

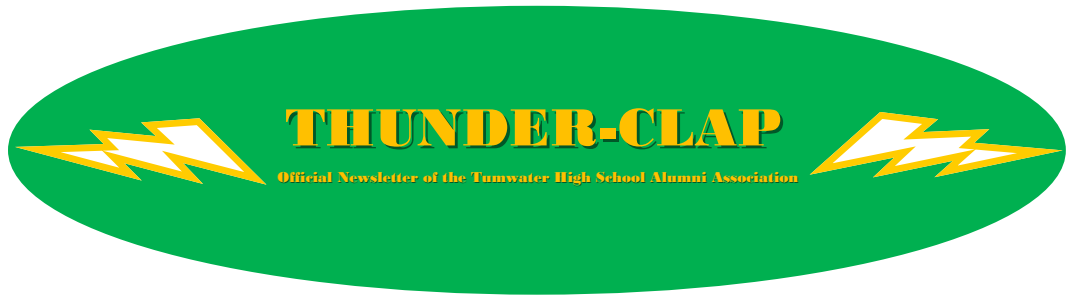


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**The clouds grow dark as a figure in the sky approaches with impressive speed. The bright feathers of this enormous winged creature make for a stark contrast in the sky. It seems to be coasting on the winds above, but with every flap of its wings the rumbling of thunder can be heard.**

**The Thunderbird is a mythological character that appears in many Native American legends. From the numerous stories of the Thunderbird, it is often assumed that Thunderbird is a protector – though at times this creature can be forced to punish those of low moral integrity.**

**In spite of these things, the Thunderbird continues to be a point of fascination for all. The Thunderbird appears to be a creature of extreme intelligence and intrigue. There are many stories that tell of the Thunderbird in Native American legends, which make the creature appear to be one of the key deities in their beliefs. The Thunderbird is mysterious in that it is not merely a protector, but is also seen as enforcer of morality – one that should never be angered.**

**The people below stare in awe at this mighty protector and enforcer. Behold – the mighty Thunderbird.**



## Address From Our President

Tumwater High School Alumni Association

Message from the President

January 2019



Greetings THS Alumni!

As we launch into 2019, our 7<sup>th</sup> year of existence, we continue to pursue our mantra of promoting alumni connectivity, giving back to THS, and having a lot of fun.

THSAA continues to “give back” by awarding scholarships to deserving graduating seniors each year. Over the past 6 years we have awarded fourteen \$1,000 scholarships. Last year’s scholarship recipients (class of 2018) were Alyssa Carpenter, Dylan Mooers, and Kelsey Monaco. We are poised to award three more scholarships to the class of 2019. Our plan is to continue supporting this program and our hope is to increase the quality and quantity of scholarships.

We continue to have fun hosting our major fund-raiser, our annual golf tournament (Artesian Classic). The tournament is growing with each passing year and we are hopeful that we will be able to host a full 36 team tournament in the future. This year our tournament is tentatively set for June 1, 2019 at Tumwater Valley Golf Course.

Last year’s Homecoming Barbecue/Raffle evolved into a Bake Sale/Raffle held at the stadium during the homecoming game. This proved to be more successful than previous barbecues, so we’ll probably continue with the Bake Sale/Raffle at the stadium.

New for 2019 is a planned “All Class Potluck Reunion on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at Sherman Valley Ranch, Olympia with a live band “Backlash” presented by Stan Carlson THS Class ’72. Stay tuned to our website ([tumwaterhighalumni.com](http://tumwaterhighalumni.com)).

Due in large part to some very generous alumni donations, we will be pursuing establishment of an endowment account to help pay for future scholarships.

I’d like to again thank the THSAA board, THSAA members, golf tournament participants, tournament sponsors, alumni donors, and the community at large for supporting our program of “giving back” while having fun and promoting alumni connectivity. For many of us, the THS experience was such a memorable time in our lives and being involved in alumni activities brings back a lot of those memories. At THS, we found life-time friends, learned many life lessons in addition to obtaining a solid education which helped prepare us for life after high school. Life has a way of accelerating through the years and decades and all of a sudden we find ourselves 30, 40, and 50 years after those carefree high school days. For me, the alumni association continues to be a great vehicle to “roll back the clock” and reconnect with a lot of great educators, coaches, and friends.

