

# Quaker Times

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## Six Decades of Quakers Come to Franklin Hall of Fame Celebration

Nearly 150 alumni, students and friends gathered at Franklin in May to honor accomplished alumni as they were inducted into the Franklin Hall of Fame. The Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Celebration has been a yearly event since 2013.

Alumni from a span of sixty years filled the front hall. After time to catch up on old times, the crowd entered the Commons, found their tables and filled their plates from the buffet.

From economist to an athlete, advocate for children to judge, the four inductees epitomized the accomplishment that has come to represent Franklin's proud history.

Students were central to the evening – they greeted arriving guests, helped them locate tiles, demonstrated athletic uniforms and equipment provided by alumni grants. Nearly all of

the 2017 scholarship winners attended. And two talented singers, Dietrich Crisotomo and Rachel Kaftan, performed "I Want to Grow Old With You" from Franklin's spring musical, *The Wedding Singer*.

Caprice Hollins, '83, served as emcee and skillfully kept the evening moving. FAA&F President Sara Thompson, '68, presented the annual report and introduced board members to the crowd. Board members were elected. Hall of Fame member and 2016-17 football coach Mario Bailey, '88, spoke about the special meaning of returning to Franklin and giving back.

The next Hall of Fame Celebration will be held in the spring of 2019.

For details about this year's inductees to the Hall of Fame, please see pages 10 and 11.



2017 Hall of Fame inductees, L to R: Gordon Bjork, Paola Maranan, Trent Johnson

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FRANKLIN ALUMNI  
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## A Note from the Board President

Dear Franklin Family,

We are Franklin.

More than two decades ago, powered by the vision of Bonnie Bosworth and guided by an incredible group of alumni, students and parents, our non-profit organization took shape. We are entirely a volunteer organization. Our mission is to keep alumni connected to Franklin and to each other, and we now have nearly 2400 members and more than 7000 Quakers in our database.

Through the generosity of members, donors and volunteers so much has been accomplished.

The Quaker Times is mailed twice a year to our members. Since 2005, more than sixty graduating seniors have been awarded scholarships. Donations have supported programs and projects to better serve Franklin students – from big projects, like the electronic reader board on Rainier Avenue, band uniforms, equipment and uniforms for our athletic teams, to smaller, but still impactful grants for field trips, science equipment and art supplies.

We've added infrastructure with a website and social media outreach, and database that allows us to help with news and reunions as well as event planning.

The Hall of Fame honors outstanding alumni and our celebrations have brought hundreds of graduates together, six decades of Quaker spirit in the same room.

Continuing to carry out our mission requires time and energy, and we can use your help. There are many ways to be involved, and, given the wonders of technology, there is no need to live in the Seattle area to have an impact – and even with limits on the time you have available, we can tailor a job for you. Please take a look at these ways you can allow us to continue to build Quaker pride.

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Hall of Fame: Nominations and event planning.
- Quaker Times
- Membership outreach
- Website updates (we use Squarespace as a platform)
- Social Media
- Membership and database management

Consider joining the board. Or, if time and location make joining the board difficult, take a look at all the other opportunities we have for you. We have an outline of many of the possible ways to participate in handy table format on page 20. Take a look. Be inspired. Join us!

Sara Thompson '68



Tom Riley '59



## 2017 18th Annual FHS Picnic — Classes of '55 -'63

by Kitty Eddy, '70

This picture says it all for the 18th Annual Franklin Picnic, on August 3, 2017 at the Renton Community Club. It shows (L to R) Paul Aleinikoff, '56, Bill Chatalas, '58 and Buzz Crites, '59. All three were great in track and won All City for Franklin at Husky Stadium many times.

Where else do you get together like this? The picnic is really something bringing people together.

This year we lucked out with great weather, great food and great friends. We had over 200 classmates! This group typifies the motto; "Make new friends, but keep the old, some are silver and the other gold."

I wish to thank the Committee for all of their help in getting this event going; Alan & Kittie Eddy, Karen Beach, Ann Rice McFarland, Sue Rice Price, Diane Pezella, Stan Nahmias, Tom Riley, Sylvia Polet, Carlyon Costanzo Trautman & Bob Trautman. Doug Tulip, class of 1961, a long-time member of our committee passed this last summer and he will be sorely missed. He was instrumental in setting up the FHS Picnics.

The menu was homemade chili and hot dogs provided by Larry & Betty Meyer. This is a favorite of the classmates for



Track All-city 440-Relay Record breaking team of 1956 L to R Paul Aleinikoff '56, Bill Chatalas '58, Gary Porter '56 and Buzz Crites '59



Carlotta Weber '61, Chuck Shaffer '60, Dale Schultz, '60, Bob Purdy '60, Barb Purdy

the last 18 years and has become a tradition. The picnic menu included fried and baked chicken, potato salad, turkey and chicken pinwheels, green salad, fresh fruit with cheese and vegetables with dips.

A BIG THANK YOU to all that volunteered at the picnic, we were truly blessed. Bruce Biesold provided homemade brownies and not a crumb was left. Jeanne Yearian took pictures and has done this for years. Others put up easy up tents, loaded extra chairs, put up the picnic tables, placed the food trays, made coffee, iced the water & food, donated cookies & cakes, and coffee and also cleaned up at the end. Our volunteers help truly made the picnic a success!

Plans are in the works for the picnic next year, and they will be released once completed.

Please forward any concerns or questions to Kittie Eddy, email [Lceddy@vircom.net](mailto:Lceddy@vircom.net) or leave a message on 206-399-2905.





Bill Ferrari, Mike Perry, Dominic Ferrari, Tony Perry



Bob Siverts, Frank Forrest, Bill Mangan



Bob Chatalas, Gordon Raine, Fritz Hossman, Jim Follett



Dano Lewis, Kendall Mar, Steve Nakamura, Harold Taniguchi



Jessie Roberson, David Roberson, Scott Caimie, Dennis Leponis



Norman Sadis, Bill Chatalas, Bill Grinstein, Steve Opacich



Steve Duzan, Buck Scates, Grant Griffin, Bill Karr



Calvin Locke, Rodney Eng, Dave Hata, Richard Mar



John Murphy, John Chin, Ron Mamiya, Steve Ticeson



John Tholl, Joe Shawcroft, Merrill McAdams, Brad Gordon



Lynda Olerud, Carol Albo, Nancy Moore, Jane Mace



Lynn Martin, Al Schuster, Dan Pretare, Jim Gyselman



Chris Togawa, Mike Croce, Gilbert Quitlong, Nate Preskey



Brent Spraker, Chris Koehler, Bill Crow, Steve Pruzan



Bill Clavey, Robert Jones, Jim Andler





Paul Saperstein, Miriam Lisco, Jonathan Saperstein, Darcy Johnson



Mike Alhadeff, Ken Alhadeff, Bruce Glant, Bob Masin



Dan Merryfield, Dianne Ray, Larry Ernst, Fred Ray



Jim Kozu, Carl O'Leary, Terry Saiki, Greg Luke



Patricia, Craig and Scott MacGowan, Sharon Masse



Peggy Follett, Ginny Hossman, Carol Baldwin, Lana McKenny



Paul Rollins, Bob Grothen, Joe Verner, Jim Yurina



Lowell Diers, Matt Daniels, Ian Anderson



Dick Vacca, John Chatalas, Russ Mace, Al Link

## Franklin High School Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

by Jim Follett, '64

The first Thursday after Labor Day has become a fun day for many of Franklin High school alumni and their family and friends and this year was no exception. On September 7 at 9 am 98 golfers teed off on a quest to win the coveted Franklin High School Golf tournament and enjoy the camaraderie of alumni, and friends at Jefferson Park Golf course located up on Beacon Hill.

With the generosity of those that golf and those that sponsor holes we are able this year to give \$3500 to the Franklin High Alumni Association.

