

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2016-6 OF JUNE 1, 2016

Hello Hornets! Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. FOUNDATION GRANTS 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS! We are proud to announce these recipients of this year's Foundation Scholarships:

-JENELLE COLLIER was awarded the Foundation's Esther Clifton Miller Memorial Scholarship, which was endowed by Esther's daughter Nancy Miller (67). Jenelle maintained a GPA of 4.125 and was valedictorian of the Class of 2016. She served as Vice President of the SGA, was a Girls' State representative, was Captain of the Girls' Basketball team and played varsity Softball, was first chair in the strings section of the Orchestra, was President of the Chorus, was Editor of the Yearbook, and participated in numerous community service projects.

-ATIBA MCGILL was awarded The Foundation's General Fund scholarship. While at Surratts, Atiba was on the Honor Roll, was Vice President of the Class of 2016, and participated in AFJROTC, SGA, Chorus, History Club, the Student Leaders organization, the Debate League and Organizing for Action. For his outstanding achievements as Wing/Group Commander of the School's AFJROTC unit, he was awarded its highest award, the Jesse J. Ware Award. Atiba is also very active in community activities at his church.

-MONIQUE COUNTISS was awarded the Foundation's Thomas V. Miller, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, which was endowed by his daughter Nancy Miller (67). While at Surratts, Monique participated in Volleyball, GEMS (a peer mentoring program sponsored by the Guidance Department), the Art Club, the Ceramics Club and served as a volunteer working with profoundly disabled students in the School's Special Education Department.

Congratulations and best wishes to these outstanding young scholars!

[Ed. note: Photos and bios of these extraordinary Hornets, and all past scholarship recipients, can be found on the Foundation's website at www.surrattsville.org.]

2. 2016 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED. The Foundation also is proud to announce this year's Achievement Award recipients. They are:

-LAMAR TYLER (94). Using his motto "The Gatekeepers Are Gone," Lamar, along with his wife Ronnie, has successfully grown the couple's website Black and Married with Kids (<https://blackandmarriedwithkids.com>) to become the largest independent, African American marriage and parenting site on the web. Armed with a passion for empowering married couples and a knowledge of how to leverage social media, Lamar and Ronnie have taken Tyler New Media and Black and Married with Kids from a small personal blog to an international brand that

also boasts five independently produced films and a social media presence that includes over 500,000 Facebook fans. In 2012, the Tylers were acknowledged on Ebony Magazine's Power 100 list of the country's most influential African-Americans which included President Barack Obama, Beyonce, Jay-Z and Tyler Perry among its ranks. In addition to the Ebony Power 100 Lamar and Ronnie have also been featured as finalists for the Black Enterprise Family Business of the Year Award and Infusionsoft's Small Business ICON competition.

-JOHN "SKILLET" ULMSCHNEIDER (97). John, a 13-year veteran Prince George's County firefighter-paramedic, gave his life in the line of duty while making a medical welfare check at a home in Temple Hills. Prince George's County Police Chief Hank Stawinski said the person inside the home did not answer a knock at the door by authorities, and a decision was made to enter the house to check on the individual. As the first responders were attempting to enter, the person in the home fired several shots through the door, hitting John and another firefighters as well as the concerned relative who made the call. Police said no officer fired any gunshots and the gunman in the home was taken into custody at the time. John left behind a wife and two year-old daughter. According to Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, "Unfortunately, I've got to go before the people of Prince George's County and let them know that we have lost another one of our brave firefighters doing what they do every day. These men and women put their lives on the line, and unfortunately tonight, we lost one of them. This is a sad day in Prince George's County."

-NANCY MILLER (67). Nancy is a successful attorney, living and practicing in Prince George's County and maintaining an office in Clinton that serves the Surrattsville community. Over the past several years, Nancy's commitment to her alma mater and the great kids at Surrattsville has taken the extraordinarily generous form of endowing two named Foundation scholarships, the Esther Clifton Miller Memorial Scholarship and the Thomas V. Miller, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. These two scholarships provide significant monetary grants to graduating seniors whose activities at SHS and plans for the future reflect the values and life's work of Nancy's parents. Nancy also generously funded a significant addition to the account of the Foundation's General Fund Scholarship, permitting it to increase its annual awards to deserving graduates. Like the philanthropic example set by Charlie Cooper (52) in the early days of the Foundation when he endowed the Foundation's Principals/Faculty/Staff Memory Fund, the Foundation is hopeful that Nancy's recent generosity will inspire others to establish additional named scholarships provided through the Foundation.

(Photos and bios of this year's extraordinary recipients, and the recipients from 2001-to-present, can be found on the Foundation's website at www.surrattsville.org.)

3. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT NAMED UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT. And, speaking of Achievement Award recipients, we just saw the following exciting press release from Dartmouth about 2008 Achievement Award recipient Rick Lifton (71):

"Richard Lifton (Dartmouth 75) was named the 11th president of the Rockefeller University, a world-renowned center for research and graduate education in biomedical sciences, chemistry, and physics based in New York City. Lifton, the Sterling Professor of Genetics and chair of the

Department of Genetics at Yale University, will succeed Marc Tessier-Lavigne, who is leaving Rockefeller University to become Stanford University's next president. Lifton's appointment is effective Sept. 1, 2016, reports Rockefeller University in a news release. After graduating from Dartmouth, Lifton received his MD and PhD degrees from Stanford, and served his medical residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine, co-chaired the planning committee for President Obama's Precision Medicine Initiative in 2015, and was recognized with a 2014 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences. Fellow Dartmouth alumnus and former member of the Dartmouth Board of Trustees Russell Carson '65, chair of the Rockefeller University board of trustees, said in the release that Lifton was the board's unanimous first choice for president. "Rick is a strong, persuasive advocate for the importance of science in improving human health and society. We are confident that Rick is going to be an exceptional president," Carson said. Lifton called Rockefeller University a "remarkably vibrant" and unique scientific community. "Rockefeller is ideally positioned to extend its spectacular record of leadership in science and medicine. I look forward to helping shape the bright future of this great university," he said."

Congratulations to Rick on this latest extraordinary achievement!

[Ed. note: Two past Foundation Achievement Award recipients are now university presidents, Rick and Dave DeCenzo (73)!]

4. SURRATTSVILLE BAND'S GREAT TALENTS, AND FOUNDATION'S GRANTS TO BAND, ON FULL DISPLAY!

Congratulations to Surrattsville's instrumental music students, and their teacher, Valerie Chambliss Dent, on their very successful recent trip to perform at Disney World. The Marching Band received a Golden Mickey Performance Award and the Orchestra received the 3rd Place Bronze medal in the Orchestra Festival Competition! The Foundation's website at www.surrattsville.org now features photos of the Band's recent trip which was funded by the Foundation (as were the garment bags used to safely transport the Band's uniforms on the trip).

5. CLASSIC DC STAR ALBUM ISSUED DIGITALLY.

Laurie Peters Williams (86) shared this press release that will be of interest to fans of one of Surrattsville's greatest bands, DC Star: "Unidisc Music, an independent label located in Montreal Canada, acquired the rights to DC Star's 1985 Mirage/Atlantic record "Rockin' in the Classroom" and re-released it digitally on iTunes and other digital retailers! This release marks the first time "Rockin' in the Classroom" (DC Star's remake of Brownsville Station's hit "Smokin' in the Boy's Room") has been digitally available along with the re-mixed "I Wanna Rock Tonight" sound track from the 1985 video. Other popular songs are "Fortuneteller" and "Feelin' Good To Me" along with five

live tracks that deliver the hard hitting power and energy DC Star was best known for.

<https://itunes.apple.com/.../rockin-in-the-classr.../id921770881>

Congratulations to Dave Simmons (74) and his bandmates on the digital availability of these classic tunes from the 1980s!

6. SEEKING LOST HORNET. Todd Redlin (70) is trying to locate Patricia Ann Conner (70). Please email Todd at Todd.Redlin@mail.house.gov if you have any information that might be helpful.

7. THROWING-DOWN THE FACEBOOK GAUNTLET. Many of our readers have joined the “Surrattsville Alumni” Facebook Group, and their own “Surrattsville [full graduation year]” Class Facebook Group. The Class of 71’s Facebook Group, “Surrattsville 1971,” for example, now has 162 members. (Many photos of the Class of 71’s fantastic three-day 45th Reunion held in Ocean City May 13-15 are now available on the “Surrattsville 1971” Facebook Group.)

The Class of 71 would like to challenge all other Classes to meet, or exceed this total! Why not visit Facebook today and join your Class’s Facebook Group as a great way to stay in touch and keep those social fires alive with your classmates! (And don’t forget to join the always-interesting “Surrattsville Alumni” Facebook Group to view lots of interesting information and photos concerning our alma mater.)

