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Dear Fellow Alumni,

The Sidney Alumni Association was founded informally in the 20th century. Many dedicated volunteers have laid the groundwork before us, tirelessly working to maintain Sidney's pride and legacy.

Today, we are blessed to have a thriving, exciting, service-minded association thanks to the volunteerism and dedication of its members, past and present.

Our president, Doug Sheldon, speaks of "The Spirit of Sidney." He marvels that alumni of such a small-town high school have been uniquely able to present 25 years of an annual three-day, all-class alumni reunion every July! We are the only high school alumni association in the country able to do this.

It results from generations of young people growing up in a community culture and a first-class educational institution that fosters learning, teamwork, integrity, and community pride.

The Alumni Association publishes a quarterly Reflections newsletter to all alumni, supports teen leadership opportunities such as SADD, FFA national conferences, Dollars for Scholars, Career Day for grades 7-12, Wall of Fame for alumni and educators, several scholarships, and the Sports Hall of Fame. We have provided matching grants to the Sidney Public Library and the Sidney Center Improvement Group, and have provided both leadership and the core of the fundraising campaign for the Veterans Memorial Park.

We are a vibrant part of our community, taking great pride in continuing the esteemed legacy of the SCSAA.

Although our income comes primarily from alumni memberships in recent years, we have been fortunate to receive some one-time donations that have significantly helped our operations. Our strength and effectiveness are a result of your support.

We rely on those of you who support our mission to 'serve alumni, school, and community.' Please consider making an annual or one-time gift in whatever amount you choose. Your donation, regardless of size, can be confidential if preferred, and is always tax-deductible, since we are a recognized nonprofit organization.

Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Please mail your contributions to:
SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, NY 13838.

Thank you sincerely,
Sidney Central School Alumni Association

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2025 WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Congratulations to our outstanding honorees!

William P. Martin M.D., FHM, '75

Excellence in Medical Practice & Leadership



Dr. William “Bill” Martin graduated from Sidney Central High School in 1975.

Bill’s dad was Dr. Robert S. Martin, a well-known veterinarian in the Sidney area for decades. Growing up in the setting of his father’s home-based veterinary practice inspired Bill to pursue a career in medicine.

Bill earned a BS in biology from Cornell University in 1979. Undaunted when he was not initially accepted to medical school, he worked as a research laboratory technician for one year, then earned a master’s degree in physiology at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Performing well academically paved the way for his acceptance to Georgetown University School of Medicine, where he received his MD degree in 1985.

After completing internal medicine residency training at Newton-Wellsley Hospital, he practiced in the small town of Peterborough, New Hampshire. For 15 years, he cared for patients in the office, hospital, and nursing homes, making occasional house calls. He served as medical director of an outpatient cardiac rehab program for 10 years.

Seeking more time with his growing family, Bill turned to a new medical specialty in 2004. As the first hospitalist at a 300-bed hospital, and their first hospitalist medical director, he grew the program to over 40 physicians. He was accepted as a fellow in hospital medicine by the Society of Hospital Medicine in 2009.

Bill most enjoyed spending time directly with patients. He also took pride in the work he did improving systems within the hospital to improve quality of care, serving on the Medical Executive Committee, Chairman of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and as Medical Director of Physician Integration and Care Management.

Colleague Dr. Tim French stated, “I have been practicing medicine for 35 years and have met thousands of physicians along the way. I have been fortunate to collaborate with some amazing people. I can say with certainty that Bill is one of the 10 best physicians I have had the honor to call my colleague.”

Bill served as a Boy Scout leader and coached youth basketball. He and his wife of 37 years, Lauren, remain in the same small town where they raised their three sons and are an integral part of their community.

Bill exemplifies how smalltown students can achieve their dreams through hard work and determination.

We are proud to recognize Dr. William Martin as a Wall of Fame honoree.

Gerald L. Washington, '75

Passionate Contributor to Diverse Career Fields



Gerald Washington has enjoyed a variety of career experiences: financial analyst, investment banker, professional football player, rodeo cowboy, teacher, and coach. More recently, he has worked as a motivator and mentor to young people.

Gerald was born in Alabama and raised in upstate New York when his father took a job with the Bendix Corporation. He enjoyed sports, excelling in spring and winter track and football, where he was named to the Susquenango All-Star Team. He led the league in pass receptions for two years. He graduated from Sidney High School in 1975.

