06/15/2024: The Kenosha Country Club was glowing as we kicked off the start of the DAA Banquet & Scholarship Fund Silent Auction on Saturday, June 15. Each dining table was adorned with fresh floral arrangements - donated by Aiello Mid-Town Florist - which were elegant in their simplicity and added such a festive note to the event. KBHSAA sends its sincere thanks to Aiello's for their generous support of KBHSAA.



KBHSAA President Randy Vaccaro welcomes those in attendance at the June 15 DAA Banquet. (Photo by Heather Vaccaro '01)

06/08/2024: KBHSAA Treasurer Dulcie Schoff travelled with a friend to Madison tonight to cheer on the Bradford Girls Softball Team at the State Championship. She reported at 10:23PM that the score at the "top of the 7th inning was 9-3... Bradford needs 3 more outs to be champions." At 10:26PM, she reported, "One more out... Whooohooo!" Then, at 10:32PM came the message, "They won!!!"





**05/30/2024:** On Wednesday, May 8th – the day after *horrific* thunder storms here in Kenosha – **KBHSAA Vice President Alice Schwalbe** delivered treats to Bradford High School for Teacher Appreciation Day on behalf of the Alumni Association. She included handwritten notes to the staff thanking them for their continued support and dedication to all students and for being the "glue" to forming and advancing Bradford students on their educational path. Thanks to Alice and her husband, Peter, for wrapping the individual cookies and delivering them to BHS!

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching... we find that the older we get, the faster time flies. Commencement Ceremonies for the Bradford Class of 2024 are on Saturday, June 8. We wish the graduating seniors all the best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

**05/18/2024:** Time is running out for you to make a reservation for this year's DAA Banquet & Silent Auction. If you sidelined the reservation form last month, please retrieve it from your "to do" stack (doesn't everyone have one of those?) and send it in as soon as possible.

Earlier this month, we uploaded the Bradford Alumni Association's ad for the 2023-2024 edition of the Spy Yearbook to the publisher's FTP website. We thought you might like to see the final copy of the ad <a href="here">here</a>, which includes photos of this year's DAA honorees, best wishes for the Class of 2024 as they move on to the next chapter in their lives and the list of this year's Scholarship Recipients.



**05/17/2024:** We noticed this post on Bradford High School's Daily Announcements today:

Come out and support our Bradford Theatre Arts program this Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 10:30AM to 10:00PM at MOD Pizza (9250 76th Street, Pleasant Prairie... it's easiest to enter from Hwy 50 at 94th Avenue, then turn left on 76th Street). Please tell them you're with Bradford and, if you order online, be sure to use the code MODGIVES25. Thanks!

**05/09/2024:** Yesterday, we shared the names of the <u>2024 KBHSAA Scholarship Recipients</u>, who have been invited to attend the DAA Banquet & Silent Auction on Saturday, June 15, at Kenosha Country Club. If you are local to the Kenosha area, you will want to be there as these talented young people step to the podium to share brief remarks as they look ahead to the beginning of their college adventures. Then, we will hear from the <u>2024 Distinguished Alumni Award honorees</u>, who will no doubt share some touching memories of their years at Bradford and beyond.

Proceeds of the Silent Auction benefit the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund. Local area businesses have very generously stepped up with donations for this year's event. You'll find the list of items going up for bid on our **Sneak Peek: Silent Auction** web page.

The reservation form for the event is available <a href="here">here</a>, and the reservation deadline is fast approaching: **Thurs., May 30!** We hope you will join us for an evening of camaraderie and fun!

**04/10/2024:** Bradford High School will once again host its annual summer Golf Outing... we thank Brian Geiger, BHS Principal, for giving us a heads up on the event. Use this link to make reservations via credit card for the event, which is set for:



Monday, July 15, 2024 **Bristol Oaks Golf Club** 16801 75th Street, Bristol, WI

Cost: \$125 per golfer Includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, gifts, two beverage tickers and hole events.

Note: All event attendees must be 21 years old. Collared shirts must be worn: shorts must be to the knee. No denim allowed. No steel spikes are allowed.

Reservation deadline: Monday, July 1, 2024

Reservations may also be mailed to the address below; please enclose a note indicating the names and phone numbers of those in your party, along with a check payable to Bradford High School (\$125/golfer):

**Bradford High School** ATTN: Susan Wade 3700 Washington Road Kenosha, WI 53144

So line up your foursome and make plans to take part in this special event... hope to see you there!

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## 03/23/2024:

Congratulations to Jenna Zeihen '17,
founder of Soul Space Kenosha
and Miss Kenosha 2022, who was awarded
the Women to Watch Under 40 Award during the
33rd Susan B. Anthony Women of Influence Awards Dinner at
the DeSimone Arena at UW-Parkside on Friday, March 22, 2024.
Jenna is pictured at left, along with her mom, Juli Zeihen.
(Photo by Bob Zeihen '82)

**03/07/2024:** Donations for the Scholarship Fund Silent Auction have been arriving steadily. We are pleased to announce we have activated our **Sneak Peek: Silent Auction** web page, where you may view the items that will be going up for bid at the DAA Banquet & Silent Auction on Saturday, June 15. Please check back regularly to see what's new!

