

**June 24, 2022:** The KBHSAA marked the 131st Anniversary of its founding by the 1891 graduating class at the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards (DAA) Banquet held at the Kenosha Country Club this past Saturday, June 18. Our attendance figures were down this year with only 63 reservations. We find the fourth weekend in June seems to work better for this event due to competing schedules, such as graduation parties, playoffs for Bradford sports teams and Father's Day Weekend, and we're already looking at venues, hoping to secure Saturday, June 24, 2023 for next year's event.

The KBHSAA Scholarship Fund Silent Auction commenced at 5:00PM, and the bidding wars heated up after dinner. When the auction ended at 7:30PM, the event had raised \$3,223 for the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund! You'll find a list of the local businesses and individuals who so generously donated items for the event on our [Thanks Silent Auction Donors](#) web page.

**Randy Vaccaro '73**, KBHSAA President, welcomed everyone to the event and thanked the volunteers who serve on the KBHSAA Board for their service this year. He also thanked all KBHSAA members for their generous support of the Alumni Association's programs.

**Oliver Debe '09** served as the master of ceremonies for the evening, and he acknowledged the efforts of the volunteers who worked on the DAA Plaque Restoration Project (highlighted in a post on the Home Page dated 02/03/2022), as well as the Board members who served on the following committees:

- *Scholarships:* **Joyce Sorensen '69** and **Dennis Filippelli '56**, in addition to himself;
- *DAA Selection:* **Nancy Euteneier '67**, **Lee Arneson '57**, **Juanita Becker '58**, and **Kathy Tenuta '69**;
- *DAA Banquet:* **Alice Schwalbe '60**, **Dulcie Schoff '80**, **Nancy Euteneier** and **Kathy Tenuta**;
- *Silent Auction:* **Randy Vaccaro**, **Lee Arneson**, **Adela Hessefort '74** and **Dulcie Schoff**, with assistance from **Jan Vaccaro '74**.

Oliver introduced **Alice Schwalbe** to the audience as she stepped up to the podium to deliver the invocation before dinner was served by KCC's attentive wait staff. After dinner, Oliver introduced **Joyce Sorensen**, who stepped to the podium to call upon the three Scholarship Recipients in attendance to join her to be recognized and deliver their remarks:

- **Alec Schabowsky '22**, recipient of the John '57 & Judy Schuetz '60 Wavro Academic Scholarship; and
- **Ethan Bergman '22** and **Kayla Watkins '22**, each recipients of a Bill '57 & Barbara Serpe Scholarship.

We wish all of the scholarship recipients the best as they venture off to college – we know they'll make us proud!

Oliver talked about the history of the Distinguished Alumni Awards program before introducing:

- **Paula Heide-Poggenburg**, who delivered a moving tribute to her late father, [Charles Heide '40](#) – he always preferred to be called “Chuck” – before accepting the commemorative DAA plaque on behalf of the Heide family;
- **Mark Hertzberg**, who stepped to the podium to introduce his long-time friend and coworker, [Susan Shemanske '73](#). She entertained the audience with tales from her career in journalism as a Sports Reporter/Sports Editor for the Racine Journal Times; and

- **Jennie Tunkieicz '82** and **Naheed Qureshi '90**, who shared different perspectives as they introduced [Mark Pocan '82](#) to deliver his remarks, which took an interesting turn as he invited BHS Principal **Brian Geiger** to be his assistant for a magic trick.

Before calling **Michelle Serpe '67** to the podium to wrap up our event with the traditional Roll Call of Class Years, Oliver recognized past DAA Honorees who were in the audience at this year's event: all three 2014 recipients – [Leo Chiappetta '56](#), [Robert W. Wirsch '61](#) and [Naheed Qureshi '90](#) – as well as two 2013 recipients, [Dennis Filippelli '56](#) and [John Anderson, Sr. '57](#).

Be sure to visit our [2022 DAA Photo Gallery](#) to see the photos taken by **Heather Vaccaro '01**, which captured this year's the event from start to finish... we hope you'll enjoy them!

