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## **The Yorktown Alumnus**

The Quarterly Newsletter of the  
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### **1.) Alumni Association Formed**

Forty some years after Yorktown High School opened its doors as the "New School" in September 1960, a small group of alumni, parents and faculty incorporated the Alumni & Friends of Yorktown High School, Inc. as a Virginia non-profit corporation.

We started corporate existence in mid December of 1999, and have been meeting regularly to build the foundation to enable this service organization to become a reality. Our Articles of Incorporation explain our reason for being best:

The Corporation is to be a membership organization whose purpose is to develop alumni support of Yorktown High School, its alumni, faculty and current students through reunions, scholarships, career development, and other special activities. All such purposes shall at all times be exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Whether you're an Alumnus/a of Yorktown, just went to YHS for a few years, are a current or former member of the faculty or staff or just a neighbor or local business servicing the Yorktown Community interested in supporting the school, here's a quick overview of what this all means to you, the Yorktown Alumni Community for whom this organization was created:

### O Communications

We're providing a variety of ways for you to keep in touch with each other. See "Communications" below

### O Reunions

We're acting as a starting point for classes holding reunions, and growing resource for Reunion Committees. See "Reunions" below.

### O Hall of Fame

We're working with faculty sponsors and coaches to compile and present the many accomplishments of YHS students and faculty. See "Hall of Fame," below

### O Scholarships

We've already helped the YHS Guidance Office web-enable their list of current local scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors. By this newsletter we are promoting existing scholarship opportunities, and working on means of creating new scholarships and memorial funds to fill in any gaps. See "Scholarships," below.

### O Other Special Activities

The list of possible Special Activities we could do together is almost limitless. The list of things we'd like to do if there is interest, and help, including:

- Faculty v. Alum or Alum v. Current Student or YHS v. W-L/O'Connell/Wakefield "friendlies" like basketball, soccer, & baseball games
- Alumni Rows for grins or in local adult regattas
- Mentoring current students
- Summer Internships for Students
- Helping YHS preserve our history with trophy display cases
- Offering classes to students on topics such as:
  - Resume writing
  - Interview Skills
  - Time Management
  - Keeping a check book once you leave home
  - Tutoring for SATs
- Joint faculty/alum events such as family picnics

So here's your chance to have a good time and make a difference in your community. To get involved write us at our mailing address or email [admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org). Thanks.

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## 2.) OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

This year's Board of Directors are:

Kim McHUGH Arthurs YHS '72 [karthurs@akingump.com](mailto:karthurs@akingump.com) (Term expires 2001)  
Marie-Anne STARN Lillis YHS '72 [gmal.theark@gte.net](mailto:gmal.theark@gte.net) (Term expires 2002)  
George Becerra YHS '90 [george\\_becerra@hotmail.com](mailto:george_becerra@hotmail.com) (Term expires 2003)

This year's Officers are:

President: Ginna Schneider (Carry-over per ByLaws. Successor Needed)  
Treasurer: Mack Brown (Carry-over per ByLaws. Successor Needed)  
Secretary: Ralph C. Oser (703) 536-6672 [osers4@erols.com](mailto:osers4@erols.com)

Committees Chairs:

Administration: Ralph Oser ([admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org))  
Agent, Corporate Registered – Joseph R. Tiano, Jr. Alum Virginia  
Attorney Needed  
Awards, George Becerra '90 ([historian@yorktownalums.org](mailto:historian@yorktownalums.org))  
Budget Committee, Chaired by Treasurer – Needed  
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ByLaws: Ralph Oser ([admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org))  
Class Liaison: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis '72  
Communications - Open, Chair Needed ([admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org))  
Data Processing: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis '72 ([info@yorktownalums.org](mailto:info@yorktownalums.org))  
Executive – Ralph Oser ([admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org))  
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Liaison: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis '72  
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Public Relations: Open, Chair Needed ([info@yorktownalums.org](mailto:info@yorktownalums.org))  
Planning: Open, Chair Needed ([admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org))  
Reunions: Open, Chair Needed ([reunions@yorktownalums.org](mailto:reunions@yorktownalums.org))  
Scholarships: George Becerra '90 ([scholarships@yorktownalums.org](mailto:scholarships@yorktownalums.org))  
Website: Rebecca L. Fox ([webmaster@yorktownalums.org](mailto:webmaster@yorktownalums.org))

### STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

In any undertaking such as this there are more people to thank than space permits. However, we would be remiss if we failed to publicly acknowledge the following, in no particular order:

Jim Allen – Yorktown High School, Activities Director (Retired) for his enthusiasm and devotion to Yorktown, it's students and staff  
Cheryl Stotler – Yorktown High School Activities Director's Office for promptly responding to our unrelenting questions and making all she does look easy  
James Price – Yorktown High School Activities Director for his steadfast support  
Marie-Anne STARN Lillis – Class of 1972 and Member of the Board  
Kim McHUGH Arthurs – Class of 1972 and primary Incorporator  
The Class of 1972 for providing seed money for this project  
Ginna Schneider – President for her vision and leadership  
Mack Brown – Treasurer for helping us leverage our meager funds  
George Becerra – Director  
The Yorktown PTA for their cooperation  
Each Class Moderator for administering their electronic mailing list  
The members of the YHSReunions listserv for sharing their reunion expertise

And last, but not least, Rebecca Fox who obviously caught the Yorktown quest for Excellence during her brief tenure on 28th Street. When she volunteered to create, organize and host our website, we had no idea how lucky we were. Ms. Fox is a consummate professional. Her designs are elegant, yet pragmatic, & straightforward.. She brings to the table a perfect blend of

artistry and technological know how. Her sense of urgency is perfectly balanced with a strong desire to please and "do things right" the first time. Whenever we have had a question, she has provided several options to overcome any obstacle. We gratefully acknowledge the web hosting and development services generously donated by Rebecca L. Fox and unconditionally recommend her services.

As you can see, we have too few doing too much. Interested in helping, please join us: [admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org).

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### 3.) COMMUNICATIONS

- Before we could communicate with you, first we had to find you. So our first effort was to contract Harris Publishing Company to create a complete database of alums, and your current addresses from the hand-written and photocopied old mimeographed (haven't heard that word for a while, have you?) class lists we could locate. This mammoth undertaking, and tracking your moves from Arlington to wherever you are now, resulted in finding almost 12, 000 YHS grads located all over the country and the world. It also resulted in a hard-bound directory published in 1998. If you missed your directory, (or loaned it to a friend and never got it back) we still have a few left. So to order one of the handful still on hand for \$60, (\$15 off the original \$75 price) please get in touch with us at [admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org). We haven't decided yet whether to do this again in the future, so this may be your one chance to get a list of all YHS grads we could locate. First come, first serve.
- Last Fall and early this Spring we established electronic mailing lists for each class which permit those listed to communicate with their classmates with one email address.
- Now this initial newsletter is the third communications-related activity to keep you in touch with your friends and classmates. We plan to publish this newsletter quarterly, so please submit your news and address changes as discussed more fully below.
- Our next step is to flesh our new website ([www.yorktownalums.org](http://www.yorktownalums.org)) so you can use it to find out about up-coming events at school, reunion details, scholarship opportunities & YHS news.

We're also developing a series of tools to ease and improve your reunions:

One of the mailing lists we created is for Reunion Committee members – past and present. The website for that list includes check lists, meeting room specifications, and a searchable archive of emails which in time will provide a valuable knowledge base of Reunion-related Lessons Learned and dos & don'ts.

We are also collecting reunion-related published materials, and have licensed state-of-the art reunion planning software which we can provide your reunion committee, loaded with our most current contact information. So whether your class wants to hire a professional planner, or run your next reunion yourselves, you can turn to us for help. Or the Ballroom that was supposed to be free but ended up costing your class \$1,500, eating up the funds you'd collected to honor a cherished teacher or classmate? Or the Reunion Planner who changed the contact your Planning Committee was to work through five times in a year?

We invested in state-of-the-art computer software to make it easier for those planning your reunion to make this thankless job less intrusive, giving your Reunion Committee easy access to: mailing lists, budget control, accommodation details, guest specifics etc. Our plans are to keep this software up-to-date so when your next reunion rolls around, you won't have to try to remember how to use obsolete programs. We can do this because there are four or five class reunions every year for us, whereas your class may only get together every five years, or so.