We had lots of winners again this year. 1st Low Net Jim Kozu, Carl

O'Leary, Terry Saiki, Greg Luke. 2nd Low Net Jesse Robertson, David Robertson, Scott Cairnie, Dennis Leponis. 3rd Low Net Mike Alhadeff, Ken Alhadeff, Bruce Glant, Bob Mason. 1st Low Gross Kent Chisman, Conrad Chisman, Matt Razore. 2nd Low Gross Jim Follett, Fritz Hossman, Gordon Raine, Bob Chatalas. 3rd Low Gross Norm Sadis, Bill Chatalas, Bill Grinsten, Steve Opacich. 1st Low Gross Women Lynda Olerud, Nancy Moore, Carol Albo, Jane Mace.

In the closest to the pin on the par threes the winners were Scott Cairnie, Dan Pretare, John Murphy, Harold Tanguchi, Bob Jones, Brad Gordon and



Kent Chisman, Conrad Chisman, Matt Razore

Low drive men and women were Greg Luke, and Carol Baldwin.

Next year's event will be on September 6th, 2018 so fellow Quakers if you're looking for a fun outing with classmates and friends mark it down on your calendars for next year's Franklin High School Alumni and friends Golf Tournament.

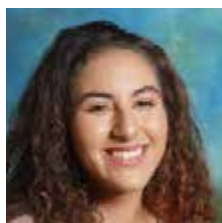
# Fifteen Franklin Seniors Awarded Scholarships from Four Funds this Spring.

**FRANKLIN SCHOLARSHIP.** The Franklin Scholarship was created by the Class of 1935. This year ten students received awards of \$2000.



**Dureti Jamal** emigrated from Ethiopia to the United States and Seattle with her family at the age of three. During

high school she participated in a mentor business program through the University of Washington where she learned that business is not just about money but building relationships and creating opportunities. At Franklin, Dureti was yearbook editor, member of the Key Club, Honor Society, president of the Muslim Student Association and YWCA peer leader, to name a few of her activities. Dureti will attend Boston University studying business.



**Damari Peralez-Long** believes a college education will help her create a better future. Family transitions early on in life posed chal-

lenges, but also inspired her. Her dedication to actively stay focused and make a difference is inspiring. At Franklin Damari was a member of the Volleyball team, Badminton Club, and a volunteer with Southwest Youth and Family Services. Damari will attend St. John's University in New York City where she will be studying psychology.



**Colleen Icala** was ASB officer, captain of the Varsity Volleyball Team, member of the state champion Ultimate Frisbee

Team and Filipino Club, as well as a volunteer with both Learning Buddies as a tutor and the Aki Kurose Middle School Frisbee Team as a coach. Her social studies teacher said, "...her commitment to social change is exemplary. She consistently demonstrated eagerness to engage in critical examination of complex and controversial issues. Colleen will attend Oregon State University where she plans to study Early Childhood Education.



**Yasmeen Herrera Flores** was not only the founder and first president of the Franklin Latinx Club, she was a volunteer

in her neighborhood elementary school, member of the softball team, mentor for new students, and member of the Principal's cabinet. Yasmeen has persevered through her studies. She was a positive force at Franklin, passionate about social justice, equality and immigration rights. She will attend Central Washington University majoring in law and justice.



**Michelle Lee**, a first generation student, will follow in the footsteps of her sister in obtaining the college education

her parents were unable to receive. She was senior class Vice President, active in Key Club, and board member of the neighborhood based All Girl Everything Ultimate Program, an organization that promotes the game of Ultimate Frisbee. Helping to care for her ailing grandfather, Michelle came to know that she "wanted to become a



nurse because I found joy in caring for others..." Michelle has been admitted directly into the nursing program at Seattle University.



**Grace Brown** loved Franklin and served on a variety of clubs and student body associations including senior class president, Key Club

president and varsity volleyball player. Her leadership roles at Franklin broadened her world view and helped give her perspective on inequity in Seattle. This has given Grace a passion for social justice. Engaging in the arts has been one way to get more deeply involved and express justice and community issues for Grace. She plans to study apparel design at Seattle Pacific University.



**Walter Arias** is a native of Ecuador and came to Washington four years ago. He has powered through language barriers to

achieve his dream of attending college. His social studies teacher says of Walter: "...he is a driven young man with limitless potential." While at Franklin Walter was a member of the Varsity Men's Soccer team, FHS Latinx club, peer leader for Freshman Orientation (Link Crew) and a volunteer at the El Centro de la Raza food bank. Walter will attend the University of Washington Bothell campus.





**Helen Nguyen** was the Franklin High School 2017 winner of the Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Award. She had an ethic of service out-

side of her normal school day that included leadership in elementary and middle school tutoring programs as well as service time with the Columbia City library and the New Beginnings Shelter for domestic violence victims. Helen will pursue her bachelor's degree at Central Washington University.



**Rosyva Valcin**

has always wanted a career to help people. During her time at Franklin, Rosyva sought out opportunities to

support this dream. Upward Bound STEM and UW Nurse's Camp were some of the organizations she engaged to support her vision. At Franklin, she was captain of the Softball team and a member of the Black Student Union. Virginia Mason and the Boys and Girls Club are but a few community organizations that have benefited from Rosyva's commitment and talent. Rosyva will study nursing at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon.



**Yohannes Tassaw** comes from a working class family who immigrated to the United States from Ethiopia. He became a motivated

and independent person as he overcame barriers in order to realize his goal of a college education. During his time at Franklin Yohannes was a four-year member of the Men's Soccer team, served as team captain his senior year, served on the tech crew for the drama department, and volunteered with Africa Teen Connect. He plans to study business at the University of Puget Sound.

**NAKAGAWA ACHIEVE TO SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP.** This scholarship was established by his family in 2015 in his memory. Roy Nakagawa, '35, was captain of the football team and played with the University of Washington. This scholarship is awarded to students active in football or other athletics.



**Toan Tran**

immigrated to the US from Vietnam at age 7 and was motivated to overcome language barriers in order to

be successful. Being a student athlete has strengthened and disciplined him as a person in many aspects and has taught Toan the importance of priority and helped with time management. One of Toan's counselor's shared, "Where Toan really stands apart from peers is in personal qualities and character." Toan lettered in Cross Country, Swimming and Track. Toan plans to study nursing at Seattle University with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.



**Galmo Said** came to the United States from Ethiopia at the beginning of his high school tenure at Franklin. Since then he has overcome the

challenges of a new language and culture. His cross-country coach enthusiastically recommended Galmo who exemplified determination and commitment to his sport and team members. He has demonstrated a drive for success, responsibility and resourcefulness. Galmo was a volunteer with Refugee Women's Alliance and the Rainier Valley Food Bank. Galmo will attend Everett Community College where he will work towards a degree in Engineering.

**GILMAN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP.** Established in 2007 in honor of Bud Gilman by his sister Bonnie, the Gilman scholarship is awarded to students planning to major or minor in music.



**Kiddus Mcleod**

is this year's Gilman Scholar. Music has been an integral part of Kiddus' life and motivation since he was

in middle school. He will be studying music production and music composition with the hopes of eventually receiving his bachelor's degree in music performance. Kiddus would like to inspire young people who struggle to fit in and to show how music can help overcome those challenges. He will attend Shoreline Community College.

**RICHARD SWARTS COLLEGE SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP.** Established in 2017 to honor the wishes of long-term Franklin science teacher Richard Swarts, this scholarship is awarded to two students each year who plan to major in science. Each student receives \$1000 and it is renewable for four years.



**Christine Ha**

has loved science and math, and loves learning how the world works together and studying about it through sci-

entific means. She plans to study microbiology and will attend the University of Washington.



**Jasmin Woon**

describes her love for science – from understanding the relationships between atoms in her chemistry classes

to the physics she learned about in the XBOT robotics team. Her goal is to study chemical engineering and to have a successful career in a field that is traditionally underrepresented by women of color. She will go to the University of Washington.



