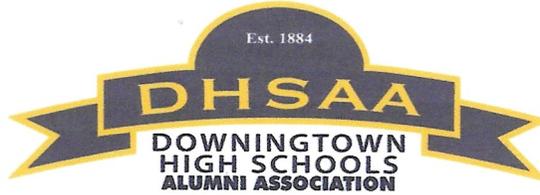


DOWNTOWN HIGH SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



540 Trestle Place
Downingtown, PA 19335
Downingtowntownalumni.org

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

The **Downingtown Area High School Alumni Association** was founded on April 29, 1884. The Downingtown Alumni Association supports the Hall of Fame, Scholarships, Battle of the Brandywine, as well as the long-standing tradition of Homecoming! Did you know we have awarded almost 100 scholarships since 1994 and have seen our students attend colleges across the country. We have also contributed to the Battle of the Brandywine since 2008! But we cannot do this without YOU! Your financial contributions along with attending these events help to sustain these wonderful, cherished customs. While we paused the Hall of Fame in 2025, applications are being accepted for the year 2026. Applications can be found on our website. If you attend any of these events, would you have an interest in helping us celebrate? Please reach out to any of the board members. Thank you in advance for your support regardless of whether it is thru time and/or treasure! AGAIN, we can not do this without YOU!

We would like to encourage you to join the **Downingtown Area High School Alumni Association**. *We caution you with regards to any other associations or reunion groups that you may see on Social Media. The Alumni Association is NOT affiliated, nor sanctioned, approved or partnered with any reunion organizations or outside fundraising websites, either through Facebook, Classmates.com or Instagram.* Any information regarding reunions or events can be found strictly on the www.downingtowntownalumni.org web-

WHO'S WHO? - DHSAA Officers

President	Caryn Isabella Menna '76
1 st Vice President	Angela Kipp Baer '99
2 nd Vice President	Dianne Petermann Plaughter '72
Treasurer	Donna Lang Kneisly '71
Secretary	Fran Gasper Shaw '79
Corresponding Secretary	Caryn Isabella Menna '76
Office Manager	Ginny Law Pierce '56



The **140th Anniversary** of the Downingtown Alumni Association was celebrated on April 12, 2025. The Class of 1968 was the most represented class! Everyone had a wonderful time renewing friendships.



Class of 1969: L/R Donna Dinwoodie Wilt, Cheryl Derk Wertz, Debbie Srenka Emberger, Sharon Garvine, Sam Acker, Sue Pickwick Massimini, Kathryn Godfrey Bennett, Jan Prizner McCarron, Patty Paisley

HALL OF FAME

2026

The Hall of Fame celebration was "paused" for 2025, but will be back in 2026! Applications are currently being accepted for the 2026 Hall of Fame. Applications can be found on the website www.downingtowntownalumni.org Induction for Fall 2026



Scholarship Colleges 1994-2025

Congratulations

2025 Scholarship Recipients

STEM - Addison Carter – Penn State University

EAST – Rebecca Wiley – James Madison University

WEST – Caleb Laverty – Stevenson University

*Thank
you!*

Thanks to your continued generous support, and the hard work of our Ways & Means Committee, the Alumni Association is pleased to announce that we are able to

increase the amount of the scholarship for the 2026 graduates. Thank you to all who made this possible!



Have you ever wondered where the scholarship recipients continued their education? The records for the past 30 years shows that our students have represented Downingtown all over the country!

Name of College	Number Awarded
Albright College	1
Auburn University	1
Brown University	1
Cabrini College	1
Catholic University	1
Drexel University	3
George Washington University	1
Georgia Tech	1
Gettysburg College	1
Goldey Beacom College	1
High Point University	1
Ithaca College	1
James Madison University	1
Juniata College	1
Lebanon Valley College	1
Lehigh University	1
Liberty University	1
Monmouth University	1
Penn State University	13
Penn State University - Brandywine	1
Rice University	1
St. John's University	1
Southern Utah University	1
Stevenson University	1
Syracuse University	1
Temple University	1
University of Delaware	2
University of Georgia	1
University of Maryland	4
University of Michigan	2
University of Pennsylvania	1
University of Pittsburgh	6
University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown	1
Ursinus College/Medical School	1
Virginia Commonwealth University	1
Virginia Tech	1
Washington & Lee University	1
West Chester University	13
William & Mary College	1



Battle of the Brandywine

Join us at the largest attended football game of the year, for EAST vs. WEST
October 9, 2026



EAST – WEST

The Battle of the Brandywine was begun in 2008 (Class of 2009). This is the game played between the Downingtown EAST Cougars and the Downingtown WEST Whippets. The first “battle” honored Herbert Lee for his tireless work with the Alumni Association. The Winner of the game takes home the coveted “Herbert Lee Trophy” to display in their school for the year.

Year	Winning Team	Score	Honoree	Home Team
2003	West	13-10		West
2004	East	28-14		East
2005	East	28-0		West
2006	West	24-13		East
2007	Did not play			
2008	West	21-14	Herbert Lee	West
2009	West	26-14	Jesse Hamilton	East
2010	East	42-28	Francis Tweed	West
2011	East	44-14	Brandon Bovard	East
2012	East	35-21	Paul Boggs	West
2013	West	29-28	Andrew Pernisi	East
2014	East	34-13	Charles “Chic” Chiccino	West
2015	East	22-14	Ron Pavlick	East
2016	East	42-20	John Barr	West
2017	East	28-14	Tony Watson & Linwood Smith	East
2018	West	28-7	Len Fredericks	West
2019	West	63-35	Bob Boyer	East
2020	East	21-7	No honoree – Pandemic	
2021	East	35-28	Ken Sigle	West
2022	West	31-28	David Tyson	East
2023	East	35-7	Carolyn Turner Comitta (HOF)	West
2024	West	14-13	Michael Milano	East
2025	West	22-14	No honoree	West



Join us on FACEBOOK!



