

06/22/2026: *This is a much belated post, marking the occasion of Bradford's Commencement Exercises, held on Saturday, June 6. The event was moved into the Bradford Fieldhouse due to the weather forecast. Thanks to the KBHSAA board members who were on hand to pass out membership forms and extend congrats to the seniors who are now looking in their rearview mirrors at their high school years and very much looking forward to beginning the next phase of their lives, whether that means heading off to colleges/universities throughout the country, pursuing trade school opportunities and/or working to save up enough money to further their education.*



On hand to pass out KBHSAA membership forms at Graduation on June 6, 2026, from left to right: Randy Vaccaro, Sandi Hansen, Jan Vaccaro, Judy Bilotti and Dick Gentz.

The friendly inhabitants of the booth next to KBHSAA at Graduation on June 6th were the group from Bradford's End Zone Club (pictured below), who were there to sell a wide variety of snacks and bottled water to the crowd that had gathered in the Fieldhouse to proudly watch and cheer on their seniors as they "walked the stage" to receive their diplomas. Christie Bemis tells us their group will be assisting with plans for an Alumni 7v7 Flag Football Game once the 2026 Bradford Football season has wrapped up. Please watch our BHS & Community Events page for more information on that event; we will post it as it becomes available. Visit the new website established for BHS Football, where you can view Varsity, JV1 and JV2 game times, locations and matchups all in one place: <https://www.bhsfootball.com/bradfordfootball-calendar>.

Go Bradford!!!



Representing Bradford End Zone Club at Graduation on June 6, from left to right: Trey Young, Liz Pfeuffer, Jenny & Kameron Rodriguez, Bryce Richter, Ashley Lemay, Marvin Jones, Christie-Lynne Bemis, and Christian Garcia.

05/24/2026: On Thursday, May 21, representatives of the KBHSAA Board were present at Bradford High School for the Senior Honors Convocation to hand out a Certificate of Scholarship to each of the seniors selected to receive a 2026 KBHSAA Scholarship. When we posted the list on May 12, one of the recipients had asked if we could list her as "anonymous," because she wanted to surprise her mom when her name was announced at the May 21 event. We have now added her name to the list, and you will find the full list [here](#). We've included a few photos from the event below.



Photo 1 (above left): Randy Vaccaro, KBHSAA President (at podium) talks about the Bradford Alumni Association; standing to his left are Alice Schwalbe, KBHSAA Vice President, Joyce Sorensen, KBHSAA Membership Co-Secretary and Mr. Kotarak, Principal of Bradford High School.

Photo 2 (above right): Ms. Sorensen announces the scholarship recipients.

Photo 3 (below): Mr. Vaccaro and Ms. Schwalbe pose with this year's scholarship recipients.



05/12/2026: We recently activated the [2026 Scholarships Awarded](#) web page, sharing the names of the seniors selected to receive a KBHSAA Scholarship. We send our best wishes to this promising group of young people, as they prepare to launch their college careers at schools across the country: Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. We hope they will be in attendance at the DAA Dinner on Saturday, June 27, as honored guests of the Bradford Alumni Association!

Reminder: if you haven't already made your reservation to attend the DAA Dinner, we hope you will download the reservation form [here](#) and gather a group of your fellow classmates who would enjoy a night out. It's amazing how reminiscing about the "good old days" and the dear friends we made at Bradford keeps us young at heart. Life is connections! The deadline for reservations is just a month away.

03/27/2026: The reservation form for the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner & Silent Auction is now available [here](#). Make your plans now to attend this event, which is open to the public. It's a fun evening that brings together our school and alumni families. We hope to see you there!

03/01/2026: We could not pass up the chance to share a link to the WGTD 91.1 FM news item, headlined [Civic Involvement Knows No Age Limit](#). The article on the website spotlights **Mary Jane “MJ” Lippert '47** and her son, Eric Haugaard.

Good to see you, MJ!