## STEM Careers and Girls at Franklin

This spring FAA&F received an email. A very successful program at Franklin that exposes girls to the possibilities of careers in science, technology, engineering and math – fields traditionally underrepresented by women – was at risk due to lack of funding.

IGNITE (Inspiring Girls Now in Technology) was established within Seattle Public Schools nearly twenty years ago by Cathi Rodgveller, but is now independently run as a non-profit. It introduces middle and high school girls to technology and engineering careers through panel discussions, field trips, and workshops coordinated at individual schools by teachers.

Julie (O'Brien) Gatti, '02, has been a math teacher at Franklin for seven years. For the last five years she has coordinated the IGNITE program, and she has embraced the experience. When she first took over in 2012, the students made one field trip per year to Microsoft. With Julie as IGNITE Chapter Leader she has expanded the experience to at least four field trips a year to see what technology careers are like (including such companies as Starbucks), attendance at a yearly conference at Seattle College and lunch meetings with hands-on projects and panel discussions. For the last two years she has won the IGNITE best practice award for her work to bring STEM exposure to hundreds of Franklin students.

Julie sets the dates for field trips and lunch workshops, recruits students both from her classes and from Franklin at large. She notes that about seventy-five percent of the students have participated in more than one experience. Her students are featured in a film on the IGNITE website.

Julie loves her job at Franklin, though she admits it took a few years to find her way as a confident teacher. Now, she says, "I love it!" She teaches Algebra 2, a standard junior year course, and AP Statistics.

She enjoyed her time as a student at Franklin, was a class officer and remembered one of her points of pride as planning a "super cheap prom, costing only \$20." As a student at Franklin, she joined Careers in Education, a program designed to expose students to teaching careers. She didn't plan to be a teacher when she graduated, but the experience clearly had an impact. And the ORCA kindergartners she student-taught when she was a Franklin junior, were juniors at Franklin when she joined Franklin as a faculty member ten years later.

Mintek, a beloved philosophy and calculus teacher who died in 2013, was influential. His family gave her his collection of comic strips, which she now has carefully indexed by topic: cartoons about math, about teaching, about statistics, etc. – all treasures to share with students when the time is right.

IGNITE video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJsrGR33Xyg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJsrGR33Xyg)



(L to R) Seniors Hassan Dahir, Tommy Nguyen, Jayjay Pastores work with Darren Lay from the Young Shakespeare Workshop in Spring 2017.

## Senior Humanities Gets Schooled in the Art of the Bard

by Alex Walsh and Jennifer Charlton

The Humanities Academy at Franklin has long focused on the artistic and literary aspects of history. Last spring, thanks to a grant from the Franklin High School Alumni Committee, the seniors from the Humanities Academy had the chance to bring the words of Shakespeare to life while working with the Young Shakespeare Workshop.

In this 1-week intensive course, they learned the history of Shakespeare's sonnets, how to read them, and eventually how to perform them. Notorious for the complexity of the language and writing style, students had a difficult time deciphering the sonnets at first. On the first day of the workshop, the class worked through how to analyze a sonnet and uncover the meaning through deeper level analysis of concepts like operative words and antithesis.

The students were grouped into trios, and the project was introduced: be prepared to perform a sonnet of their group's choosing by the end of the week. Over the next few days, they got to spend one-on-one time with the Shakespeare experts, learning where to put emphasis when speaking, what movements to make, and how to bring their sonnet to life in time for the performances.

At the end of the week, each group took their words to the stage. Each sonnet felt like a new experience, energized by the evident hard work of the performers and their in-depth analysis was visible, bringing Shakespeare's writing to life. Several students reported a new understanding of poetry and writing. Hopefully Franklin High School has not seen the last of the Young Shakespeare Workshop.



# From the Principal: Hello Franklin Alumni!

We are off to another outstanding start to the school year. Franklin continues to be a high-demand school in regards to enrollment with a healthy wait list. Our enrollment has been capped by district officials in an effort to balance enrollment in south-end schools. Our demand is much greater than our current enrollment. Franklin continues to be the crown-jewel of urban education in Seattle. We have the numbers to back it up. More about that later!

We had a banner hiring season bringing new and experienced talent into our fold complete with a couple of our former Franklin teachers returning to the fold—to the school they love best. We are excited about the hiring of a new band director whose infectious energy and expertise have already made a profound impact on campus. Given that the arts play such a critical role in identity development and expression as well as provide another outlet for expressions of social justice, we are thrilled to be able to expand our visual and performing arts in many directions. We plan to reinstate a Franklin choir by next semester.

Franklin has record percentages of students turning out for athletics. Our volleyball and cross-country programs are booming. Cross-country is currently holding down first place in Metro! Our other Fall sports are emerging under new leadership and promise to be highly competitive soon.

In the past couple of years, we have worked to make stronger connections with our extended community and alumni through the hosting of community-based events.

In September we sponsored/hosted an amazing play, *Blues for Mister Charlie* produced by our own Ryan Purcell! Alums Daniel Sessoms, Danny Lee, An-

nie Patu and Drew O'Connell helped host our Homecoming Football game which included providing hotdogs and snacks to all of our students and players at the game, setting up an alum table and giving away FHS gear and pom poms. Their efforts added a wonderful dimension to the evening. Last week we hosted the BECU "Closed for Good" event whereby 120+ BECU employees spent their work day at Franklin facilitating financial literacy simulations for all of our juniors and seniors. Concurrently, Evening Magazine hosted their show from FHS with the BECU event as the backdrop. The year has just started so stay tuned for more ways you can directly connect with your alma mater!

In closing, I want to take an opportunity to boast about our academic performance. There is so much to be shared but I will just point out a few highlights.

- All Franklin students take at least one AP class. Most take several;
- Franklin AP Statistics students outperform the national standard by 15%;
- Franklin AP Calculus students outperform the national average by 24%. 83% percent pass the AP exam, most of them with high scores of 4 and 5.
- Our four-year graduation rate is 83%. This is exceptional given that many of our ELL students and student served in Special Education are in programs designed to take longer than four years.

Finally, to illustrate just how amazing the FHS teaching and support staff is, I have provided comparative data (below) across all ten Seattle high schools including the state End-of-Course Biology exam. This is the ONLY current fair metric for high schools as it is the only exam all students at high school took in common during 2016-17 school year. You will note that while FHS serves the highest number of students on Free and Reduced lunch, as well as the highest number of students learning English, our exam scores are impressive as a whole school score and EXCEPTIONALLY impressive when you look specifically at comparing FRL scores across the district. FHS nearly has this gap closed! (This also includes the conflation of many English Language learners in this box).

Yes, my fellow Quakers, Franklin is not only a social justice school at heart, we are measurably outpacing all other schools, considerably!!!! We are accomplishing these goals without hyper-funding or boutique programs. We are doing so by staying true to our mission. We have sustained this kind of amazing performance for many years. Franklin always has been and always will be a very special campus. Hope lives at Franklin High School!

Thank you, Franklin alumni, for all you do to support our ongoing efforts. We love and appreciate you, Quakers!