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#### 06/17/2022:

Best wishes to Jenna Zeihen '17, Miss Kenosha 2022 as she competes in the Miss Wisconsin pageant this weekend!

There is an option on the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Organization's website to [purchase tickets](#) for the livestream Finals Competition which is listed as beginning at 4:00PM on Saturday, June 18.



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**06/03/2022:** *We noticed the following item in The UW Alumni Update email blast received this morning... we're taking this opportunity to send congrats to **Barbara Osborne '78**, who was a 2011 DAA Honoree.*

### Alumni Spotlights

#### **Barbara J. Osborne, JD '82 - Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient**

Barbara J. Osborne, JD. is a Professor with a joint appointment in Exercise and Sport Science and the School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She directs the graduate program in Sports Administration, which was the first in the U.S. to focus solely on college sports. She also started the undergraduate program in sports administration and a dual degree program in law and sports administration.



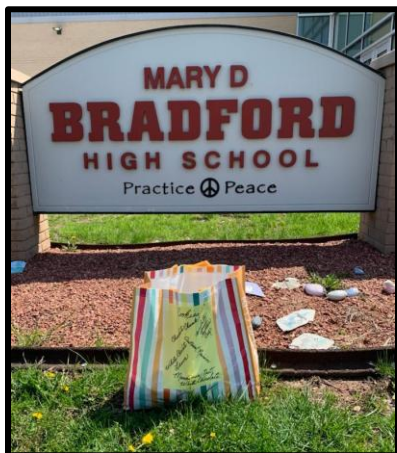
*"I use the things I learned as a communications major every day in my professional and personal life. My athletics experiences, combined with the theoretical and applied academic experiences at UW-Parkside set me on a path to work in the sports industry when very few women had those opportunities."*

Congratulations, Barbara!

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**Quick reminder...** if you haven't already sent your reservation for the **June 18 DAA Banquet & Silent Auction**, please download the reservation form [here](#) and mail your reservation (along with your check payable to KBHSAA) to arrive no later than **Thurs., June 2.**

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**May 12, 2022:** Last week, KBHSAA VP Alice Schwalbe hand delivered a bag of assorted cookies (pictured at left) to BHS for Teacher Appreciation Day on behalf of the Alumni Association. Thanks, Alice!

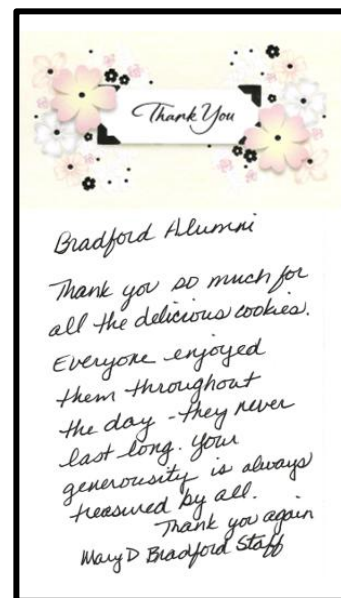


We just received the thank you note at right.

Thanks to the KBHSAA Scholarships Committee -- Joyce Sorensen, Dennis Filippelli and Oliver Debe -- for their work on finalizing the list of 2022

Scholarship Recipients, announced [here](#) on our website.

We're hoping to meet a good number of them (if not all!) at the annual [DAA Banquet & Silent Auction](#) on June 18! Please watch for the photos of the scholarship recipients to appear in the Fall 2022 edition of the *Newsletter*.



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**May 2, 2022:** KBHSAA Board member **Joyce Sorensen '69** reports she was in attendance at the Arbor Day tree planting here in Kenosha and was kind enough to share a few photos. We went out and about today to gather the remaining photos for this post. On Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29, the City of Kenosha marked its annual Arbor Day commemoration program by planting trees in remembrance of six community leaders who passed away during 2021.

