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A Celebration of Scholarship, Service, and Success

Students from the graduating SHS Class of 2026, parents, family, friends, and alumni gathered in the SHS auditorium on Saturday evening, April 25, 2026, to celebrate the SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony, the Honored Alumnus presentation, and the tradition of the 145th Annual Meeting.

Executive Director Audrey Cleveland Null '76 welcomed the audience and then introduced the 2025-2026 SHSAA President Tim Harrington '84, who conducted the required annual meeting of the association. The first order of business was to elect the new board members and officers of the SHSAA Board of Trustees for the 2026-2027 year. New board members that were voted into office include Lu Ann Limestahl Cole '71, Terry Ketchum '82, and Matt Yerkey '82, D.D.S. All will serve as board members for a three-year term ending in 2029.

The officers of SHSAA for 2026-2027 were then voted upon and approved.
President: Brad Stephens '91
President-Elect: Matt Bender '98
1st Vice President: Dr. Peter Apicella '82
2nd Vice President: Frank Zamarelli '82
Secretary: Karli Utt '12
Treasurer: Daniel Moore '95

SHSAA Treasurer Daniel Moore '95 gave the annual treasurer's report. He stated, "As of April 24, 2026, the Alumni Association's assets total $16,170,562.33. In 2025, we received $421,938 in contributions and gifts, along with $387,923.66 in investment income. Our operating expenses were just $202,010, or 25% of income—well below the national average for organizations like ours. That financial strength is no accident. It reflects a long-term commitment to thoughtful stewardship and disciplined investing. In 2025 alone, we experienced an unrealized gain of $1.65 million and a one-year return of 15.06%. Our investments are managed with care, discipline, and a vision that allows us to compete with even the most prestigious institutions."

He continued, "In addition to scholarships, I'd like to briefly highlight another important way we support our students—our Grants Program. Because sometimes the best investment we can make… is directly in the classroom. To further our mission of fostering student development, the Salem High School Alumni Association offers grants of $100 to $500 to eligible kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers in the Salem City School District.

"This past year, SHSAA provided $11,282.82 to 28 classrooms—supporting initiatives that expand learning, enhance the classroom environment, and create unique educational opportunities that support both the academic and personal growth of our students. Applications for the next round of classroom grants will be available in the fall of 2026.

"Last fall, a Named Grant was generously established by Drs. Austin and Liz Fredrickson, both members of the Class of 2008. Named Grants allow donors to create a lasting impact by funding a specific educational purpose in perpetuity. With a contribution of $10,000 or

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more, 5% is distributed annually to support that initiative. We are grateful to the Fredricksons for establishing the Kelly Janofa K–8 Gifted and Talented Education Grant, which will empower teachers with the resources needed to create engaging and challenging opportunities for gifted learners."

Next, President Harrington returned to the podium and acknowledged board member Andy Clutter '05 whose term expired on June 30, 2026. Clutter finished his third consecutive three-year term on the alumni association board where he served on the Marketing Committee and was very helpful with the Quaker Sam mascot initiative. A warm thank-you and a hearty round of applause were given to Andy.

SHSAA Administrative Assistant Alyssa Bricker '20 was asked to stand to be acknowledged. She was thanked for the outstanding job she does for SHSAA.

Two others were thanked for their efforts. Special thanks were given to the 2026 Scholarship and Grant Committee Chairman, Dr. Peter Apicella '82 and to Jean Kiliman Esposito '71 who assisted him. The other members of the Scholarship and Grant Committee were then thanked for their commitment and for their dedicated service.

A time-honored tradition that the Salem High School Alumni Association proudly continues since 1958 was the next part of the evening's program. The 2026 Honored Alumnus, Dr. Sylvia Torti is a 1986 SHS alumna and is a renowned ecologist, author, and educator. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Utah School of Biological Sciences and her bachelor's degree from Earlham College. Her 30-year career as a writer has been highly successful as she has written multiple scientific research papers, articles on pedagogy, many short stories, and also two novels. Her position as the seventh president of the College of the Atlantic follows her prior role as dean of the Honors College at the University of Utah.

Unfortunately, because of an unavoidable work commitment, Torti was not present for the Honored Alumnus award ceremony. However, she addressed the audience and specifically the SHS Class of 2026 through a video. She thanked the alumni association for the honor and congratulated the SHS Class of 2026. She told the students to "put your talents, energy, and education to work in service of yourselves" and reminded them that this would provide a better world.

She shared that she realized graduating from high school can cause anxiety and that students might be asking themselves many questions during this life changing time period. She related the questions, "How will I make a living?" and "Who am I and how will I live life?" Torti told the students that she had always wanted to be a doctor, and today she is an ecologist, a writer, and the president of a college. She related, "I'd like to encourage you to take some risks and sign up for some courses completely outside of your interest area. Part of what makes higher education fun is immersing yourself in a new place, new relationships, new viewpoints, and using those experiences to test your assumptions about yourself and how you think of the world."

