

WSHSAA Holiday Mailer

Greetings, fellow Westside High Alumni!

On behalf of the West Seattle High School Alumni Association Board members, we hope your 2023 is wrapping up to have been a very good year. A highlight for me was our All-School Reunion the first Saturday in June, when we enjoyed our first in-person on-campus event in three years. It was a great turnout, and under the leadership of Carlos Estrada-Alamos and John Zitkovitch, a group of dedicated volunteers helped the Board host a memorable day. Join our team for 2024! (See Board Member Contacts below.)

UPCOMING DATES:

Hall of Fame Nominations due December 15

Chinook: Class Articles due February 13, general articles due March 1

Scholarship Applications due April 5

Rep Meetings 6:30-7:30pm School Library Mondays: 1/22, 2/26, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20

West Seattle High School Annual 5k Run/Walk: 5/19

All School Reunion Saturday 6/1/24

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: Reminder, WSHSAA is served by an all-volunteer Board! We invite all alumni to help us however you feel inspired to engage with the West Seattle High School community. Here are some ideas:

- Help promote, help with and show up for the annual All-School Reunion
- Bring your community engagement ideas to Rep meetings or email us at wshsaa.98116@gmail.com
- Show up at school events - sport games, theater performances, art shows, etc. (see <https://westseattlehs.seattleschools.org/calendar-and-news/>)
- Help promote alumni involvement with students, staff, school and community programs and events, via social media and personal engagement
- Special projects support: help bring back merchandise offerings, build out website and social media, be a school & community liaison, help with contact management & outreach.
- Partner with West Seattle High School PTSA (Parent, Teacher and Student Association) (see <https://wshsptsa.org/>)
- Help promote and participate in the 5/19 West Seattle 5K Run/Walk (see <https://westseattle5k.com/>)

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Our well-deserving graduates thank you too! As noted in an excerpt from Delphine Prange Class of '21 recipient of

the Patricia Feldman Noyes' 'Women in Science' Scholarship, from the 2023 Chinook: 'I am wrapping up my final semester at the University of Colorado, Denver, preparing to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Communications. With the support of the Alumni Association, I was able to attend University out of state, which has always been important to me. I want to give the Alumni Association a final Thank You, though the gratitude for the Scholarship will thrive far beyond this letter. I do not plan on ever leaving my status as a student behind. I plan to move through life with an open mind and absorb all the knowledge I can. I recognize the privilege I have to be able to look at my education with less financial stress and more practical application, as I embark on the next steps of my journey. With sincere appreciation, Delphine Prange

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