We're highlighting all of the honorees here, several of whom have connections to Bradford High School, KUSD and KBHSAA, in recognition of their service to our hometown community:



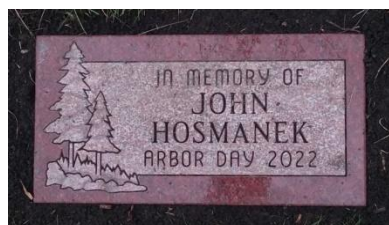
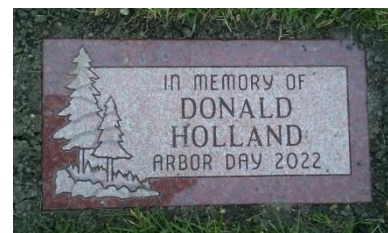
**[Michael H. Dean, Class of 1960](#)**

Mike's creativity and excellence in teaching twice earned him Teacher of the Year honors for the Janesville school district. He was known for making his classes fun, and he took time for each of his students. Upon his retirement, he moved back to Kenosha and went on to serve as a volunteer at and Board member for the Kenosha Public Museums. He also served as a long-time KBHSAA Board member.



### **Donald Holland**

Donald's long career in civil service included stints as Kenosha's Director of Public Works (1964-1986) and as City Administrator (1986-1993); he was instrumental in creating the Southport Marina after the site of the former Simmons Mattress factory/American Motors auto plant was shuttered. Upon his retirement, he served as Alderman for the Third District (1996-2010).



### **John Hosmanek**

Mr. Hosmanek joined KUSD as Assistant principal of Lincoln Jr. High in 1960, then in 1962, became principal of the newly-built Lance Jr. High and took the reins as principal of Tremper High School in 1970. From 1979-1989, he served as KUSD Superintendent and, after retirement, he maintained the KUSD historical archives housed at the KUSD Educational Support Center.

### **Gilbert "Gib" Ostman**

Many may fondly recall Mr. Ostman from our days at Bradford High as a somewhat stern but extremely patient and kind Driver's Ed teacher, who made sure we learned and followed the rules of the road in pursuit of our "temps" and finally, our Wisconsin Drivers' License. He also taught at Bullen Jr. High and after retiring, served on the KUSD Board of Education.



**Judy Rossow**, along with her husband Gordy, owned the first "quick print" business in Kenosha: The Copy Center. She was instrumental in saving the historic Rhode Opera House from the wrecking ball and was also integral in creating the "Bowls and Books" fundraiser, the proceeds of which have funded repairs and renovations at the Rhode. She also served as a volunteer for Kenosha area civic organizations too numerous to mention here.

### **Joyce Hill Westerman, Class of 1943**

From 1945-1952, Joyce played with the All-American Girls' Professional Baseball League, whose members were recognized by the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988 and were honored by the 1991 movie, "A League of Their Own." Following her professional baseball career, she continued her love of the game by playing in the local city and county softball leagues. She also worked for American Motors and the United States Postal Service.



A *Kenosha News* [article](#) by Daniel Gaitan covered Kenosha's annual Arbor Day event and also provided some background information regarding the establishment of Arbor Day.

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**April 19, 2022:** *In the past 10 days, we have received quite a number of donations from KBHSAA members in support of our Scholarship Fund. We thank you for your continued generosity! Donations to KBHSAA – varying from \$5 and upwards, given as an honor, tribute or in loving memory of a family member or dear friend – may be directed to the General Scholarship Fund or to funds reserved in support of a specific scholarship facilitated by KBHSAA.*

*Providing educational opportunities through private gifts has become a tradition for the Kenosha Bradford High School Alumni Association, Inc. (KBHSAA). Our annual [Scholarship Offerings](#) help Bradford High School seniors to achieve their academic goals.*

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**April 7, 2022:** We uploaded the spring 2022 edition of the Newsletter today, which highlights this year's DAA recipients:

- The late Charles "Chuck" H. Heide, Class of 1940;
- Representative Mark Pocan, Class of 1982; and
- Susan M. Shemanske, Class of 1973.