Thanks to **Alisa Ruffolo Taleronik '82** for alerting us to this local news story. If our members have news to share, they may reach out to the Alumni Association via the [Contact Us](#) page.



02/28/2026: Save the date and plan to join us for an evening of camaraderie and fun as KBHSAA celebrates its 135th anniversary!

Saturday, June 27, 2026
Distinguished Alumni Awards (DAA) Dinner & Silent Auction
Kenosha Country Club (500 13th Avenue)
5:00PM Cash Bar & Silent Auction Kick-Off
6:15PM Dinner
7:30PM Silent Auction ends / Program begins

The 2026 DAA Honorees, as well as Class of 2026 scholarship recipients, are invited to attend as honored guests of KBHSAA. 100% of the proceeds of our Silent Auction benefit the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund.

Today we launched our [Sneak Peek: Silent Auction](#) web page... please check back often for updates to the growing list of items that will go up for bid. We hope to see you there!

Updated 02/20/2026: We learned on February 7 that **Mr. Alex Sabo**, Director of Bands at Bradford High School from 1972-2005, had passed away in Milwaukee. He is pictured at right in a photo shared on the Fb page for [BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND](#).

Visitation is on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, his family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Kenosha Education Foundation. We have updated his [In Memory](#) page entry with the full obituary, or you may view it on the funeral home's website: <https://www.draeger-langendorf.com/obituaries/alex-louis-sabo/>

Rest in peace, Mr. Sabo.



01/15/2026: Breaking News: The City of Kenosha has a limited number of bricks from the recently demolished Washington Junior High/Middle School and is offering them to anyone who may be interested.

We send our thanks to Kris Winzer Miller who noticed the post on the City's FB page, alerted a friend, who passed it on to another friend and so on. We hear the bricks are going fast! The note above makes it sound like you have to pick up the bricks on Thurs., Jan 22, between 4-6PM, but we've already picked up ours today.



11/05/2025: We send our thanks to BHS **Principal JJ Kotarak** for posting the following on the school's Facebook page, as well as posting it throughout the school next to the posters we produced to announce "the lineup" of our 2026 Scholarship Offerings!! We now have 18 scholarships, as another was added after the initial announcement.



10/28/2025 (updated 10/29): KBHSAA participated in the Special Needs Trunk or Treat event held in the Bradford High School parking lot on Sat., Oct. 25 from 12:30-2:30PM, with **Randy '73 and Jan '74 Vaccaro** working the event. We used the candy leftover from our booth at the Bradford Homecoming Tailgate event on Oct. 10, augmented with a few additional bags of goodies. The night before, we put together 450 bags of candy to pass out to the trick-or-treaters. When we arrived shortly after 10AM, we hung our KBHSAA banner on the side of our car, using rare earth magnets to hold it in place. We were novices at this event, so we kept our table décor rather simple: black table coverings with a Happy Halloween banner and die-cut Halloween images on light weight cardboard strung across the front; plastic pumpkin totes and a vintage wooden bird cage, which held a pair of faux black crows and a third one perched on the roof; and display frames containing the posters advertising the 2026 KBHSAA Scholarships available for Bradford seniors. We also had membership forms, T-shirt order forms and lists of scholarships (along with a QR code for our website's Scholarship Offerings web page).



As the clock ticked to 12:30PM on a grey and rainy day, a long line of parents and kids waiting for their special trick or treat event began to circulate around the perimeter of the parking lot. We saw so many imaginative costumes and more importantly, so many smiling faces! Quite a few children were captivated by our bird cage décor – one little boy reached out to try to open the cage to set the birds free.



By 2:00PM, we were starting to worry we *might* run out of candy. We didn't... but it was great to see the organizers from MSS Therapy, Joel Robles-Quintero and Grace Marotz, had a back-up supply of candy available for the Trunk participants. We took just a few photos at the event to share on our home page. MSS Therapy has shared photos and videos [here](#) on its Google Drive (we suggest you click on the link near the upper right order to switch from list layout to *grid layout*, so you may scroll through the photos without having to click each one).