Hope you will save the date and plan to attend this fun event, where we will recognize the 2024 DAA Honorees and the Bradford Class of 2024 scholarship recipients. The reservation form for the event is available <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

**02/22/2024:** Today we launched our Campaign for Silent Auction Donations... letters will be sent out via USPS and, in some instances, hand delivered to local businesses by some of our very dedicated KBHSAA Board members. We have also reached out to about a dozen organizations through their respective websites.

We are hoping to raise \$4,000 with this year's Scholarship Fund Silent Auction, to be held in conjunction with the Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 15. If you own a local business and would like to help out with this endeavor, please reach out via the <a href="Contact Us">Contact Us</a> page. We will launch our **Sneak Peak: Silent Auction** web page in early March.

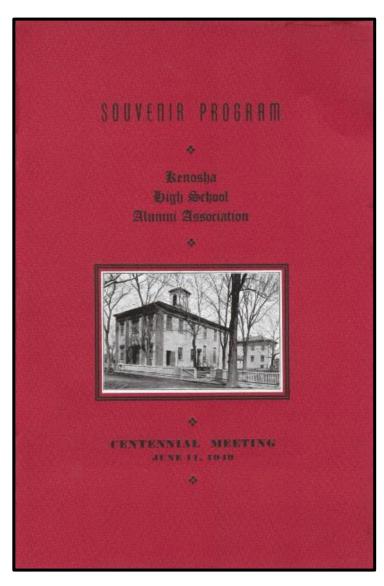
In 2023, KBHSAA scholarship offerings totaled \$21,500 (12 scholarships); this year's scholarship offerings total nearly \$30,000 (17 scholarships). We'd like to thank our membership for their continued support of the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund. You may view historical data for our Scholarship program here.

In the meantime, save the date and plan to attend the DAA Banquet & Silent Auction on June 15... we look forward to seeing you there!

**02/18/2024:** We noticed a scrapbook in the KBHSAA Archives at the ESC, which was compiled by the Alumni Association Board to cover the Centennial Meeting held on June 11, 1949 and marked the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the first free high school in Southport (now Kenosha).

The event drew over 350 attendees from 19 states. Alumni Association members who were unable to be in attendance received a copy of the Souvenir Program prepared for the event (pictured at right if you are viewing this page on a laptop; or, above if you are viewing it on your Smartphone), which included:

The history of the school, including photos of Michael Frank (1804-1894) and Reuben Deming (1798-1867), the men who "devoted their energies to the development of local schools and the organization of a state school system";



- A list of Principals of Kenosha High School from 1849-1949; and
- A photo of the members of Kenosha High School's Class of 1861: 8 young men and 2 young women.

**01/18/2024:** We noticed this event on the BHS Daily Announcements this morning ... we're thinking the timing is perfect ahead of the NFL playoff games this Sunday!

## BRADFORD SOFTBALL PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, January 21, 2024 12:00 Noon until 3:00PM Stella's Casa Capri (2129 Birch Road) Tickets available at the door: \$15/person Great food Basket Raffles & Hourly 50/50 Raffles Silent Auction (ends at 2:45PM)

You need not be present to win!

**12/14/2023:** Today we received word of a funding drive organized in support of **Northside Outfitters**, a thrift store inside Mary D. Bradford High School, which provides clean clothing and personal care items to students at no cost. Various students, classes and clubs help wash donated clothing and keep the store organized. Northside Outfitters' access to laundry facilities is limited, which limits what the organization can have available to students. Their goal is to install laundry facilities so we can regularly wash clothing donations and make them available to students. The informational flyer for this fundraiser is available on the **BHS and Community Events** page.

Donations via cash or check (payable to Bradford High School) may be brought to the Attendance Office at Door #1 on school days from 7:30AM until 3:00PM or sent via USPS at the address below. *Donations sent directly to the school have the added advantage of 100% of the donation amount benefitting Northside Outfitters.* 

Bradford High School Northside Outfitters 3700 Washington Road Kenosha, WI 53144

Northside Outfitters is also set up to accept donations online <u>here</u>, but please note that the host website takes a percentage of the donation proceeds.

Every donation makes a difference, so thanks in advance for considering a donation to Northside Outfitters. Questions? Please feel free to contact:

Ms. Michelle Ishmael, Northside Outfitters Coordinator Phone: 262-359-6178

Email: miishmae@teachers.kusd.edu
Website: https://bhsnorthsideoutfitters.weebly.com/

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**12/12/2023:** The Fall 2023 edition of the KBHSAA Newsletter included a brief notice indicating the nomination form for our Distinguished Alumni Awards program was available on page 6, as well as posted on the KBHSAA website. We are pleased to report we received the first nomination form yesterday via USPS.