And because the IRS recognized us as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, we can provide a tax-favored vehicle for you and your classmates to do good things for your community. Want to contribute to a scholarship fund for Yorktown Students, or create one to honor of Classmate or Teacher, now it's easy.

If you're on your Class's Reunion Committee please contact us to learn how to gain access to these resources, and to offer your experience to others.

### **A. CLASS MAILING LISTS**

If you ask almost any class reunion committee what their most difficult task was in running a class reunion, and most will say finding their classmates. Every five years or so, until now, each class had to assemble the names of the classmates and begin the time consuming and expensive task of trying to find classmates to let them know about a planned reunion. Some friends are never located and miss out on all the fun.

One of the key tasks of your Alumni Association is to make it easy for people to keep their Reunion Committees apprised of address and email changes. We're working on our new Yorktown Alum website ([www.yorktownalums.org](http://www.yorktownalums.org)) where members can update your records on-line through a secure web page.

We're also creating mailing lists of email addresses for each class so it's easy to keep in touch with friends. The following lists your fellow alums that have volunteered to manage the membership of each of the listed class emailing lists (ListServes). If you didn't know about your class list, send a note to your class rep and ask them to add you to your class list. Each message you receive includes information on how to be removed from the list if you change your mind. If no one is listed below as the manager(s) for your class list, that means we need someone or a group of friends to serve in this capacity for your class. Please send an email to [admin@yorktownalums.org](mailto:admin@yorktownalums.org) to find out more, or visit our website for details/

The rules for use of this service are dictated by the company that provides the service. In addition we have the following rules:

- No unsolicited commercial messages
- No fundraising
- No vulgarities or profanity
- No slanderous or libelous comments
- Each list is restricted to members of the class, and one or two volunteers from the Corporation who will monitor transmissions for purposes of their volunteer job with the corporation, such as web master, or newsletter editor.

All of these lists are non-commercial, free lists maintained by volunteers. Most allow a member to send a message to everyone on their class list. Replies are returned only to the sender. Some large classes are being monitored by a class mate who determines whether a message is appropriate for distribution to the whole class. We are doing this initially as a courtesy so members from large classes are not bombarded with messages. At some time the moderator will need to be replaced by another class mate to keep each list secure.

Here's a list of current class email lists and the list moderator(s). If we don't have a moderator, even though the list has been formed, it won't be activated until we have a classmate willing to serve as gatekeeper. So please send us your email address, and get a couple of friends together to approve access to your class e-list.

#### 1960's

[YHS62@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS62@yahoogroups.com)

Moderators: Brenda JONES Vierreg [avieregg@aol.com](mailto:avieregg@aol.com) & Mike Ostergaard  
[anda@coollink.net](mailto:anda@coollink.net)

[YHS63@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS63@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS64@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS64@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS65@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS65@yahoogroups.com)

Moderators: Rockley Miller [rockley@aol.com](mailto:rockley@aol.com) & Earl Young [ea\\_young@yahoo.com](mailto:ea_young@yahoo.com)

[YHS66@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS66@yahoogroups.com) Moderator: Mike Dillard [mdillard@vnet.net](mailto:mdillard@vnet.net) (Pending)

[YHS67@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS67@yahoogroups.com) Moderator: Diana L Dean [deanschiff@aol.com](mailto:deanschiff@aol.com)

[YHS68@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS68@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS69@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS69@yahoogroups.com)

#### 1970's

[YHS70@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS70@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS71@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS71@yahoogroups.com)

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[YHS74@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS74@yahoogroups.com)

Moderators: Mark Bonner [my57MAB@aol.com](mailto:my57MAB@aol.com) & Chris CARSONS Carstens

[stuartchris@msn.com](mailto:stuartchris@msn.com)

[YHS75@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS75@yahoogroups.com) Moderator: Nancy SHEPPARD Brown [njsbrown@aol.com](mailto:njsbrown@aol.com)

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[YHS79@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS79@yahoogroups.com)

#### 1980's

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[YHS81@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS81@yahoogroups.com)

Moderators: Hani Elnaggar [hanielnaggar@yahoo.com](mailto:hanielnaggar@yahoo.com) & Ana Cainelli

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[YHS82@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS82@yahoogroups.com)

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[YHS84@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS84@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS85@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS85@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS86@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS86@yahoogroups.com) Moderator: Tom Connally [ntconnally@HHLaw.com](mailto:ntconnally@HHLaw.com)

[YHS87@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS87@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS88@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS88@yahoogroups.com)

1989 A listserv for '89 currently exists moderated by Kathy KORMAN Frey. If we can reach agreement on that list joining ours we will include it on this list when details are known. If we are unable to do so by Mid-April we'll create our own list and will need a moderator.