School	Franklin	Cleveland STEM	Rainier Beach	Garfield	Chief Sealth	Roosevelt	Ballard	Ingraham	Nathan Hale	West Seattle
Total	1258	859	696	1763	1118	1743	1852	1345	1176	992
% FRL	68.1	56.4	74.6	30.2	62.2	11.3	11.0	25.5	30.6	25.9
% ELL	18.5	8.0	27.3	4.9	13.9	2.7	2.1	7.2	7.5	5.1
% AA	28.1	28.3	49.9	24.8	21.3	4.4	3.0	9.5	13.5	11.6
ALL BIO	76.4%	66.9%	38.9%	72.3%	68.1%	89.5%	78.9%	75.1%	79%	86.6%
FRL BIO	72.9%	55.7%	34%	28.8%	58.8%	68%	56%	51.3%	57.4%	31.5%

## 2017 Inductees to Franklin's Hall of Fame Epitomize Excellence

### John Prim, '18.

King County Councilman Larry Gossett, '63 made the introductory comments, discussing the incredible accomplishments of the first African American judge in the state, someone who lettered in two sports and was in the debate team at Franklin at a time of red-lining. John Prim attended the



University of Washington, received his law degree in 1927. He worked in private practice until 1943 when

he assumed the responsibilities as deputy prosecutor of King County. He returned to private practice in 1951. In 1954, Mayor Allan Pomeroy appointed him judge pro tem of Seattle Municipal Court. He was one of the founders of the Urban League, was the first African American to serve as deputy prosecuting attorney for King County and the first African American member of the Washington State Board of Prisons and Parole. Historian Mary Henry, mother of alumni Bob '66, Wayner '68 and Niel '72, accepted the award.

### Gordon Bjork, '53.

Stan Orr, husband of Pris Bjork Orr, '61 made introduced his brother in law. Gordon's acceptance remarks included his parents' experience with the Great Depression, living in the Rainier Valley close to Genessee Park, and the support he had from Franklin teachers to aim high as he entered college. He attended Dartmouth after graduating from Franklin, and then Oxford (Rhodes Scholar) before receiving his PhD in Economics at the UW. He taught at UBC, Carleton, and

Columbia before becoming president of Linfield College (Oregon) at the age of 32. During his 42 years of teaching, he wrote four books and many articles; he contributed to ten additional books. He advised many corporations and



government agencies including the EPA. After his retirement from Claremont McKenna College, where

he was the Lovelace Professor of Economics for 27 years, he was honored by the alumni who endowed a Gordon Bjork Professorial Chair in Economics and Finance and a Gordon Bjork Scholarship Fund for students.

### Trent Johnson, '74.

Classmate Robert Nellams introduced Trent to the crowd, with memories of Franklin classes and sports. And Trent recalled the importance of team. Many of his teammates were there, along with his Quaker coach, Dave Belmonte. Trent played basketball at Boise State University where he graduated as one of the top ten career leaders in scoring, rebounding, and minutes played. He was a four-year starter and an All Big Sky Conference selection his senior year. He earned



a reputation for recruiting and developing players, and being a tireless worker as an assistant basketball coach for over a decade at the

high school and collegiate level before beginning his career as a head coach. He led programs at Nevada, Stanford, LSU and TCU to multiple NCAA tournament berths and conference championships. Widely recognized for his integrity, he was named coach of the year in three conferences: the WAC Coach of Year in 2003, the PAC

10 Coach of Year in 2008, and the SEC Coach of Year in 2009.

### Paola Maranan, '80.



Rick Nagel, Paola's history teacher at Franklin, introduced Paola, and spoke of her commitment to

social justice. Paola's comments are printed on page 12. After graduating from Harvard, she worked in Alabama doing research on voting rights. She returned to Seattle in 1989, working first with the Washington State Family Policy Council and the Washington State Commission on African American Affairs. She joined the Children's Alliance, a child advocacy organization, in 1993 and became the executive director in 2004. The Children's Alliance, developed a national reputation for its work in institutional racism under her leadership. Paola has won many awards recognizing her work, including Advocacy Award, Minority Executive Directors Coalition, 2001; Excellence in Advocacy, Seattle Human Services Coalition, 2002; Citizen of the Year, Seattle-King County Municipal League, 2011; and Bill Grace Legacy Award, Center for Ethical Leadership, 2011.



Franklin students show uniforms funded by FAA&F grants to the crowd.





Franklin staff L to R Assistant Principal Annie Patu '87, Student Activities Coordinator Jolene McCann, Assistant Principal Drew O'Connell '97



Ben assists board members Susana Tantico '78 and Vicki Capestany '80 as they greet guests



Hall of Fame member Mario Bailey, 88 speaks eloquently about giving back to Franklin



Ben with Sharon Oberto Gillett, Lynda Daley Olerud and Charlene Smith Ernst all class of '64



Class of 95 rules!



Paola Maranan (middle) and friends



Members of the Class of 80 came to honor classmate Paola Maranan. L to R Lisa McElroy, Pam Kelley Elend, Stephanie Croll, Neva Kulp, and Vicki Capestany



Franklin teacher Gordon Meeske reminisces about Robert Nellams and Trent Johnson as students



Sarah Morningstar '95, pays tribute to Bonnie Bosworth



Emcee Caprice Jones '83 and Hall of Fame inductee Trent Johnson share words



Hall of Fame member Larry Gossett '63 and historian Mary Henry remember Hall of Fame inductee John Prim 1912



Trent Johnson (far left) and friends

# Paola Maranan Reflects on Franklin's Impact

*These remarks were made by Paola when she was inducted into the 2017 Franklin Hall of Fame.*

Thank you. I am deeply humbled.

Thank you to those who joined me here tonight: my colleagues from Children's Alliance, dear friends, classmates from the class of 1980, and my family, including my 90-year old mother, Makiko.

The story of my being here at this podium really starts with her and the generation of migrants in my family who came to the U.S. with a fervent belief in the American dream. That if you work hard and play by the rules, you can secure a better life, if not for yourself than at least for your children.

Home is where I was entrusted with that dream.

Franklin, is where I learned its complex realities—the ways in which that dream has been denied for so many.

Franklin is where I learned how people like Thurgood Marshall and Carlos Bulosan and Pauli Murray worked to close the gap between unfulfilled promise and a realized dream for all people.

Franklin is where I came together with kids so very different from me – from disparate places, speaking different languages, and with varied means -- to have our minds sparked and ignited by brilliant, passionate teachers who cared about who we could be and how we might move the dream forward.

Franklin changed my life – and not just because I met this super-cute boy who would later become my husband. This is the place where I was encouraged to ask “why?”

And I had the most extraordinary teachers who taught me different ways to ask that question.

Sara Kaplan, our speech and debate

coach, taught me to ask why through the power of words and persuasion. Barbara Nilson, our journalism teacher – by using the power of inquiry and storytelling. And more than anyone, Rick Nagel – by the power of analysis and critical thinking that were fundamental to his law and society classes. No one has ever done more with mimeographs, an overhead projector, and rolls of transparency film to open a world to young people.

Rick made us see how the law is a tool – one that can forge justice or reinforce inequality. That the greatest promise – and sometimes disappointment – this country offers is within its laws and how we interpret and practice them. In teaching us about the legal strategies and victories of the civil rights movement, he helped us see where we might ourselves fit in the progression toward justice. I count myself lucky to still get to talk books and justice with him. What a privilege to have had the opportunity to learn from such a gifted teacher and human being for nearly 40 years.

The foundational lessons I learned here – the additive value and strength of diversity, that justice only results from struggle, to always ask “why?” – have been the building blocks for the racial equity work that I have had the privilege to lead at Children's Alliance and with child advocates across the country.

At Children's Alliance, we put public policy on the side of kids. Our mission is about securing that most American of promises: opportunity. And it is about doing it at the broadest level possible by securing good public policies and smart public spending that benefits all children.

Poor health, inadequate education, poverty and other factors keep opportunity out of reach for our kids. And, by every measure, systemic

institutional racism leaves children of color even further behind. We're working to close the distance between the dream held so dearly by my parents and the reality for too many of our kids.

What I learned at Franklin – about diversity, justice, and critical inquiry -- are also my building blocks for surviving the troubling times we are in right now.

Racism has been the thread throughout our country's history that has most limited and threatened us. And now there is a federal administration eager to sow more seeds of oppression and division and share a harvest of unabashed racism and xenophobia.

Everything that we learned in these classrooms and halls must be the tools we wield to build a better vision of what we can be together.

Dr. King said that ‘the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.’

But it does not bend on its own – it bends because we use those tools to shape, to forge, to exert our collective strength. I thank Franklin for putting those tools in my hands and in the hands of so many who have passed through here. I thank Franklin for the chance to do my small bit toward bending that arc.



