..

**7. SEEKING INFO ABOUT LOST HORNET.**

We received this inquiry from Les Illinski (82): "I am trying to locate a former neighbor, Lamar Gunter, or anyone who knew him. Lamar

attended Surrattsville as an 8th grader in 1953. I found him on e-yearbook.com. I'm not sure whether he graduated in 57 from Surrattsville. If anyone knows how I can reach him my email is [leslyillinski@aol.com](mailto:leslyillinski@aol.com). Thanks so much. Les"

**8. CLASS OF 75 REUNION DETAILS.** We received this update on the Class of 75's reunion plans: "The Class of 1975 has scheduled the following reunion events:

October 16th - Meet & Greet  
Comfort Inn. Bowie, MD. 7:00-11:00pm

October 17th - Reunion Night  
Ticket Price. \$50.00 per person  
Pay by PayPal @ [40thshs@gmail.com](mailto:40thshs@gmail.com)  
By September 7, 2015  
Moose Lodge, Upper Marlboro, MD. 7:00-11:00pm

October 18th - Abner's Crabhouse  
Chesapeake Beach, MD  
12:00 noon-til

Hotel Rooms: We have reserved rooms at the Comfort Inn Bowie, MD. We have blocked for special rate of \$126.00 per night which includes free breakfast. Must call to book rooms by 9/15, and use contract #2163731 when reserving your room. Please contact Debbie Long Kilby at [dlongkilby@aol.com](mailto:dlongkilby@aol.com) or Les Gooding at [lbkvk@aol.com](mailto:lbkvk@aol.com) for more information.

**9. MORE MEMORIES FROM LIFE IN CLINTON.** We received these evocative and interesting memories from Bill Crawford (62), [bcraw44@gmail.com](mailto:bcraw44@gmail.com):

Midnight At The A&P With Red Mike. I was talking recently with a classmate about our departed brother, Mike O'Connell (61). This conversation spurred me to dip deep into my Vault Of Clinton Memories. The following is an unedited rant which reflects mostly stream of consciousness remembrances. Mike, Ralph Whittington (63), and I were going to a Washington Senators game on the street car. Sparks and baseball! Ralph's mom, Big Mae Whittington, drove us from Clinton to Barney Circle where we caught the trolley up to 7th and Florida Ave., NE. Big Mae wrote the local Clinton social column for the county paper. She carefully chronicled key events such as when three couples gathered at a home for dinner. She often ended her gossipy missive with the curt observation that "a good time was had by all!" She spoke very fast and very loud. When she let us out at Barney Circle she admonished Mike to try to help us to be careful. Heading into the city that wouldn't be easy, but she allowed as how Mike was a "good Catholic boy" and God would keep us safe! The visiting team that night in the summer of 1959 was the Go-Go White Sox managed by the brilliant El Señor, Al Lopez. The Pale Hose were kicking the invincible Yankees a#@ that year, brandishing an early brand of

Billy Ball keyed by the likes the aging Ted "Big Klu" Kluzewski, the fiery future Hall Of Famer, Nellie Fox, and their classy mound ace, Billy Pierce. They manufactured runs with bunts, aggressive base running and the occasional bomb from Big Klu. They easily handled the Nats that night and we were eventually homeward bound. We got off the streetcar back at Barney Circle.

