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Official Newsletter of The **Tumwater High School Alumni Association** 





The Thunderbird is frequently depicted atop a Native American totem pole, with wings spread wide it is proud and sturdy. A symbol of endurance and an emblem of supreme self empowerment he represents a force to be respected, honored and reckoned with.







#### **Tumwater High School Alumni Association**

Tumwater High School Alumni Association

Message from the President

December 2022

Greetings THS Alumni!

2022 was a good year for THSAA as we pursued our mission of promoting alumni connectivity, having fun, and giving back to THS.



This year's Artesian Golf Classic was again a huge success. Proceeds from this tournament along with donations from several very generous alumni allowed THSAA to award \$1500 scholarships to the following nine 2022 graduating seniors: Kadie Holien, Heather Hubbard, Isabella Lund, Kessa Russell, Judah Roach, James Sondgrath, Lauren Tompkins, Lia Zaboski, and Saige Carpenter (Edna Belle Granacki Community Service Scholarship awarded for her outstanding community service). This year's graduating class experienced three school years of challenges due to the pandemic and they are commended for their persistence and perseverance in their pursuit of excellence. It should be noted that proceeds from this year's Artesian Golf Classic funded roughly 3 each \$1500 scholarships and 6 scholarships were funded by donations from several very generous alumni. I sincerely thank you for your contributions to allow THSAA the ability to multiply its scholarship awards.

We are thankful that we were able to again host an "all class" reunion on August 27, 2022, at the Sherman Valley Ranch after two years of deferrals due to the pandemic. Over 260 alumni gathered to enjoy the comradery of classmates spanning from class of 1962 to the present. Was great to see Bill Curtis (1962, first ASB President, basketball and football teammate) and Bill Ziesemer (1962 football team long snapper). Also was great to see current football coach, Bill Beattie and former coach, teacher, administrators, mentors Norm Wisner, Dave Annonen, and Mr. Maloney. Special thank you to Pam McDaniel Ward (THS '75) for allowing us the use of her uniquely beautiful Sherman Valley Ranch for this event. On the drive to the ranch, I couldn't help but reminisce about the many motorcycle rides up to Capitol Peak during my high school days!

We are interested in putting a "spotlight" on alumni (former students, teachers, and administrators) who have been a positive influence in our community or have noteworthy accomplishments in their careers. This newsletter puts a "spotlight" on THS '66 graduate Lilly Robbins Brock a retired Interior Designer and current author of several history-based novels. I think you'll enjoy the "spotlight" on Lilly in this newsletter. If you have suggestions for future "spotlights", please contact Rock Boardman at (elkhorns@comcast.net)

We began the year with two vacant board positions: Activities Chairperson and Golf Tournament Chairperson which are currently being addressed by the Vice-President and President respectively. Our bylaws call for each board position to be voted upon every three years for renewal/rotation and staggered so not all positions are voted upon the same year. Alumni members who attend the February Annual meeting are eligible to vote; the past two votes were conducted by Zoom Meeting so physical presence is not required. Positions up for renewal/rotation are President, Treasurer, and Activities Chairperson so if there is interest among members to fill these positions in addition to the Golf Chairperson position, please contact me (jim.ishihara@wavecable.com) or one of the other board members to get your name on the ballot.

Currently, we have scheduled the 2023 Artesian Golf Classic at 1PM (Shotgun start) on June 3, 2023 at Capitol City Golf Club. If you're aware of folks interested in providing sponsorship, please send their contact information my way and I'll get in touch with them. The THSAA "All Class Reunion" is scheduled for August 26, 2023 at Sherman Valley Ranch. Stay tuned at our website: **tumwaterhighalumni.com** or on Face Book: "Tumwater High School Alumni" group

Looking forward to a prosperous 2023 as we reminisce our high school past!

Leaning Forward,

Jim Ishihara, THS '64"

#### THSAA MEMBERSHIP:

One time donation fee of \$25.00. Fees and Donations are tax deductible and help provide Scholarships to deserving graduating THS Seniors.

Join us and attend our fun and enjoyable activities by accessing the THSAA website at <u>TumwaterHighAlumni.com.</u> There you will find everything you need to become a THSAA member.

#### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPLE BROOME















• Athletics and Activities: This fall, we have over 30% of our students competing in a fall sport. This is a very high percentage. Our teams continue to win league and district championships and compete deep into the state playoffs. Last Spring we crowned three new state champions. Baseball, Fastpitch, and Girl's Track were all state champions! This is an incredible honor to add to our growing collection of championship banners. A huge congratulations to our coaches and players for making this possible.

It is a great honor to be Principal at Tumwater High School. As I enter my 10th year here I continue to be humbled and amazed by the level of community and alumni support for our school. Thank you for your continued support and please know that our students leave THS ready to continue the tradition of excellence you have created.

Sincerely,

Jeff Broome Tumwater High School Principal Class of 1997

#### Dear Alumni Association

It has been another great start to the school year. It is really feeling like we are finally back...for real this time! The last three years have been challenging as we have navigated shifting COVID guidelines while supporting staff and students during a stressful time. There is a new level of energy and enthusiasm that we have not seen in several years.

Here are some updates:

- Homecoming: We crowned a king and queen and over 800 people attended the homecoming dance. It was an incredible event. It was really warm and had an interesting odor but our students seemed to have a great time!
- Focus on belonging: As we all know, COVID
   created a sense of distance and disconnect. We
   have intentionally focused our efforts on ensuring
   that all staff and students are known, seen, and
   connected. This means that our staff are taking
   extra efforts to connect with students and reach
   out to families.













ON 10 YEARS OF SUCCESS PRINCIPLE

**BROOME** 

# 2022 Scholarship Winners

THSAA awarded nine \$1,500 secondary education scholarships to graduating THS seniors. The graduates are Saige Carpenter, Kadie Holien, Heather Hubbard, Isabella Lund, Kessa Russell, Judah Roach, James Sondgrath, Lauren Tompkins, and Lia Zaboski. 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 to our award winners. Since 2013, THSAA has awarded 38 scolarships to graduating seniors amounting to \$48500!!!

#### Saige Carpenter (Edna Belle-Granacki Service Award Recipient)

I will be a proud, second generation Tumwater High School graduate. My mom is a proud THS graduate as well as both of my older sisters. We were raised with T-Bird Pride and we bleed green! So many THS alumni are supportive of the school and attend many of the events. THS feels like a family and is such a tight knit, supportive community. I know many of my teachers and staff are THS alumni and their children go to Tumwater schools too. The values and traditions built at this school carry on from generation to generation.

The values that I learned while attending Tumwater schools will always stay with me. We have been encouraged, since elementary school, to be respectful, responsible and kind. We've been inspired to get involved in our school and in the community. I've been a member of the THS Key Club since my freshman year. I've been encouraged to participate in community service and I will continue to volunteer and give back when I'm away at college and into my adult life.

I really feel that students who are involved in activities and in their school have more self-esteem and become better citizens in the future. I've been on the THS Varsity Swim Team all four years and this has helped me build confidence and positive self-esteem. I've learned to be a leader and role model, and I've learned these things by following the examples of positive, caring and inspiring students who mentored me. Celebrating accomplishments together like competing at Districts and State or supporting each other through all we've lost due to Covid, we have become family. I will always be grateful to THS, my teachers ad advisors, and coaches.



Choosing to do Running Start at SPSCC was not an easy decision. Academically, I felt ready for the challenge, but emotionally I was sad not to be in the halls of THS every day, attending assemblies and hanging out with other students. Luckily, I could still participate in clubs, sports and attend performances and events. Ultimately, I chose to do Running Start because I could complete two years of college, hopefully saving me about \$50,000 in college expenses. I appreciate that THS encouraged this opportunity and I have definitely grown from the challenge of taking college classes and being an independent learner.

I am proud that I will be a graduate of Tumwater High School. As I move away to college and eventually have a career and a family of my own, I know I will be involved in my local school district. If I do land back in this community, I will be active cheering on the TBirds! I've been so blessed to be a part of a rich tradition at Tumwater and I hope my children grow up feeling the same pride in their hometown as I do.

Kadie Holien

The values of pride, tradition, and courage are practically embedded in THS students as soon as they set foot on campus. Everywhere you go, you hear these three words and naturally start to absorb them as values of your own. Throughout my experience at THS, I have taken these values and know that I will carry them with me throughout the rest of my life. When I graduate, I will carry the legacy of being a THS student and be a role model for those to follow.