Leaning Forward,

Jim Ishihara, class of ‘64

# Message from Principal Broome



Letter to Alumni

Greetings THS Alumni,

It is a great day to be a TBird! It is always an honor to get the opportunity to write to you and get you updated on the great things going on at THS. As you read this, I want you to think about how you can be involved in supporting THS and the Alumni Association with your time, talents and treasure (financial support).

Here are some things that we are working on right now at THS...

- **So far this year we ended another year of success on our athletic fields.** Our Football team went deep again in to the playoffs ending the year with a heartbreaking loss to Lynden in the quarterfinals. Next year we will have another successful team and are aiming to win another state championship. Our basketball programs both did well in districts with our girls program this year having over 20 wins, which has not happened in many years. The girls program beat Black Hills for the first time in 8 years!
- **Academic Success:** For the last 6 years, we have been working hard to improve our graduation rate and I am proud to say the class of 2018 had 94.5% graduation rate. This is the highest in the local area! We are so proud of not only our staff but also the parents and feeder school teachers that have helped prepare our students so well.



- **Campus Improvements:** Last summer we had all of the tile floors and carpets removed in the main building. The old tile (over 40 years old) was falling apart and was a trip hazard for our students. With our new flooring, we were able to add some special T-Bird touches that make our building such a great place. This summer we will be relocating the attendance office and ASB offices to the front of the building and increasing security with automatic locking doors. We look forward to these necessary changes.

My question for you is...How will you support these efforts with your time, treasure and talents? We are thinking big about how we can grow and increase our connection with our alumni network, what are you willing to do to make THS a great school for our kids.

Here are some ideas about how you can help...

- **Donations to our Principal Emergency fund,** these funds are used to support the unmet needs of our students. This is often basic needs like clothing, toiletries and food. Every year I have about \$2000 to spend on items like this but it goes fast, how could you help?
- **Attend our Booster Auction on March 16<sup>th</sup>,** all of the funds raised go to support our athletic programs. We know that when kids are more involved in athletics they are more likely to graduate from high school, have better attendance and be drug and alcohol free. Call Kellie Graham @ 360.709.7601 to get your tickets.
- **Inspire and mentor a Tbird!** We are always looking for ways to connect our kids with meaningful adult mentors. Right now we are partnering with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to mentor some of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, come join us for this exciting project.

Please email me or call me if you want to be more involved. We love our T-Bird Alumni and we hope to see more of you in the future!

Thank you for your continued support,

Sincerely,

Jeff Broome

THS Principal, Class of 97'

360.709.7600 or Jeff.broome@tumwater.k12.wa.us



## Spotlight On

### MISS DORIS BURKE

An Interview by: Joy K. Evans

After graduating from North River High School in Brooklyn, Washington in 1945, I went to University of Washington where I majored in Physical Education and with minors in Health Education, English, English Lit. and Speech. My High School had 25 students (5 in my graduating class). I know all about "culture shock". My interest in sports led me to earn a Sport's letter (W). Many years later, the Athletic Department recognized the pioneer women athletes by giving us another letter and a huge UW blanket which were displayed at Homecoming as the UW football team entered the field. It was at the University of Washington that I became interested in becoming a teacher. I returned to UW and earned a degree in counselling. My last several years at THS were as a full-time counselor.

(1) How long did you teach at THS?

My teaching career at THS began in September 1961, its first year.

(2) Are there any significant events that you would like to share?

It was interesting being in a school where the construction was just being completed. It was nice to have input into the girl's Physical Education facilities and curriculum. Another significant event was to form and coach the girl's tennis team which was the first team to win the school's District Championship two years in a row. Another one was being able to mentor a Young Life Bible Study Club with students from the school. Appreciative being invited (and sometimes speak) at Class Reunions. It has always been great to hear about the achievements and accomplishments of former students.

(3) You've lived a long life. Can you give us any secrets?

There is not a secret, it is the ability to know and acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus in all areas of my life.

(4) Are there any THS Alumni or staff that stood out to you over the years?

I always appreciated the variety of personalities of both staff and students. Although there were some that I had a closer relationship with than others. Through the years I enjoyed being a part of the staff of THS.

(5) Are there some memorable teaching moments that stood out in your career?