#### 1990's

[yhs90@yahoogroups.com](mailto:yhs90@yahoogroups.com) Moderator: George Becerra [george\\_becerra@hotmail.com](mailto:george_becerra@hotmail.com)

[YHS1991@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS1991@yahoogroups.com)

[YHS92@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS92@yahoogroups.com) Moderator: David Gnuse [dgnuse@surf.free.com](mailto:dgnuse@surf.free.com) [would like help]

[YHS93@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS93@yahoogroups.com)

Moderators: Maegen Gandy [maegen@hotmail.com](mailto:maegen@hotmail.com) & Hannah Pfoutz [Hpfoutz1@aol.com](mailto:Hpfoutz1@aol.com)

YHS94@yahoogroups.com  
 YHS95@yahoogroups.com  
[YHS96@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS96@yahoogroups.com) Moderator: Rebecca Oser rebecca\_oser@hotmail.com  
 YHS97@yahoogroups.com  
 YHS98@yahoogroups.com  
 YHS1999@yahoogroups.com

2000's

[YHS2000@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS2000@yahoogroups.com)  
 Moderators: Ricardo Echalar echalarh@jmu.edu & Nathaniel Oser s2ntoser@titan.vcu.edu  
 YHS01@yahoogroups.com  
 YHS02@yahoogroups.com  
[YHS03@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS03@yahoogroups.com)  
[YHS04@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS04@yahoogroups.com)

To subscribe to any of the lists with moderators listed above please send an email to your class list as written above. Several lists vary from the standard because the names were taken by another YHS in New York. This is the general form, which the members of YHS1991, YHS1999, YHS2000 and yhs90 will have to modify accordingly:

To Subscribe: [YHS##-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS##-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

To Unsubscribe: [YHS##-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHS##-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

We also have a number of administrative lists for managing the corporation, including one for Reunion Committee Members mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter:  
[YHSReunions@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YHSReunions@yahoogroups.com)

## B. LINKS

For the web enabled, here are some useful YHS-related links:

Alumni & Friends of Yorktown High School, Inc. [www.yorktownalums.org](http://www.yorktownalums.org)  
 Yorktown Crew Boosters, Inc. [www.yorktowncrew.org](http://www.yorktowncrew.org)  
 Yorktown High School <http://yhspatriot.yorktown.arlington.k12.va.us/>

And here's a list of who is working with us to make things happen:

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	Marie-Anne STARN Lillis	
Dues	Ralph C. Oser	treasurer@yorktownalums.org
	Marie-Anne STARN Lillis	
Hall of Fame	George Becerra	historian@yorktownalums.org

Historian	George Becerra	historian@yorktownalums.org
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	Rebecca L. Fox	
	Ralph C. Oser	
News	Ralph C. Oser	news@yorktownalums.org
Reunions	Marie-Anne STARN Lillis	reunions@yorktownalums.org
Scholarships	George Becerra	scholarships@yorktownalums.org
Teachers & Staff	Jim Allen – Former	yhsstaff@yorktownalums.org
	? - Current	
Treasurer	Ralph C. Oser	treasurer@yorktownalums.org
Webmaster	Rebecca L. Fox	webmaster@yorktownalums.org

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#### 4.) Reunions

A number of reunions are being planned. Check on our website for details or send us an email with your Class: reunions@yorktownalums.org.

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#### 5.) SCHOLARSHIPS

It's no secret that continuing your education after high school is expensive. However, by pooling our resources we can help ease the way for those following in your footsteps down those long halls on Twenty-Eighth Street.