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## Reunion News

### Class of '57

by Ruth Forsberg

The Franklin High School Class of 1957 celebrated their 60th reunion on Sunday, July 16th at the Renton Red Lion Hotel. It was a luncheon event with 82 people attending and the reunion committee outdid their selves with beautiful green and black decorations on each table. Our traditional poem was read after a few moments of prayer to honor those who attended from Heaven. The lunch was delicious and the dessert was cupcakes iced with the Franklin colors. Classmates traveled from several states for the occasion, and following lunch the microphone was passed so that everyone could give an update on their lives. A wonderful time was had by all and we all parted with "see you again in five years."

### "8s" Classes Begin Reunion Planning

We'll post updates on our website, but in the meantime here are plans we know of.

#### Class of '68

The planning committee has been meeting since summertime to plan a great 50th reunion. The weekend is set for Friday Aug. 24 and Sat Aug. 25. Events on Friday are still under development, and the venue is set for Saturday – The Canal.

Keep in touch via the class website ([www.franklin68.com](http://www.franklin68.com)) or the Facebook group: Franklin High School Quakers Class of '68 50th Reunion Seattle ([www.facebook.com/groups/1848325178827455](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1848325178827455))



Tillie Valdez Viken, Marie Gustafson Barron, Jackie Archer Choat



Joan Catoni Conlin, Geri Harling Edwards, Mona Schmalbeck Perdue, Cherrie Hammons Badolato



Jayne McCallister Hinchy, Judy Pidduck McClellan-Ellis, Jan Joy Cyr



Margaret Curtis Moen and Valda Quigley Walker



Karen Olsoe Cohoe, Ruth Smith Forsberg, Geri Harling Williams, Mallory Jeanne Adams McCray, Marge Schmidt Eilers



Cuba Woods Johnson and Joan Catoni Conlon



Ruth Forsburg and Fred Forsburg '56

#### Class of '78

The Super Great Class of '78 is busy planning its 40th reunion for Aug. 25 at the Jefferson Park Golf Club.

Sheila Locke ([sheilaelocke@comcast.net](mailto:sheilaelocke@comcast.net)), Lisa Renee ([lisarenee@gmail.com](mailto:lisarenee@gmail.com)) and Ann Williams ([littlestah3@yahoo.com](mailto:littlestah3@yahoo.com)) are leading the planning committee. Join the Facebook group to get up to date information: [www.facebook.com/groups/945782988831610](https://www.facebook.com/groups/945782988831610)

## Don't Worry, Stay Up-to-Date

Go to our website  
for the latest:  
[www.franklinalumni.net](http://www.franklinalumni.net)

And on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/FHSAumni](https://www.facebook.com/FHSAumni)



## Classes from “7s” Reunite

The classes of '97 and '07 all planned and scheduled their reunions via Facebook. Here are a few pictures from their events. No word from the classes of '67, '77 and '87 but we hear they all had a grand time. We'll include news in the spring Quaker Times if we get anything in writing.



1997 Sunday picnic at Genesee Park



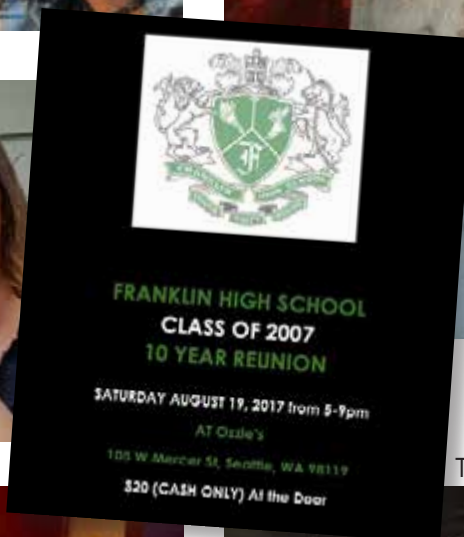
1997 Sunday picnic at Genesee Park



1997 kicking up their heels at Cheers Bar and Grill



1997 Sunday picnic at Genesee Park



The official 2007 invitation



2007 celebrates at Ozzies



2007 celebrates at Ozzies





## Quaker Day in the Park 2017

SEWARD PARK, AUGUST 12, 2017

*by Chris Mason*

Franklin Quakers from the early nineteen eighties brought their annual pot-luck picnic to Seward Park again this summer. It didn't take long to begin filling the rustic log shelter with the Black and Green. Our day was a warm, sunny Saturday. Music from the seventies and eighties played throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Lakeside, Parliament, ELO, and even a few of those long forgotten "Big Hair" bands. That set a smooth tone, to slide into some first-rate food.

The Quakers and their friends (Bulldogs, Eagles, Rams, and a few others) like showing off their culinary skills. Everything from home made barbecue pork and grilled burgers, to seasoned greens and fresh salmon fillets, were some of the things on the day's menu. At one point, three separate grills were competing for attention, and against the desserts on the big table. Franklin has always had its way with the food!

Once the grills had settled down a bit, it was time for a little friendly competition. Dominoes and Spades were the games of the afternoon, and keeping a coveted seat at the card table wasn't always easy. Soon the sun began to set, and people started gathering in small groups of conversation under the lights. All too soon it was time to clean up. Goodbyes, with plans for the next year, were shared by all. No one was really ready to leave, but it was time to go...they lock the gate at ten!

## Losses in the Family.

We heard from alumni that they wanted to know of deaths in the Franklin family. What follows is a list of those whose passing we have discovered in the last few years through word from friends and family. Email or call us with any updates and we will include names in upcoming newsletters.

<b>1929</b> LILA BULEN	<b>1943</b> ROBERT BENSON DOREEN MARILYN (MOORE) MCCARTY (passed away in 2014)	<b>1948</b> JOANNE HASSELBERG BRUUN JANET DUNN COEN MARY ANNE HOLT ERICKSON ERNESTINE SELIGE GILMORE RONALD LIVINGSTON	<b>1956</b> JIM VANGEL JOAN ATKINS WATSON
<b>1933</b> VALERIE ELLIS FLEMING	<b>1944</b> HELEN LEW LANG <i>passed away in her sleep, August 26, 2017 at age 91 in Louisville KY, where she had lived over 60 years. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, 8 grandchildren and her last surviving sibling, May Lew (age 96), of Louisville.</i>	<b>1949</b> PATSY BEDELL ARBICOR DELMAR LUSE DIANE WEBSTER PAULLIN	<b>1957</b> CONSTANCE SCHWAG BEAL LINDA KOLB HANBERRY DICK LEARN WINONA STARKENBURG OLSON
<b>1934</b> JACK KAPPLER	<b>1945</b> SAM YAZZOLINO (1926-2017) <i>From his grand-niece Elizabeth Ogle. 2005. "I am most proud that I got to graduate with my Great Uncle Sam by my side as I presented his honorary degree to him at my graduation. My uncle only attended FHS for two years as he was drafted into WWII and went into the coast guard." Sam would have graduated in 1944 or 1945 had he not been drafted. Retiring at age 86, he was an entrepreneur and owned businesses including a convenience store, a dry cleaner, a hotel and a bakery. He was active in the Sons of Italy, AARC and the Knights of Columbus.</i>	<b>1950</b> KATHERINE C. PELHAM MONTGOMERY	<b>1958</b> GUY MONDALE
<b>1936</b> MADELINE VERHOEF BARKER	<b>1946</b> KATHERINE FLETCHER PORTER	<b>1951</b> GLORIA ANDERSON MARVIN COE	<b>1959</b> DARREL CHRISTENSON JEFFREY JUNG GIL McEWEN
<b>1937</b> ELTON LEITH	<b>1947</b> GLORIA SHERRY DE YOUNG (passed away in 2016)	<b>1952</b> DEL CAVE ROY "STEVE" MASSEY <i>A skier and a sailor, loved telling stories of growing up in Mount Baker, with memories as a batboy for the Seattle Rainiers and time at John Muir and Franklin. He worked for Boeing Aerospace and then as a project manager with the King County Parks Department and was especially proud of "his" parks – Marymoor, Gene Coulon, Redondo, and Ober.</i>	<b>1961</b> JOAN BOSSLEY (Oct 2015) LINDA MEANOR SHANKLAND
<b>1939</b> ROBERT SMITH		<b>1953</b> HAROLD HANSON GINGER MCJUNKIN RALPH SHAPE	<b>1962</b> FRANK BOCCAMAZZO STANLEY NEFT LINDA HILLIKER RABURN
<b>1940</b> LANIER BEDINGER ROBERT BURGOINE WILLAM "BILL" GRAY. <i>Graduated at the age of 16, attended the UW and joined the US Army Air Forces in 1942. He was a pilot and received many awards. He died in action just three weeks before the end of WWII and because of the Russian occupation at the site of his death, his remains were not identified until 2016. He was buried with full military honors on July 14, 2017.</i>		<b>1955</b> PATSY (ALMER) BRISCOE BURKS DAVID ENGLUND GARTHA FERRAND JANICE ALMAY ZACKRISTON	<b>1965</b> CHARLEY MORGAN ROBERT BURNSIDE
<b>1941</b> NORMAN FRIEDMAN MARY ROCKEY DONCKERS PHYLLIS EAMES LEWIS JAMES RAYMOND MARTHA WEIDERRECHT MANUCHE <i>"Music was of course her first love, and with what she learned at Franklin, from her Grandmother Corey Wright, and others she brought with her to NY and Broadway for a fine career on stage, radio and even some television."</i>			<b>1968</b> JIM EASTON (from his wife) <i>"Jim always lit up the space he was in. He called himself a peddler as he wanted people to know he wasn't a salesman. Boy could he peddle anything and everything! Life was never dull with Jim. He's at peace now and it's our turn to share and spread his peddler's stories."</i> LANE HARTVIGSON
			<b>1970</b> CHARLES WILLIAMS <i>Charlie died after a brief illness, of cancer. He was Franklin's Mock Trial coach for a decade, when the team won six state titles and the national championship in 2000.</i>