Helping Juniors and Seniors wrestle with decisions that would impact their future life and helping them to see important issues they would face in life after High School.

(6) What changes have you seen with students' academics, behavior, interests or other things since you began teaching?

There have been no changes in general but there was one point when the philosophy of questioning authority became prevalent. Teachers were also impacted by that and therefore the students began questioning authority.

(7) What was it that kept your passion for teaching alive?

The opportunity to express acceptance and appreciation to the wide variety of students and their personalities and that I could recognize those to whom I could encourage.

(8) What led you into teaching?

The opportunity to assist young people in making life decisions.

(9) Do you have any suggestions to give to teachers entering their careers?

Never lose sight of the privilege, responsibility and opportunity to impact the lives and future of young people.

## 2018 Scholarship Winners

THSAA awarded three \$1,000 secondary education scholarships to three graduating THS seniors. The graduates are Alyssa Carpenter, Dylan Mooers, and Kelsey Monaco. The scholarship selection is made based upon leadership and scholarship. These persons are fine examples of the values of THS and the alumni association. Congratulations Alyssa, Dylan, and Kelsey.

### Alyssa Carpenter Excerpts from “What it will mean to be a THS Graduate and how I will carry on the values of THS”



I'm very proud to be a graduate of Tumwater High School. I'm a second generation Tumwater graduate and I grew up with T-Bird Pride. I can't think of a better high school to attend. The teachers care and the students have pride in their school.

The values that I learned while attending Tumwater Schools will always stay with me. I feel a very strong sense of pride in my community. I was encouraged to do community service and I am so happy that it is a requirement of graduation.

**Alissa plans to attend The University of Montana.**

### Dylan Mooers Excerpts from “What it will mean to be a THS Graduate and how I will carry on the values of THS”

My hand grips the grey handle of our 2001 Honda Odyssey, shaking even faster than the rapid beating of my heart. With a deep breath, and a reassuring look from my older sister, I pull on the handle, hearing the creak of the door as it slowly opens. I take a single step out of the van. Then a second, and a third, and I feel as if I'm walking like Tim Man from the Wizard of Oz before he got his oil. With my head low, I try to avoid eye contact with anybody, I try to remain invisible. This was the start of my first day as a T-Bird. Entering Tumwater as a freshman, I mainly kept to myself or clung to the few people that I already knew. One may wonder how a shy 14 year old freshman can grow to become an outstanding ASB president in a mere 4 years, but the answer lies solely in what it means to be a T-Bird. Being a T-Bird means striving for self-improvement in each and every aspect of life, growing more and more each day. In lieu of this, being a graduate of Tumwater High School constitutes not only recognizing this growth but seeking to continue to better oneself throughout the rest of life.

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AVAILABLE

**DYLAN  
PLANS TO  
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### Kelsey Monaco Excerpts from “What it will mean to be a THS Graduate and how I will carry on the values of THS”

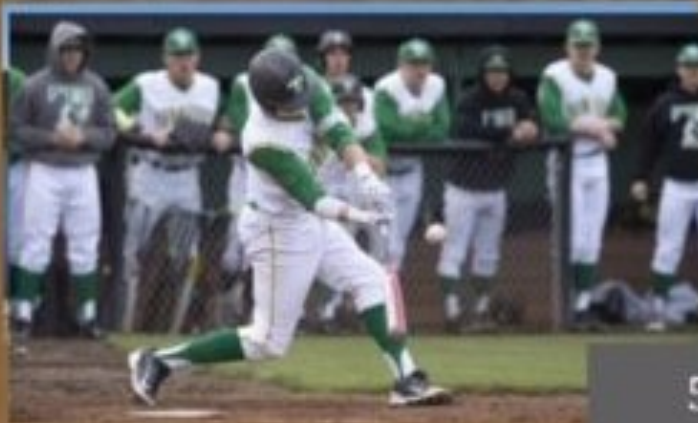
In eighth grade, my family moved to Tumwater after a series of devastating events including my single mom being diagnosed with breast cancer, losing her job in the recession, and losing our house and all our college money. We moved here to start a new life. But for my sister and I, this was calamitous change. We had to leave all we knew behind. I remember the first day of school, being terrified as I looked around at all the new faces. I was surprised when the teacher knew who I was. She was incredibly kind and introduced me to some of my classmates. My whole day went like this; all the teachers helped me feel welcome. I know that when I cross that stage at graduation, the person I've become will be because of these amazing teachers and those who followed. They taught me the core values of THS: courage, pride, and tradition.