She explained that while college is often thought of as a series of isolated choices made for oneself - such as choosing a major or deciding on a career - Torti said, "There is a better way for you to look at the college experience: a way that sees a richer path through others; that to find your way in life is to see your place and value among people with different perspectives, experiences, and ways of thinking. When the best biologists live alongside the best poets, when promising engineers work in the field with passionate journalists, when passionate dancers learn abroad with computer scientists - they all encounter something much deeper about each other and themselves, knowing what others know, valuing what others bring, and doing what is only possible with others." Torti continued, "When that happens, college becomes a collective experience more than a focus. A widening of thought, more than a perfection of a major, a mastery of inter-personal skills, more than the career you will have, but the life you will lead. So finally, the answer to that question of 'How will I live my life?' is pay attention, get involved, and always be open to possibilities." Torti concluded her remarks by reading the poem "The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver.

Executive Director Audrey Cleveland Null then saluted the 50-year Class of 1976 by sharing some memories from the year she and her classmates graduated from Salem High School. She announced that the class will be contributing a physical gift to the alumni office but said that will soon be announced and revealed at the time of the class reunion in August.

The main event of awarding scholarships was the highlight of the evening as the Salem High School Alumni Association awarded 133 scholarships totaling $450,250 to 67 Salem High School graduating seniors and 47 alumni. The anticipation and excitement in the auditorium were palpable as the Class of 2026 students were called onto the stage and congratulated for their outstanding academic achievement, volunteer service, and dedication to making a positive difference in their school and community.

Postsecondary students were not required to attend the program, but they were acknowledged in the program and also during the event when they were asked to stand to be congratulated.

Since 1908, more than $10.5 million has been awarded to 2800 students to help them pursue their career aspirations through the generosity of alumni and friends. Donor contributions have made a significant, life-changing impact upon the lives of so many Salem students.

Executive Director Null invited Lily Hill from the graduating class to come forward to help lead the singing of the Alma Mater. Null also reminded the class and all audience members to please attend the SHSAA Open House in the school cafeteria immediately following the conclusion of the program where catered refreshments would be offered along with drinks from Kast Iron Soda Works and dessert from the Totally 80's Ice Ice Cream Shoppe.

Quaker Sam was on hand to congratulate scholarship recipients and happily pose for photos with students, families, alumni, and friends. The evening concluded with everyone knowing this momentous occasion would remain a lasting memory for those honored for their excellence.

A Night of Quaker Pride

Dr. Sylvia Torti
2026 Honored Alumnus

Dr. Sylvia Torti, PhD, was honored as the 2026 Honored Alumnus on April 25, 2026. Just days before the SHSAA Annual Meeting and Scholarship Award Ceremony, she was selected as the 20th president of Westminster University, Utah's only independent, nonprofit private institution of higher education.

As president, Torti will work to unite the Westminster University community around a shared vision for increasing enrollment and ensuring the university's long-term financial health. Her priorities include expanding community partnerships, increasing fundraising, strengthening Westminster's outreach to prospective students, and aligning academic programs with workforce needs and meaningful career opportunities.

Torti and her colleagues will also focus on positioning Westminster as a nationally recognized university while preserving the personal, interactive learning experience that has long defined the institution. Torti attended Westminster's commencement on May 9, 2026, and officially began her tenure on campus in July. She will be formally inaugurated as president in the fall.

SHSAA 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Student and Alumni Relations Committee Frank Zamarelli '82 introduced the 2026 Honored Alumnus, Dr. Sylvia Torti '86, to the audience. Although Torti was unable to attend in person, she delivered an inspirational message to the SHS Class of 2026 through a video presentation. Listening intently are SHSAA Executive Director Audrey Cleveland Null '76, SHSAA Treasurer Daniel Moore '95, SHSAA President Tim Harrington '84, and SHSAA 1st Vice President and Chairman of the Scholarship and Grants Committee Dr. Peter Apicella '82.

SHSAA Executive Director Audrey Cleveland Null '76 served as co-chairman of the SHS Class of 1976 50-Year Reunion Committee, along with her friend and class vice president, Melissa Bork Niederhiser. During the SHSAA program, Audrey shared a brief reflection on school and social life in 1976, offering a nostalgic look back at the times and experiences that shaped the SHS Class of 1976. The '76ers celebrated their 50-year reunion with three days of events during the SHS Alumni Weekend in August.
Photo courtesy of The Salem News.

Students wait in quiet excitement and anticipation in the front section of the SHS auditorium before the beginning of the 2026 SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony. Sitting in the first row and giving their best Quaker smiles are (left to right) Paige Menough, Evan Croxall, Roxanna Beck, Cheyanne Buday, Chloe Dowd, and Morgane Blaine. In the second row (left to right) are Kaitlyn Jones, Gabriella Coletta, and Eva Rand. Smiling brightly from the third row is Elise Bender.

Celebrating the Class of 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Faces of Quaker Excellence!

Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship - Memphis Haueter received $5000 and is with Cindy's son Mike O'Brian and husband Doug O'Brian.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lowry Memorial Compassion Scholarship - Anthony Lucci received $5000 and is with Lizzie's father W. Robert Lowry II.

Emma Bauman Holmes Vocational Scholarship - Morgane Blaine received $5000.

Ernest and Lois Hill Kornbau STEM Scholarship - Vincent Yannucci received $5000.