After high school, Gerald attended Hampton Institute in Virginia, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business and marketing. He then moved to Denver, Colorado and worked as a financial analyst, investment banker and construction manager. Later, Gerald moved to Houston, Texas, and became interested in horseback riding. Thus began his career in riding and rodeo, first as an amateur, then as a professional cowboy. While competing in events such as calf roping, team roping, bull dogging, and bull riding, he won more than 20 awards.

In 1998, Gerald became involved in a therapeutic riding program with the North American Handicapped Riding Association in Colorado. In 1999, he moved to New York where he began working at Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, a statewide social-service agency serving thousands of at-risk youths each year. He was instrumental in starting a therapeutic riding and equine science program, and served as the program’s director.

In 2006, Gerald’s inspirational work with youth landed him a position at LaSalle Institute, a high school in Troy, New York. He became admissions director, then a physical education teacher and assistant varsity football coach and coach for indoor and outdoor track and girls’ golf.

Jeff Wilklow, longtime Sidney friend, stated, “Gerald Washington embodies the small-town values he learned coming of age in Sidney, New York: the importance of character, teamwork, helping your neighbors, and contributing your talents to make a better community for all. He carries these values with him to become a leader and inspirational contributor in multiple professions and communities. He reached high levels of achievement and recognition in very diverse professions.”

We are proud to recognize Gerald Washington as a Wall of Fame honoree.

Mike Barnes, '78 and Tammy Radley Barnes, '79

Distinguished Agricultural and Community Service



Mike Barnes, Sidney Central School Class of 1978, and his wife, Tammy Radley Barnes, Class of 1979, have teamed up to become “Distinguished Dairy Farmers” in New York State. It all began in high school, when they played an integral part in the Future Farmers of America. Mike was honored as the Star Farmer of New York and they both received the renowned Empire Farmer Degree. After high school, Mike received the National American Farmer Degree.

Mike began his dairy farm in Mt. Upton with only six head of cattle. After his marriage to Tammy, the enterprise grew and their combination of knowledge and skills created a prominent dairy farm, with 800 head of cattle. In 2010, they formed an LLC and have become a complete agricultural operation. With their three grown children, they work cohesively to manage cattle health, maintain machinery, and keep the books. They excel at the many dairy farming operational tasks.

The spirit of giving back has been important to the Barnes family in many ways. They have continued their support of the FFA Alumni Association, with donations to fundraisers and by acting as treasurer. Together Mike and Tammy have been dedicated volunteers for many years in the fire department and emergency squads of Mt. Upton. Additionally, Mike was a member of the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School Board for 17 years, including a term as president. Mike also serves as a member of the board of the Cabot Creamery Co-Op.

Community involvement has included their participation in the Cullman Center Sidney Rotary Summer Ag Day, held at Keith Clark Park. This educational day consists of transporting their large farm machinery and harvesters to the grounds, where hundreds of children and their families are able to get up close to and learn, hands-on, about farming. To top it off, Cabot Cheese is distributed to all that are there. Mike and Tammy Barnes have been a shining light in an industry that continues to hold great importance to our area and beyond.

We are proud to recognize Mike and Tammy Barnes as Wall of Fame honorees.

Dennis L. Laraway, '80

Exceptional Executive Leader in Healthcare Finance



Dennis Laraway credits his Sidney High School shadowing experience with George Chickering, then-comptroller at Bendix, with providing a lasting impact on his leadership style. He also credits classmate, Andy Matviak, with encouraging a career in finance.

Dennis received his bachelor's degree in accounting from King's College in Pennsylvania. He accepted an accounting position at The Hospital, Sidney, because, he said, “I thought I could make a difference.” He married Diane Mayo in 1986, and their family of five has served as a true foundation of support and clarity of focus.

After moving to the Albany area, Dennis became chief financial officer for Seton Health, part of Ascension Health, and gained national recognition. He graduated from the Executive MBA program at RPI, a gamechanging investment in his professional development. Shortly after 9/11, he became a regional CFO for Catholic Healthcare West in Phoenix for five years, with a major increase in financial responsibilities. Next came a move to Texas to two larger organizations, where he also became an adjunct professor at Rice University, where he mentored graduate students and future finance leaders in various industries.