# Betty Taylor

## Record-setting Slue Foot Sue

1919-2011

*Editor's note: Sometimes we hear a Quaker story worth re-telling. This is one of those stories.*

Betty Taylor was a consummate professional. A singer and dancer from an early age, she took dance lessons at age three and by age twelve she was appearing on stage professionally. That didn't stop her from joining Vodovil, the theater program at Franklin. "She was in every show from the time she arrived," her sister Dottie Fields Taylor, '41, remembered.

By the time she graduated from Franklin she was leading her own band, Betty and Her Beaus, with 18 male musicians. They appeared regularly at the Trianon Ballroom in Seattle. She shared the stage with the likes of Red Nichols, Les Brown, Henry Bussey, and Frank Sinatra and she had belted out classics of the old west for four years with the original Sons of the Pioneers.

In 1956, while living in Los Angeles, she heard about an audition – there was a position in the Disneyland, then a newly opened theme park, in Frontierland at the Golden Horseshoe Review.

She was a natural, and after her initial four-week contract she became the longest-running cast member of the Revue, remaining until the show's final performance on October 12, 1986.

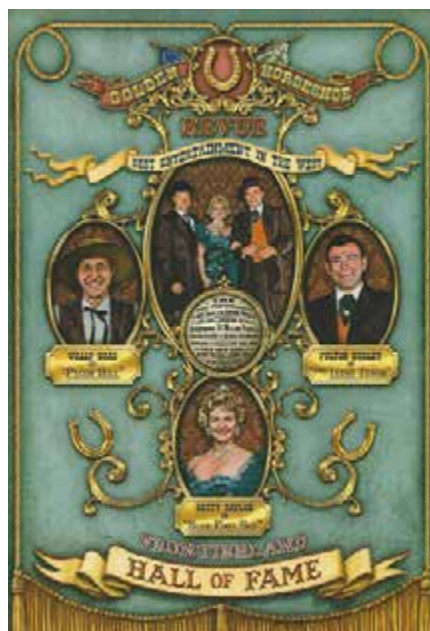
She played Slue Foot Sue, the spunky leader of a troupe of western dance hall girls. Betty described Sue as "not a hard character, but rather like a Mae West or a Kitty on the vintage television series Gunsmoke." Over the three decades she worked at Disneyland she entertained nearly ten million people with over 45,000 performances.

She traveled the world for The Walt Disney Company. With her fellow cast members, she brought their entertainment to the White House for President Richard Nixon, to the troops in USO performances, and at hospitals internationally. For many years, her voice was heard as that of an Audio-Animatronics pig singing "(Won't You Come Home) Bill Bailey?" in the Disneyland attraction America Sings.

One of Betty's biggest fans was Walt Disney himself, with whom she shared a mutual fondness. When he decided to televise a special extended version of the show for the 10,000th performance, he asked Betty to be the emcee, which would include getting into Ed Wynn's comedy act. That television show remains a classic.

In 1995, to acknowledge her work, she was honored as a Disney Legend.

After she retired she continued to perform and to appear in special events, and sang for friends and colleagues until her death in 2011.



## Lewis Albanese

When Lewis Albanese graduated from Franklin in 1964 he was not so different from many of his classmates. His sister Rosita Albanese Novotney, '70, said, "He hung out at Dags, he liked the girls, and he loved his cars." After graduation, he worked at Boeing until, like many young men in the sixties, he was drafted and was sent to Vietnam. He shipped out in August 1966. Just three months later his platoon came under heavy sniper fire. With his platoon was in danger of being overrun, he attacked the enemy position and neutralized it. His actions saved his platoon, but he was wounded and died on the battlefield.

On Feb 16, 1968, in an award ceremony held at the Pentagon, Secretary of the Army Stanley Rogers Resor presented the Medal of Honor to Private First Class Lewis Albanese posthumously. His mother received the medal and Rosita was in the audience. Rosita remembers it as a sad and confusing time. "I was just fifteen. I remember lots of pictures and flashes. I just couldn't compose myself." Louie was born in Italy and migrated to the U.S. with his mother Giannina when he was two. His father, Ralph, owned a pizzeria, Luigi's, in downtown Seattle. Their home was bilingual. "My mom wanted to learn English, so we often spoke English, but when she couldn't find a word she went back to Italian," said Rosita. Ray Weaver and Louie were best friends at Franklin. They had known each other since we were eight, were paper boys together, shared a locker at Franklin for three years and worked at Boeing until they were both drafted. "We weren't any different from anyone else at Franklin," he said. "We raced cars up and down Empire Way, went to Seward Park. He was a good son and brother. Our neighborhood wasn't all that safe, and he would take off from what we were doing to meet his mom and walk her home from work – to make sure she got home safely. We worked at McDonald's together and we watched each other's backs."

He added, "The night before Louie

shipped out he and I went bowling at the Ft. Carson bowling alley. That was the last time I saw him. Louie and I kept in touch via mail. I have many letters from Louie in which he shared his experiences and opinion of Vietnam. To me this made our friendship bond even stronger, we were like brothers."

Rosita remembered the night before he left for training. "Mom made his favorite dinner. We could see he was scared. But he had a dedication – he was more than willing to go."

In one of his letters home he wrote, "Each day is a little closer to coming home. That's all I think about. I pray every day just to see the United States again. And when I do – I'll probably just kiss the ground. Don't worry, I'll be home soon."

The Medal of Honor, is highest military decoration presented by the United States government to a member of its armed forces and was created during the American Civil War. Recipients must have distinguished themselves at the risk of their own life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy of the United States. 254 were awarded to those who served during the Vietnam war. Lewis is the only Italian-born person serving in Vietnam to receive the Medal of Honor.