Floyd and Cora May Reich Stone Vocational Scholarship - From left, Melody Rodriguez received $2500; Aiden Davis received $1000.

George Ansley Mitchell Memorial Engineering Scholarship - Daniel Marin received $5000 and is with Carolynn "Lynn" Mitchell.

Greenisen Leadership Scholarship - Elise Bender received $5000.

Hickey Vocational Scholarship - Gabriella Coletta and Kamryn Eckman each received $2500.

Howard (Doc) Pardee Music Scholarship - Dawson Theiss received $2500.

J. Robert Sebo Achievement Scholarship - Karlie Sampson and Evan Croxall each received $2750.

J. Robert Sebo Bowling Green State University Scholarship - Vincent Yorlano received $4500.

John Michael Pozniko Engineering Scholarship - Ty Tonkinson and Sean Hoffman each received $2500.

John P. Sharp Jr. Scholarship of Promise - Cheyanne Buday received $5000.

Lois A. Peters Memorial Business Scholarship - Ryan Folger received $2500.

Rudy Schuster Memorial Scholarship - Lillian Hill received $5000.

Nancy Hickey Memorial Healthcare Scholarship - Garryn Rohm received $2500.

Max Fisher Athletic Scholarship - (Left-Right) Vincent Yorlano, Logan Bricker, Evan Croxall, Kamryn Eckman, and Brooke Stockton each received $2000.

Salem High School Class of 1966 Scholarship - Sebastian Hill received $5000.

Memorial Society Award - (Left-Right) Devin Shafer, Loamy Monjaraz, Roxanna Beck, Raelene Plegge, and Cameron Sperry each received $1000.

Memorial Society Award - Alaina Frazier received $1000.

Salem High School Class of 1968 Education Scholarship - Lucas Fox received $5000 and is with members of the Class of 1968, Rick Berg, Dianna Steele Orsburn, and B.J. Cooper Abrams.

Virginia E. Snyder English Scholarship - Eva Rand received $5000.

Academic Merit Scholarships

GPA 3.75-3.79
Each received $3000. (Left-Right) Dalton Gorby, Emerson Kemats, Vincent Yannucci.

GPA 3.80-3.84
Each received $3500. (Left-Right) Aiden Wright, Kassidy Swanson, Kaitlyn Jones, Brooklynn Herold $1750 (2 years), William Harmon, Nathan Fowler, and Marshall Boron. Not Pictured - Garryn Rohm.

GPA 3.85-3.89
Each received $4000. (Left-Right) Emmarie Noble, Mave Johnson, Laura Hovorka, Gabriella Coletta, Madalynn Andres, Braydon Fennema, and Benjamin Severe.

GPA 3.90-3.94
Each received $4500. (Left-Right) Sebastian Hill, Lucas Fox, Morgane Blaine, and Angeline Hoffaker. Not pictured - Dawson Theiss.

GPA 3.95-3.99
Each received $5000. Daniel Marin, Kendra Bosel, Anthony Lucci, Chloe Dowd $2500 (2 years), Ryan Sampson, Cheyanne Buday, Alex DeRienzo, and Ty Tonkinson.

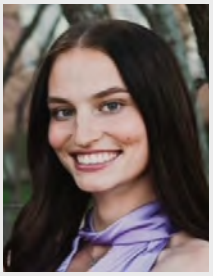
GPA 4.00
Each received $5500. (Left-Right) Isabella Gallagher, Caleb Cutlip, Kendall Gorby, Cooper Barth, Delaney Callahan, Hadley Carlisle, Elise Bender, Madelyn Clow $2,750 (2 years), Charlotte Bricker, and Memphis Haueter.

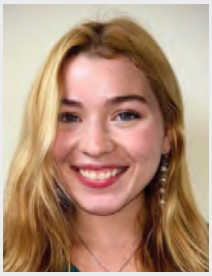
GPA 4.00
Each received $5500. (Left-Right) Paige Menough, Emilee Lewis, Camryn Mark, Savannah Schneider, Rebekah Marshall, Eva Rand, Lucas Madjarac, and Sean Hoffman.

2026 SHS Valedictorian
Ryan Folger received $6500.

Congratulations 2026 SHSAA Postsecondary Scholarship Recipients

Charles Fox Medical Scholarship
Recipients received $2000.


Halle Cochran '21


Emma Griffith '21

Meghan Griffith '19

Kasey Jeckavitch '08

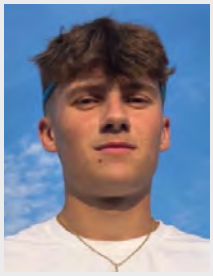
Erin Malysa '22

Nathan Martin '19

Anna Shivers '15

Kloe Sinsley '22

Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship
Recipient received $2500.


Trent Fink '24

Doris Tetlow Award
Recipient received $2500.

Ina Fryfogle '25

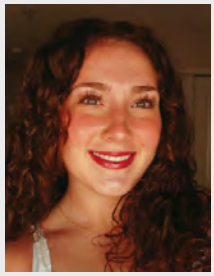
Greenisen College Leadership Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.

Ethan Shelhart '24

Howard (Doc) Pardee Music Scholarship
Recipient received $2500.

