

Brush Alumni Association



your NEWSLETTER

This is **your** newsletter! Although we are here to facilitate its publication, we cannot be entirely responsible for its content. That's up to you! Doing something interesting that you think other alumni might want to read about? Getting together with some classmates for a dinner? Weekend? Vacation? Take some pictures, write an article, and send it in! Articles and photos can be submitted to our email:

office@brushalumni.org We look forward to hearing from you and ask you to help us keep the ARC spirit alive!

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Yearbooks Needed

In order to keep a complete set of yearbooks, we are in need of yearbooks from the following years: 1932, 1933, 1934, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1952, 1956, and 1992. If you have a yearbook from any of these years you would like to donate, we would appreciate it.

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To Join the Alumni Association and/or to sign up for our electronic newsletter, visit <https://www.brushalumni.com/>

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We now have VENMO! @BrushAlumniAssociation

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ALUMNI ARC-LITE

CHARLES F. BRUSH HIGH SCHOOL

FALL 2024

Highlighting the Past, Illuminating the Present, Sparking the Future

How Many Faces Do You Recognize? (1969 yearbook)



Alumni Night on Korb Field

Homecoming 2024 saw alumni coming back to Brush to tour the school and be introduced on Korb Field. John Yankovic ('99) and LaVera Party Center graciously donated pizza and sandwich's to be enjoyed in the cafeteria, while alumni reminisced and walked down memory lane. The event was organized by Elizabeth Mulhall Tarkowsky ('99), and for the second year, appeared to be enjoyed by all attending.





Brush Alumni Association Class of 2024 Scholarships

On May 9, in the Charles F. Brush High School Performing Arts Center, the annual Senior Scholarship Awards Night was held. Proud seniors who earned a GPA of 3.0 or greater took the stage as they were honored. The families and parents of these seniors were acknowledged for the part each played in helping these seniors achieve these accolades. Monetary scholarships were presented to many of these students.

The Brush Alumni Association was proud to be a part of this celebration, administering 13 scholarships which, this year, totaled \$23,100! The first scholarship given by the Alumni Association was in 1993, when Mr. & Mrs. Alan Skinner and Mr. & Mrs. Don Lamberton (1947 classmates) established the John V. Jacque Memorial Scholarship. Since that time, the Alumni Association has distributed nearly \$248,000 to deserving Brush seniors. This year, the \$1,500 John Jacque Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Josh Nikiforov**. New this year is the \$1,000 Straub/Jakse Century of STEM Scholarship which was awarded to **Gabrielle Johnson**.

By contributing to these scholarships, Brush alumni have provided monetary help to these recipients' futures. We thank you, Brush alumni, for your years of loyalty and caring. If you would like to create a scholarship in your name, your class, or someone else's name, please contact Bonnie Abbey at blabbey@aol.com. Also, if you wish to contribute to any of the named scholarships above, please note that on your donation envelope when you return it with your dues contribution. Thank you.



Gabrielle Johnson

\$1,500 Class of '61 Scholarship
\$1,800 Junie Speed Davis Blackmore Scholarship
\$1,000 Straub/Jakse Century of STEM Scholarship



Dewas Adhikari

\$5,000 Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer Scholarship for
Excellence in Physics & English
Class of 1960

The Brush Alumni Association is happy to welcome 235 new members from the graduating class of 2024



Commemorative Pavers...A Perfect Gift for Your Brush High Alum

Want to commemorate that special person, family, or class? Purchase a paver!



What? A personalized, engraved, brick paver bearing an alum's name, a family name, or good wishes for past, present, or future generations.

Where? Pavers are prominently located in the front of the building between the circle drive and Korb football field, adding to the beauty of Brush High School.

When? Pavers may be purchased at any time during the year, and are installed early in the summer of that year. Pavers purchased by February 1 will be installed in the summer of that year. Pavers purchased after February 1 will be installed the following year.



Alumni Paver 4" x 8" (1-3 lines) \$50

Premium Paver 8" x 8" (1-6 lines) \$100

All orders must be accompanied by a check made payable to **Brush Alumni Association**. Proceeds will be used for operating expenses, special projects, and/or scholarships. Questions can be directed to **Scott Andrew Mills** (scottandrewmills@gmail.com). Or you can reach Mr. Mills at 440-477-5883. Order form and check can be mailed to: **Brush Alumni Association**, South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools, 5044 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124.

Memorial Walkway Paver Order Form

Please use a separate form for each order. Mail completed form and check to: **Brush Alumni Association**, South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools, 5044 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst, Oh 44124.