I have not always been super involved with THS. In fact, I was very shy at first and didn't talk to anyone. I decided to do full time Running Start for my last two years because I could be more independent and meet different people besides those in high school. I also thought of it as a great way to jumpstart my career and a smart financial choice since I'll only have to pay for two or three years at the University of Oregon. I also knew it would be online, so I thought I'd rather get college classes out of the way instead of taking online high school courses. However, as soon as schools started opening back up, I really regretted not being more involved with THS. This year I have been a lot more involved in the THS community even though I only have two classes on campus.

In the future, I will continue valuing pride through college by proudly being a duck and supporting my school. When I am teaching after college, I will carry pride for the school I'm employed at and demonstrate pride in my students for the hard work they endear. Also, wearing my THS spirit gear throughout my life will demonstrate how proud I am to have graduated from THS.



I will carry the value of tradition be coming home to my family and going to games together to support the students coming after me. Going to sports games is one of Tumwater's biggest traditions and has made me find a love for sports, school spirit, and involvement.

I will remain a courageous person because teaching is a hard job to do. You need to be able to experience situations that aren't always positive because children go through a lot of things that are often looked over. I will also stay courageous be standing up for people that are gettingdiscriminated towards, even if it makes me look bad to other people.

## 2022 Scholarship Winners Continued

#### **Heather Hubbard**

A Thunderbird's Electrifying Influence

After having attended five separate institutions, I am proud that my senior year of high school can be spent as a T-Bird Moving to Tumwater has been a major blessing, and enrolling into THS is one of the best choices I've ever made.

Looking back on my background, I have faced many difficult situations that, in short, challenged my ability to develop as a young individual should, threatening my natural curiosity and determination to succeed. In 2016, my secondary education began up in northern Virginia at Westfield High School. The new guardians I was living with had already been mistreating me for two years, however, I nevertheless maintained good grades and continued to build strong friendships.

Halfway through my sophomore year, the entire household decided to move to Germany in order to accompany one of my guardian's mothers, who was struggling after the loss of her husband. My guardians decided to enroll me into German schools rather than international ones, adding onto the challenges I had already been facing. I was continuously stressed, especially because my teachers were not always understanding of my situation and feelings. Select teachers destroyed all hope I had in myself through unfair criticism on my nationality as well as my inability to write well in German. There were times when I would leave the class in tears, leading me into a place where my education no longer mattered to me. I could not see a life in Germany, yet I could not see an escape from the so-called "guardians" who crippled me, yet asked me to run, who would smack the smile off my face and tell me to smile again. I had no one.



While in Europe, I luckily had connected with a classmate I had recognized from the seventh grade and as we learned more about each other, their family offered me their home to stay in so that I could return to the American school system and be freed. I began my Junior year a month after moving in, and following the academic year's conclusion, I moved to Washington State.

Four months later, I found myself stepping into Tumwater High School for orientation, although I had quite a few years on each of the other curious students roaming the halls. I met who would turn out to be some of the most wonderful teachers as well as enter the rooms inside which some of my favorite classes would be held. There is a lot to love about THS, and I would love to expand on why I say that.

The faculty at THS, in my personal experience, have been welcoming and kindhearted—something the last few years had been void of. Enduring three years of criticism as well as afterwards experiencing the effects of COVID through staring at a sea of names I'd never be able to attach a face or personality to was very difficult and I struggled to find any motivation. I felt completely detached from my class. The relationships I can build with my teachers here at THS is something that holds large value to me, and it is made possible through the school's smaller class sizes. The community that a smaller school brings together is what creates that homely connection I can already feel just eight months in.

Another factor leading into why THS is the most ideal place to finish my high school career is because of all the measures the school and state put into to guarantee student success. Teachers regularly reming students about ways they can connect and receive assistance, which is immensely helpful. It demonstrates clearly that they are here for us and our success. Students are also invited to come in outside of school hours in order to gain extra help with their assignments.

THS students, in addition, attend homeroom meetings twice a week and are asked to complete a series of mandatory college and other post-graduation plans. This project encouraged me to look deeply into what I'd like to pursue and how I will reach my destination.

Lastly, THS has a great selection of clubs and courses. I am taking cybersecurity—how many high schools teach this? Very few! I am also currently taking two courses within the dual-enrollment program to receive college credit, those being Human Anatomy & Physiology and English 101. These classes provide more rigor than others, better preparing students for college through adaptation of study and work habits as well as providing the need to manage one's time wisely. I love school, in all honesty, and this is the first time I have ever truly had great motivation and confidence towards each individual class.

