



## WHSAA CHIT-CHAT SEPTEMBER 2024



### Changing of the Guard

Before we get into the WHSAA news, we must introduce our new Board President and bid farewell to our fearless leader. The Alumni Association is pleased to welcome Dave Campbell as our new President. Dave is an alumni from the Class of 1978, and he has an extensive background in the IT arena. With his expertise, he's already taken on many tasks, including creating a new and improved Alumni website. Watch for more on that coming soon! Dave follows Lori Cooper Brown, Class of 1990, who is retiring from her term as President. Lori has led the Alumni Association for six years, and has been generous in her tireless support of all of the programs that the Alumni Association oversees. With her knowledge and enthusiasm for Waggener, she is currently serving as a member on the Board of Directors. Thank you to Lori and Welcome Home Dave!



Dear WHSAA friends...

***This newsletter is full of news and opportunities! We need to catch up!! Please feel free to contact us at [waggenerchitchat@gmail.com](mailto:waggenerchitchat@gmail.com) if you have any questions.***

**A major bit of news is the activation of our new website. Please check it out.  
NEW WEBSITE Information**

Members from the old web site will be migrated before August 30th.  
Anyone can now register - <https://waggeneralumni.org>





## HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION!

Reservations are still open for the 20204 Hall of Fame Dinner celebration. We'd love to have you there to support the group of honorees.

The evening is Thursday, September 19 at Big Spring Country Club. We will begin with a cash bar (cash only) at 6pm. A dinner buffet will be followed by a program to honor these alums. Gather some friends and make a mini-reunion by sharing a table!

Purchasing tickets is easy! You can go to our website and use your credit card or you can mail a check to Waggener at the address below.

This year, we will honor the following people:

Girls Golf 1971 State Champions Bob Garrett '72  
Boys Golf 1971 State Champions Robert Hammond, Teacher  
Butch Baird '66 Jim Morris '73  
Sarah Fritschner '72 David Spalding '72  
Charles Traub '63

Click this link to make a reservation online. Tickets are \$55/person or \$58/person if you pay with a credit card. [Hall of Fame Registration](#)

Mail a check to WHSAA Hall of Fame  
330 S. Hubbards Lane  
Louisville, KY 40207



## SPECIAL NOTICE FOR CLASSES OF '64 & '65

The Classes of '64 and '65 are holding a joint 60 year reunion September 21, 2024 at Owl Creek CC.

Details:

Class of '64 & '65 plus any other WHS grads, siblings, neighbors, team mates, etc.

September 21, 2024 5:00PM to 9:00PM

Owl Creek CC - 12400 N Osage Rd, Anchorage, KY 40223

\$40/person - pay at the door

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar

If attending contact Judi Nigh at [kipperkey@icloud.com](mailto:kipperkey@icloud.com)

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October 18th Football Game then gathering at Stooges.

<https://waggeneralumni.org/events-list-2/#!event/2024/10/18/class-of-2004-20-year-reunion>

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**ALL ALUMNI ARE INVITED!**

2024 ALUMNI NIGHT + TAILGATE AT HOMECOMING GATHERING

October 18th 5:30p

\$15 (includes your ticket to the game)

<https://waggeneralumni.org/events-list-2/#!event/2024/10/18/alumni-night-tailgate-2024>



## Class of 1961 Supports Academies

The Class of 1961 recently completed a fundraising drive among its members that resulted in a \$700 donation to Waggener in support of the Academies part of the curriculum.

There are three academies – Freshman Academy, Health Science, and IT and Law. All students begin in the Freshman Academy, then choose one of the other two at the beginning of their sophomore year. The classes are a supplement to the core studies in such subjects as English and math that all students take.

The check was presented to Debra Robinson, who oversees Career and Technical Education programs at the school and is also the Technology Coordinator and IT Pathway Teacher. Robinson allocated the donation primarily to the Health Science area to purchase items not covered in the budget. These included stethoscopes, electrodes for EKG practice, and medical gloves for the clinical and pre-nursing students. She also acquired gavels as awards given to outstanding students in Law and IT.

“All of these supplies will be used by the students and are greatly appreciated,” Robinson said. “We are restricted from using funds for consumables like the gloves, which are used once and have to be thrown away. This generous donation let us purchase 22 boxes of gloves [100 per box].”

Frank Grubbs, '61, coordinated the fund drive and was gratified by his classmates' strong support of the academies program. “The gifts came in quickly and let us easily meet our \$700 goal,” he said. “Through taking part in this fund drive we all gained a real appreciation for how the academies program is helping Waggener students focus on meaningful career paths.”



Waggener teachers Melinda Hurst, left, and Debra Robinson are shown in a Health Science Academy classroom

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## Scholarship Winners

Although the new school year is just beginning, we don't want to forget our graduates from the Class of 2024! Congratulations to all of those who have started their new chapters after leaving WHS! We especially want to congratulate those students who were the recipients of the Alumni Scholarships for 2024. From left to right: Dave Campbell '78, Alumni Association president; Gracia KauKau; Yenifer Piedra Veitia; Alexander Leyva Serrano, and Tatenda Alineshito



*Class of*  
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