



# Waggener High School Alumni Association, Inc. (WHSAA, Inc.)

Winter 2025 Newsletter



## WHSAA Announces Sophomore Scholars Program

Responding to shifting needs for Academic Support and the desire of the Association to financially assist as many students as possible, WHSAA announces the *Sophomore Scholars Program*. This answers the principal's request to provide for the unmet **financial** need in the CollegeNow 'Dual Credit' program for the **ENTIRE sophomore class** at WHS.

[Full details of the new program](#)

### College Now - Dual Credit Program

Unique to WHS, CollegeNow offers Academy students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to take college courses from 6 statewide colleges.

Details [here](#) - but some highlights:

- 9th - 1 hr class, 10th - 3 hr class
- 11th, 12th - **17** classes split among the respective Academy
- 422 classes taken in 2024/5
- 92% pass rate
- 6 participating colleges
- individualized college prep tools provided
- higher college application rates

### Why We're 100% Behind This Program

The Alumni Association is following the lead of other support organizations to broaden their impact on student academic success. WHSAA Scholarships assist and recognize certain graduating seniors, while this new program supports the entire sophomore class with current studies. In addition:

- value - colleges charge \$97 / credit hour compared to \$189 - \$553 normally
- breadth - ~60 students benefit compared to 4-5 scholarships
- specific need - the sophomore class did not have a funding source

### How Can You Help?

Alumni have always been extremely generous in support of scholarships - and we ask that you continue to be as supportive for this new academic support channel. Our *goal* is to support 100% of the ongoing unmet need (~\$18,000 / year) for the sophomore class, and the Board approved \$10,000 immediately. **Your help** is needed for us to reach this goal.

[Donate now to the Sophomore Scholar Program](#)

### Another New Program: *The WHSAA Wildcat Spirit Award*

Board Member Cathy Duffy ('90) was so taken by an experience she witnessed on the volleyball court in October, that she suggested we create an award to recognize students, groups, or teams that notably demonstrate human-centered Wildcat Spirit (compassion, empathy, kindness, concern).



**WHSAA  
Wildcat  
Spirit  
Award**



## And the first 2 recipients are...

**Girls Varsity Volleyball Team** - taking on a team from Newcomer Academy whose athletes are new to this country and certainly new to the sport - the WHS girls became Newcomer's biggest cheerleaders along with the rest of the gym!

**Girls Varsity Soccer Team** - after getting mercy-ruled (12-0) by Sacred Heart, the WHS girls used that extra time to do what? Invite the Valkyries to their sideline for a Dance Party! Of course! (picture at left)

[Read about the first recipients](#)

## So we threw them a party...

We recognized these good spirited Wildcats with an ice-cream party, just before Christmas Break.

Thanks to board member Doug Madison ('68) and member Sally Campbell ('79) for their help scooping!

[More details and pictures.](#)



## Football Reveal Party was a blast!

On Friday September 12, the newly renovated WHS football field was officially 'revealed' to students, fans, and Alumni!



At halftime, all attending Alumni were invited on to the field and recognized by decade.



It was great to see Alumni from all 6 decades of Waggener History - there were over 100 in attendance!



[Here's the post on our site with more details and more pictures.](#)

[Take a look here at 65 years of WHS Football / Cheer history!](#) If that doesn't make you nostalgic, nothing will!

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## Programs and Events

### 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - A Beautiful Evening

The induction ceremony for the 2025 Waggener Hall of Fame was held on September 18, 2025 at Big Spring Country Club! It was a beautiful night to celebrate and honor our 5 new inductees. [Click here for details and pictures.](#) The video is expected any day.



Mrs. Anita Hill Teacher 1960 - 1988



Martha Roberston Puckett  
Class of 1963



David Tachau Class of 1973



Mrs. Margarete J. Sather  
Teacher 1962 - 1967



Greg Seneff Class of 1977

## SAVE THE DATE FOR 2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

## Board News

### We Always Need Board Members!

Serving on the WHSAA Board is a great way to honor a beloved institution, serve your fellow classmates, and ensure Waggener students have resources they need to succeed.

We are in an active recruiting period, and are particularly interested in hearing from alumni that represent more recent decades and those from diverse backgrounds.

There are many roles to be filled on a *working* Board, your skills and energy won't be put to waste!

Reach out **here** or send any of the **current Board Members** an email.

### New Roles

#### Secretary - **Cathy Duffy**

Cathy Duffy ('90) stepped up to take the position of Secretary. Cathy was former President of WHSAA at its inception of the current organization, and we're glad to have her helping as Secretary.

#### Treasurer - **VACANT!**

Mike Marquette ('87) served as WHSAA Treasurer for many years - and has decided to focus volunteer efforts in some other worthy areas. We thank Mike for his steady-handed approach to all things Financial - and the Treasury is in great shape thanks to Mike.

With that news - we are actively seeking an individual to replace Mike in this critical role. **Please reach out** if you would like to be considered or know someone that we can contact who you'd think be an excellent Treasurer.



# Links of Interest

So many things to share, hard to keep track. Just a sampling:

**WHS Reunions / Gatherings** (know of one not listed - **ping me!**)  
**All 65 WHS Graduation Classes** - senior pics, etc.  
**Alumni Association News**  
**Donate to the Alumni Association**  
**All the newsletters**  
**Waggener Reference (Links, History, St. Matthews History)**



## Coming Up

### Upcoming Events - School

Jan 5 - Back to School  
Apr 6 -10 - Spring Break  
May 22 - Last Day of School

### Upcoming Events - Alumni

Jan 12 - Board Meeting  
Feb 9 - Board Meeting  
Mar 9 - Board Meeting

## Who this newsletter was sent to

The membership of 'the Alumni Association' (WHSAA, Inc.) is separate from the subscribed emails to this newsletter. There were some email addresses of current WHSAA Members that were *not* subscribed to this newsletter, so liberty was taken to add those email addresses to this newsletter list, under the assumption that if you are a WHSAA member, you'd like to receive this newsletter. On that note, receiving this newsletter does not necessarily mean that you are a WHSAA member. To check your WHSAA membership, or to join, click below.

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