Ralph's dad was to pick us up at the south end of the Anacostia River Bridge. We were walking across to go to the Little Tavern hamburger palace which was nestled in a cluster of stores beyond the Bridge beside Morton's and the movie theater. Great greasy burgers for 25 cents each by the bag full. Mike was already a basketball star even at 15. All the big Catholic schools were pressuring him to defect down town to lead them to glory. But Mike was a Hornet. A year later he helped us win the Maryland State Class C championship on a team led by Jess "The Big Train" McClain and Martin "Goose" Padgett. I thought of O'Connell as "Red Mike" because of his rusty hair. I rarely called him that but when I did he grinned tolerantly making allowances for the skinny bespectacled nerd that I was. Mike plied the halls of SHS carrying a heavy brown briefcase bulging with books and papers. He was a bit like the nutty professor but in a good way. He would finish first in his class, gain induction into Phi Beta Kappa at Dartmouth, and publish a stem winding senior thesis before leaving for grad school in Madison, Wisconsin. He played basketball in Hanover where my good friend Jim Provencher enrolled and played football Mike's senior year. Mike's writing talents were most visible at SHS when he posted a crafty basketball column hand written on the locker room wall. He wrote under the nom de plume Johnny Green, the high leaping NY Knick that he venerated. These lively columns served as precursors for the professional sports writing that he would do later in Wisconsin.

Mike was serious student athlete who told people that he usually went to bed by 9:30. It was now midnight and he was bleary eyed and sleep deprived. Somehow he got a little ahead of Ralph and me at the other end of the bridge. He made his way slowly up to a row of storefronts and he stood at a wide glass door. He began to shake the door vigorously. Ralph's high pitched voice squealed in my ear. "Craw! He is trying to get into the A&P!" And so he was. The grocery store now long closed was next to our targeted Little Tavern. Mike was blitzed--way past his appointed bedtime. We never really let him forget that night. If I passed him in the hall or locker room or even at football practice in a Staush Burak huddle I would stare at him in mock seriousness and intone: "Tonight, the A&P, at midnight." He would drop his head in embarrassment, grin just a little, and let loose that infectious chuckle. I took that memory on my life's journey. I think Mike did too. Later, when I began to write sports for my small college's newspaper I contemplated turning in a byline of "Johnny Green, II". I chickened out but I always tried to write just like Red Mike. He was one of the best and gentlest people that I ever knew. I hope that this piece lives up to his standard. It ain't easy. Bill"

**10. ... AND SPEAKING OF BILL CRAWFORD (62).** Bill also shared this lovely note he received in response to memories of his we recently published about his friend in Vietnam, Oliver Noonan: Hello Bill: I just happened across your moving memoir of my childhood friend

and brother Ollie. Thanks for the details. I am a photographer (in Vietnam at present and for most of last 10 years) because of his Dad who was a second father to me. I was crossing Mission Street in San Francisco when I saw the Chronicle headline AP Photog Killed in VN. It still hurts. Thought you might enjoy this link.

<http://redwoodmountain.smugmug.com/Friends-and-Family/Campobello-2009-The-Noonans/i-WHHmFg9>

Incidentally I have a 10 year old son named Oliver whose mother comes from DaNang. Thanks again for your memories of Olli, and My Best, Harvey Morrison”

**11. SURRATTSTOCK VOLUNTEERS TO PERFORM IN HISTORIC VENUE.** Thanks to the tireless efforts of a large group of Surrattsville musicians and other volunteers, the Foundation was able to sponsor three “Surrattstock” fund raisers during the first decade of the new century. Perhaps the most anticipated of the numerous performers at each of these events was the set of the legendary Butler’s Orchard (whose history we featured in a recent e-Notice article, and who are considered by many to be the musical successors to The Tuesday Boots and the musical predecessors to DC Star). Two members of Butler’s Orchard played particularly key volunteer roles in the Surrattstock events, Neal Dawson (73) who conceived of and served as “creator” and chief cheerleader of the events, and Roger Owens (73) who served as unofficial “music director” of the events.

Neal and Roger will be performing with their bandmates in The Back Pages Band at the beautiful restored Carroll Theater on Main Street in Westminster on Saturday July 25, from 8-10 p.m. Tickets for this very special musical event may be purchased at:

<https://carrollcountyartscouncil.ticketleap.com/the-back-pages-band/dates/Jul-25-2015-at-0800PM>

Perhaps there will be a theater full of Hornets, recreating scenes from Teen Club concerts in the early 70s!