Ricky Short '24

J. Robert Sebo College Scholarship
Recipients received $2500.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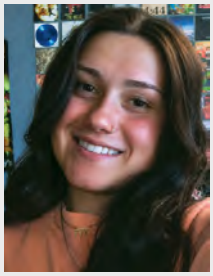
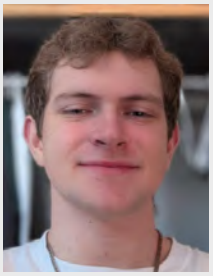

Avery Snyder '22

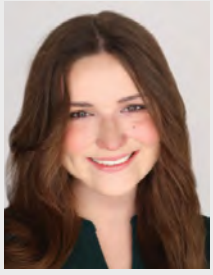
E. Blair Yerkey Memorial Ohio State University Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.


Chase Poffenberger '24

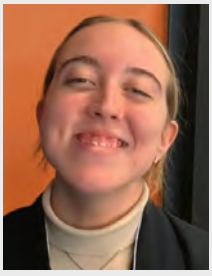
Fred and Dana Gaunt Pharmacy Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.

Olivia Knauf '19

John F. Cone Humanities Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.


Ava Cheeks '25

John P. Sharp Jr. Engineering Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.

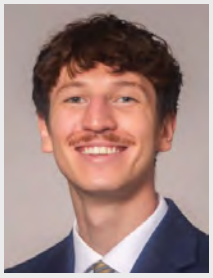

Emma Hammers '24

John P. Sharp Jr. Entrepreneurship Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.

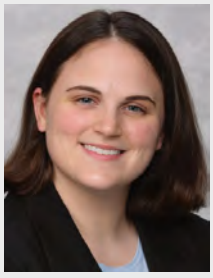
Megan Miller '24

John P. Sharp Jr. Outstanding Performance Scholarship
Recipients received $2500.

Preston Anthony '24


Cade Cushman '19

John R. Stratton and Carolyn Webster-Stratton Medical Student Scholarship
Recipient received $10,000.


Catherine Jones '16

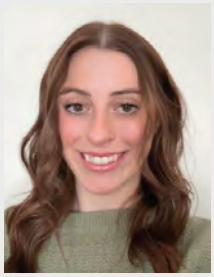
Leon H. Colley Award
Recipient received $2500.

Mallory Hudson '24

Lois A. Peters Memorial Business Scholarship
Recipient received $2500.

Hensley Nicholson '24

Marion Ackerman Vocational Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.

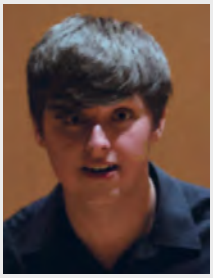


Emma Minamyer '17

Nancy Hickey Memorial Healthcare Scholarship
Recipient received $2500.

Karlie Stith '24

Nina J. Cone and Stephen F. Cone Music Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.



Logan Hovorka '23

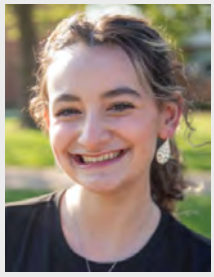
Thomas and Mildred Lohri Kornbau Engineering Scholarship
Recipient received $5000.

Keegan Mayhew '24

Memorial Society Award
Recipients received $1000.

Aiden Bell '25

Alyssa Bricker '20



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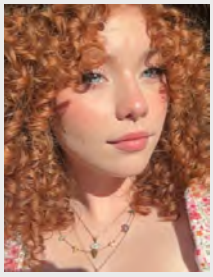

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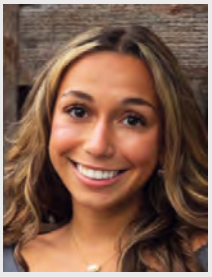

Klaire Jaquette '25

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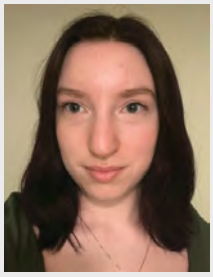

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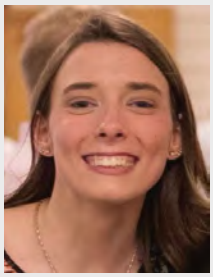
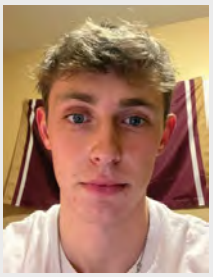
Kelsey Phillips '23

Alsean Reed '24

Ethan Rudibaugh '24



Darian Sharp '23



Tim Stephens '23

Lana Tonkinson '25

Madison White '22

Chloe Wilhelm '23

The Salem High School Alumni Association appreciates Bricker Photography for taking the pictures of the 2026 high school scholarship recipients. Photos of the postsecondary scholarship recipients were included as a part of the student application process.

Scholarship applications will be available on the SHSAA website at www.salemohioalumni.org beginning December 15, 2026. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2027. The SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony and 146th Annual Meeting will be held on April 24, 2027, in the SHS auditorium.

Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Summary

2026

Academic Merit Scholarship	$233,250	52 Scholarships
Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship	$2,500	1 Scholarship
Charles Fox Medical Scholarship	$16,000	8 Scholarships
Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Doris Tetlow Award	$2,500	1 Scholarship
E. Blair Yerkey Memorial Ohio State University Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lowry Memorial Compassion Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Emma Bauman Holmes Vocational Scholarship (Renewable)	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Ernest and Lois Hill Kornbau Stem Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Floyd and Cora May Reich Stone Vocational Scholarship	$3,500	2 Scholarships
Fred and Dana Gaunt Pharmacy Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
George Ansley Mitchell Memorial Engineering Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Greenisen College Leadership Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
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Hickey Vocational Scholarship	$5,000	2 Scholarships
Howard (Doc) Pardee Music Scholarship	$5,000	2 Scholarships
J. Robert Sebo Achievement Scholarship	$5,500	2 Scholarships
J. Robert Sebo Bowling Green State University Scholarship	$4,500	1 Scholarship
J. Robert Sebo College Scholarship	$5,000	2 Scholarships
John F. Cone Humanities Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
John Michael Pozniko Engineering Scholarship	$5,000	2 Scholarships
John P. Sharp Jr. Engineering Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
John P. Sharp Jr. Entrepreneurship Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
John P. Sharp Jr. Outstanding Performance Scholarship	$5,000	2 Scholarships
John P. Sharp Jr. Scholarship of Promise	$5,000	1 Scholarship
John R. Stratton and Carolyn Webster-Stratton Medical Student Scholarship	$10,000	1 Scholarship
Leon H. Colley Award	$2,500	1 Scholarship
Lois A. Peters Memorial Business Scholarship	$5,000	2 Scholarships
Marion Ackerman Vocational Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Max Fisher Athletic Scholarship	$10,000	5 Scholarships
Memorial Society Award	$25,000	25 Scholarships
Nancy Hickey Memorial Healthcare Scholarship	$5,000	2 Scholarships
Nina J. Cone and Stephen F. Cone Music Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Rudy Schuster Memorial Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Salem High School Class of 1966 Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Salem High School Class of 1968 Education Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Thomas and Mildred Lohri Kornbau Engineering Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Virginia E. Snyder English Scholarship	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Total Scholarships: 133 **Total Recipients: 114**	**$450,250**	**133 Scholarships**

1908-2026

Academic Merit Scholarship (1908 - 2026)	$7,400,798	2166 Scholarships
Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship (2026 - 2026)	$2,500	1 Scholarship
Charles Fox Medical Scholarship (1993 - 2026)	$430,060	236 Scholarships
Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship (2026 - 2026)	$5,000	1 Scholarship
Doris Tetlow Award (2014 - 2026)	$47,500	22 Scholarships
E. Blair Yerkey Memorial Ohio State University Scholarship (2022 - 2026)	$25,000	5 Scholarships
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lowry Memorial Compassion Scholarship (2022 - 2026)	$22,500	8 Scholarships
Emma Bauman Holmes Vocational Scholarship (Renewable) (2008 - 2026)	$84,000	23 Scholarships
Ernest and Lois Hill Kornbau Stem Scholarship (2025 - 2026)	$10,000	2 Scholarships
Florence C. Schafer Award (2014 - 2025)	$46,500	28 Scholarships
Floyd and Cora May Reich Stone Vocational Scholarship (1987 - 2026)	$151,300	105 Scholarships
Fred and Dana Gaunt Pharmacy Scholarship (2021 - 2026)	$25,000	5 Scholarships
George Ansley Mitchell Memorial Engineering Scholarship (2025 - 2026)	$10,000	2 Scholarships
Greenisen College Leadership Scholarship (2008 - 2026)	$95,000	20 Scholarships
Greenisen Leadership Scholarship (2004 - 2026)	$113,900	23 Scholarships
Hickey Vocational Scholarship (2007 - 2026)	$89,950	30 Scholarships
Howard (Doc) Pardee Music Scholarship (2007 - 2026)	$93,889	85 Scholarships
J. Robert Sebo Achievement Scholarship (1999 - 2026)	$180,200	64 Scholarships
J. Robert Sebo Bowling Green State University Scholarship (2001 - 2026)	$70,250	31 Scholarships
J. Robert Sebo College Scholarship (2002 - 2026)	$143,800	62 Scholarships
John F. Cone Humanities Scholarship (2011 - 2026)	$91,000	30 Scholarships
John Michael Pozniko Engineering Scholarship (2011 - 2026)	$81,100	35 Scholarships
John P. Sharp Jr. Engineering Scholarship (2019 - 2026)	$40,000	12 Scholarships
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John R. Stratton and Carolyn Webster-Stratton Medical Student Scholarship (2019 - 2026)	$80,000	8 Scholarships
Leon H. Colley Award (2014 - 2026)	$55,500	23 Scholarships
Lois A. Peters Memorial Business Scholarship (2014 - 2026)	$67,500	25 Scholarships
Marion Ackerman Vocational Scholarship (2024 - 2026)	$12,500	4 Scholarships
Max Fisher Athletic Scholarship (1973 - 2026)	$408,075	324 Scholarships
Memorial Society Award (2012 - 2026)	$235,350	218 Scholarships
Nancy Hickey Memorial Healthcare Scholarship (2012 - 2026)	$86,500	37 Scholarships
Nina J. Cone and Stephen F. Cone Music Scholarship (2012 - 2026)	$39,600	12 Scholarships
Rudy Schuster Memorial Scholarship (2025 - 2026)	$10,000	2 Scholarships
Salem High School Class of 1966 Scholarship (2007 - 2026)	$100,500	26 Scholarships
Salem High School Class of 1968 Education Scholarship (2018 - 2026)	$45,000	10 Scholarships
Thomas and Mildred Lohri Kornbau Engineering Scholarship (2025 - 2026)	$10,000	2 Scholarships
Virginia E. Snyder English Scholarship (2019 - 2026)	$40,000	9 Scholarships
Total Scholarships: 3717 **Total Recipients: 2800**	**$10,534,772**	**3717 Scholarships**