If you have been thinking about a classmate or family member who has made significant contributions to his/her community and who serves (or served) as a positive role model, please put those thoughts on paper and submit your nomination ahead of the January 31, 2024 deadline.

Then please save the date on your calendar for the annual DAA Banquet & Silent Auction on Saturday, June 15, 2024, which will once again be held at the Kenosha Country Club. If you own a business or would like to personally donate an item for the Silent Auction, which benefits the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund, please reach out via the Contact Us page so we may arrange for local pick up of the item.

**12/05/2023:** This evening we posted details of the 2023 Gingerbread House Showcase on our BHS and Commuity Events page. It is an annual event organized by Frau Ishmael, who is a teacher at Bradford. We send our thanks to Melissa Otwaska, BHS Library Admin, for emailing us the details for this event. The Gingerbread House pictured at right is one of the entries from the 2022 Showcase.

Everyone in the Kenosha Unified community – including alumni – is welcome to build and decorate a Gingerbread Creation and submit pictures to be posted online. The deadline for submitting photos of your creation is Monday, December 18. Please visit the BHS and Commuity Events page for more info.

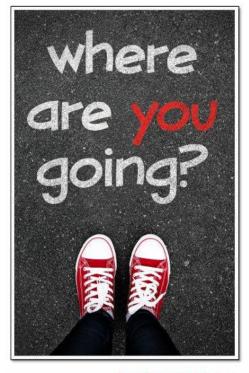


Wouldn't this would be a fun thing to do with your children or grandchildren?

**10/24/2023:** KBHSAA activated its <u>Current Scholarship Offerings</u> web page on October 6, 2023. We send our thanks to BHS Principal Brian Geiger and Brian Schulz, School Counselor, who have been very supportive as we look for ways to increase student interest in the 2024 KBHSAA Scholarships. The week of October 9, Mr. Schulz emailed a link for our Scholarship Offerings to seniors and their parents/guardians. On October 12, we updated the web page with an additional scholarship, for a total of 17 scholarships valued at \$29,946.

We were excited to receive the first scholarship application on October 20! If you have children or grandchildren who are Bradford seniors this year, we hope you will encourage them to apply.

Later this week, KBHSAA will launch its promotional campaign for the scholarships, using the poster below (see next page), which will be distributed to Bradford staff members who serve as Advisors for Sports, Clubs and Activities, as well as in key hallway locations throughout the school.





If you plan to further your education after you graduate, the Alumni Association has 17 scholarships (listed below) offered exclusively for members of the Bradford Class of 2024.

The best part of this? A single application form covers all 17 scholarships!

Visit our website for details:



Application deadline: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

## **KBHSAA 2024 Scholarships Offered**

- KBHSAA, Inc. Scholarship \$1500
- KBHSAA, Inc. Frank J. Germinaro (1966) Memorial Scholarship \$1000 KBHSAA, Inc. Judge James Carlson, OFS (1962) Memorial Scholarship \$1500
- KBHSAA, Inc. Joseph Brittelli (1948) Memorial Scholarships 2 available, \$1500 each
- John M. Cibrario (1958) Memorial Scholarship \$1500
- John Wavro (1957) & Judy Schuetz (1960) Wavro Academic Scholarship \$1500
- John Wavro (1957) & Judy Schuetz (1960) Wavro Athletic Scholarship \$1500
- The Valiere Anderson Petersen (1930) Award for Excellence in Music \$1000
- Peter Schwalbe (1959) and Alice Jackson (1960) Schwalbe Family Scholarship \$1000
- Bill Serpe (1957) and Barbara Serpe Scholarships 2 available, \$3000 each
- Chester Woroch (1936) & Dorothy Scholler Woroch (1942) Memorial Scholarship \$2500
- Wayne W. Loney (1959) Scholarship \$2500
- Wilhelm Winzer Building & Construction Trades Scholarship \$1973
- 1973 Class Scholarship \$1973
- Dr. Stephen G. Schmelling (1958) Academic Scholarship \$1500

Kindly display poster until 03/26/2024.

This activity is not sponsored by KUSD or its personnel.



## 09/07/2023:

Sending out our very best wishes to Ernie Tenuta, Class of 1942 on the occasion of his 100th birthday, coming up tomorrow, September 8!

07/11/2023: We have relocated the <u>KBHSAA Home Page Archive</u> to the list of links on the left side of this page.

**07/08/2023:** KBHSAA fiscal year ended on June 30, and we realized today we had not shared the full-page ad purchased for placement in 2023 Spy yearbook... you may view it **here**.

Results for our annual Scholarship Fund Silent Auction, held in conjunction with the Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 17, have been posted on the <a href="Thank You 2023 Silent Auction">Thank You 2023 Silent Auction</a>
<a href="Donors">Donors</a> web page. We would also like to thank those in attendance at the DAA Banquet, who supported our Scholarship Fund by participating in bidding on the many great items available at this year's event.