To me, being a Tumwater graduate means that I am capable of overcoming incredible odds, that I can achieve anything if I go forward with perseverance and confidence. As I grow and change and move onward in life, I will carry with me the core values of courage, pride, and tradition. I don't know what my future holds, but because of my time at Tumwater, I know that I can conquer all that life throws at me.



**Kelsey plans to attend  
John Cabot University**

The Capital Event Center @ ESD 113  
6005 Tye Drive SW in Tumwater



**Tickets \$30**

Includes catered dinner

***To reserve your spot:***

Call (360) 709-7601 Stop by  
THS or

Visit the website at  
***thunderbirdathletics.com***

5:30 - 7:00 pm - Mixer &  
Silent Auctions

7:00 pm - Live Auction

8:00 - Hall of Fame  
Inductions

Chris Determan (Zahrobsky)

Justin Cowan

Tony Prentice

Alicia McConkey (Bowman)

Jamie Weeks

# 2019 ARTESIAN (THSAA) Golf Tournament



Save the date! Our annual major fund raiser, Artesian Classic Golf Tournament, will be at Tumwater Valley Golf Course on June 2nd 2019. Tee times will range from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM with the first 60 to sign up guaranteed a spot (we'll need to negotiate w/TVGC if we exceed 60 registrants). Dinner banquet to follow.

## Summary of the 2018 THSAA Artesian Classic Golf Tournament

Fourteen enthusiastic golf teams participated in the sixth annual THSAA Golf Tournament (retitled Artesian Classic) at Tumwater Valley Golf Course, on June 2, 2018. The tournament is THSAA's major fund raiser to support the scholarship program as well as other alumni activities. Tournament participation was up from last year and our continued intent is to one day host a full 36 team tournament so we can improve the quality and quantity of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors of Tumwater High School. This year's "best ball" tournament was won by Team Hoyne with a score of 14 under par. Team Hoyne consisted of Roger Hoyne, Nathan Stand and Chris Calvert. Player's names from Team Hoyne will be engraved on the tournament trophy kept on display at THS. The Men's "Longest Drive Contests" was won by Chris Calvert of Team Hoyne and "Closest to Pin" was won by Roger Hoyne of Team Hoyne. The Women's Longest Drive was won by Lisa Hirota of Team Hirota, and the "Closest to Pin" was won by Donna Colvin of Team Kristen VanLoo. Winners received Costco gift cards. The tournament was concluded by a delicious buffet dinner/award ceremony served by the River's Edge Restaurant at TVGC.

Sincerest **THANK YOU** to all our community sponsors! This year's Title Sponsor was again **OBEE Financial Services**. Cart Sponsors included **Lakeside Industries, Tumwater Automotive, and Tumwater Auto Spa**. Hole Sponsors included: **Thunderbird Real Estate** and **Rick McGrath/Rock Boardman**. **Brewery City Pizza** also contributed a cash donation. Also, many thanks to donors of items for the raffle. Raffle items included **Western Meats Gift Certificate and Lucky Eagle Casino Get-a-way at their Hotel and Spa**, which was the "featured" raffle item.

Special thanks to alumnae, Judi (Weaver 66) Hambrick who managed check-in with the assistance of Janet Ishihara (65) and Kathy Campbell (87). Also special thanks to Ruth Ishihara (70) for being our tournament photographer. Tournament Director is Kevin Campbell (87) who also originated the Alumni Golf Tournament during the 2011 THS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Net proceeds from this tournament will allow THSAA to continue to award scholarships to graduating THS seniors. This year's scholarship recipients are: Alyssa Carpenter, Dylan Mooers and Kelsey Monaco. Many thanks to all participants, alumni, and the numerous community sponsors.