The Class of 1977 Leaves a Lasting Legacy for Future Quakers

The Salem High School Alumni Association is proud to announce two scholarships created through the generosity and dedication of the Salem High School Class of 1977. As classmates prepare to celebrate their 50th reunion in 2027, they have chosen to honor their legacy by investing in the future of Salem High School graduates.

The Class of 1977 scholarships are designed to assist students who have demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and a strong work ethic by balancing the demands of college with employment.

The **Salem High School Class of 1977 Junior-Year Renewable Scholarship** will provide support to a junior-level postsecondary student who has completed 60–89 semester credit hours. The scholarship recognizes students with demonstrated financial need and a history of working to help finance their education. The award will be distributed during the recipient's junior year and is renewable for the senior year, provided the student continues to meet the scholarship requirements.

In addition, the class has created the **Salem High School Class of 1977 50th Anniversary Senior-Year Scholarship**. This special, one-time scholarship commemorates the class's 50th anniversary and will assist a senior-level postsecondary student who has completed 90–120 semester credit hours. Like the junior-year scholarship, applicants must demonstrate financial need and a history of working while attending college. This award complements the renewable junior-year scholarship by providing an additional opportunity for deserving students.

Applicants for these scholarships must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), complete two essays detailing their employment experiences and educational journey, and provide letters of recommendation from both a postsecondary educator and an employer. The applications for these two scholarships will be available online at the SHSAA website, www.salemohioalumni.org, in mid-December 2026.

The Salem High School Alumni Association extends its sincere appreciation to the members of the Class of 1977 for their generosity, vision, and commitment to helping future Quakers achieve their educational goals. Their thoughtful planning, financial support, and dedication have created scholarship opportunities that will make a lasting difference in the lives of deserving students for years to come.

The Class of 1977's gift is a wonderful example of alumni giving back. Through these new scholarships, the Class of 1977 50th reunion celebration will leave a meaningful legacy that will continue to inspire and support Salem graduates well into the future. Their generosity demonstrates that decades after graduation, Quakers continue to invest in the success of those who follow in their footsteps.

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 JUNIOR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP (RENEWABLE)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a graduate of Salem High School in Salem, Ohio.
- Be the equivalent of an incoming junior in the fall (60–89 semester credits) in a bachelor's degree program at an accredited college or university.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in your postsecondary education.
- Summarize your work history since high school including date ranges, employer, average hours worked per week, and a description of the position. Please include information on financial need.
- Write an essay describing how your postsecondary work-related experience has influenced your educational challenges, your growth as an individual, and your career goals. Where do you see yourself in 5 years after graduation?
- Obtain two letters of recommendation, one from a postsecondary educator and one from any employer since graduating from high school. Your recommenders should be individuals who know you well and can speak to your qualifications for this scholarship.
- Complete the online Applicant General Information form.
- Upload a copy of your postsecondary transcript to date. An unofficial transcript is acceptable but must contain your name, the school's name, and all completed grades.
- Upload a copy of your Student Aid Index (SAI) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This scholarship considers financial need. An applicant with a high SAI value is unlikely to be chosen for this scholarship.
- Upload a recent photo for publication.
- Acknowledge your application is complete and accurate and that you agree to SHSAA's scholarship policies and terms.

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 50TH ANNIVERSARY SENIOR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a graduate of Salem High School in Salem, Ohio.
- Be the equivalent of an incoming senior in the fall (90-120 semester credits) in a bachelor's degree program at an accredited college or university.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in your postsecondary education.
- Summarize your work history since high school including date ranges, employer, average hours worked per week, and a description of the position. Please include information on financial need.
- Write an essay describing how your postsecondary work-related experience has influenced your educational challenges, your growth as an individual, and your career goals. Where do you see yourself in 5 years after graduation?
- Obtain two letters of recommendation, one from a postsecondary educator and one from any employer since graduating from high school. Your recommenders should be individuals who know you well and can speak to your qualifications for this scholarship.
- Complete the online Applicant General Information form.
- Upload a copy of your postsecondary transcript to date. An unofficial transcript is acceptable but must contain your name, the school's name, and all completed grades.
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- Upload a recent photo for publication.
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Keep the Quaker Spirit Going:
Support the SHS Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund

The Salem High School Alumni Association is extremely grateful to the classmates who have generously contributed to the SHS Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund, established to provide financial assistance to deserving Salem High School graduates as they pursue their educational goals. Members of the SHS Class of 1975 have already raised half of the $100,000 needed to endow the scholarship, and they are working toward reaching that goal by their 55th reunion in 2030. All alumni and friends are invited to contribute to this most worthy cause.