After a return to Arizona in 2017, he accepted a position as Cleveland Clinic CFO. He met new executives and board members and could truly appreciate the principles of servant-leadership, which is putting others before personal gain. Dennis serves as executive vice-president and CFO for Cleveland Clinic, one of the foremost global brands in the health sector, presiding over 300 locations, 9,000 employed physicians and scientists, and 80,000 employees worldwide. His journey has been founded on a strong work ethic, a robust academic foundation, and a desire to advance to the top of his profession. He has given back to others with his time, teaching, and philanthropy.

Through hard work, depth of experience, and servant-leadership, Dennis is recognized as one of the top financial executives in the country. He has worked with many top financial executives in business and considers many of them friends. Dennis said, “I can only hope that my journey can serve to help others find their path forward. My words of experience to those coming from a small town: Nothing is out of reach, and don't ever lose sight of the greater horizons and abundance of opportunities. Most of all – put in the hard work, good things will happen.”

We are proud to recognize Dennis as a Wall of Fame honoree.

Craig S. DuMond, '85

Exemplary Service in Law Enforcement and Public Safety



Sheriff Craig DuMond is a lifelong resident of Delaware County. Upon graduating from Sidney Central School in 1985, he initiated his law enforcement career as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany, Alabama, and Maryland. After being honorably discharged, Craig returned home and worked as a corrections officer for the NYS Division for Youth, as well as a police officer for the village of Walton. Over the next 22 years, he ascended through the ranks with NYS DFY, ultimately serving as a juvenile correctional facility director, while serving as a police officer in Walton.

In 2006, Sheriff DuMond was elected Supervisor for the Town of Masonville, and as a legislator on the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and chairman of its Public Safety Committee. In 2012, he was appointed undersheriff by Sheriff Tom Mills and was responsible for the executive oversight and supervision of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, including the Law Enforcement, Criminal Investigations, Civil Enforcement, and Jail Operation divisions.

In 2017, Craig became acting sheriff and was elected sheriff of Delaware County in 2018. During the election, he was endorsed by both political parties. Sheriff DuMond was responsible for the creation of the K-9 Division, Mounted Equine Division, School Resource Officer Program, and Special Response Team. He is the chairman of the Delaware County Drug Task Force and an active member of the New York State and National Sheriff's Associations.

Entering his 32nd year in law enforcement, Sheriff DuMond has continued his education, graduating from the 115th session of the National Sheriff's Institute Executive Development Program. Sheriff DuMond was recently elected president of the New York State Sheriff's Association, because he had served with distinction and earned respect and admiration for his commitment to public safety, innovative policing strategies, and community engagement. He works closely with sheriffs from 58 counties, fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and advocating for policies that support the vital work of law enforcement. Craig and his wife Karleen have four sons, two serving in the military and two in school.

We are proud to recognize Craig S. DuMond as a Wall of Fame honoree.

Kristen Aiken, '00

Excellence in Journalism Leadership



Kristen graduated from Sidney High School in 2000. She attended Columbia University's Barnard College, where she became a sports editor for their student publication on Day 1, with the goal of eventually becoming a reporter for the New York Yankees. By her junior year, she was doing just that as a writer for the Yankees' in-house magazine, producing much of the publication's stories under a number of pseudonyms, making the operation look like a team of seasoned journalists rather than the labor of a single college undergraduate.

After graduating with honors, Kristen worked as an editor for Major League Baseball, to bring fans up-to-the-minute coverage of all 30 teams in a fast-paced, online environment.

Despite a bright future in baseball, Kristen left MLB to pursue a career in food journalism. She admired the work and career of Martha Stewart, and it wasn't long after her graduation from The French Culinary Institute that Kristen was employed at Stewart's offices as an online editor for Martha Stewart Living. While at MSL, she appeared on Martha's daytime TV show, where Kristen taught Stewart and her audience how to bake her grandmother's raisin pie.

As the internet continued to change the landscape of journalism, Kristen pivoted to work at Arianna Huffington's online news outlet, Huff Post, where she has shaped the newsroom's service journalism for the past 14 years. She has held multiple leadership positions, including Senior Editor, Head of Life and now Editorial Director of Life and Commerce, adapting to the ever-changing needs of the business and helping fight the good fight to protect our right to a free press. Kristen's leadership as the Editorial Director has generated significant revenue for the company, while creating a platform that allows her team to create insightful, truthful service journalism that helps readers live healthier, better, more connected lives.

In 2019, Kristen was a finalist for the prestigious James Beard Award, the highest honor in culinary journalism. She is a 5+ Webby Award winner and appears as an expert on behalf of HuffPost in print, broadcast and podcast media. She's also a loving daughter, sister and aunt who's very lucky to have such a loving family.