10/24/2025 (updated 10/29): Thanks to **Joyce Sorensen '69** for sharing the following link to the story filed by WTMJ4 in Milwaukee in re: Bradford's 2025 Homecoming Queen, **Gabby Martin**. We had the privilege of seeing Gabby and her fellow Bradford Cheerleaders in action at the Homecoming Tailgate on October 10th. Very nice, feel good story we are happy to share here... hope you will enjoy watching it as much as we did!

<https://search.app/fzm1b>

On another subject, last week we added a 19th scholarship to our list of 2026 Scholarship Offerings, bringing the total amount available to \$47,473. You'll find the complete list [here](#). The KBHSAA Board is working to connect with Bradford seniors and their parents as they attend Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct. 28 and Oct. 30. Thanks to the following Board members who volunteered to spearhead this endeavor: **Sandie Hansen '78, Ashley Wright-Schmoldt '10, Dulcie Schoff '80, Jodi Stettner '80 and Randy Vaccaro '73.**

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Always remember your Northside Pride!

10/14/2025: KBHSAA hosted a booth at Bradford's inaugural Homecoming Tailgate event on Friday, October 10. We promoted our 2026 scholarships and had a "Spin the Wheel" game where participants could test their knowledge of Bradford High School's history. (The source for questions we used is found [here](#) on Bradford's website.) None of the participants went away a loser – all were invited to select a few candies from our pennant-adorned red buckets.



Bradford's Dance Team and its Cheerleaders got the Tailgate crowd's spirits pumped up with their routines, and it was great to hear Bradford Band play the Bradford Fight Song we all knew so well way back when. It's amazing how quickly the lyrics come back to you when you hear the first few bars played!



The Bradford Red Devils took to the field at 7:00PM against the Oak Creek Knights. We had a good time cheering on our alma mater's football team. At half time, the Red Devils were down 10-0, but they came back to score two touchdowns in the second half – the final score was Oak Creek 10, Bradford 14!



10/09/2025: This morning we uploaded the fall edition of the Newsletter to our website -- you'll find it [here](#), along with a list of those who participated in the Bradford Band 100th Anniversary Celebration Concert on Saturday, May 17, as members of the Alumni Band. We send special thanks to **Rick Ritacca '74** for covering this event on behalf of KBHSAA.

10/02/2025: Today we launched our [2026 Distinguished Alumni Award Nominations](#) web page. If you have been thinking of nominating a classmate or friend for DAA honors, please download the nomination form at your convenience and then be sure to submit it before the January 31, 2026 deadline. Need some inspiration? Visit our [Close Up: DAA Honorees](#) web page, on which you will find photos of the DAA plaques from 1989 to present, which are on display at Bradford in the hallway east of the Main Entrance.

Yesterday, we activated our [Current Scholarship Offerings](#) web page, announcing 18 scholarships – a total of \$44,473 –available exclusively for members of the Bradford Class of 2026. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, etc., please encourage them to apply. The Scholarship Application is available for download, and a single form covers all 18 scholarships!

Please visit our [Fund a KBHSAA Scholarship](#) web page if you may be interested in establishing a specific scholarship for the seniors at our alma mater.

We noticed a post on Facebook for the **1st Annual Homecoming Tailgate**, and we are gearing up to be there on Friday, October 10. The event will take place on the southwest side of Bradford's parking lot from 5:00PM until 6:30PM, and there will be food available for purchase. Kick-off time is 7:00PM, when our Bradford Red Devils will take on the Oak Creek Knights. Buy your tickets for the game [here](#). Our source at Bradford tells us admission to the game is free for senior citizens! We hope to see you there!