The SHS Class of 1975 members would also like to remind donors that memorial and tribute gifts may be made to the scholarship fund. Whether your gift is $50, $500, $1,975 or more, every contribution helps build a lasting legacy for future Salem graduates. When donating in memory or honor of someone, please indicate that you would like your gift credited to the SHS Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund.

Several Ways to Give

There are several ways to make a charitable gift that may provide tax advantages, depending on your individual circumstances. (SHSAA encourages donors to discuss charitable contributions with their financial or tax adviser.)

Cash Gifts: Beginning with tax year 2026, taxpayers who take the standard deduction may be eligible to deduct up to $1,000 in qualifying cash charitable contributions if filing individually, or up to $2,000 if married filing jointly.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock: Donating appreciated securities directly to a qualified charitable organization can be an attractive way to support the scholarship fund. Depending on your circumstances, donating appreciated property may provide charitable tax benefits while potentially avoiding the capital gain that could result from selling the investment first.

IRA Charitable Gifts: If you are 70½ or older, you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. A QCD may be excluded from taxable income and may also satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution. The distribution must be made directly from the IRA to the qualified charity.

Tax laws and individual circumstances vary. Please consult a tax professional, financial adviser, or IRA custodian regarding the best way to make your charitable gift. Donations to SHSAA can be made by check and mailed to: 330 E. State St., Salem, OH 44460 or by credit card online at www.salemohioalumni.org.

From Salem Roots to Remarkable Lives: Quaker Success Returns for Season 3

What does it really mean to be successful? Is it a career, a calling, a life well lived, or is it perhaps something entirely different? This fall, **Quaker Success: Redefining What It Means to Succeed** podcast returns for its third season, bringing more great stories of Salem High School alumni to listeners everywhere.

Hosted by Craig Berger '02, Aaron Berger '05, and Ed Butch '02, and presented in partnership with the Salem High School Alumni Association, Quaker Success goes beyond résumés and career accomplishments. Each episode features a long-form conversation with a Salem High School graduate, exploring where their journey began, what growing up in Salem meant to them, the twists and turns of their personal and professional lives, and the lessons they have learned along the way.

And Season 3 promises an especially interesting lineup of Quaker stories. Among the featured guests are Jason Greenamyer '02, Audrey Cleveland Null '76, Dr. Sylvia Torti '86, Larry A. Davis '69, Dr. Austin Frederickson and Dr. Liz Frederickson '08. From educators and entrepreneurs to community leaders and professionals, each guest offers a different perspective on what it means to find success. Their stories remind us that there is no single definition of success—and that sometimes the most meaningful accomplishments are the ones that cannot be measured on a résumé.

There is also a new way to experience *Quaker Success*. The podcast has launched a **YouTube channel, "Quaker Success Podcast,"** giving alumni and friends a convenient way to access every episode without needing an app or an account. The podcast itself remains audio-only, but the new YouTube channel provides another easy way for listeners to find and enjoy each episode.

Tune in wherever you listen to podcasts and be sure to follow the "Quaker Success Podcast" Facebook page and subscribe to the "Quaker Success Podcast" YouTube channel so you won't miss an episode. From Salem beginnings to lives lived around the world, *Quaker Success* continues to prove that there is no one path to success. Every Quaker has a story worth telling.

DONATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge our alumni and friends for their ongoing support and kind generosity. SHSAA received $168,496.32 in contributions between January 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026. This total includes contributions from class gifts, designated and general contributions, patron contributions, and funds toward the Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship, Lois A. Hickey Peters Memorial Business Scholarship, Dean Hansell Environmental Advocacy Scholarship Fund, John Piontkowski Scholarship Fund, and the Kelly Janofa K-8 Gifted and Talented Education Grant. Many thanks to all SHS alumni and friends for helping SHS graduates pursue their academic goals.

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In Memoriam

Our alumni remembrance honors those we have lost since our last newsletter in Spring 2026, including others recently brought to our attention who were not previously listed. Please note this listing is through July 31, 2026.

Listing from 3/1/2026 through 7/31/2026

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– Class of 1961 –
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Judith Falk Lodge 5/5/26
Karen Kerr Stambaugh 9/9/25
Richard Manning 12/19/24
Seymour Wyatt 3/20/26

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Mary Lou Pincombe Thilges 12/7/24
Ruth Hoopes Wagmiller 5/14/26

– Class of 1963 –
John "Jack" Sweet Jr. 5/1/26
Keith Rhodes 5/31/26

– Class of 1964 –
Norman Uptegraph 7/27/26
Peter Nollier 4/13/26

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– Class of 1973 –
Peter Martinelli 7/4/26

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– Class of 1976 –
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Mark Heim 11/2/23

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– Class of 1985 –
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– Class of 1986 –
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Britney Dermotta 4/4/26

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Jack Stiffler 6/21/26

Alumni Notes

Please submit any alumni news to audrey@salemohioalumni.org by February 15, 2027, to make sure it is added to the Winter/Spring 2027 SHSAA newsletter.