THS is impressive in many ways, and has definitely met the expectations others have raised through talking about its reputation. THS has provided me with what I needed in order to take that weary spark of hope and fuel the inspired, curious, and motivated student I am today. I feel like THS is doing a wonderful job in ensuring that its environment overall is one that is supportive and practical in preparing well-rounded individuals.

**NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP** 

# 2022 Scholarship Winners Continued

Isabella Lund It will mean a lot to me knowing that I graduated from Tumwater High School. The reason being because Tumwater values hard work, character, and diligence. There are a lot of values at THS, and I plan to carry on those values for the rest of my life. I have been in the top ten percent for all four years of my high school career. I have been a running start student from Tumwater the past two years, and Tumwater has really taught me you can do anything if your mind is set on a goal that you are trying to achieve. I have kept my good grades not only in high school, but in college too. My grade point average at SPSCC is 3.97. The NGUNNGU philosophy that the Football team carries is something I carry as well. When I was not placed in math at SPSCC I had to take the Math Placement test. Even though I had an A grade in Advanced Algebra, I was not in accelerated algebra therefore the placement test was required. This test is extremely hard, and I failed it three times. I took the NGUNNGU attitude and applied it to this test. I was determined to pass and make my Pre-Calculus class count for college. When I finally passed the test, I was proud that I never gave up and I know whatever challenge I face in the future I will have the NGUNNGU attitude. Next year I am going to University of Montana Western to play basketball and carrying on the values of THS is going to take me so far in life. Even knowing that I have been a THS graduate gives me all the confidence in the world to take every challenge I get in life head on and having confidence while doing so. Not only does THS value education, sports, and hard work, THS also has a strong community that helps support everything THS does. This gives me motivation to give back to my community for all that they have done for THS. I have seen many alumni from THS that have successful happy lives. Knowing that I have graduated from THS gives me a bright hopeful opportunity for the future. Being a Thunderbird comforts me because any hardship comming my way I know I can overcome with all the values I have been taught at an early age.



Kessa Russell To me, being a graduate of Tumwater High School means that I have come from a place of rich connection and close bond to the people who support me. With Tumwater being a relatively smaller town, there is a lot of support from those around me, even if I don't personally know them. That type of relationship is often missing from larger schools, as there are too many people who really know others. While the school is small enough to have a good relationship with the community, it is big enough to not feel trapped. There is a wide assortment of academic opportunities to provide a solid foundation for whatever comes next. The staff are really supportive and always open to answering questions. Furthermore, it means that I have done my best to create an inclusive and welcoming environment in order to make people feel like they belong in school., With my work with the Social Equity Club, I feel as though I am able to make a difference, no matter how small. Being a graduate of THS means that I have been fully immersed in the culture of the school and have worked with others to make it a better place, and hopefully leave something good behind for those who come after me. Not only that but I hope to apply the values of THS after I graduate. The everyday principles of responsibility, restfulness, present-ness, and kindness, as well as the school values of pride, tradition, and courage are all traits that will help to further the worldview of myself and others who go to this school. Respectfulness and kindness are things that I will carry with me easily. Even if other people have worldviews that differ from my own, they still deserve respect and kindness as long as it is given in return. In my opinion, neither of these two should be given one sided, every person deserves both. Not only that, but responsibility and present-ness are traits that I like to apply to myself. Both of them I will do my best to uphold in whatever I decide to do next. The overall values of pride, tradition, and courage are things that everyone should employ, especially as they work together very closely. I personally will apply these, having pride in the traditions and beliefs of my family as well as maintaining the courage to experience and learn new things. The best way to carry the values of THS is to apply them to life beyond my time in high school.



#### **Lauren Tompkins**

This past year, I had the honor of receiving the Creed Award. This award is given to one cheerleader who exemplifies what it means to be a THS Cheerleader. The award is decided by the previous recipient, and the coaches. The award represents the cheerleader who exemplifies leadership, passion, kindness, and dedication. Getting the award was such an honor. Each year, the recipient's name goes on a plaque that hangs in our award case, showcased in the main hallway. Having my name hanging in the THS main hallway forever exemplifies how I will carry on the values of no only THS cheer, but THS itself. Tumwater's core values are, "Pride, Tradition, and Courage." The Creed award and Tumwater's values go hand in hand. I have pride that I am graduating from Tumwater High School. I'm proud that I go to a good school, with long standing traditions. The Creed award goes back to the 80's, and every girl who has won the award has there name on the plaque. Tumwater Cheer gave me the courage to be outgoing, and pursue a degree in Broadcasting. I am honored to carry on the Tumwater High School values of prode, tradition, and courage.