We are proud to recognize Kristen Aiken as a Wall of Fame honoree.

Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Celebrates 21st Induction Weekend



The start of our third decade of the Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame began with a memorable weekend on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22. Friday morning, our committee and others set up at the Elks Lodge, joined by Pam DuMond Tarnowski from Charlotte, North Carolina and Lanette Gray

introductory speakers, a full page dedicated to our valued sponsors, and a start time of 4 PM. This was the earliest start time ever, making it possible to enjoy the wonderful fall weather. We express our gratitude to Terri Stevens DeRoche, '77, for leading the invocation and benediction.

Before the main event, we paid tribute to the 20-year chairman, Greg Davie, '76, by presenting him with a plaque recognizing his dedication and loyalty to the Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame. Greg embodies the "Spirit of Sidney," as described in an excerpt from our SCSAA President Doug Sheldon: The "Spirit of Sidney" results from generations of young people growing up in a community culture and attending a first-class educational institution that promotes learning, teamwork, integrity, and community pride.

Our main event showcased five remarkable inductees and our traditional Legacy team, hailing from Delaware; Ocean City, Maryland; Pennsylvania; and Australia. Let's start with the Cole brothers, Gary and Rob.

We extend our thanks to our SCSAA President, Doug Sheldon, for serving as our opening keynote speaker.

Cole was introduced by longtime friends Gary and Jackie Scavo. The Scavos needed little introduction, as most have known them for years and both were educators. Mr. Gary Scavo was inducted into our Sidney Alumni Wall of Fame in 2017 and was our high school principal for 21 years.

Gary Cole's athletic journey began with basketball, baseball, and cross-country performances. Gary is a



Larry Halbert presents Greg Davie with a dedication award

2015 Wall of Fame inductee. He enjoyed a successful career at Indiana Tech, where he served as the head coach for the basketball and track teams and the Director of Athletics. He accepted the head basketball coaching position at SUNY Delhi in 1980. Rob continued his career at Campbell University in North Carolina, where he was inducted into the Campbell College Sports Hall of Fame.

Robbie Cole is from one of the most outstanding athletic families Sidney has ever seen. From the oldest, Rick, to the youngest, Peggy, this was a family that thrived on competition, while maintaining the values of sportsmanship. And you can thank their parents, Dick and Ann "Ma" Cole for that.

Rob became a three-time regional champion and qualified for the national tournament four times. He received numerous outstanding wrestler awards and, while at Campbell, lettered in cross country and soccer.

Then, to our 1991-'92 girls' basketball team. Coach Karen Clark spoke about how each team member was integral and valuable. She also talked about Title IX, enacted in 1974 when she graduated from high school. Several of the players on the 1992 team played for five years for her on JV and varsity. This 1992 team was an exceptional team with a special bond. The theme for this talented group was "WE TRY HARDER." Their success can be attributed to their hard work and dedication. A special treat was team scorekeeper (mom) Nancy Sweet's attendance.

Coach Steve Hornung proudly introduced Tom Graham, a remarkable four-sport student-athlete who left an indelible mark on Sidney High School. Tom's outstanding achievements were celebrated during his senior year in 1998, when he was honored with the prestigious Ralph Pyle Memorial Trophy for Most Outstanding Male Senior Athlete. As Hornung's protégé, Tom's legacy inspires future generations of student-athletes in the Sidney community.

Angela Mirabito Johnson, accompanied by sisters Lindsay and Maria, captivated the audience with tales of her unparalleled success in tennis and basketball. Angela's remarkable journey as a two-time Section IV Class C-D Doubles Champion and three-time C-D Singles Champion in tennis, coupled with her extraordinary feat of becoming the first and only female to score 1,000 points by her junior season in basketball,



left an enduring impression on everyone present.

Coach Christine Race's introduction of Kimberly Young was nothing short of captivating. With over 26 years of coaching experience, Coach Race's leadership has been instrumental in shaping the field hockey community in Sidney. Kimberly's remarkable journey in varsity track and field and field hockey, coupled with her numerous accolades and outstanding achievements, is a testament to her unwavering dedication and exemplary sportsmanship.

Family, friends, coaches, and mentors represented the inductees and teams well. It was incredibly touching to see the generations interact with each other during the social hour and afterward.

You can always visit sidneyalumni.org to view all the photos from the weekend and read the fully published bios for our legacy team and the 2024 inductees.