Lewie was inducted into the Franklin Hall of Fame in 2001. In addition, Albanese Hall at Fort Benning, Georgia is named in his honor. A street is named in his honor in his birth city of Vicenza. And he was recently featured in a short film, Rosita's Story. The video was part of a KCTS set of videos designed to promote the recent Ken Burns series on the Vietnam War and captures the impact of the war in our state.



The Medal of Honor Citation: *For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty. Pfc. Albanese's platoon, while advancing through densely covered terrain to establish a blocking position, received intense automatic weapons fire from close range. As other members maneuvered to assault the enemy position,*

*Pfc. Albanese was ordered to provide security for the left flank of the platoon. Suddenly, the left flank received fire from enemy located in a well-concealed ditch. Realizing the imminent danger to his comrades from this fire, Pfc. Albanese fixed his bayonet and moved aggressively into the ditch. His action silenced the sniper fire, enabling the platoon to resume movement toward the main enemy position. As the platoon continued to advance, the sound of heavy firing emanated from the left flank from a pitched battle that ensued in the ditch which Pfc. Albanese had entered. The ditch was actually a well-organized complex of enemy defenses designed to bring devastating flanking fire on the forces attacking the main position. Pfc. Albanese, disregarding the danger to himself, advanced 100 meters along the trench and killed 6 of the snipers, who were armed with automatic weapons. Having exhausted his ammunition, Pfc. Albanese was mortally wounded when he engaged and killed 2 more enemy soldiers in fierce hand-to-hand combat. His unparalleled actions saved the lives of many members of his platoon who otherwise would have fallen to the sniper fire from the ditch, and enabled his platoon to successfully advance against an enemy force of overwhelming numerical superiority. Pfc. Albanese's extraordinary heroism and supreme dedication to his comrades were commensurate with the finest traditions of the military service and remain a tribute to himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.*



## Franklin Here & Now

### Students and Alumni at Work and Play



BECU employees engaging Franklin students at an assembly



Homecoming is a family affair! Steve Mohundro '92 and sons, Tairea Mattox Velasquez '92 and son showing Quaker spirit with Ben!



Daniel Sessoms '85 and son at Franklin's Homecoming



Lessons for Franklin students in financial literacy from BECU



Alum Danny Lee at Homecoming



Assembly for juniors and seniors with the Boeing Employees Credit Union – learning about financial literacy



Public Service Academy on a field trip to Olympia, funded by FAA&F



Public Service Academy at the State Supreme Court, funded by FAA&F

# FAA&F: What We Do and How You Can Help

We have a place for you! No matter what your time availability is or where you live we can put your skills and energy to good use. We are a volunteer organization and it is because of the generosity of you, our members, that we can produce the newsletter, provide updates on the website

and keep you connected on Facebook. Please take a look below to see what activities might appeal to you as we make our mission a reality, and give us a call at (206) 930-6273 or send an email to [FAAandF@gmail.com](mailto:FAAandF@gmail.com). Your help will make a difference!

	BOARD LEVEL	COMMITTEE LEVEL	PROJECT/INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES
SET POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set the direction for FAA&amp;F, determine financial goals and strategies</li> </ul>		
GRANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with Franklin staff to solicit applications, set criteria, review and approve recommendations from the staff.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain contact with staff in follow-up of the grants to “tell the story” of impact.</li> </ul>
HALL OF FAME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set criteria for nomination</li> <li>Set number of inductees for a given celebration</li> <li>Review/approve committee recommendations for induction</li> <li>Set date for event</li> <li>Send notice to request nominations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominations: Review nominations, make recommendations, contact nominators about the decision and nominees to be inducted.</li> <li>Event: Coordinate with nominees, select venue, caterer, coordinate invitations and event details with database manager, plan program, organize volunteers for event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help with set-up and reception of guests at the Hall of Fame Celebration</li> </ul>
QUAKER TIMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editor</li> <li>Plan fall and spring edition content</li> <li>Reach out to contributors, remind of deadlines</li> <li>Work with paginator to produce the newsletter (using InDesign)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggest articles to highlight the Franklin story – focus on both alumni and current students and programs.</li> <li>Write articles</li> <li>Outreach to class contacts re: reunion plans</li> </ul>
MEMBERSHIP – CONNECTION & NETWORKING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain infrastructure with database, Facebook and Website</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class contacts – report updates, keep classmates connected to FAA&amp;F via Facebook, Quaker Times or website</li> </ul>
MEMBERSHIP – SOCIAL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan social events around school functions for members (e.g., football homecoming and a Franklin vs Garfield basketball game)</li> </ul>	
MEMBERSHIP & DATABASE MANAGEMENT			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help with database address updates.</li> <li>Database is cloud-based and all input is done from home.</li> </ul>
SCHOLARSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish and update criteria for scholarship awards.</li> <li>Work with counseling staff to distribute and collect applications</li> <li>Write checks for student awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review applications and recommend awards,</li> <li>Contact students coordinate with Franklin staff to present awards at an assembly in June</li> </ul>	
SOCIAL MEDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set policy for Facebook postings</li> <li>Consider Instagram and Twitter</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social media master</li> </ul>
WEBSITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the website/pay fees</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webmaster – updating as needed (we use Squarespace)</li> </ul>



## Meet Your FAA&F Board

Currently seven strong, the FAA&F Board is an engaged and devoted group. We invite you to get to know us and to join us as we make our organization stronger and better.

### Sara Thompson, '68, President

I was born in Seattle and spent most of my middle and high school years at Mercer and Franklin, with a two-year stint in Huntsville, Alabama. We



returned in time for my junior and senior years at Franklin. I went to Ohio to attend Oberlin College, returned to Seattle to work for three years and then earned my MD at the UW. I was a family doctor at Group Health for thirty years and moved back to Mount Baker to raise our family.

I loved my time at Franklin – working on the Tolo newspaper, being intellectually challenged by Rick Nagel (the best teacher I ever had, including college and medical school) and being part of a wonderful and diverse group of students. I felt prepared for anything that might come my way.

But what draws me to be a part of FAA&F is Franklin as it is now. My kids graduated in 2003 and 2004 and I joined the PTA and a then fairly new alumni association. I've continued because what goes on at Franklin every day is so very remarkable. I love this school – both because of my own experiences and because of the incredible things taking place there now. I think our ability to tell the Franklin story and to support the work by students and staff with our donations continue to make a difference.

### Tai (Mattox) Velasquez, '92, Vice President

I am a proud member of the Franklin

High School class of 1992. I was born in Houston, was raised in South Seattle and now live in the Central District. I



joined the board of the alumni association as a way to give back to my alma mater. Franklin is in my blood. My dad, brother and two sisters all went to Franklin. I look back on my time at Franklin with great fondness and appreciation for the diversity of my classmates, the academic instruction I received through the Humanities program, the fun to be had at football and basketball games, and the leadership skills learned through student government.

I wanted to pay it forward and make a contribution to Franklin's current students, but I couldn't help during school or after school hours due to work obligations. When I discovered the alumni association, I found an avenue that worked for me.

I am passionate about telling the Franklin story to the greater Seattle community and supporting current students. Franklin is like a hidden gem in the Emerald City!

I am a communications consultant and a meditation teacher, and find joy in everyday experiences, particularly in eating Toblerone chocolate while sipping an Americano. My favorite quote: "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of someone else." – Judy Garland

### Teresa Anderson, '65, Secretary

I was born in Seattle and grew up and lived a few blocks from Columbia City until I graduated from college in 1969. Columbia City was the center of my universe. My grandparents lived in Columbia City and owned and operated the Columbia Shoe Repair on

Ferdinand Street – it was The Place to hang out with family and friends.

