



The Brick & Mortar Board

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Meet our Scholarship Winners at the Annual Dinner Meeting on May 2!

Hobart Middle School Principal Carolie Warren will be the guest speaker at the third Annual Dinner Meeting of the Hobart High School Alumni Association. The meeting will be Friday, May 2, in the Great Hall at Hobart High School. Doors open at 6:00, dinner will be served at 6:30, and the program begins at 7:00. Dinner consists of chicken cordon bleu, fresh asparagus spears, tossed salad, dinner rolls, iced tea, coffee, lemonade, and assorted dessert bars. The cost is \$12 per person.

The HHSAA will award three scholarships at the meeting, two to HHS seniors planning to attend college, and one to a faculty member in the Hobart school system for professional development. The choral group Wolfgang will perform during dinner. Also, board members will be elected at the meeting (see the callout for board members below).

You must RSVP ahead of time! In order to plan for the correct number of dinners, we need you to make reservations ahead of time. You can RSVP by emailing us at dinner@hobartalumni.org. Let us know how many people will be attending, and their names. You can pay at the door.

CALLING POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS! There are vacancies on the HHSAA Board of Directors, for 2-year terms beginning in August. We are especially looking for alumni from recent decades (yes, young people!), and anyone with legal or paralegal experience. Qualifications are that you graduated from, attended, taught at, or worked for the Hobart schools at any time, and that you have an interest in supporting and promoting Hobart High School and its alumni. Email Paul Addison, HHSAA President, at paulhaddison@gmail.com, if you are interested. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting.



Alumni Spotlight

Bridget Guernsey Riordan, Dean of Students at Emory

Hobart High School alumna Bridget Guernsey Riordan, Class of 1975, is presently Dean of Students at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She shares her story with us here.

Where do you live now, and what are you doing these days?

My husband, daughter and I live in Decatur, GA, right outside of Atlanta. I serve as Dean of Students at Emory University. For fun we love to travel and visit family,



Bridget, with her mother June Richardson, and her sister Debbie Guernsey Jenkins (HHS Class of 1973).

friends and new places. We also attend events at our daughter's school where she is a junior. Her high school has a prominent athletics program and their football field is a bowl--not as remarkable as Brickie Bowl, but I love it because it reminds me of so many great times in Hobart. Also, the football uniforms are blue and gold with golden helmets!

Would you describe the path that took you from Hobart High School to Emory University?

From Hobart I went to Ball State and earned my degree in journalism and English. HHS sent me to journalism workshops at BSU for two summers in high school so I grew to love the campus and it was a great fit. I got involved in several campus organizations and was president of my sorority, Alpha Chi Omega (AXO). After graduation I traveled for a year as a leadership consultant for AXO and visited 28 colleges and universities across the country. That sealed it for me--I had to work on a college campus. I worked in Student Affairs at the University of Cincinnati and got my master's degree in counselor education part-time. I continued in Student Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh and got my doctoral degree in Higher Education also as a part-time student. Both universities provided educational benefits so between my Hoosier State Scholarship and work benefits I was fortunate to get three degrees without paying tuition.

In 1992 I accepted a position as Director of Student Activities at Emory University and moved to Atlanta. Along the way I have had two other positions at Emory and was named Dean of Students in 2006.

What are some of the issues and concerns facing college students today?

Students experience pressure to succeed in a fast-paced world. Their every move can be monitored on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. They are used to instant information. It is hard for many of them to realize that some things just take time--like knowledge, wisdom, and experience. Not everything can be handled by text. Some issues need thoughtful reflection and direct conversation--something many of them don't often experience.

Overall, colleges are seeing a high increase in mental health issues that include eating disorders and depression. We are doing our best to help students be good bystanders who come to one another's aid. In addition, we are trying to help students get unburied from electronics and be active members of their communities.

Also, college can be very expensive so there is added pressure to do well and get a good job.

Were there any particular people or experiences at Hobart that shaped your life and your career?