P.S.: *We're told tickets for the game may be purchased at the gate, but it must be done online via your Smartphone.*



09/09/2025: We heard through the grapevine that **Ernie Tenuta '42** celebrated his 102nd birthday at Coopers Uptown (formerly Jack Andrea's) with a chocolate malt named after him! Happy Birthday, Ernie!!! We noticed a photo shared on Facebook and on 9/12, we saw another post that included a photo of him at House of Gerhard.



08/16/2025: Jodi Williams, Bradford Theatre Arts teacher, recently sat down with us to discuss their upcoming production of *The Christmas Carol*, a joint project of the Bradford Fine Arts programs, which will include band, choir, orchestra and dance students, as well as the visual arts – groups that are not usually part of theater arts productions.

Her passion for theater was clearly evident as she explained “it is about so much more than just learning lines and blocking. Storytelling is fundamental to the human experience and key to building understanding. We deeply believe in the power of theater to build a better school and a closer community. We will be auditioning younger students from Bullen & Washington to play the smaller children's roles. We discovered how open we could be when we invited our faculty and staff to be more than just audience members. Having adults join the students for last year's production of *CLUE* opened a whole new set of possibilities. And we've decided to try it again with the Dickens classic.”

The Christmas Carol will be entered in the International Thespian Festival's Mainstage Competition. The show will be recorded and sent to the Educational Theater Association's adjudicators for review. Jodi tells us, “The competition is stiff, and we will be up for consideration with a number of other Wisconsin schools, as well as schools from across the country. Last year 73 productions applied, only eight were chosen to perform. We want to enter this year with a production we feel truly represents the splendid support Kenosha has for all of its arts programs. It is unique and to be cherished.”

We are checking with the festival to see what the rules are on adult performers. Adults participating will have their roles doubled by students in the cast, to ensure we can enter the show in the festival and still have our community be a part of the show.

Jodi explained their biggest challenges this year revolve around funding. The Christmas Carol will cost approximately \$24,000 to produce. This isn't unusual for a large show, where we must cover royalties, materials, licensing for the music, design positions, music direction positions and sound engineers. We anticipate costumes to be a heavy lift for this piece, and we have to build the set. This show also has special effects that we want to make memorable. We are also developing a special donations list that is themed with the show. If accepted to perform at the festival, that trip will happen in June; festival expenses are a separate set of costs.

Bradford Theater Arts will be selling program ads this year, both for individuals who wish to recognize someone special and for businesses. There is also an option to become a Bradford Theater Producing Partner. KBHSAA is pleased to make the ad flyer available [here](#) on our website. We hope our KBHSAA members and our community will step up to support Bradford Theater Arts. Please visit our [BHS & Community Events](#) page for complete details as to dates/times and a link to purchase tickets through the KUSD Fine Arts web page for the following shows:

- ***The Book of Will***, a very fun take on what happened to Shakespeare's works after his death.
- ***12 Angry Women***, an adaptation of the classic jury drama.
- ***The Hello Girls***, about service women in WWII. We want to connect with our veterans and all service sectors with *The Hello Girls*. While we have just started planning for this show, we know there are members of the community with whom this piece will resonate, and we want to connect our students to the history both here and how the importance of service touches all of us.

Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr. will represent Bradford in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival, which takes place in October and November. This competition has three rounds and the possibility of being selected to represent Bradford as a one act at the national festival in June. *(Please note: There are no public performances of this show.)*

08/15/2025: Today we launched the [Wilhelm Winzer Grant Program](#) web page, which makes (10) \$250 grants available to KUSD Elementary School teachers. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2025.

07/10/2025: *We are pleased to report the Silent Auction, held in conjunction with the Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet on June 28, raised a total of \$3,742 for the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund. We send our thanks to the many businesses and individuals who so generously supported our fundraiser. The complete list of donors for this year's event is posted [here](#).*

We're excited to announce the following news item:

In July 2023, for Kris Winzer Miller's 50th class reunion, she and husband Larry Miller offered a \$1973 "Building & Construction Trades Scholarship" in honor of Kris' late father, Wilhelm Winzer, a carpenter, craftsman and immigrant from Croatia/former Yugoslavia, arriving in Kenosha in 1959.