We initially added their names only to the list on our [Close-Up: DAA Honorees](#) page, as their plaques were not yet ready to be photographed by our favorite photographer, Don Sebetic '73. We're happy to report the photos were posted in late May. We will honor them at our annual DAA Banquet & Scholarship Fund Silent Auction at Kenosha Country Club on Saturday, June 18. We'll also recognize the 2022 Scholarship recipients at this event. The reservation form for the event is available for download [here](#)... hope you will make plans to join us! Deadline for reservations is June 2.

We were excited to receive our first donation for the Silent Auction in mid-March. We activated our Sneak Peek: Silent Auction web page and updated it as donations arrived.

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**February 21, 2022:**

Congratulations to **Jenna Zeihen (Class of 2017)**, who was crowned **Miss Kenosha** on Saturday, February 19. She will go on to represent Kenosha in the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Pageant, June 15-18, 2022 in Oshkosh. We wish her all the best!

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**February 15, 2022:** Last Friday, KBHSAA President Randy Vaccaro was on hand as Adam, Dan and Tim from the KUSD Carpenter Shop readied the display cases for the DAA plaques to be hung in the hallway just east of Bradford High School's main entrance. It was an in-service day, so no students were present... a very good time to undertake hanging of 120 plaques in a total of 10 display cases.

**Photo at right:** Black cases mounted on the wall, awaiting installation of the deep red substrates which each hold twelve DAA plaques. The Distinguished Alumni Award program was established in 1989. The first two display cases hold plaques awarded in:

- 1989, 5 honorees;
- 1990, 10 honorees;
- 1991 a single honoree: Mary D. Bradford;
- 1992, 4 honorees; and
- 1994, 4 of the 6 honorees for that year.



*In 1993, there were no DAA recipients. Visit our [Close Up: DAA Honorees](#) web page to see the plaque honoring each individual DAA recipient.*

**Photos below:** *At left, the Carpenter Shop team finished up the glass installation on the last two display cases; at right, a parting shot of the plaques in their new home... it is great to have them hanging at eye level where one can easily read the inspiring stories of our DAA honorees!*



*(Photos by Jan Vaccaro)*

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**February 3, 2022:** We are pleased to announce the launch of our new web page, [Close-Up: DAA Honorees](#), which now includes photos of the plaques honoring Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA) recipients. The DAA Plaque Restoration Project, a nearly 6-month effort, is an important piece of the KBHSAA legacy. We couldn't have undertaken this project without assistance from the following:

- Principal **Brian Geiger** for arranging for Custodians, **Chuck Sauer** and **Armando Morales**, to remove the plaques from the walls at the Bradford Auditorium entrance on a steamy day in mid-July;
- KBHSAA Board members who sorted and packed up the plaques in protective sleeves donated by Uline: **Dick Gentz**, **Adela Hessefort**, and **Randy Vaccaro**, assisted by **Jan Vaccaro**;
- **Bonnie Hammond**, graphic artist;
- **Kenosha History Center Museum** for supplying a photo of Mary D. Bradford;
- **Jan Vaccaro** for typing the bios of DAA recipients whose life stories were obscured by the tacks holding them in place on the plaques; and **Lee Arneson** and **Randy Vaccaro** for proofreading those bios.
- **Jim Tredup** at Accurate Printing;
- **Joe Firtko** at Kenosha Trophy;
- **Adela Hessefort** and **Randy and Jan Vaccaro** for their work on cleaning/reassembling the plaques with replacement photos and bios;
- **Don Sebetich** for photographing the plaques;
- KUSD staff who worked with KBHSAA on the design and construction of the display cases to house the DAA plaques: **Pat Finnemore**, Director of Facilities; **John Setter AIA**, Project Architect; the Carpenter Shop: **Andy Loewen**, **Adam Schaefer**, **Joe Loewen**, **Dan Noonan** and **Tim Harris**; and the Paint Shop: **Kelly Brandies** and **Gary Mathews**.