There were so many! Of course, my sister, Debbie (class of '73), made sure I stayed in line. Patty Sowinski continues to be a lifelong friend. We had a great group of friends who had fun together. Mrs. Rogers was a wonderful cheerleading sponsor and role model in 9th grade. Mrs. Armontrout told me to do sit-ups to help with my pathetic balance beam performances (I still thank her for that advice!). Ms. Payne was our gymnastics coach and knew very little about the sport, but I loved that she cared and built our confidence levels. Mr. Matlock was fantastic and courageous teaching our new pom-pom squad how to strut. Mr. Throne in junior high and then Mrs. Howell at HHS were great guidance counselors and role models. Ms. Lach stuck with me for three years in journalism and had confidence in me to be editor of the yearbook. That was a really great experience and I loved her incredible patience and sense of humor!

Experiences--being a loyal Brickie--all the sports, activities, and teachers who cared were wonderful. When we were little, my grandpa would take my sister and me to watch football from the railroad tracks--I thought being at HHS must be the coolest thing! I was right. Cheering for Hobart was great as was being on the gymnastics team and serving as editor of Memories '75.

Do you have any suggestions or advice for high school students today who might be interested in college administration as a career?

Being in education is a wonderful career. Find out where your passion lies and consider teaching young

people. History, PE, science--there are so many possibilities. If the college level is your goal, think of how to get your degrees. Part-time is not so bad and you can still be working and have an income. Look for mentors while in college and keep in touch with them for guidance. Higher education has a strong network and we are always looking to help one another grow

and develop. College administrators usually start somewhere--either teaching, coaching or guiding leaders through residence hall administration, student activities, or counseling services. Get involved in college--try as many new things as you can--this is the time to diversify your experiences and grow as an individual!

BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic on October 11



This year's BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 11, at Veterans Memorial Park on 73rd Street, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.

The event is free of charge. The HHS Alumni Association will provide hot dogs, brats and bottled water. You are welcome to bring a salad, side or a dessert to share.

The Hobart Brickie Homecoming football game is the night before, on Friday, October 10. So, make a weekend of it: come to Hobart for the Homecoming game, and stay through Saturday for the Homecoming Picnic! Information about this event and class reunions being held that weekend are on our website, www.hobartalumni.org.

Sweetheart Dance Brings Out HHS Alums

The Hobart High School Alumni Association held its Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 15, at Rosser Hall. Although the night was cold, the group that attended had a ball. ☺ Music was provided by DJ Travis Stojanovich from 8 to 11. Thanks to all who attended!



HHS Alumni Association Board

The Hobart High School Alumni Association was officially incorporated on July 17, 2010. The current members of the Board of Directors are:

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Hobart High School Alumni Association is to develop and maintain a close relationship between Hobart High School, its constituents, and its alumni for their mutual benefit. The Association is committed to, and involved in the support and well-being of Hobart High School and its alumni.

OUR GOALS

- To assist Hobart High School in communication with its alumni
- To convey to Hobart High School the views, attitudes, and needs of the alumni in seeking to preserve, advocate, and promote alumni interests
- To strengthen alumni activities and programs
- To support educational programs through teacher grants and student scholarships

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS (since January 2014 newsletter)

Jeanne Greene Bigler (1967)
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Robert McOmber (1969)
Robert Rippe (1963)

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Richard Stenzinger (1976)
Marcia Williams Tan (1969)
Robert Walk (1961)

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since January 2014 newsletter)

Paul Aleman (1958)
Sandra Casperson (1963)
Thomas Cook (1966)
Sandra Edwards (1967)
Sandra Yover Haas (1974)
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Lynn Sheets Kostbade (1966)
Aaron McCullough (2011)
Adam McCullough (2004)
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Joseph McCullough (1977)
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Marsha Longacre Shabi (1964)
Charles Sufana (1970)
Carol Edmonds Trethewey (1967)
Beverly Benson Troumouliaris (1967)
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George Woods (1966)

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"Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!"

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