Purchasers Name			Current Date		
First	Maiden (if alum)	Last			
Purchasers Address			City	State	Zip
Purchasers Phone #			Purchasers E-Mail		

Print name/message as you wish for it to be engraved. Be certain to leave blank spaces between words. Adhere to either 3 lines for \$50 or 6 lines for \$100. Each line has 14 spaces. Do not exceed number of spaces.

Pavers are installed in the spring. Orders must be received by January 31 to be installed in the spring.



2024 Wall of Achievement Induction Banquet

The Brush High School Alumni Association is hosting the 2024 Wall of Achievement Induction Banquet on Thursday, **November 14, 2024** at La Vera Party Center. Among those that have accepted the nomination for this year are **Jim and Linda Makee** (1960 and staff members), **Philip Setzer** (1969), **John Slosar** (1974), **Richard Rood** (1974), **Earl Miller** (1981), and **Jeanne Johns** (1981).

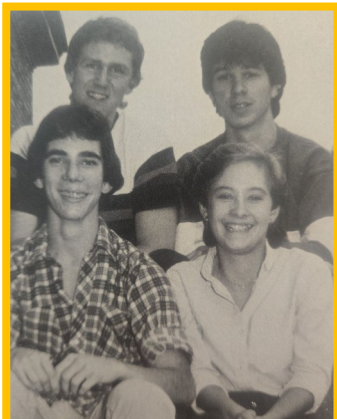
The purpose of the **Brush Alumni Association's Wall of Achievement** is to recognize and honor graduates of Charles F. Brush High School who have displayed outstanding achievement in areas such as leadership, service to the community, service to Brush High School, humanitarianism, creativity, courage, and careers which have benefited others. Brush High School staff members who may not have graduated from the high school may also be honored. Inductees are typically honored at a banquet held in November. **Please consider nominating a graduate you feel should be recognized.**

Nomination forms AND 2024 banquet reservation forms can be found at the following website: <https://www.sel.k12.oh.us/WallofAchievement.aspx>

Alumni Association Executive Board

Kim Boehler Broerman, '76 is joining the alumni association executive board as secretary. Kim is replacing Elizabeth Mulhall Tarkowsky. Elizabeth will continue to be a member of the executive board as chairperson of our alumni night on Korb Field event. Welcome and thank you to Kim for committing herself to serving the Brush alumni!

Class of 1984



The Class of '84 celebrated their 40th Reunion over the August 10th weekend. On Friday, 45 alums got the full tour of Brush High School, led by 3 excellent and more mature alumni tour guides. They followed this up with a great night on the patio at Black Forest, just a mile down the street. Saturday afternoon saw 135 people at Shooters in the Flats, the keystone event of the weekend. Over 20 classmates returned from out of state, including six from California, and one from Thailand. Sunday morning nine people enjoyed providing community service at the Kosher Food Pantry on Green Road, while 25 people took in the optional Sunday night wine and food pairing in Little Italy.



Class Officers

Front L-R: President **Neil Hardwick**, Secretary **Kelly Voelker Murphy**

Back L-R: VP **Marc McCann**, Treasurer **Stan Loveman**



**40 years later
ARCS continue to make a
difference**



Marissa Betts

\$1,000 Thomas J. Murnick Scholarship
\$1,000 Joseph Burris Memorial Scholarship



Josh Nikiforov

\$1,500 John Jacque Memorial Scholarship



Robert Hill IV

\$1,500 Class of '61 Scholarship



Santiyah Lanton

\$1,500 Class of '61 Scholarship
\$1,800 Junie Speed Davis Blackmore Scholarship

Angelo Fatica

\$1,000 Theodore Bell Mathematics Prize



Gabriel Hale

\$500 Eugene A. Torok Scholarship
\$1,500 Brush Alumni Association Scholarship for Teacher Education



Angela Morales

\$1,500 Class of '84 Scholarship



Brush Choir Alumni Reunion 1969-1978

Choir Alumni from the years 1969-1978 planned and attended a reunion on June 28-29, 2024. Fifty-three alumni and guests met in the Brush High School Commons for conversation, fun, food, and a spectacular performance by the Alumni Choir. Forty-two choir alumni prepared five selections for an evening performance at the close of the festivities. The singers had begun working on the music selections months earlier on their own and came together for rehearsals on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Our beloved choir director, *Mr. Lindley Hall*, was also in attendance and to our delight, conducted the group, bringing back fond memories of days and years spent loving choral music at Brush.