We're working with Francesca German of the YHS Guidance Department to catalog existing scholarship opportunities to post on our website. We recently enhanced a County catalog of Scholarship opportunities into a format that can readily be posted on the school's guidance website. And, one of our volunteers is working on an index of those Scholarships to make the existing guide more useful to existing YHS students. When we're done a student will be able to easily search for Arlington or Yorktown sources of funds by area of interest.

We don't plan to duplicate the numerous sources of scholarship information available at the national level, but we do hope to provide an interactive database where you can readily locate information about scholarships for former Jamestown students, Yorktown alums, or Arlingtonians, or by field of proposed study.

We're also trying to get specifics on what funds currently are administered through the school, what they are for, and how to contribute to them. We will list details on our website, and through future issues of this newsletter and by email.

Finally, once we have a complete list of what's currently available, we'll see if there are any holes in coverage, and make it easy to fill that void.

Because the IRS has recognized our charitable purpose, your contributions to support a cause near and dear to your heart are tax deductible! And if that isn't enough, we've established a relationship with the Arlington Community Foundation, to provide professional money-

management services for your funds so you can be sure your funds are being managed well, and have access to regular reports regarding the funds they manage for us, and others.

If you're interested in setting up a new scholarship to honor a special teacher, classmate or coach, please get in touch and we can discuss how easy it is to structure scholarship funds through us, have access to professional fund managers, and provide your contributors a tax break all at the same time.

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## 6.) OTHER LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

The Arlington Boathouse Foundation:

A local group working with area governments to build a community boathouse facility south of Key Bridge in Rosslyn. [www.arlingtonboathouse.org/](http://www.arlingtonboathouse.org/)

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## 7.) CLASS NOTES

Here's the place for quarterly Yorktown-related news. Marriages, Births, Degrees, Reunions, Memorials, What Are They Doing Now, and Wants to Hear From Sections, brimming with info to share with friends and family. A few entries in this initial newsletter are below to give you a flavor of what's in store, so send your news to: [news@yorktownalums.org](mailto:news@yorktownalums.org). We will make it easier to keep up posted when our new website is fully functional.

### A. BIRTHS

#### Class of 1995

Madeline to **Ben & Allie Burton** on Sept. 12th.

### B. In Memoriam

**Stephen J. Kurcis** former Yorktown Principal died April 14, 2000. In addition to having served as Principal at Yorktown, Mr. Kurcis, 61, had also served as the Arlington County Director of instruction for two years.

Mr. Kurcis, a former English teacher, had been Yorktown's vice principal for eight years when the Arlington County School Board named him principal in 1978. He held that post unit 1987, when he stepped down because of health reasons.

During his tenure, he was viewed as tough and caring, a strict disciplinarian and compassionate administrator who juggle the demands of parents, students and teachers.

When he felt he could no longer perform his job because of multiple sclerosis, he sought to turn his departure into a life lesson about perseverance.

"Although I don't have control over this disease, I do have control over my attitude and my outlook on life," Mr. Kurcis wrote in a letter to students upon his departure as principal. "There are two kinds of handicapped people – the kind you feel sorry for and the kind you admire. I intend to be the later kind, and I hope that when you experience setbacks in life you will face them head on and fight as I intend to do."

He spent two years with Arlington's central administration as director of instruction before retiring on disability in 1989.

Mr. Kurcis, was a native of Windber, PA. He graduated from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and receive a master" degree in education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

He came to the Washington area in 1964, when he joined Stratford Junior High School in Arlington as an English, social studies and physical education teacher. He also taught English at Washington-Lee High School.

In 1988, he was one of six people honored by the Catholic University annual Thanksgiving tribute for contributions to the Washington area's quality of life.

Our heart-felt condolences go out to his wife of 29 years, Ellen Kurcis of Arlington, his three children, Brian, John and Stephanie Kurcis, all of Arlington, and his four sisters. Thank you Mr. Kurcis for everything.

## **C. DEGREES**

### **Class of 1995**

**DeElla Bennett** – graduated from Temple with her bachelor's degree in business last June and is working for a non-profit organization in Philadelphia which helps hospitals purchase equipment when she's not on the water coaching Lower Merion HS novice women crew.