8. CLASS OF 86 REUNION DETAILS. We received this announcement from the Class of 86: “We are excited to announce the Surrattsville HS Class of 86 Reunion Cocktail Party, to be held on July 23rd, 2016 from 7-11 p.m. at Fado's Irish Pub, One Park Place, Annapolis, MD 21401. Enjoy the weekend near the beautiful waterfront with amazing restaurants and shopping! So much fun, the other Surrattsvillians have expressed an interest in attending! It's the place to be! Tickets prices include buffet dinner, limited open bar, DJ, fun atmosphere and most importantly reminiscing with old friends! Early Bird price \$95.00 per person – until June 8th, 2016. \$115.00 per person – June 9th, 2016 – July 16, 2016, Parking is \$20 a car at Park Place Garage. We are accepting the following payment methods: checks, Visa and MasterCard through PayPal. PayPal use: kcmrm1@gmail.com. If you have trouble email Terry Brooks at kcmrm1@gmail.com or Kelly Gray at kellyandtonygray@verizon.net. Mail Checks to: Surrattsville HS Class Reunion 1986, PO Box 286, St Inigoes, MD 20684. If you are mailing a check please complete the following: Name, Address, Phone, Email. The committee is excited to announce that we have contracted overnight accommodations with the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel (410-263-7700) for our 30th Reunion! A rate of \$150, plus 13% tax has been negotiated. We are holding 25 rooms until June 23, 2016. Any rooms not reserved by this date will be released and the group rate will not be guaranteed. The hotel is about a 4 minute (.2 mile) walk

from Fado's Irish Pub. Overnight parking at the hotel is \$20. Use the following online booking link to reserve your room in our block: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp>”

9. MORE PRICELESS TREASURES FROM “GREEN LIGHT.” As we previously noted, Duke Coleman (53) recently donated to the Foundation’s Archives a number of copies of an early SHS student newspaper, the “Green Light.” Those editions provide a fascinating glimpse into student life at Surrattsville during the 52-53 academic year, 63 years ago!

Here are some interesting “culturally time-stamped” excerpts from the January 15, 1953 edition of Green Light:

“Boomerang Snapshot Contest: The winner of the Boomerang Photo Contest has been decided and the winner is Jean Robinson. Congratulations are in store for this Sophomore Miss; this is the second year running that she has won this contest. She will receive two tickets to the May Ball when they are printed. Others who entered better be taking photos and saving them for next year’s contest.

Home Ec News: the 10-G girls that take home ec are working on a bulletin board at the far end of the hall. The girls in Mrs. Merritt’s 5th hour class are working with centerpieces. While the 8th grade girls are learning how to get a man, for the past week they have been baking cakes and cupcakes.

Senior News: The Seniors are sure being kept busy trying to get the Boomerang out to press. Trying to decide which pictures to put in the year book is one of the many problems, along with trying to decide what to write beneath the pictures when they do get them. We all hope Mrs. Hollan will enjoy the toaster presented to her in homeroom period, by the Senior Class. Everyone has been measured for caps and gowns and we hope that they fit, which means no extra sweets between now and graduation. All of the Senior girls want to welcome our substitute teacher, Miss Leitch, and by the looks of things she is going to do a wonderful job.

What Is Your Pet Peeve? Or should I say what are your pet peeves? You see, many people have more than one of these things. The pet peeves in Surrattsville range from tastes in food to personality traits. Patty Seaman: sloppy gum chewers; Billy Tayman: silly girls; Billy Windsor: smarties who talk back; Larry Schultz: jealous girls; Bob Honeycutt: Lorraine Bush; Pat Romjue: catty girls; Frances Parker: crew cuts; Wayne Bevers: good looking girls. ...”

[Ed. note: You’ve come a long way, baby!]

10. CLASS OF 66 REUNION PLANS AND WEBSITE UPDATE. Here’s the latest update on Reunion planning from the Class of 66: “The Class of 1966 is holding their 50th reunion in

Ocean City at the Clarion Fontainebleau Resort Hotel the weekend of October 7-9, 2016. The cost of the reunion weekend will be \$80 per person. Deadline for purchasing your tickets is September 1, 2016. If you are interested, please contact Norman Myers at 301-862-1979 normjr@md.metrocast.net or Signe Bush Thrift at 301-218-4210 sannthrift@yahoo.com. The class also has a new website at <http://www.classcreator.com/Canton-Maryland-Surrattsville-1966/>. All classmates should join the class website to get the latest information about our upcoming reunion. Letters were sent out in January 2016 to all our classmates who have provided us with their current address/email information. If you have not joined the class website and your name is listed in the "Missing Classmates" section, please join. If you are having any problems joining the website, please contact Norman Myers. Also if you see a name on this list and know the status of a classmate please let us know. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with your classmates!"