The committee received a highly appreciated and successful response from local businesses and sponsors, allowing them to realize a profit to support our goal. The \$750 SHOF annual scholarship highlighted this. A big thank-you goes to Shupperd's Print Shop for providing all the awards, gold rim glasses, our 2024 logo, and the legacy team basketball keepsake award.

As always, a big thank-you and appreciation to the Sidney Elks Lodge 2175 for hosting the event and preparing a tasty buffet dinner.

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Gary Cole – Gary Scavo – Jackie Scavo



SHOF images provided by SCS student Cooper Harvey.



Above, presenter Beth Gardner Plummer, center, is seen presenting at Career Day.

Career Day Returns

In mid- November, the Sidney Central School District held its annual Career Day for grades seven through 12, sponsored by the Sidney Alumni Association. More than 20 people participated, many of whom were SCSD graduates. Three different sessions were held, for grades seven through eight, nine through 10 and 11 through 12. Sessions provided students with the opportunity to visit with and question presenters from multiple backgrounds. Before each session, Bob D'Imperio spoke to each group. Those who spoke with students, detailing their careers, included:

- Sheri Youngs (business management and administration)
- Kyle McMillan (pharmacist)
- Brandon Scutt (entrepreneur/pest control)
- Linda Shelton (lab science)
- Brynn Havens and Amanda Finch (higher education)
- Matthias Wesner (business owner: Everything Bagelry)

- Rebecca Tyler (dancer/dance teacher and studio owner)
 - Beth Plummer (sales)
 - Kyle Smith (insurance)
 - Nate Lull (radio)
 - Cody Rose (real estate)
 - Justin Poss (director of manufacturing: Chobani)
 - Ken Finley (Raymond Corp.)
 - Rebecca Hedlund (SFCU)
 - Jason Miller (Delhi Telephone)
 - Richard Pangan (Air Force)
 - Lindsay Pierce (NYCM)
 - Erica Howard and Gabby Pedersen (teacher/coach)
 - Beth Brown (business owner: photography)
 - John Cornell and Lauren Warner (state troopers)
- A special thank-you to everybody who took part in this wonderful day, answering all questions from our students! For a full gallery of photos, please visit our Facebook page.



Above, Career Day organizer Teri Schunk is pictured with brother Bob D'Imperio and SCSAA President Doug Sheldon; Bob D'Imperio and Greg Davie.



Sidney Historical Association Presents Scintilla – 100th Anniversary Program

By Dave Plummer



Amphenol-Aerospace, formerly known as Scintilla, has been through many iterations, from Scintilla to Bendix to Allied to Amphenol.

Dave will present this program in three basic parts:

- The Beginning from Switzerland
- The War Years – effect on Sidney

The Connector Evolution, including remarks about the Amphenol acquisition and Space Station Connectors.

Saturday, March 22 – 1p.m. to 3p.m.

Community Cultural Center, 1 Bridge St., Sidney

Sidney business growth came with the beginning of a Swiss company, Scintilla Magneto, which bought the Hatfield building to produce magnetos, used in aircraft engines. Bendix Aviation Corporation purchased Scintilla in 1929. By World War II, the company employed 8,600 people and had a world-class reputation for manufacturing airplane parts. By 1960, the Town of Sidney's population had surged to 7,110. The company became Amphenol Aerospace Corporation by 2003, and is the largest employer in Delaware County.

Dave Plummer is married to Wall of Fame member, Mary Jane Gelder. In 1959, Dave landed a position at Scintilla as a Junior Process Planner and Brown & Sharpe cam designer. For 18 years, he was assistant to the manager of manufacturing engineering, with many management assignments. In 1980, he was appointed supervisor of process engineering.

In 1990, Dave was forced to retire, but, 17 months later, was called back to work under contract until 1997, when he retired officially. The reason for the callback was to create processes to produce special new electrical connectors for the International Space Station. Originally called *Freedom* in the 1980s by President Ronald Reagan, who authorized the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to build it within 10 years, it was redesigned in the 1990s to reduce costs and expand international involvement. At that time, it was renamed the International Space Station.

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Any corrections or changes to the class rep list, including new class reps, should be sent to scsaa@sidneyalumni.org.