### **Class of 1996**

**Amanda (Mandy) Jordan** - earned her bachelor's degree in communications from U. of Md. in December, and is working for Evans Farms in Ohio doing marketing. **Liz Manlove** is at the Savannah College of Art and Design. **Rebecca Oser** – in June Becca was awarded her bachelor's degree from UVa in June with dual majors in Biology and English. Becca is a UVa a Class Trustee, and is pursuing her Masters Degree in epidemiology at Emory. **Elizabeth White** graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in Chemistry, and is currently in Edinburgh, Scotland.

## **D. WEDDINGS**

### **Class of 1990**

**Ellie Swennes** a graduate of Duke (Economics and Math) & Robert M. Kennedy, Jr. who graduated from Boston College wed in September. They met while at UVa law & now reside in D.C. where both are attorneys in private practice with major firms.

### **Class of 1993**

**Maegan GANDY Price**, married Brad Price in December. As described by Maegan:

"Brad Price and I got married on December 16, 2000 at the United States Naval Academy. Brad is from Baltimore and we met while stationed in Virginia Beach. Presently, we live in Kaneohe, Hawaii and will be here for the next three years. Ahh, the Navy life is so tough.

"Some of the Yorktown grads who attended the wedding were: **Lacey** and **Kate Alden Gandy**, **Hannah Pfoutz**, **Jessica Manlove**, **Mary Courtney Wine**, **Binky Jenkins (aka Elizabeth Touse)**, **Kim Costello**, **Alison Clark**, **Margaret McDonald**, and **Catherine Porterfield**."

Anyone know the Hawaiian for congratulations and best wishes?

There's also an unconfirmed rumor that **Binky** is a neighbor of Maegan and Brad, but your editor is trying to put together a few pennies to check it out first hand. You wouldn't want this piece to report unsubstantiated rumor now, would you?

### **Class of 1996**

**Kelley GEWEHR Arllen** writes – “I graduated from Shenandoah University in '98 with an associate degree in nursing and began working at Winchester Medical Center, as an RN, while finishing my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I graduated with my BSN in '99 and stayed in Winchester for another year. I currently work as a Public Health Nurse for the Commonwealth of Virginia/Alexandria City Health Department at Casey Clinic.”

“I married Christian A. Arllen (George Mason H.S. '96, Virginia Military Institute '00) in July of 2000, at VMI (Cheryl Covell was my Maid of Honor and David Shirey was also in the wedding party. He and Christian have been good friends for many years). Christian and I began dating our senior year of high school - met through friends, and then discovered that we both attended The Falls Church (Episcopal). We dated all through college and were engaged in October of '99. He currently works as a systems engineer for BAE Systems, Newington office. We reside in the Kingstown / Alexandria area, but have recently purchased a townhouse - building to be complete in August. That's my last 4 1/2 years in a nut shell. Looking forward to receiving alumni updates.”

### **E. UPDATE**

#### **Class of 1962**

**Sam Bradley** is Assistant General Counsel for International & National Security Programs for the Department of Energy in Washington, DC.

#### **Class of 1964**

**Charlie and Paula LOWREY Dierkes'** eldest son, **Pat**, is attending Mary Washington College where he plays varsity baseball.

#### **Class of 1965**

**Charlie and Paula LOWREY Dierkes'** 74 eldest son, **Pat '00**, is attending Mary Washington College where he plays varsity baseball. Earl (**Chip**) **Young** recently left BNA and is now a webmaster with NASDAQ. **Susan (Susie) BELL Miller & Rockley** led their daughter's dance troop - *Agape Performing Art Theatre* - to Sydney where they performed in the opening ceremony of the 2000 Olympic Games. Follow their performances on their website [www.agapetheatre.org](http://www.agapetheatre.org), or by writing to POB 27, Falls Church, Virginia 22040 for information. **Justin Cretien** is with the U.S. Department of Justice.