[Ed. note: Shameless self-promotion disclaimer: the other members of The Back Pages Band are Joe Stanisha (formerly of Cindy Astlin’s Country Thunder, Ron Campbell (formerly of Love Riot), and your editor (formerly of regular Teen Club performers Crusader Rabbit).]

**12. CLASS OF 95 PLANS REUNION.** The Class of 95 will be celebrating its 20 year reunion in June 2015 at the Colony South and is looking for our classmates. Please send an email to Kenya Samuels Gray at [Kenya.Gray@gmail.com](mailto:Kenya.Gray@gmail.com) if you have any information on 95 grads or members of their family. The Class also has a Surrattsville Class of 1995 group on Facebook. To kick-off the "countdown to 20," on June 11, 2014 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the Class’s planning

committee is hosting a celebrity scoops night at Rita's in Clinton (the old Pizza Hut near the intersection of Woodyard Road and Brandywine Road).

**13. CLASS OF 75 STARTS 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION PLANNING.** We received this message from the Class of 75: “Our committee, aka Search Party of Eight and Growing, is scheduled to meet at Ledo’s Pizza in Dunkirk, MD on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. to plan for the October 17 and 18 reunion events. If you are interested in helping the planning committee, please email Debbie Long Kilby at [dlongkilby@aol.com](mailto:dlongkilby@aol.com), and/or Lorraine Frank Kerr at [lorrainefrank1@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainefrank1@gmail.com). Based on the comments exchanged between the planning committee members the past few days, it sounds like our meeting at Ledo’s on April 23 is going to be very entertaining as well. We hope you can join us.”

**14. 2015 SURRATTSVILLE GOLF OUTING BEING PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 14!**

Thanks to the efforts of Lauren Foley Johnson (74) and Alan Johnson (72), another golf outing to benefit the Foundation is being planned for September 14. Here’s the official announcement: “Save the Date! Monday, September 14, 2015, Twin Shields Golf Course, Annual Surrattsville Golf Outing to benefit the Surrattsville Foundation! All Classes invited! We are looking for volunteers for our Planning Committee. Please contact Alan Johnson [ajohnson@dchweb.org](mailto:ajohnson@dchweb.org) or Lauren Foley Johnson [lmfriley@comcast.net](mailto:lmfriley@comcast.net) if you are interested. More details to be shared as they become available. Thank you for your support of the Surrattsville Foundation!”

[Ed note: Previous golf outings were great successes, and outstanding fund raisers for the Foundation. Many thanks to Lauren and Alan for once again donating their superb organizing talents to this great event!]

**15. CLASS OF 65 PLANS 50<sup>TH</sup>!** We received this exciting notice from Judy Gordon (65): “The great Class of 65 will celebrate their 50th Reunion on October 9-10, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Old Town Alexandria. Contact Judy Gordon ([judygordons65@gmail.com](mailto:judygordons65@gmail.com)) to add your name to the email list and receive regular updates.”

**16. IF YOU USE AMAZON, PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE.** The Foundation just received another quarterly charitable contribution check from Amazon Smile. Here’s the link to do your on-line shopping through Amazon Smile to help create these regular contributions to the Foundation. (Shopping on Amazon Smile is identical in all respects to shopping on regular Amazon.)

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2224546>

**17. ... AND CONTINUING THE FUND RAISING THEME.** And the Foundation still gets regular checks from goodsearch.com. This is the internet search engine (that does what google does, but that allows you to designate the Foundation as your preferred charity to receive a

donation for every search you make). Please consider registering on goodsearch.com to do your web searching there with the Foundation as your designated charity.