Class Rep Corner

- **Now is the TIME! Contact your classmates and begin planning your Alumni Weekend get-togethers. You can include your detailed plans in the next Reflections in May.**
- **Remind classmates to pay dues and update their contact info on our website, sidneyalumni.org, so that they receive Reflections.**
- **Please send me any interesting classmate news for Reflections.**

Thank you for the important things that you do to connect and inform your classmates.

You and one guest are invited to the complimentary Alumni Weekend Friday Night Recognition Reception, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Details to follow.

Chris Schaeffer Ossont, '66
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Round Table Discussion on the History of Sidney

Host: Community Cultural Center

4p.m. – 7p.m., April 26

Presented by: Sidney Historical Association and the Community Cultural Center

Tentative Presenters: Mike Wood, Doug Barnard – SVM-PA – Steve Arrandale – Jim Gale- Pat McElligott – Larry Halbert – Whit Whitaker – Dave Plummer – Dr. David Richards - Greg Davie – Doug Sheldon – Barry Cole – Ray Baker – Dale & Tina Utter and more

We'd like to present a discussion of the many facets of Sidney's history, including, but not limited to, its founding, commerce, business and organizations, veterans and military history, schooling and sports, trains and transportation, catastrophes (fire/flood/murder), and things guests and residents may not know.

Each presenter will give a presentation/discussion, followed by a brief Q&A.

Please join us. For questions, call or email Larry Halbert, 607-237-4762 or larryhalbert7@gmail.com

Reunion Notices

Class of '75

Attention Class of '75! This is your chance to reconnect and celebrate our 50th reunion, organized by the SCSAA, with an exciting lineup of events throughout the weekend. For the complete event schedule, visit sidneyalumni.org.

Our class reunion will be located in the former historic Masonic Temple building, now the Club 55 Restaurant at 55 Union St. Please join us to be a part of this memorable celebration.

The festivities kick off with a special Wall of Fame reception at 6 p.m., Friday, July 18. On Saturday, don't miss our main Class of '75 gathering at 4p.m. at Club 55. This event is designed to be a fun and heartfelt experience, featuring a short program, a memorial service for our departed classmates, and a chance to share favorite memories and stories about beloved teachers, classmates and more.

On Sunday, SCSAA will host the Wall of Fame lun-

cheon and program. Enjoy a delicious meal from 11a.m. to noon, followed by the inspiring Wall of Fame awards ceremony at Club 55. The cost is \$10 per person, and doors open at 10:45a.m.

Stay connected with us on our new Facebook/Meta page: "Class of '75 - Sidney, NY," where you can share updates and reconnect with old friends.

For questions or more information, contact Larry Halbert at 607-237-4762. We can't wait to see you there!

Class of 2000 to Mark 25 Years

The Class of 2000 will celebrate its 25th reunion with a dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, July 19, at the Sidney Golf & Country Club. Catering will be by the Beez Knees. Menu and pricing info to follow, with updates posted to the class Facebook page.

Please contact class rep Erica Brazee Granger at erica.brazee@gmail.com or 607-267-5054 with questions.

Preliminary Reunion Schedule

Friday July 18	7:30a.m-5:30p.m.: Golf tournament at the Sidney Golf & Country Club (\$260/team) 6p.m.-8p.m.: Wall of Fame special reception Location TBD (invite only) 8p.m. - midnight: Friday night social at the Elks Lodge Sidney (\$5/person cover; band TBD)
Saturday July 19	9a.m.-11a.m.: Pancake breakfast at the Sidney Community Cultural & Event Center (\$10/person) 11:15a.m.-12:30p.m.: Parade lineup and March of Classes on Main Street, Sidney 1p.m.-4p.m.: Corn hole tournament at Awestruck Ciders (\$25/team) 8p.m.- midnight: Saturday night social at the American Legion Sidney (\$2/person cover, DJ)
Sunday July 20	10a.m.-10:45a.m.: Memorial service at Veterans Memorial Park (rain-out at CH Landers) 11a.m.-2p.m.: Wall of Fame luncheon and program, luncheon from 11 to noon, followed by Wall of Fame awards ceremony Location TBD (\$TBD/person); doors open at 10:45.