#### **Class of 1967**

**Scott Brooks** who has coached the YHS grapplers for over twenty years, to four District titles in the last five years, fielded an exceptionally strong team this year resulting in contenders in the State finals. (See Recent Hall of Fame entries under Wrestling, below)

### **Class of 1968**

**Carol McLAUGHLIN Stansfield** is this year's YHS PTA President, where her son **Brian** is a Junior. **Ann GURNEY Marlow's** son Brian recently represented Yorktown in States at 140 pounds. (See Recent Hall of Fame Entries – below)

### **Class of 1972**

**Kim MCHUGH Arthurs** is coaching her daughter's basketball team, and working at Tysons Corner in a technology subsidiary of a major national law firm from DC, when she's not working as an Officer and Director of your Alumni Association. See **John Arthurs '00**, below. **Martie McCord** added coaching the Yorktown Crew to her duties as a YHS Career Development Specialist. **Marie-Anne STARN Lillis** is an Officer and Director of your Alumni Association, and contact for all classes and liaison to the YHS PTA.

### **Class of 1974**

**Charlie** and **Paula LOWREY Dierkes** and **Charlie '64** eldest son, **Pat '00**, is attending Mary Washington College where he plays varsity baseball

### **Class of 1975**

**David** and Barbara **Andrukonis'** son **David '01** represented the Patriots in the Virginia AAA wrestling finals. See Wrestling, below.

### **Class of 1976**

**Eileen McCORMICK Place** works in the Office of Public Affairs, in the U.S. State Department.

### **Class of 1983**

**Jim Detwiller** is working for the innovative internet broker foliofn.com at Tysons. **Carlos Echalar** is working at AMS

### **Class of 1990**

**George Becerra** is working at the Pentagon, helped organize his 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion held last month, and is a regular in your start-up Alumni organization. He was elected to the Board this December.

**Laura Melton** is in Atlanta working for WebMD as a programmer.

### **Class of 1993**

**Andrew Schneider** worked at the White House until November, and is now consulting in Washington. Rumor has it that **Elizabeth (“Binky”) JENKINS Touse** and hubby Michael are neighbors of Maegen GANDY Price and groom Brad in Hawaii.

### **Class of 1994**

**Carolyn White** is studying engineering at Berkeley.

### **Class of 1995**

**DeElla Bennet** graduated from Temple where she was the Captain of the Women's Crew in June, and is working for a non-profit in Philadelphia advising hospitals on equipment acquisitions. **Bobby Swennes** is with AMS in Fairfax.

#### **Class of 1996**

**Jesus Baptista** transferred to VCU in August, and played on their Div. I men's soccer team last Fall. Jesus returned to George Mason to graduate this Spring. **Cheryl Covell** is in her first year of law school at the University of Miami. **Kate Fenner** is finishing up her Masters in Education and is considering teaching in San Francisco in the Fall. **Brian Green** is pursuing a Masters at Cal Tech and is considering continuing on for a Phd. **Melanie Marks** is working in an Employment Office in Raleigh, NC. **Mary Chris Moore** - Doing research in Bolivia on a Fulbright Scholarship. **Rebecca Oser** - Returned to UVa in the Fall to participate as a Class Trustee, and is pursuing a Masters in Public Health at Emory. **Kate Saul** is in a Master's Degree program in Bio-Mechanical Engineering at Stanford.

#### **Class of 1997**

**Danny Moss** is the Captain of Yale's men's soccer team. **Olivia Shilling** is finished her Education studies and is considering teaching in Northern Virginia in the Fall.

#### **Class of 1998**

**Justin Miller** was named to the Wm & Mary Dean's List last Fall.

#### **Class of 1999**

**Sean Cowell** has moved from studying music at George Mason University to Northern Virginia Community College, in part to devote more time to performances with his band. **Elise Richards** was stroke of her Duke boat at this year's Head of the Charles. **Megan Robinson** transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond as a sophomore where she is continuing her studies of German. **Marcelo Vacaflores** is pursuing his undergraduate degree at Northern Virginia Community College. **Juan Vilchez** is enrolled in the nationally recognized mechanical engineering program at Virginia Tech which he finds demanding and fascinating.