Nathan Strand, Roger Hoyne, Chris Calvert  
**Tournament Winner: Team Hoyne**





**Team Scott Grieben** Includes: Kelly Reynolds, Jerry Zagajeski, Mark Cotsy, and Scott



**Team Calvin Hicks** Includes: Calvin, Liz Masugua, Patty Klmer, Tony Antalán



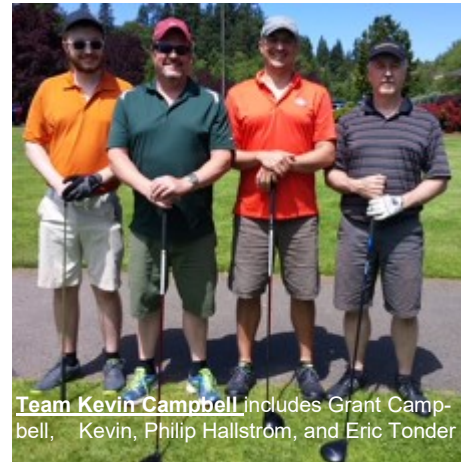
**Team Dave Cruver** Includes: Dave, Michael Duggins, Wes Forshee, and Robert Harris



**Team Loren Van Loo** Includes: Loren, Greg Colvin, Brad Hargrave, and Doug Hoffer



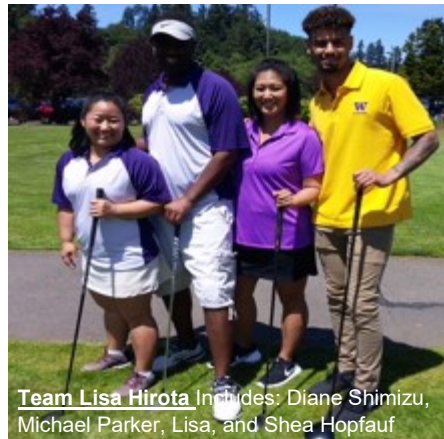
**Team Jesse McDaniel** including Jesse, Allen Morris, Justin Eaton, and Alex Fincher



**Team Kevin Campbell** includes Grant Campbell, Kevin, Philip Hallstrom, and Eric Tonder



**Team Pat Alexander** includes: Erik Weight, Pat, Kevin Thompson, and Scott Haury



**Team Lisa Hirota** Includes: Diane Shimizu, Michael Parker, Lisa, and Shea Hopfauf



**Team Jim and Janet Ishihara**



**Team Len Madison** including: Paul Maudslein, Ted Frey, Jim Madison, and Len



**Team Kristan Van Loo** including: Kristan, Cassie Vanloo, Donna Colvin, and Tracy Hoffer



**Team George Shimizu** Includes: George, Frank and Barry Uchida





Team Loren Grunenfelder including Loren, Michael Hanley, and Gary Kellog



# HOMECOMING 2018

## “The Mother of all Bake-sales”



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Cinnamon Rolls, Cookies and a Serving staff

UM T-Bird Like Cinnamon Roll !!



AND  
RAFFLES



Raffle Items



# REUNIONS

## CLASS OF 68' (50TH)





**THSAA  
Treasurer Report  
YE2018**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT**

01/01/18	Beginning Balance	\$8341.86
	Deposit:	
	Membership Renewal/new memberships	\$ 935.00
	Golf tourney: golfer/sponsors	\$8,695.00
	Bake Sale/raffle/general donations	\$ 580.00
	Expenses:	
	Scholarships	\$4,000.00
	Golf tournament	\$4,294.49
	Misc. Office Expenses	\$ 162.71
	Taxes/License Fees	\$ 22.78
	Renew post office box	\$ 90.00
	Printing: Membership envelopes	\$ 258.10
	Web hosting	\$ 288.20
	Bake sale raffle gift cards	\$ 100.00
	Xfer to savings	<u>\$1,926.00</u>
12/31/18	Ending Balance	\$7,409.58

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

01/01/18	Savings (beginning balance)	\$12,733.10
	<u>Deposit</u>	
	Interest Income	\$ 13.90
	Xfer from checking (bake sale/raffle	\$ 1,926.00
	Donations	\$ 5,144.00
	Batura (designated scholarships)	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
12/31/18	Ending Balance	\$22,317.00

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Sapp, Treasurer

**IN MEMORIUM & VETERANS' HONOR ROLL**

One can find lists of those THS alumni that have passed and our Veteran alumni on our THSAA website, [Tumwaterhighalumni.com](http://Tumwaterhighalumni.com)