In Memoriam

Class of 1953 Phyllis Betts Place, d. 9/18/2024

Class of 1962 Eric A. Neish, d. 7/31/2024

Class of 1964 Patricia Ferrara, d. 1/31/2025

Class of 1965 John M. Walker, d. 12/01/2024

Class of 1968 Fred Shaw

Class of 1969 Jennifer Freiberger, d. 12/25/2024

Class of 1969 Rober Van Voorhis, d. 6/1/2024

Class of 1970 Thomas James, d. 12/10/2024

Class of 1980 Deborah Terry Lopez

Class of 1980 Pamela Teehan, d. 1/11/2025

Class of 1986 Robert Goerlich

Correction: Sylvia Anderson Graham d. 10/15/2024

Class Notes

1950: Marjorie Charles Peterson lives outside of Unadilla. She enjoys crossword puzzles and reading. She and Nelson have two sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1953: Maryon Karlson Bramley lives in Lakeland, FL and is retired from office management. She enjoys reading, cooking, needlework and volunteering at church. She and James have three children, four grandchildren and five great-grands.

Teacher: Donna Schirmer lives in Fairfield, VA. She was a middle school art teacher for 30 years, and taught in Sidney. She had two daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1954: Walter Bruetsch lives in Loudon, TN. He played tennis and now enjoys doing genealogy research, reading and watching TV sports and shows. He has two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He likes reading about classmates.

1959: Sue Gloeckler Alcott and Rich, '59, live in Binghamton. Sue is a retired RN and enjoys knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading and volunteering at church. Rich was an electrical engineer and enjoys playing guitar and golfing every chance he gets. They have three daughters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They said, "Great job with Reflections. Enjoy reading it!"

1962: Delores Hayes Breunig lives in Sidney and is a class rep. She likes to sew. She and Franz have two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1964: Bonnie Ferguson Boley lives in Waldorf, MD and is a daycare provider and loves to read. She and Bruce have three beagles. They have three children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1964: Sue Dermody Kuehn lives in Loudenville, NY. She was an educator and now enjoys reading, gardening, walking and church activities. She and William like to visit the Jersey Shore. They have one daughter and twin grandchildren. Sue says, "The most important things in life ... aren't things!"

1966: Charlotte Johnson Axtell lives in Oneonta. She was a first and second grade teacher in Sidney. She loves quilting and sells her quilts at many local craft shows. She has two sons and five grandchildren. She says, "SCS is special to me, both growing up, and my 35 years on the teaching staff."

1966: Chris Schaeffer Ossont lives in New Hartford, NY and has been a realtor for 48 years. She belongs to P.E.O. She has traveled to 46 states and 30 countries. She has 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1968: Janet Trettner lives in Keezletown, VA and is a retired marine biology technician and legislative staffer.

1968: Tom Fancher lives in Saginaw, MI. He's a retired attorney who loves travel (recently to eastern Europe), skiing, board games and Bridge. He volunteers on the Legal Aid Board of Directors and does taxes for low-income people. He and Stephanie have two sons and two grandchildren.

1969: Chuck Anderson lives in New Canton, VA and is a retired fire investigator. He taught physical education and driver's education and was a varsity football and JV baseball coach in Sidney from 1974-1977. He and Priscilla have two children and three grandchildren.

1969: Jerry Smith lives in McMurray, PA and is a business owner. He enjoys pickleball, fly fishing and golf. He recently traveled to Italy, White Fish, Montana and he cruised the Caribbean. He has nine

grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He says he “loved growing up in Sidney. It was a great little town with wonderful friends.”

1972: Scott Davis lives in Otego. He was an auto dealer and realtor. He likes golf, lawn care and travel. He has two daughters and five grandchildren.

1975: Michelle Leichty Reynolds lives in Masonville and is an RN. She has three children and three grandchildren, all of whom attend Sidney High School.

1976: Jackie Muir lives in University Place, WA and is an occupational therapist and a certified hand therapist. She enjoys quilt-making for Project Linus, cake-baking for Birthday Dreams and photography. She has traveled to Spain and Portugal. She has two children. She says, “Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.”

Got NEWS?

Where do you travel?

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Check out the membership page. We appreciate your dues and need more proud SCSAA members to receive Reflections and attend Alumni Weekend.



The Magic of Sidney Connections: Megan Lewis, '24 and former SCSAA Student Fellow, is pictured with Jaine Paradis, good friend, classmate and Ultimate Frisbee teammate at SUNY Binghamton. Jaine's grandmother, Chris Schaeffer Ossont, '66, introduced them by email when Megan was accepted last spring.



Vince Mirabito, '66, visits Dave Esto, '66, in Charleston, South Carolina to share memories of Sidney.

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Are you (or were you) a SCS faculty member?

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Vocation: _____

Retired? If yes, what year? _____

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