#### **Class of 2000**

**John Arthurs**, son of **Kim McHUGH Arthurs** '72, is attending Wheeling Jesuit College, & started on the undefeated varsity soccer team which played in the Div. III NCAA Championships. Last Spring, John and several other members from the class of 2000 inventoried the trophies and awards won by YHS students over the years. That information has been recorded in a MicroSoft Access® database, to form the nucleus of a planned YHS Hall of Fame to be posted on our new website. **Pat Dierkes**, son of **Paula LOWREY Dierkes** '74 & **Charlie** '65 is attending Mary Washington College where he plays varsity baseball. **Jocelyn Hudson's** University of Colorado at Boulder club soccer team went to the nationals in Texas this Fall. **Adam O'Brien** turned down several scholarships from US colleges and is a Freshman at McGill. **Nathaniel Oser** who was a keeper on the State U-19 ODP soccer team in the Spring turned down several athletic scholarships to attend VCU in Richmond where he "red shirted" his Freshman year. He enjoyed practicing with **Jesus Baptista** YHS '96, and learning colorful language from his Spanish, Serbian, English and French roommates. **Jessica Russell** started on the Virginia Tech women's soccer team as a walk-on, and according to her former YHS Coach Bernie McHale, she was one of the better players on the team, as a freshman. **Anna Solomon** is a happy "bubble" dweller at the University of Richmond. **Erin Wilcox** played for her U Va. Club soccer team which won the Club National Championship.

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## **F. AWOLS**

As we refine our mailing list we'll list those alums and faculty who we've lost track of with the hope that you'll be able to help us stay in touch. For now, please forward this Newsletter to classmates and ask them to contact us with their email address if they didn't receive it. Just be sure to include Graduating Class and email address. Thanks.

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## **G. WANTS TO HEAR FROM...**

Lost track of an old YHS prof, coach or friend drop us a note, and we'll publish your interest in getting back in touch.

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## **SO, HOW DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE SO FAR?**

We want to hear your thoughts, suggestions, offers to help, and new so we can share. Otherwise we just might publish this same material again in the Summer issue to see if you're paying attention. Drop us your comments at [news@yorktownalums.org](mailto:news@yorktownalums.org) with an update. Please include your class and any new contact information. Deadline for the Summer newsletter is the end of May.

## **8.) RECENT HALL OF FAME ENTRIES**

### **LATIN**

**Top Three Winners at the 2000 Virginia Junior Classical League Convention, Richmond, VA Nov. 19-20:**

**Geography – Level 4 – 2d Place:** Brian Schmalzbach '03

**Grammar – Level 4 – 3d Place:** Brian Schmalzbach

**Grammar – Level 5 – 2d Place:** Dessa Asp '01

**Illustrated Children's Book – 3d Place:** Brian Schmalzbach

**Mythology – Level 5 – 2d Place:** Dessa Asp ; **3d Place:** Laura Pfunter '02

**Pentathlon – Level 5 – 2d Place:** Dessa Asp

**Reading Comprehension – Poetry – Level 5 – 2d Place:** Dessa Asp **3d Place –** Laura Pfunter

**Roman Life – 5<sup>th</sup> Level – 2d Place:** Dessa Asp

### **Sweepstakes:**

**Grade 10 – 2d Place:** Brian Schmalzbach

**Grade 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Laura Pfunter

**Grade 12 – 2d Place:** Dessa Asp

### **SWIMMING**

In the process of winning the Virginia AAA state swimming championships in the 500 yd. freestyle **Meghan Thiel '03** set state records in two consecutive days. And Mike Alderman '02 took bronze in the 1M diving finals.

## WRESTLING

As a result of dominating Districts, a Patriot grappler in each of the 14 weight classes advanced to Regionals and stiff competition. **John Burton '01** at 152 pounds, **Brian Marlow '01** at 140 pounds, **David Andrukonis '01** at 135 pounds, and **Allan Ogle '01** at 189 represented Yorktown in the State finals. Brian who won third place in the State is the son of **Ann GURNEY Marlow '68**. David is the son of **David Andrukonis '75**. **Scott Brooks '67** coaches the team which has won 4 District titles in the last Five years.

## 9.) MEMBERSHIP

All of this takes money, but to make sure everyone can afford to join us in these efforts, and those that are planned for tomorrow, we've set our annual dues at just \$10 per person. For this you get access to a free class mailing list, a quarterly newsletter, help with reunions, an easy way to remember a friend or individual instrumental in your past. Please join your classmates and friends by completing the Membership Application and mailing it to us, with your 2001 dues today. When you include your email address we'll add you to your classes mailing list right away. Thank you.

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