1966/1986

In March 2026, the Salem City Schools community sadly mourned the deaths of two beloved Salem Quakers. Superintendent **Sean Kirkland** and former superintendent **Dr. Joseph Shivers**, passed away days apart. Both had battles with cancer.

Sean Kirkland, SHS Class of 1986, was the sitting superintendent and passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026. He led the district starting in August 2019 and previously worked for Salem as a teacher, junior high principal, and high school principal.

Dr. Joseph Shivers, SHS Class of 1966, was the former superintendent who passed away just days earlier on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. After holding various administrative positions in Salem, Shivers became superintendent in 2014 and held that postion until Kirkland succeeded him. He helped in creating the Class of 1966 Scholarship and was the 2024 Honored Alumnus.

Both men were great leaders committed to ensuring Salem's students received an excellent education, and both were instrumental in realizing the vision of the new K-8 school building.

2005

When Atlanta Braves legend Andruw Jones was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame this summer, master baker **Amanda Karmazin**, owner of Karma Confections, was commissioned to design and build the official custom celebration cake for the centerfielder's formal enshrinement festivities. For a lifelong Atlanta sports fan and one of the region's most sought-after cake designers, the high-profile project was a dream assignment for Karmazin.

Known across the Metro Atlanta area for her meticulous attention to detail, she spent hours translating Jones' 17-year Major League career into edible art. Karmazin hand-sculpted every structural highlight of the multi-tiered masterpiece that featured striking, handcrafted focal points that became the talk of the celebration.

Delivering the cake to a true Braves icon was a career-defining moment. With a Hall of Fame endorsement officially under her belt, Karmazin and Karma Confections continue to elevate the standards of luxury cake design, one iconic event at a time.

2015

Dr. Zachary Morris recently gave one of the greatest gifts imaginable: the chance for someone else to live. As a registered stem cell donor through the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), he learned he was a one in three million genetic match for a patient in need of a life-saving bone marrow transplant.

Without hesitation, he underwent the donation process, knowing his willingness to help could mean everything to someone and their family. His selfless act is a powerful example of compassion, courage, and service, demonstrating how one person can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a complete stranger in need.

Morris's story is a reminder that a simple decision to join the donor registry can one day become a life-saving opportunity. While the odds of being a match are incredibly small, for the person waiting for that call, it means hope. For a person's family, it means the possibility of more time together.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 Salem High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Coach Earle Bruce
1956-59 Football

Mike DeBarr
1999 Football

Tom Jesko Jr.
2006 Boys Basketball

Sarah Brobeck
2008 Girls Track & Field

Matt Weingart
2016 Football

Girls Basketball Teams
1979-80 and 1980-81

Tom Wright ('66)
Joe Kelley Spirit of Salem Award

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SHS Class of 2006 - 20 - YEAR CLASS REUNION
Date: Friday, October 2, 2026, and Saturday, October 3, 2026
Date: Friday, October 2, 2026
Location: Sebo Stadium - Football Game
Salem Quakers will host Marlington at Home
Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026
Location: Ezio's Italian Restaurant
$40.00 per person to include dinner, dessert, and venue. A cash bar will also be available.
Contact: Salemquakers2006@gmail.com

SHS Class of 1977 - 50 - YEAR CLASS REUNION
Date: Friday, August 13, 2027, and Saturday, August 14, 2027
Date: August 13, 2027
Pre-Party Friday - Downtown Salem
Date: August 14, 2027
Main Event Saturday at the Salem Golf Club

SHS Class of 1962 - 65 - YEAR CLASS REUNION
Date: Saturday, August 14, 2027
Location: Salem Italian Club
Buffet dinner & cash bar with activities to begin at 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Peg Panezott 330-332-5789

SHS ALUMNI WEEKEND - August 13, 14, & 15, 2027
Mark your calendars! Full details to follow in the spring.

The 2026 summer and fall SHS class reunion and special event pictures and articles will appear in the 2027 Winter/Spring SHSAA newsletter edition. Current reunion events are listed on the alumni association's website at www.salemohioalumni.org.

Building Quaker Futures: Salem's New K–8 School Takes Shape

Construction is moving forward on Salem City Schools' new $57 million K–8 school located at 2002 Whinnery Road. The new facility is scheduled to welcome students for the 2027–28 school year and will bring Salem's K–8 students together in one modern campus, replacing Buckeye, Reilly, and Southeast elementary schools.

The new school is more than a major construction project, as it fulfills a vision that began more than 35 years ago. In 1990, the Salem Community Foundation purchased 67 acres known as the Whinnery Farm and donated the land to the Salem City School District, hoping it would one day benefit future generations of Salem students. That hope is now becoming a reality.

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission is providing approximately $37.88 million of the project cost, while the Salem Community Foundation has committed $10 million over 10 years to help reduce the district's local construction debt.

For the community of Salem, the new K–8 campus represents much more than a new building. It is an investment in our children, our families, and the future of our community.

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