One of the selections revived by the choir was a **Beatles Medley**, originally arranged by *Dr. Steven Schacter, M.D. (1973)* for performance by Chamber Choir in 1972. Steve and *Becky Ariemma Burington (1973)* collaborated to transform his 50-year-old hand-written score using technology and music writing software to make it more accessible to the singers. *Ms. Candy Clemson* (BHS Art teacher, retired) came up with the original banner painted for the performance 50 years ago and it was gloriously hung behind the Alumni Choir. *Evan Solomon (1976)* was the accompanist and *Terry DiFranco Herschman (1973)* co-directed the performance with *Lindley Hall*.

Copy and paste the link below to view the performance

<https://www.youtube.com/live/GXdRnapFPEQ>



Local Alumni Business Spotlight ~ Lyndhurst Lumber

Lyndhurst Lumber has been a mainstay business in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Community for more than a century. Current owner Britt Raburn and his wife Paulette are Brush grads (1966 and 1968). They grew up respectively on Richmond Rd. and Biltmore Rd. Here is their story in a nutshell:

The company was started by three Telling brothers in 1921. In 1945, Paulette Raburn's grandfather and father, Paul J. Trumpp Sr., and Jr., purchased it as an adjunct to their business, Tru-Bilt Homes, Inc. That facilitated their supply chain as they built many homes in Shaker Hts. and Cleveland Hts.

Paul Sr. And Paul Jr. suffered untimely deaths and by 1975 Britt and his wife Paulette Trumpp made the decision to continue Lyndhurst Lumber. Britt had already received a master's degree from Bowling Green, served in the US Army and taught at Rowland and Ridgebury schools. Britt's leadership continued the family legacy and maintained Lyndhurst Lumber as a hallmark business in our community. His mother-in-law, Mary Trumpp, was the bookkeeper until 2000. Paulette meanwhile has taught for many years in the Willoughby Eastlake schools.

The facility, starting with the original well-constructed and ventilated building that had the exterior appearance of a red barn, through the years has evolved into the modern and full-service facility it is now.

Britt and Paulette live in Willoughby Hills but have continued to show their love for the SEL community. Customer service and satisfaction are always their top priority. Lyndhurst Lumber has helped and donated many times over the years. They donated all the supplies for the construction of Humpal Baseball Field, located at Greenvue Upper Elementary School. Britt is a true pillar of the community. We are very blessed by their presence here. Britt and Paulette's daughter, Jessica, and her husband Jim Mormino will soon carry on the great heritage of Lyndhurst Lumber., and testimony to their tag line.....HOMETOWN PRIDE!



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District Leadership



The Alumni Association is excited to announce new district leadership. **Mr. Dominick Kaple** has recently been board-approved as our new Superintendent. Joining Mr. Kaple as a valued ARC leader is **Ms. Melissa Thompson** as Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Kaple and Ms. Thompson are not new to the district and are moving in to their roles with years of experience both here, and elsewhere. Mr. Kaple has been with SEL for eight years, serving four years as principal at Memorial and four years as co-Assistant Superintendent and Director of

Academics, Technology, Security and Innovation. After 12 years of administration in Garfield, including the central office, and several years working in leadership at the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce, Ms. Thompson began her tenure with SEL in 2013 when she was hired as the Director of Pupil Services. For the past several years she worked with Mr. Kaple as co-Assistant Superintendent. Both are relentless in their commitment to do what is right for the children academically, socially, and emotionally. They are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion and strive to make conditions right for learning through programs and services that promote safe schools and healthy students and families. They are also careful and conscientious stewards of our community tax payers' dollars. Within the first few weeks on the job, they both joined us at our August alumni association meeting and are committed to a collaborative relationship with the alumni association. In our Fall 2022 newsletter, we introduced Mr. Michael Fording as the new principal of Brush High School. Sadly, one year later, we lost Mr. Fording who passed away following a short illness. On August 1, 2024, **Ms. Marinise Harris** assumed the leadership role at Brush. Her hiring came as the result of an extensive search. Ms. Harris comes to us after significant experience as an assistant principal in both Shaker Heights and Mansfield. Both Ms. Thompson and Ms. Harris are residents of our community and as such, have a vested interest in the success of the district both as employees and community members.



We welcome our new ARC leaders and are super excited about the possibilities moving forward.