We can hardly wait to see the DAA plaques return to BHS to hang in the hallway east of the Main Entrance!

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**November 17, 2021:**

*Sending out our very best wishes to  
**Emil Tenuta, Class of 1940** on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
coming up on Sunday, November 21!*

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**October 23, 2021:** We were privileged to attend the milestone 81st Class Reunion for the **Class of 1940** on Tuesday, October 19. A [Kenosha News](#) article on the event, written by Heather Poyner with photos by Sean Krajcic, appeared in the October 21 edition and may be read online [here](#).

Classmates **Nella (Kloet) Bosman** and **Marie (Pfeiffer) Goff** were delighted by the Commendation from Kenosha Mayor **John M. Antaramian**, read to them by **Randy Vaccaro '73**. **Lee Arneson '57**, who has served as KBHSAA Liaison to the Class of '40 for more than 15 years, presented the ladies with corsages, helium balloons – in school colors, of course – and desserts to be enjoyed after the event.

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**October 9, 2021:** Just finished reading yesterday's [Kenosha News](#) and wanted to point out the article written by Liz Snyder about one of our members: **Karen Ostlund '61**, a DAA honoree in 1994, who will be running in the Boston Marathon on Monday. Click [here](#) to read the article. Best wishes to Karen on her first Boston Marathon!

In case you don't already have a notification set up on your member profile, we posted the fall edition of the [Newsletter](#) on our website yesterday after returning from USPS Pleasant Prairie, where we mailed the publication to those who've opted to receive a printed copy. If you don't have notifications set up and aren't sure how to go about doing so, please visit our [FIRST SITE VISIT?](#) web page which covers the topic.

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**October 8, 2021:** We just learned of an impromptu **Class Reunion for the Bradford Class of 2001** being held this Sunday, October 10, at 2:00PM at the Biergarten at Petrifying Springs Park. We also learned the Class of 2001 has a Facebook group and have added it to our [Class Websites](#) web page. If *your class* has a website or Facebook group that does not appear on our list of Class Websites, please reach out to us via the [Contact Us](#) page so we may update our list!

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**October 6, 2021:** We were delighted by a couple of notes from KBHSAA members received at our PO Box at the Downtown Post Office in the past few weeks:

- **Anita Herrman '54**, a former KBHSAA Board member, writes, "My thanks to the alumni board for keeping all the Bradford grads current with news and information. As a retired educator, I am especially pleased at the growth of your scholarship offerings. Keep it going!"

- **Stephen Schmelling '58**, a DAA Honoree in 2006, sent a generous donation for our Scholarship Fund, and we'll publish news of his donation in the Spring 2022 edition of the *Newsletter*... but that just seemed too long to wait to recognize his contribution.

The generous support of our members -- whether it be moral or monetary support -- makes our small but dedicated group of volunteers feel as if they are making a difference for our alma mater and our community. When we say thanks for supporting KBHSAA, it is heartfelt and sincere... our programs depend upon the generosity of our membership!

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**October 1, 2021:** Today we activated our 2022 Scholarship Offerings web page, with 15 scholarships (a total of \$21,000), available for Bradford High School seniors. Our thanks go out to **Joyce Kopacz Sorensen '69**, Scholarships Chairperson, for her efforts on finalizing the 2022 KBHSAA Scholarships.

If you (or someone you know) may be interested in establishing a specific scholarship, we encourage you to visit our [Fund a KBHSAA Scholarship](#) web page, or contact Joyce Sorensen for more information.

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**September 30, 2021:** Many thanks to KBHSAA Board members **Adela Lebron Hessefort '74** and **Dick Gentz '65** for their work at Bradford High School on July 16, organizing and packing up the Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA) plaques ahead of the construction project.