I attended Whitworth and Sharples, then it was off to Franklin to become



a member of the Class of 1965. And what a class it was! The best! Our class celebrated its 50th reunion two years

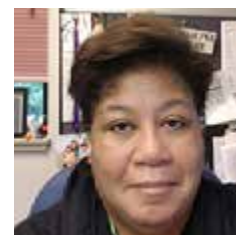
ago and we still talk about our days at Franklin and how fortunate we were to go there. The teachers were excellent and we all have our favorites, still – Mr. Victor McClelland stands out for me. Mr. Bob McGrath was our class advisor. I found my niche working on the yearbook, and being Editor, under the direction and inspiration of Mrs. Barbara Matthews Nilson. I participated in Girls Club activities and was Treasurer my senior year. Cheering on our football team was the highlight of our week and we broke records in cross-country and track. Friends – some classmates have been friends since kindergarten. All of this is history now – the history of our class, our classmates, our alma mater.

The Franklin Alumni Association & Foundation is a means through which Franklin's history – and legacy – will continue to be written as we support the students through grants, scholarships, athletic team uniforms and equipment, and other actions and activities on their behalf.

### Susana Tantico, '78, Treasurer

I grew up in Seattle and graduated from Franklin in 1978.

I did not know there was a Franklin Alumni Association until someone



on the board of the organization where I work discovered that I was a Quaker. She also happened to be the FAA&F board president and she recruited me. I've been on the board now for a

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few years and I continue to stay because of the work that FAA&F does to help the students at Franklin High – to get uniforms, scholarships and much more. I've enjoyed being on the board and look forward to continued work to keep it going.

### Vicki Capestany, '80

I was born Maria Victoria Capestany, in Honduras, to Cuban parents who had left Cuba two years before, following the revolution.



Spanish was my first language and ours was a Spanish-speaking home. I grew up in Mt. Baker, about half a mile from Franklin.

First and foremost, I am a member of the FAA&F board because I love Franklin. I often tell people that I am a raving fan of FHS because of everything that the school means to me. I loved my years there: the full acceptance of who I was, the excellent and caring staff, the diversity of students, the focus on community, and the high expectations that we would succeed – as students and as people. My memories of Franklin are fond.

I left Seattle in 1981 when I transferred from UW to college in California. We moved back to Seattle two years ago, after 34 years away from my hometown; first in California, then in Florida. We moved back to Mt. Baker and live about one mile from FHS. While in Florida, I was a member of FAA&F. I also attended most of my class reunions and even helped organize them from a distance.

I am proud, not only to be a Franklin graduate, but to be part of the FAA&F board, so that I can continue to support the students and teachers of this institution that was such a formative part of my life. The Franklin story needs to be told, over and over, because its strengths are not always fully recognized. It needs to take its place as one

of the stellar public institutions in this city. I am on the board to help spread this message.

### John Murphy, '67

Growing up in Seattle's Rainier Valley, I learned that people worked hard to make a living. My mother's favorite saying was by William Penn. "I expect



to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow

being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again." My parents taught me and my siblings the meaning of "An honest day's work for an honest day's pay," and they lived by this principle. So did I - I began working the summers at a Harbor Island steel mill at the age of 13.

Growing up, one of my heroes was Coach Frank Ahern. Coach Ahern spent hundreds of hours teaching me to believe in myself and my abilities. Coach Ahern, along with my parents, were instrumental in showing me the value of helping others and leading me to a career in law.

In my 42 years of practice I've represented hundreds of individuals and entities in state and federal courts, was appointed by the Washington State Supreme Court to the Disciplinary Board, Committee of Law Examiners and have served as a judge pro tem. I've instructed at colleges and law school and taught in the African Trial Advocacy Program instructing judges and attorneys in Uganda and Botswana.

I believe that each day I have the opportunity to do the best I can do. This is the reason I get out of bed in the morning. Every day my life as a lawyer offers me the opportunity to make a contribution to some person or some ideal. Often, the person I am attempting to help is unable to help himself; the ideal is often one that would otherwise be disregarded.

### Stephanie Ragland, Community

I am a native of Oakland, California, and I am the proud mom of two Franklin Quakers, Michael '11 and Nick '08. I was a football, track and lacrosse



mom in addition to serving on the PTSA board during those years. Franklin is in my blood; you might say I bleed

green and black. People often ask if I attended Franklin and I have to say no, though I would give anything in the world to claim it as my own alma mater.

I accepted a role on the board when my oldest son was a sophomore in 2005 representing the parents. Through this experience grew to appreciate the history and legacy of so many men and women who had previously walked the halls of Franklin. Their legacy continues in the talent, academic achievement, and diversity of the student body to this day. The faculty and staff are exceptional as they provide a learning community that graduates students who attend universities all over the northwest and all regions of our country.

Given all the activities and organizations to whom I could give my time, I say yes to the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation for the ways it is committed to hold up student body of learners and the legacy and tradition of learning that is rich and deeply rooted in the Southeast Seattle community.

#### About your address label

At the upper left is your year of graduation and at the upper right is your membership status – a lifetime membership or when your membership expires or expired. Thank you for your support, and don't hesitate to send an additional donation!



## The Class Reunion

*Thanks to Ruth Forsberg '57*

Every five years, as summertime nears,  
an announcement arrives in the mail.  
A reunion is planned, it  
will really be grand,  
make plans to attend without fail.

I will never forget the first time we met,  
we tried so hard to impress.  
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,  
and wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair, the  
whole class was there,  
it was held at a fancy hotel.  
We wine, and we dine,  
and we acted refined,  
and everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about  
who had been first  
to achieve great fortune and fame.  
Meanwhile, their spouses de-  
scribed their fine houses  
and how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who  
had once been lean,  
now weighed in at one ninety-six.  
The jocks who were there  
had all lost their hair,  
and the cheerleaders could  
no longer do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd  
Who guided a spacecraft to the Moon,  
Or poor little Jane, who had  
always been plain,  
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we decreed "most  
apt to succeed"  
Was serving ten years in the Pen.  
While the one voted "least"  
now was a Priest,  
Just shows you can be  
wrong now and then.

They awarded a prize to one of the guys  
Who seemed to have aged the least.  
Another was given to the  
grad who had driven  
The farthest to attend the feast.  
They took a class picture, a curious mixture  
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.  
Tall, short and skinny, the  
style was the mini,  
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no  
one cared whether  
They impressed their classmates or not.  
The mood was informal, a  
whole lot more normal,  
By this time we'd all gone to pot.

It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores,  
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw and beans.  
Then most of us lay around in the shade,  
In our comfortable tee shirts and jeans.

By the fiftieth-fifth year, it  
was abundantly clear  
We were definitely over the hill.  
Those who weren't dead had  
to crawl out of bed  
And be home in time for their pill.  
And now I can't wait, because  
we have set the date  
Our 60th has arrived. I'm  
told it should be a ball,  
they've rented a hall at the Shady  
Rest Home for the old.

Repairs have been made on my hearing aid,  
My pacemaker's been turned up to high.  
My wheelchair is oiled, and my  
teeth have been boiled,  
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.

I'm feeling quite hearty, and  
I'm ready to party  
I'm gonna dance til dawn's early light.  
It'll be lots of fun, but I just  
hope there's one  
Other person that can make it that night.

## Hall of Fame Scheduled for 2019

After four annual Hall of Fame Celebrations, we are taking a break. The board has decided to hold our next celebration in the spring of 2019. We still welcome nominations, and we'll hold them until our committee reviews them in January 2019.

Criteria for induction are:

- Must have graduated from Franklin
- Must have graduated at least 15 years prior to nomination
- May be living or deceased
- Shall have gained prominence and recognition on a national, state, regional, or local level in his or her chosen field or endeavor.

Nomination forms and a list of all those in the Hall of Fame can be found on our website: [www.franklinalumni.net/nominations/](http://www.franklinalumni.net/nominations/).

If you have questions, please contact us at [FAAandF@gmail.com](mailto:FAAandF@gmail.com) or call Sara Thompson at (206) 930-6273.

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