How Many Faces Do You Recognize? All from the 1969 Yearbook

- #1: SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS-Cindy Conti, Ellen Houghton, Diane Landis, Vicki Black
 #2: VARSITY CHESS TEAM-Jerry Pickel, Robert Riley, Ray Tiltins, Peter Zaas
 #3: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-Mr. Joe Leonetti #4: Barb Capuano, Sue Abramson #5: SENIOR-Patricia Steverding
 #6: TEACHER-Mr. Sy Levine #7: SENIOR-Wendie Stephenson #8: COUNSELOR-Miss Anna-Laura Kingzett



*"When I get older
 losing my hair
 many years from now,
 will you still be sending me
 a Valentine, Birthday
 greetings, bottle of wine?
 If I'd been out 'til quarter to
 three, would you lock
 the door?"*

*Will you still need me, will
 you still feed me
 When I'm sixty-four? "*



*And in the end the love you take
 is equal to the love you make*



Brush ARCS Return Home

Kicking off the 2024-2025 school year, the South Euclid-Lyndhurst staff members were treated to a welcome by 2002 graduate, **Roy Hall, Jr.** At Brush, Roy was a standout athlete, carrying a 3.8 GPA, and was honored as a first-team All-Ohio football and basketball star. He was nationally ranked as one of the he top-10 high school wide receivers. Following a college football career at The Ohio State University, Roy went on to play professional ball for the Indianapolis Colts, the New Orleans Saints, and the Detroit Lions.

Roy is currently a corporate motivational speaker focused on helping professionals master mental toughness, perform under pressure, and maintain motivation. During his years as a professional football player, Roy acquired an understanding of what it takes to not only inspire professionals to perform in high stress situations, but also what tools and strategies to provide them with to help neutralize challenges in the workplace that influence disengagement and low motivation.

Roy offered ten powerful, almost guaranteed ways, to have the best school year ever. With a little paraphrasing, these are tips we can all use...in our jobs, in our homes, in our lives...

- 1. Don't make it personal and don't take it home (don't take the negative from work home)
- 2. Schedule a once-a-month therapy session.
- 3. At least once per week work out at Arc Fit. (Brush's fabulous wellness/fitness facility)
- 4. Hand write short notes of encouragement to troubled students.
- 5. Write down what you're thankful for each day in your phone in a notes section.
- 6. Select a student to mentor for the entire year.
- 7. Stop counting down the days you have left & stop comparing our district to others.
- 8. Spend your lunch once every two weeks in the cafeteria with students or helping a colleague.
- 9. Go to a school or district function at least once a month and take your family if you can.
- 10. Don't ever talk negatively about a colleague or someone in the district.

The assembly ended with a gathering of Brush graduates who continue to grace our hallways as district employees. It speaks highly of our district and community when so many alum come back to work here. It's a story we love to tell!



Roy Hall addressing staff members at the 2024-2025 school year Convocation in Welser gymnasium



Approximately 12% of district employees are Brush graduates

THE LIST BELOW IS NOT COMPLETE, NOR ARE ALL THOSE LISTED PICTURED BELOW
1971: John Carlo, Dale Schneider **1975:** Madelynn DiCillo **1976:** Deb DiLillo Betz **1979:** Kim Weisfeld Collins **1980:** Rick Bloom, Dave DeWitt, Patti Fiore Karn **1981:** Denise Krieger Nemeth **1982:** John Mascia **1983:** Kim Bushman Boughambouz **1984:** Kim Capretta Fauceglia, Giuseppe DiPio **1985:** Paula Chojnowski **1987:** Lisa Artino Goldwasser **1988:** Jaimie Baxter Bloom, Michelle Newman Burkholder, **1989:** Matt Frantz, Gina Tagg Arnold **1990:** Gwenn Buell Tierney, Nicole Petrecca Grzybowski, Steve Weinberg **1991:** David Post **1992:** Michael Dimatteo **1993:** Todd Deutsch **1994:** Joanna Lewis **1995:** John Ciani **1996:** Jeff Berenson **1997:** Christine Eidman Grande, John Kilgore, Christy Santarelli **1998:** Sarah Ball, Kasandra Booher Jenkins, Audrey Gray, Nick Crane **2000:** Julie Butler, Joe DiLillo, Laura Novak Mayher **2001:** Chris Bundus, Stefanie Cohn Slain **2002:** Kacie Slattery Abate, Shyann Spurbeck Crook, Janine Velotta **2003:** Dan Corrigan **2004:** Lisa Carlo, Jen Heitman Laszlo **2006:** Max Gold, Kendra Taylor Johnson **2007:** Ashley Grube Marko, Stacie Roseman **2010:** Ryan Plants, D'Andrea Rander **2011:** Natasha Shorts **2012:** Raymond Smith-Watkins, Kelly Wittke Maras **2013:** Jamison Days **2014:** Amber Schaffer Shorts **2016:** Jack Rhine **2017:** Clark Wheeler **2018:** Oliver Wenzler **2020:** Casidy Thomas