#### 2022 Scholarship Winners Cont.

Judah Roach
In the literal sense, to be a THs graduate is exactly what it is, to graduate from Tumwater High School. However, I believe that my time at THS has changed me as a person, and so being a THS graduate means more than simply graduating. It means that I carry the values of THS I picked up while studying here onto my future education and career. I believe that the valueas of THS are a love of learning, an unrivaled dedication, and community spirit. I have realized these values from my time at THS and my interactions with the students and faculty that have demonstrated these values to me.

First, a love of learning. I believe that cultivating and utilizing a love of learning in education is one of the most helpful ways to make learning not only more effective, but more enjoyable. The moment when a complex math system or principle of physics finally makes sense is amazing and it is very enjoyable to have that moment and see it in others. It is also nice to enjoy the knowledge I have already amassed. This is easiest to see in math, as math tends to build on earlier knowledge. When tutoring my sister of simply looking at earlier math I see how far I have progressed and I am proud of how far I have come. This is another part of loving learning, and I will continue this far into my education at UW and into my career as a programmer.



I believe that dedication is a quite nebulous attribute, but the way I use it here is to describe the relentless struggling for greatness that is present at THS. Throughout my time here, I have learned to struggle for success in a way that was unnecessary at previous schools. Sometimes I would have an easy semester of classes at THS, but in these instances I put my extra effort into extracurriculars or educationsl projects outside of school.

The community spirit held by the students and faculty of THS is on display at every school event. The unending promise to uphold the aforementioned values at THS is the heart of its community and it is a community I am glad to be a part of. My position as president of the Key Club highlighted our place within the greater Tumwater and Olympia communities and I will carry my understanding of community values into the rest of my life.

These values have informed the person I have become throughout my time in high school. The people I met, the lessons I learned, and the values I gained will stick with me for the rest of my life. For these reasons, I am grateful that I am a THS senior.

James Sondgrath

I almost did not attend THS following the end of my middle school education. My parents wanted me to go to my district high school, North Thurston, but I pushed my parents to let me go to Tumwater instead because my lifelong friends from Evergreen Christian School were all going there. Choosing to go to THS was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I was able to continue to build my friendships from elementary school while also meeting a wide variety of new people. Throughout my four years of high school, I loved the interconnected and supportive community of THS's students, teachers, and staff and I look forward to maintaining those connections and supporting the school throughout adult life.

During my education at THS, I took a variety of AP, honors, accelerated, and dual enrollment classes that pushed me to prepare myself academically as much as possible for further education a a four year university. I plan to us the skills and work ethic I have learned at Tumwater in college and my future career. As much individual effort it took to earn good grades in those classes, it would not have been possible without the amazing teachers at THS. I have never had a teacher at THS who I did not like; all of the teachers have been extremely supportive, energetic, and passionate about their subjects. Two teachers in particular, Mr. Price and Mrs. McGowan, really influenced my career path and my growth as a person, while helping me feel more connected to the THS community. Mr Price who teaches a variety of science classes, encouraged mre to be more outgoing, influenced my further interest in science classes, and connected me into student life through yearbook. By building the school's yearbook, I got to showcase the wide variety of people, activities, and education at Tumwater High School.



Even though Tumwater has a variety of activities, including its large sporting events, it maintains a small community feel. Teachers and staff genuinely care about the students and the students enjoy supporting each other. Both the teachers and students work together to extend THS hospitality to the surrounding community through outreach and support. As a THS student and future alumnus, I am proud of how the school is so connected to the community as a whole and the individual student. I plan to continue these values fy fostering a strong community wherever I go and by staying in contact with the teachers and friends I have connected with throughout my high school experience at Tumwater High School.

Lia Zaboski
To be a THS graduate means to be a graduate of a community connected through the pride and tradition of green and white. I will have graduated from Tumwater High School being taught the importance of pride in oneself, and in one's community. I will be able to look back fondly on the memories I had created at football games, and at plays, and the experiences I had at school that values determination. We are told to never give up, and this same sentiment will be one that I am able to hold on to and carry on through my future in my next steps of my life.

