

Looking Back on 2019-2020

We welcomed two new KBHSAA Board members to our team: **Adela (Lebron) Hessefort**, Class of 1974, and **Oliver Debe**, Class of 2009. Our 2019 fall edition of the Newsletter requested nominations be submitted for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award and announced the Scholarship Offerings for 2020. The KBHSAA Board held its annual holiday gathering at Baker Street in early December, and before we knew it, the month of December had rushed by. The Board takes the month of January off and met as usual in mid-February, when we were just beginning to hear news reports about the Corona virus in Wuhan, China.

Our lives were going along as usual, and then in mid-March, life as we knew it came to a screeching halt. We sheltered in place and limited our contact with those outside our immediate family, as part of the WI Governor's "Safer at Home" order, which was meant to help slow the spread of the Corona virus. Wisconsin schools, public and private, were closed, as were universities. Businesses throughout the state were closed as well, except for those deemed essential (like grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores and providers of service relative to maintenance on our vehicles and home). Like many of our friends, we patronized our local "mom and pop" restaurants that remained open for take out or curbside pick up, and we added an extra \$5-\$10 as a tip when we picked up an order.

In late April, the KBHSAA Board made the difficult decision to cancel the annual DAA Banquet & Silent Auction.

KBHSAA extended the deadline for applying for its scholarships into early May. The Scholarship Committee met via teleconference to discuss the applications they had read through from this year's "crop" for Bradford seniors. In the end, KBHSAA awarded a total of 15 scholarships with a dollar value total of \$23,957. The seniors and the DAA honorees we did not get to meet at the DAA Banquet this year will be invited guests for next year's event.

Every year, KBHSAA supports publication of the Bradford yearbook with placement of a full-page ad. Our camera-ready 2020 Spy yearbook ad was submitted on May 22, and we share it with you [here](#).

The [For Sale: Spy Yearbooks](#) page has been updated with donations received before the New Year. The KUSD ESC reopened just this week (June 8th), so if you are interested in purchasing a Spy from our inventory (housed in a locked storage area at the ESC), we are once again able to access them.

As always, we encourage Bradford classmates to stay in touch via this website and individual [Class Websites](#).

Stay well and stay safe!

[Sending Birthday Wishes!](#)

Please join us in wishing a happy 100th birthday to **Eileen Osterberg (Molinaro), Class of 1937**. Her son, Max, writes that she received a letter of congratulations from Jim Kenney, Mayor of Philadelphia, PA, and was invited to attend the annual Mayor's Centenarian Celebration held in late May 2019. The annual event recognizes the contributions of Philadelphia residents who have reached their 100th (or later) birthday.

[Question for our membership:](#)

Bill Stanley (1947) writes, *"The high school name changed from Kenosha HS to Mary D Bradford HS while I was there. Even after the name change, the letters I received for participation on the Swim Team remained as a "K". Do you know what year they converted the letters to a "B"?"*

We're putting the question out to our membership: please reach out to us via the [Contact Us](#) page, letting us know what year you graduated and whether you received a "K" or "B" for lettering in sports. Thanks in advance for helping answer this inquiry!

Responses have begun arriving: Roland "Ron" Krumpos (1957), plus Jerry Barr and Tom Brickley (both 1958), report they received a "K" for lettering in their respective sports. **Just in... Lynn Marchesini Kortright (1969) tells us the change to a "B" occurred in 1966.**

On behalf of KBHSAA and Bill Stanley, thanks to all those who took time to help out with this "project"!

Mary D. Bradford Stadium

We were pleased to see the number of donated benches at Mary D. Bradford Stadium has grown this year... it's the perfect place to meet members of your group or to have something to eat before a sporting event. There is still plenty of space if you would like to order a bench in memory of a loved one or if your Class would like to be represented. The benches are available in black (pictured below) or [red](#). If interested, please email Bradford Principal Brian Geiger (bgeiger@kUSD.edu), for more information.



The KBHSAA bench, installed at Bradford Stadium in September 2016.

Recap: 2019 DAA Banquet & Silent Auction

On Saturday, June 22, Randy Vaccaro (1973), President, welcomed 116 attendees to the annual DAA Banquet & Silent Auction at the Kenosha Country Club. He introduced the KBHSAA Officers for 2019-2020 and those who serve on the KBHSAA Board, and thanked all of them for their service. Our Silent Auction saw some bidding wars and when it ended, we raised nearly \$2,700 for the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund. We send thanks to our Silent Auction donors whose generosity made the auction possible.

After a delicious meal served by KCC's attentive wait staff, Joyce Sorensen (1969), Scholarships Chairperson, introduced twelve of the sixteen [2019 Scholarship Recipients](#) to the audience. We wish them all the best as they set off on their journey in pursuit of a college education.

Alice Schwalbe (1960), Vice President, stepped to the podium to handle introductions for the DAA portion of the event, including recognition of past DAA recipients in attendance. We were touched by the life stories shared by this year's Distinguished Alumni Award honorees; you may view photos of their plaques [here](#).

Michelle Serpe (1967) closed out the event with the traditional Roll Call of Class Years, and Peter Schwalbe (1959) led the audience in singing the Bradford "fight song."