Class of 2006—EAST & WEST

April 25, 2026—7:00-10:00 PM

Victory Brewing

420 Acorn Lane, Downingtown, PA 19335

CLASS of 1976—GOLDEN YEAR

October 2026

Contact Bob Thomas for information



DHS Class of 1974

Reunion 52.5! Yes that's right 52.5!

As we all boldly turn 70 (how did THAT happen?), we're celebrating with a Fall Fun Picnic

Saturday—September 26, 2026

St. Benedict's Church Picnic Grove

2020 Chestnut Hill Road Mohton, PA

~ - Light catered lunch provided ~ BYOB

CONTACT—Jocelyn Zinni Leonetti by June 1, 2026

Planning a reunion? Let us help!

Send event information to

downingtownalumni@gmail.com

We will add your event to the alumni website as well as our Facebook page

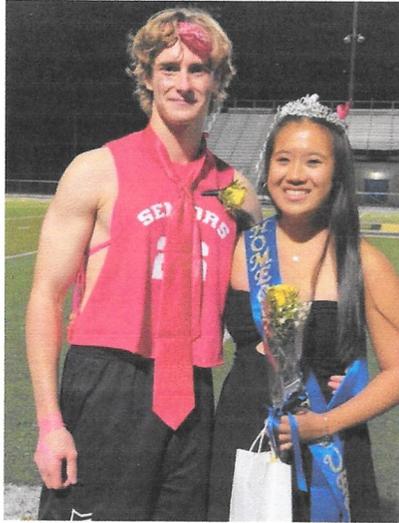
We can also provide your planning committee with your class database and suggestions regarding your planning

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES (in order of graduation class)

Name	Class	Category	Year Inducted
Charles Way	1916	Athletics	2015
William "Grumpy" Jenkins	1949	Science & Engineering	2016
Frank Manetta	1954	Politics, Government, Community Service	2017
Herbert "Herbie" Lee	1954	Education & Community Service	2015
Samuel Matthews	1956	Business & Community Service	2015
William F. Pollock	1958	Architecture	2016
Todd Stong	1958	Humanitarian Service & Military Achievement	2014
Richard Whittaker	1958	Medicine, Humanitarian Service	2014
James (Hank) Hamilton	1968	Business & Community Service	2014
Maria DiBernardi	1970	Coaching	2015
Carolyn Turner Comitta	1970	Government & Community Service	2023
Bonnie MacDougal Kistler	1971	Law & Literature	2014
John Gates	1971	Arts & Entertainment	2015
Pamela Foy Nestleroth	1974	Science & Medical Research	2016
Curt Schroder	1979	Politics & Government	2014
David Tyson	1979	Military & Government Service	2023
Arlen Harris	1981	Athletics	2018
Diane DiEulis	1984	Science & Government	2016
Scott Butler	1984	Military Achievement	2015
Robin Nye Wood	1987	Athletics	2017
Brett Gerry	1989	Military Achievement, Business & Professional	2019
Sarah Shepard	1995	Art & Literature	2019
Keith Carter	2001	Athletics & Coaching	2019

Homecoming

2025 Queens



Abby Ling Escorted by Peter Harper

Abby Ling is the daughter of Rob and Yen Ling. She is executive of Mock Trial, NHS, Scientista, and Treasurer of Class Council. Abby has played field hockey for 8 years and was grateful to finish her senior year with Downingtown West Field Hockey, and friends, Lizzie Brochet and Brianna Beaver. After high school, she is excited to major in management information systems and accounting. She would like to give a big recognition to her business and GLOPO gang for making the last two years so memorable. She cannot wait to see what the rest of senior year holds and hopes to make the best of what is remaining.



Molly Large Escorted by Georgia Mahon

Daughter of Brian and Michele Large, Molly is a Senior Class Officer and Cougar Ambassador, and is active in National Honors Society, Student Life Committee, Alzheimer's Awareness Club, Best Buddies, Musical Theater and Student Forum and Super Cougar Mentor Program.



Jenna D'Alesio Escorted by Owen Braksator

Daughter of John and Patricia D'Alesio, Jenna is a senior class officer and is active in Student Council, National Honor Society, and Morgan's Message

Downingtown High School Homecoming Dates - 2026

WEST – Friday, October 2, 2026

EAST - Friday, October 16, 2025

STEM – TBD

Downingtown Area High School ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Donation and Membership Form

Memberships and member donations are what allow the Downingtown Area High School Alumni Association to exist today as the oldest continually operating public high school alumni association in the United States. The Downingtown Area High School Alumni Association wishes to thank all of our members and contributors for their continued participation and support as we continue our mission.

Above all, our members relish in the satisfaction that their support helps the Downingtown Area High School students, faculty, staff and alumni stay connected to their class and Alma mater. **Thank you in advance for helping continue the mission of the Downingtown Alumni Association.**

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Email address: _____

Graduation Year: _____ One High School (DHS) Downingtown EAST
 Downingtown WEST Downingtown STEM Academy

Scholarship Donation \$ _____ DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Hall of Fame \$ _____ DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Annual Dues \$ 10.00 (Please remember that *membership dues* are not tax deductible)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please enclose check or money order for the appropriate amount made payable to:

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PayPal is now accepted for your donations! First \$10.00 will be applied to your membership.