There is an immense sense of pride in being an alum of Tumwater High School. Here, I can develop and improve my character by holding on to the values of respect and social responsibility. I learned that there was a high level of dignity in staying true to oneself, and honor in allowing one's peers the same amount of grace they offered you. After I close my chapter at THS, I will continue to live with conviction to myself and to others. I will challenge my peers in classes and group projects to never give up, and to have pride in their work. I will advocate for social responsibility, and for respecting identities and beliefs of every individual through social equity clubs in college. THS has provided me with amazing support from faculty through my four years here, and these individuals helped guide me in times filled with uncertainty. They remind me that kindness is something that I should not only continue to offer others I encounter in life with the same clarity, and I will aim to provide others I encounter in life with some clarity.



Tumwater High has always granted me the opportunity for growth and learning from my mistakes, and I intend to continue with those same values as a graduate. Determination and courage will always be essential to my being, and I will not let go of the values that bring tradition of green and white to life. I will never give up, never, never, give up.

# THSAA AND OTHER THS ACTIVITIES:



## Summary of the 2022 THSAA Artesian Classic Golf Tournament

Fifteen golf teams registered to participated in the ninth annual THSAA Golf Tournament (Artesian Golf Classic) at Capitol City Golf Club on June 4 2022. The tournament is THSAA's major fund raiser to support the scholarship program as well as other alumni activities. The tournament goal remains 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 again won by Team Bell with a score of 15 under par. Team Bell consisted of Matt Bell, Mark Zarate, Brian Crawford, and Chad Olsen. Player's names from Team Bell will be engraved on the tournament trophy kept on display at THS. The Men's "Longest Drive Contests" was won by Jeff Saner of Team Bausch and "Closest to Pin" was won by John Bullock of Team Godat. The Women's Longest Drive and Closest to Pin was won by Lee Toler Hagen of Team Hagen. Winners received Costco gift cards.

Sincerest THANK YOU to all our community sponsors! This year's Title Sponsor was again OBEE Financial Services. Hole sponsors included Tumwater Automotive, Tumwater Auto Spa, Rock Boardman, Janet Ishihara, The Otos Group, Tumwater Family Dentistry, and the Godat and Ensley families. Also, many thanks to donors of items for the raffle. Raffle items included Western Meats Gift Certificate, Lucky Eagle one night stay with dinner and breakfast, and a T-Bird engraved bench made of live edge maple slab sustainably harvested from coach Alexander's maple grove. A special thanks to Dan Godat for securing a customized Tbird putter which was auctioned to the highest bidder.

Special thanks to alumnae, Louisa Shimamoto (75) for MC'ing the event, Judi (Weaver 66) Hambrick and Janet Ishihara (65) who managed check-in, and Sonya Eby Winkelman (75) for managing the raffle tables. Also special thanks to Ruth Ishihara (70) and Linda Thompson (67) for being our tournament photographers.

Net proceeds from this tournament along with donations from several very generous alumni donors will allow THSAA to award nine each \$1500 scholarships to the following 2022 graduating seniors: Kadie Holien, Heather Hubbard, Isabella Lund, Kessa Russell, Judah Roach, James Sondgrath, Lauren Tompkins, Lia Zaboski, and Saige Carpenter (Edna Belle Granacki Community Service Scholarship awarded for her outstanding community service).

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# IT'S ON AGAIN FOLKS!!! THE 2023 ARTESIAN CLASSIC GOLF WITH US ON SATURDAY JUNE 3RD, 2023

The 2023 Artesian Golf Classic will be at 1:00 PM (Modified Shotgun start) on June 03, 2023 at Capitol City Golf Club. Sign-up at our website: tumwaterhighalumni.com.

