



**Rochelle Township High School Alumni Association**  
**P.O. Box 622 • Rochelle, IL 61068**

Spring 2023

Dear RTHS Alumni,

Thank you for your generous donations to the RTHSAA scholarship fund. With your help, we could award 30 scholarships totaling \$51,200 this past year to the Class of 2022. Our scholarship program is a success due to many caring alumni. We realize that individually we could not present these scholarships. Together, however, we are able to do wonders. We appreciate the correspondence from Laurie Pillen, RTHS Scholarship Coordinator, expressing thanks to the Alumni Association for assisting in the education of RTHS graduates.



**2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:** Class of 1964 ~ Jack Richolson, Diane McBride Memorial ~ Yoana Fulgencio, Michael & David Weatherbee Memorial ~ Michelle Ocampo, Keith Wehner Memorial ~ Jordyn Dickey, Virginia Ravnaas Memorial ~ Margaux DaCosta, Sandra Colwill Memorial ~ Josie Lundquist, Dr. C. E. Motlong Memorial ~ Carly Summers, Pearl Motlong Memorial ~ Julia Berry, William Parsons Memorial ~ Riley Flanagan, Marguerite Thomas Scholarship ~ Abigail Luxton, Willard Gieske Memorial ~ Jaela Ludwick, Richards Family/ Science ~ Miguel Cruz, Richards Family/ Vocational ~ Logan Popp and Josue Huerta, Christopher Heisner Memorial ~ Jonathan Hansen, Tom Carmichael Memorial ~ Davansh Patel, Ward and Mabel Miller Memorial ~ Ashley Knight and Taylor Ponto, Class of 1953 ~ Peter Forsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Klewin ~ Marlen Hueramo, Steve Tobler Memorial ~ Schuyler Podolski, Taylor Ponto, Ryan Simmons, and Madison Ost. Rochelle Alumni Association General Scholarships to Cinthia Pacheco, Luciana Monroy, Cecilia Vargas, Bryce Whitehead, Alex Gilbert, and Luke Orlikowski.

**The Carney R Recipients** (Summa Cum Laude): Julia Berry, Nate Burdin, Miguel Cruz, William Drobick, Riley Flanagan, Peter Forsberg, Marlen Hueramo, Adam Kemp, Ashley Knight, Tanner Lager, Jaela Ludwick, Josephine Lundquist, Abigail Luxton, Ella McKinney, Madison Ost, Devansh Patel, Rylen Ramos, Ryan Simmons, Zoey Tabor, and Jason Zheng.

**National Merit Commended Students:** Peter Forsberg and Miguel Cruz.

**Illinois State Scholars:** Braeden Alfano, Julia Berry, Nate Burdin, Miguel Cruz, Riley Flanagan, Peter Forsberg, Marlen Hueramo, Tanner Lager, Josh Lloyd, Josie Lundquist, Abigail Luxton, Ella McKinney, Madison Ost, Devansh Patel, Taylor Ponto, Rylen Ramos, Ryan Simmons, and Jason Zheng.

**RTHS 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees:** Jason Harper ~ 2003, Ronda Poliska ~ 2001 - 2022, Danny Schacht ~ 2005, and Katie Schwartz ~ 2011.

We welcome nominee suggestions ~ <https://bit.ly/RTHSHallofFameNominationForm>



**1982**  
**Speech Award**

**Front row:** Angie Prewitt, Kim Sheldon, Carolyn Krainak, Sandy Burke, Angel Koury, Gwen Hayenga, Cheryl McNelly, Barb Rogde, Julie Blomberg.  
**Second row:** Robin Eckhardt, Jan Pinnrose, Beth Jungles, Tracey Davies, Kelly Schinzer, Kathy Lemar, Sarah Hunt, Vic Rick.  
**Back row:** Kevin Walker, Matt Deutsch, Doug Deutsch, Bill Kassul, John Lee, Kevin Elliot, Joe Crum, Paul Estrem.