We had initially counted 12 plaques whose DAA honoree photos will need to be replaced or restored. Some of the photos looked OK in the frame, but when we took frames apart for cleaning, we found many photos were starting to delaminate and develop very fine cracks near the edges of the frame. **We're pleased to report we now have all replacement photos of our DAA honorees in hand!** In all, we've replaced 72 photos out of 116... our local Walgreens photo department staff know us by name now! We also discovered 10 of the DAA plaques have developed cracks (probably also due to the sun's UV rays), and we're working on mounting photos and bios on new plaques.

Some of the printed "bios" on the plaques had text that was obscured by the tacks holding the Plexiglass in place. We've worked to rekey those bios. Many thanks to KBHSAA Board member **Lee Arneson '57** for her assistance in proofreading them. We picked up the replacement bios in mid-September and, with help from **Adela Lebron Hesserfort**, we worked to place them under the Plexiglass on the plaques. Our photographer friend, **Don Sebetic '73**, has already photographed 40 of the 120 DAA plaques, and the next batch is ready to be delivered to him next week.

We've been working on our new web page, *Close-Up: DAA Honorees*, being developed as a replacement for our current **DAA Honorees** web page... *we're excited to see this project moving forward and will let you know when the new webpage launches!*

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In browsing the [KUSD Theatre Arts web page](#) at the beginning of the month, we were excited to see a post indicating "auditions were held June 1-3, 2021. At the time of this release (August 2021), we are planning to welcome back our in-person audiences again, but due to the fluidity of COVID 19 we appreciate your patience and understanding should decisions regarding these procedures change. On behalf of the KUSD theatre staff - we want to thank you for auditioning.

We look forward to celebrating your talents and sharing them with the community."



**Productions scheduled to be staged at Bradford High School**

***Groundhog Day - The Musical***

October 29-30 and November 5-6 at 7:30PM  
October 31 and November 7 at 2:00PM  
Bradford Auditorium

***The Bridges of Madison County***

January 28-29 and February 4-5 at 7:30PM  
January 30 and February 6 at 2:00PM  
Bradford Auditorium

***Nunsense***

April 7-9 at 7:30PM  
April 10 at 2:00PM  
Bradford Auditorium

***Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley***

December 2-4 at 7:30PM  
December 5 at 2:00PM  
Bradford Studio 150

***Ain't Misbehavin' – The Fats Waller Musical***

March 31 and April 1-2 at 7:30PM  
April 3 at 2:00PM  
Bradford Auditorium

***Radio Show Ensemble***

April 28-30 and May 5-7 at 7:30PM  
Bradford Studio 150

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**September 3, 2021: Due to concerns over increasing cases of COVID-19, three events have been cancelled:**

- ♦ 1960 Class Reunion -- the Reunion Committee will be returning all reservation deposits;
- ♦ 1958 Class "80+1" Birthday Party; and
- ♦ 50th Anniversary of the Norway Trip & 1966-1980 BHS Choir Reunion.

**We'll keep you posted on any additional notices as we receive them. Stay well and stay safe!**

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**September 3, 2021:** Each year, KBHSAA supports publication of the Spy yearbook by purchasing a full-page ad. With all of our spare time devoted to the DAA Plaque Restoration project, mentioned above, we completely forgot to post our [2021 ad](#). We learned this morning that Bradford High School has a new Yearbook Advisor, Kelli Griffin... we've reached out to her via email to say "welcome aboard."

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**July 12, 2021:** While browsing on the Mary D. Bradford High School website this morning, we noticed a link to the virtual [2021 Bradford Convocation Awards Ceremony](#), hosted by Principal Brian Geiger.

Immediately below, we spotted an article entitled [Student Showcase](#), recognizing Bradford seniors "for their hard work and dedication to the art of dance. We recognize them for going above and beyond, digging deep within to find and create meaning in their work, challenging themselves to stay motivated although they have been virtual most of the year." The final project of Bradford senior and KBHSAA scholarship recipient **Adrianna Terrell '21** is featured here: [Rejuvenation Screen Dance](#).

KBHSAA wishes all 2021 graduates the very best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.