**18. RECENT YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL.** The School has an inventory of yearbooks that it is selling at a deep discount. They are from 1984, 1989, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Please contact Azalia Stephens at the School at [azalia.stephens@pgcps.org](mailto:azalia.stephens@pgcps.org) if you would like more information. **From:** Azalia Stephens

Best wishes for a wonderful June!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

### *In Memoriam*

BOB ALLEN, age 84, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on May 1, 2015 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. Born in McComas, WV, he was the youngest and last living of seven children born to the late Archer and Alvirdie Elizabeth Mills Allen. Mr. Allen grew up in the coal mining hills of West Virginia. During his Junior High School years he met Ella Sue Sizemore, who lived across the mountain from Bob. Until becoming old enough to drive, he would walk across the mountain to court his future wife. In 1949, Mr. Allen graduated from McComas High School. After high school, he worked in the coal mines for a short time before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1950. In 1951, he and his high school sweetheart wed. Upon being discharged in 1954, he enrolled at Concord College and later attended Marshall University where he majored in Biology and minored in Health Science. After graduating college, he taught Biology and coached at Matoaka High School. In 1962, Mr. Allen moved his wife and their two children to Maryland just outside Washington, D.C. He continued teaching as a Physical Education Teacher at Walden Woods Elementary School and James Madison Middle School in Clinton, MD until retiring in 1983. During his teaching years, he coached for several local high schools, Boys & Girls Club and American Legion Basketball and Baseball teams, leading his teams and the area's athletes to many victories and titles. While at Walden Woods, Mr. Allen produced an annual tumbling show which was always standing room only over several evenings to accommodate all those who wanted to attend. He was well-loved by his students and he touched many lives in a positive way. During the late 1960s and until the mid-1970's, Mr. Allen owned Esso / Exxon gas stations in Southeast Washington, DC. In 1989, Mr. and Mrs. Allen made their new home on Amelia Island, Florida.

He was an avid horse race fan and especially enjoyed the activities of the Derby and Downs. He continued to be avid sports fans and followed Marshall Football. He loved working crossword puzzles with his grandson Casey each morning. He also enjoyed dancing in his younger years

and even won a jitterbug contest with his late wife. Mr. Allen's wife passed away in 2013. Their son, Robert B. Allen had passed away in 2006. He leaves behind their daughter, Karen Dotson (79) and her husband, Jerry, Fernandina Beach, FL, two grandchildren, Anthony Allen, Boca Raton, FL, Casey Dotson, Fernandina Beach, FL, a great granddaughter, Jaylene Allen, brother-in-law Richard M. Mosrie, Jr. and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Allen will be laid to rest with his wife at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Please share his Life Legacy and leave your memories and words of condolence at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

BOB CRAWFORD passed away recently in Norfolk, Va. at age 63. He had been in poor health in recent years due to a series of strokes which began when he was 31. He worked for Annapolis Cab Company for many years. He is survived by his daughter, Courtney, also from Norfolk and his brother, Bill (62), from Winston-Salem, NC, [bcraw44@gmail.com](mailto:bcraw44@gmail.com). Bob loved jazz, seafood, and the Redskins. His daughter is in helicopter flight school and Bob was very proud of her. A memorial service is planned for later this summer on the Chesapeake Bay.

*MANY THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS – AND EARLY! -- DONORS TO THE 2015 CAMPAIGN!*

Faculty/Administration/Staff

Vicki Forsht Williams (and 65)

1953

Duke Coleman, In Memory of Donald England (53)

1954

Helen Bvobjerg Niedung (54), In Memory of James Lloyd Gates (54)

1957

Vicky Simontacchi Young, In Memory of John Baxter McCall (57) and Dan Wyant (57)

1959

Paul Monaghan

1965

Vicki Forsht Williams (and former faculty)

Ray Blosser

Judy Gordon, In Celebration of the Class of 65 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

1966

Linda Dorsey Blum, In Memory of my nephews, Ron Ely and Jeff Kaplan

1967

Nancy Miller

1968

Lee Hessberg

1969

J. Paul Rickett

1970

Donna Rae Sturtevant Smith

Lois Barrett Hessberg

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