**MEMORIALS** were received in memory/honor of RTHS alumni and faculty: Marguerite (Davis) Thomas ('37 – faculty), Alma Happy (faculty), Rosalie Stotmeister (faculty), Robert Erwin (faculty), Franklin Kruger (faculty), Willard Gieske (faculty), Howard Stahlheber (faculty), Keith Wehner (faculty), Byford Kyler (faculty), Chep Ellis (faculty), Arthur Guest ('08), Bill Parsons ('32), Della Mae (Tilton) Lazier ('34), Reuben Brink ('43), Willard Davey ('46), Dean Gruben ('48), F. John Bienfang ('49), Norris Pierce ('51), Bob Spraez ('51), Merlyn Long ('51), Patricia (Helms) Tanaka ('52), Gerry Lang ('53), Galen Kruger ('53), Marilyn (Meanger) Hare ('54), Connie (Gilbert) Richmond ('55), Jerry Fisher ('55), Curtis Furman ('55), Jack Connolly ('55), Charles Talbot Hayes ('56), Fred Walters ('56), Sandra (Seitz) Colwill ('56), Michael Weatherbee ('56), Judith (Ewald) Stavrakas ('57), Robert Elliott ('58), Larry Casey ('59), David Weatherbee ('59), Jean (Templeman) Hansen ('60), Roger Schafer ('60), Linda (Myroth) Schoessow ('64), Chris Krainak ('64), Martha Maxson ('64), Gilbert Pinter ('64), Bob Malone ('65), Linda (Eckhardt) Wetzal ('66), Brian Piersma ('66), Ken Peck ('67), Steve Tobler ('70), Nancy Havens ('73), Dan Dougherty ('76), Dan Mitchell ('79), Fred Baker ('81), Scott Patrick ('83), Curtis C. Bradley Young ('86), Shawna Meadows ('94), Christopher Heisner ('98).



**These deaths:**

Teacher and Teacher - Robert (Bob) Erwin  
[www.butalafuneralhomes.com/obituary/robert-bob-erwin](http://www.butalafuneralhomes.com/obituary/robert-bob-erwin)

Library Assistant – Helen King  
<http://www.ungerhorner.com/obituary/helen-king>

Cafeteria Manager/Bus Driver - Debra Mayer  
<https://www.ungerhorner.com/obituary/debra-mayer>

Founding Member of RTHS Alumni Association – John Roe  
<https://www.ungerhorner.com/obituary/john-roe>

**A Little Bit More...:**

- James Hart ('19) 2022 National Champion. <https://bit.ly/JamesHartNCAACHamp>
- Kalvin Parker ('14) Stanford Engineering Graduate. <https://bit.ly/KalvinParker>
- Jerry Moffitt ('08) Comic Book Artist. <https://bit.ly/JerryMoffitt2008comicbookartist>
- Molly Fader ('93) The Sunshine Girls author. <http://bit.ly/3iG4L4n>
- Torres Feature. <https://bit.ly/23TorresSchutteAnderson>
- The Steder Mural Downtown Rochelle Mural. <https://bit.ly/22TheStederMural>
- HubsREAD podcast born in 2022. <https://bit.ly/22HubsREADPodcast>
- Lyle (Dutch) Kunde Obituary. <http://www.ungerhorner.com/obituary/lyle-dutch-kunde>
- Ron Tilton Obituary. <https://www.ungerhorner.com/obituary/ronald-tilton>

We hope our letter recalls fond memories of your years at Rochelle. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Board, please contact an existing Board member.

Sincerely,

**RTHSAA Board Members**

Wendell Colwill '52, Patricia Casey '59, Bill Ravnaas '66, Mark Rogers '78, Becky Priess Graber '66, Mark Stechschulte '70, Angie Stavrakas Agnos '54, Carol Carmichael Hayenga '75, Loretta Long Bell '55

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