11. CLASS OF 64 REUNION UPDATE. We received this update from the Class of 64 on its reunion planning: "Class of 64 plans a 70th Birthday Celebration: Ocean Isle Beach (OIB), NC will "rock" on October 8-9, 2016, when former 64 classmates get together for a combined 70th birthday party. Saturday (10/8) at 6:30 p.m. will be an informal barbeque buffet (pay as you go/can also order from menu) at Loaders Grill. Sunday (10/9) @ 11:30 a.m. Roy & Sharon Revis are hosting a picnic - BYOB & a covered dish. There is a grocery store & ABC store near Roy's house. ABC stores are closed Sundays, so alcohol should be bought by Saturday. Two hotels in OIB: The Winds (www.TheWinds.com) & The Islander (www.Islanderinn.com). Near OIB in Shallotte, NC: Econo Lodge (910-755-6444) & Comfort Inn (910-754-3044). Some classmates are renting a beach house to share. Caldwell Banker in OIB (910-570-1144) can help with beach house rentals. Need more info, contact Roy Revis, royrevis@aol.com, Ginger Trapanotto, gingersnap699@gmail.com, or Barbara McCall mandbmc@md.metrocast.net. Please let us know if you plan to join us."

12. CLASS OF 97 PLANNING 20TH REUNION. We received this email from Jim Wilkinson (97) about the Class' upcoming reunion plans: "As part of our planning for the upcoming 20 year reunion, we are looking to update our contacts information. Please email me at jwilktnl@gmail.com if you have any information on Class of 97 members. Thank you!"

13. REUNION PLANS FOR CLASSES OF 61, 62 AND 63. We received this update on the upcoming 61/62/63 Reunion: "The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn in Solomon's, MD. The dates are August 26 - 28, 2016. The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes a buffet dinner, music and entertainment, and a cash bar. If you are planning on attending, please contact your class contact person with your contact information, address, phone number and e-mail address, ASAP. Information letters will be mailed out in the near future.

Class of 61 - Richard & Darleen (Mabry) Andresen, NYPD1158@gmail.com

Class of 62 - Jerry Spence, jnsspence@comcast.net

Len Owens, lowens@nc.rr.com

Class of 63 - Jeanette McKenna, twojmac@comcast.net

Karen Byroads, towerhill00@hotmail.com

Your reunion committee is working very hard to make sure that this reunion will be an unforgettable event.”

14. YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM FOUNDATION. The Foundation has yearbooks available for \$10 (including shipping) from these years: 1991, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2006. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like one.

15. FALLEN HEROES PLAQUE AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS. Here’s an update from Bob Jeter (64) on the Foundation’s Fallen Heroes Plaque that hangs in the Foundation’s Legacy Hall at the School alongside the American and Maryland flags that flew over the U.S. and Maryland Capitols in its honor. “The Fallen Heroes Plaque is available for display at class reunions or any other worthy functions. Feel free to contact me, Bob Jeter, 904jeter@gmail.com or 410-315-9403, preferably well in advance of the date so transfer arrangements can be made. Bob”

16. DON’T FORGET TO CHECK-OUT THE FOUNDATION’S VARIOUS YOUTUBE VIDEO PROGRAMS. Thanks to the tireless efforts and creative talents of the Foundation’s youtube master, Foundation Board member Sandra Smith Simmons (70), the Foundation’s youtube channel now features many programs of interest, such as programs featuring the Foundation’s Fallen Heroes Plaque that was conceived and executed by Bob Jeter (64), the 2015 Achievement Award recipients, and the 2015 Scholarship recipients. The programs can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SurrattsvilleFDN>

17. IF YOU USE AMAZON, PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE. The Foundation just received another quarterly charitable contribution check from Amazon Smile. Here’s the link to do your on-line shopping through Amazon Smile to help create these regular contributions to the Foundation. (Shopping on Amazon Smile is identical in all respects to shopping on regular Amazon.)

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2224546>

18. ... AND CONTINUING THE FUND RAISING THEME. And the Foundation still gets regular checks from goodsearch.com. This is the internet search engine (that does what google does, but that allows you to designate the Foundation as your preferred charity to receive a donation for every search you make). Please consider registering on goodsearch.com to do your web searching there with the Foundation as your designated charity.

Here’s hoping your warm weather season is off to a great start!

Henry Smith (71)

MANY THANKS TO THESE EARLY DONORS TO THE 2016 CAMPAIGN!

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Nancy Miller (67)

Larry Romjue (57), In Memory of Lois Marie Osgood (57), "Rubber Tree Plant," Frank Sinatra

Steve Johnson (78), In Memory of Coach Robert Haigler (former faculty)

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David Kraus (65)

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Tom Shultz (71)

Duke Coleman (53)