THSAA

2022

**ARTESIAN** 

GOLF

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**WINNING** 

TEAM

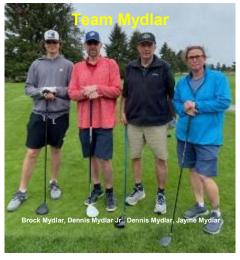
































# ARTESIAN CLASSIC Fun Day Photos





# **ALL CLASS & STAFF REUNION**

Saturday - August 26, 2023 3 - 9 PM

**Entry: \$5 Per Person** 

Potluck & Live Music

Classic Rock & Roll Music with the Band... BackLash

Invited: All Alumni Students, Staff, and Children/Grandchildren

**Location:** Sherman Valley Ranch 8824 Sherman Valley Rd. Olympia

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As noted in our president's message, THSAA was finally able to host our second All Class Reunion at Sherman Valley Ranch. As one browses through the photos, one will notice that we had a wonderful time. The turnout was exceptional at greater than 260 T-Bird attendees. Live music by Backlash, plenty of food, drink and "catching-up" chatter were the order of the afternoon and evening. Thank you all who attended and we hope to see you again next year. *Enjoy the photos!!!* 



































































SINCE 2013
THSAA HAS AWARDED
SCOLARSHIPS TO
38 GRADUATES
FOR A TOTAL OF
\$ 48500.00



#### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

#### LILLY ROBBINS BROCK

I graduated with the Class of '66. I'm so pleased to still be in touch with several of my beloved classmates (including upper and lower grades). Some go all the way back to first grade in Mrs. Lasley's class. I met the love of my life, Phil Brock, at Centralia College in 1967. We married in 1968 and hit our 54th wedding anniversary this past August.

Our love continues to grow. Together, we finished our education goals. Phil finished at St. Martin's College (now University) and became a Certified Public Accountant. I worked as a legal secretary while studying interior design and receiving a degree at LaSalle Extension University. During this time I wove in giving birth to our daughter, Alecia, in 1975, and our daughter, Vivi Ann, in 1980.



I opened my interior design business, Lilly's Custom Interiors, as a Sole Proprietor shortly after the birth of our second child. The timing was challenging but I was determined to make it work. A few years later, I diversified and became a licensed General Contractor specializing in remodeling. My clients got the full package--interior designer/contractor. We purchased our commercial property on Lacey Boulevard in 1985 for the business. Ironically, I learned that the property had been part of my Great Uncle Robbins's homestead over a hundred years ago. We still own the property and have been leasing it out to tenants to be an income-producing property. We paid the mortgage off many years ago knowing that this asset would be my form of retirement. After 37 years, I finally closed the business four years ago. Although, I still offer my consultation service to a select few who didn't want to lose my service.

We now enjoy a retired life in a country setting on the shores of the Columbia River in the Cathlamet area.

I have always wanted to be a writer, so I decided it wasn't too late to start. I'm now in the process of writing my tenth book, (number 7 of my historical fiction series).

You will find a complete listing of my books, detailed information, historical notes, and book signing events, on my website. I have a book signing event coming up in November in Cathlamet which isn't listed yet.

Becoming an author has opened a new world. I have met many wonderful people. The internet is an amazing tool. My books are read both nationally and internationally. While my books are available on Amazon in paperback format, they are also available as digital e-books. The digital books make it easy for anyone in the world to press the order button and they receive the book instantly on their Kindle or e-book reader. I plan to continue writing books for as long as readers have a desire to continue reading them.

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#### **About the Author**

Lilly Robbins Brock was born in Olympia, Washington where her pioneer family homesteaded in the late 1800s. She loves history and one of her passions has been researching her family tree. Learning about the past lives of her hometown inspired Lilly to write her historical fiction novel series, Intrepid Journey, Book One: An Untamed Frontier, Intrepid Journey, Book Two: Perils in Paradise., Intrepid Journey, Book 3: A New Dawn, Intrepid Journey, Book 4: Twists of Fate, Intrepid Journey, Book 5: Changing Tides, and Intrepid Journey, Book 6: Crosswinds. She is presently working on Book Seven to continue the story of the Bennett family saga.

Lilly has also written three nonfiction memoir/biographies to honor three members of the Greatest Generation who served our country during World War II. The first book, Wooden Boats & Iron Men, is about a PT sailor and his love of PT boats. The second book, Ever A Soldier, tells the story of a soldier who saw action on the European front. The third book, Victory On The Home Front, is the story of a Rosie the Riveter and her husband who was a fighting Seabee.

Lilly and her husband are now retired. They live in a quiet country setting on the shores of the Columbia River in Cathlamet, Washington, which has become the perfect place to pursue her lifelong desire to write stories, and where she wrote her first book, Food Gift Recipes From Nature's Bounty.

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