As no Bradford HS seniors met the criteria for the scholarship in 2024 or 2025, **Kris and Larry have increased the funding to \$2500 and, through KBHSAA, will offer TEN \$250 grants available to KUSD elementary school teachers for the 2025-26 school year.** The application form for this program will be made available through KUSD and the KBHSAA website in the coming weeks.

Please watch the KBHSAA website for more information, or reach out via the [Contact Us](#) page if you wish to receive an update via email when the program launches.

07/09/2025: Each year, we purchase a full-page ad in support of Bradford's Spy yearbook. Here is a photo of the ad for the 2024-2025 edition. Also, as an FYI, we have moved FY 2024-2025 Home Page posts to our [Archive](#).



Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2025

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Best wishes

2025 KBHSAA Scholarship Recipients!

Morgan Smith
KBHSAA, Inc. - John Bilotti (1962) & Judy Bleashka Bilotti (1965) Scholarship - \$1500

Thomas Feick
KBHSAA, Inc. - Bradford Class of 1974 Scholarship - \$1500

Sariah Jackson
Brooklynn Danielson
KBHSAA, Inc. - Joseph Brittelli (1948) Memorial Scholarships - \$1500 each

Audrey Kauffman
KBHSAA, Inc. - Judge James Carlson, OFS (1962) Memorial Scholarship - \$1500

Maya Mary Wheeler
KBHSAA, Inc. - Marguerite Huck Hall (1956) Memorial Scholarship - \$1500

Samantha Margetson
The Jack Holy (1959) Future Teacher Scholarship - \$7500

Rachel Shatzer
The Valiere Anderson Petersen (1930) Award for Excellence in Music - \$1500
John M. Cibrario (1958) Memorial Scholarship - \$1600
The Jack Holy (1959) Future Teacher Scholarship - \$7500

Evelyn Ceja-Lagunas
Bradford Class of 1969 Thomas Iorio Memorial Scholarship - \$1500

Angela Parker
Bradford Class of 1973 Scholarship - \$1973

Robert Belotti
Wayne W. Loney (1959) Scholarship - \$2500

Aillion Brown
Dr. Stephen G. Schmelling (1958) Academic Scholarship - \$1500

Alivia Scozzaro
Peter Schwalbe (1959) & Alice Jackson Schwalbe (1960) Family Scholarship - \$1000

Gabriella Cascio
Aliyah Barlow
Bill (1957) & Barbara Serpe Scholarships - \$4500 each

Savannah Kloehn
Shirley A. Greenwald Seymour (1953) Memorial Scholarship - \$1000



KBHSAA is the third oldest active high school alumni association in the U.S. It was founded by the first class to graduate from the building we fondly called "The Annex," which was demolished in 1980 when the current Mary D. Bradford High School opened. Membership dues and the generous donations of alumni make it possible for KBHSAA to:

- Administer and facilitate scholarships available for graduating Bradford seniors;
- Publish a biannual online *Newsletter*;
- Honor Distinguished Alumni for their achievements at the DAA Banquet & Silent Auction; and
- Provide financial assistance to Class Reunion Committees.

We hope you will take a few minutes to check out our website, learn more about KBHSAA and, when the time is right for you, consider joining our organization.

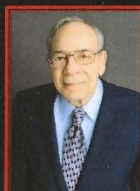
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KBHSAA is proud to announce the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award honorees:

Kathleen J. Hees, R.N.
Class of 1958
Recognized for achievement in medicine & geriatric care



James R. Chiappetta
Class of 1960
Recognized for achievement in business



Kenneth L. Bates, Ph.D.
Class of 1968
Recognized for achievement in education

