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ARCHITECT CAMPBELL NAMED DISTINGUISHED ALUM FOR 2012



Richard Campbell

A California architect who helped with the Pearl Harbor memorial and who has been heavily involved in charitable support for children is this year's recipient of the Ames High School Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award.

He is Richard B. (Dick) Campbell (AHS 1955) of Palo Alto, CA.

Alumni Association president Jack Smalling said Campbell was selected because of his careerlong work in three areas: with the US Navy, as an architect and with

his public service and charitable efforts on behalf of children at the Stanford University hospital.

Professionally, Campbell has worked as an architect for nearly 50 years and is still on the job. Since 1984 he has been a partner with an architectural firm in Palo Alto, which has been responsible for designing and building several major buildings on the campus of Stanford University.

His latest and most notable achievement was to replace the Stanford football stadium, on a 90-year-old site, with a new 51,000-seat facility in less than 10 months.

Earlier in his naval career, Campbell was project manager for the Memorial for the USS Arizona, sunk at Pearl Harbor in 1941 with loss of 1,177 sailors and officers.

During the last 30 years, he has volunteered his time with community and church planning projects in San Francisco, Oakland and Los Altos.

Campbell also spent 17 years working on a charity that generated as much as \$300,000 annually to help pay medical costs for children whose parents could not afford treatment at the Stanford Children's Hospital.

His main assignment was to design and construct backdrops for major events. Campbell said he got his initial training in this area while a student at lowa State (1955 -1960) building VEISHEA floats for his Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

From 1972 to 1989, Dick hatched ideas, designed backdrops (or stages) that were 80 feet wide and as much as 24 feet high. He then supervised their construction. It has been estimated that he devoted 8,500 hours of volunteer labor during that time.

Themes for the backdrops ranged from a Taj Mahal motif to a Roman villa to the façade of a Victorian home. In 1980 he created a full scale replica of a Ford Tri-Motor airplane from the 1930s.

Shortly after he took on the assignment, he came to be known as "Captain Backdrop."

Charity organizers annually credited Campbell with setting the tone for a successful event.

Dick's philanthropic efforts also extend to cancer research. He and wife Marcia (Wilsie), also AHS-1955, have been major supporters of the Relay for Life Cancer Walk in Palo Alto. They lost their oldest daughter in March 2007 to the disease and annually sponsor a team in her honor in the walk.

In 2011 Dick and Marcia took total charge of the annual Survivors' Walk for Los Altos. Besides all of the logistics, they arranged for a squadron of 72 doves to do a fly-past and a sweeping turn in formation as a tribute to cancer survivors and their courage.

As Ames High students, Dick and Marcia were both members of Homeroom 113 with Ray Smalling presiding.

Between 1952-55 Dick was class president, homeroom president and on student council for two years. He was also in football for three years, track for two and In Hi-Y for three years, where he served as president as a senior.

About his Ames High experience, Campbell said he only first realized in college "how well I was prepared to excel. . . because of the educational opportunities and the outstanding, dedicated teachers."

He also praised boys adviser Everett Ritland, who suggested he apply for a NROTC scholarship – at a time when "I had never even seen an ocean." The leadership skills learned in the Navy, Campbell said, "helped me immeasurably in my subsequent practice of Architecture."

Smalling said that Campbell's nomination was supported by 14 persons, including professional architects, clients, charity organizers and five Ames High graduates.

Campbell is the twenty-third Ames High School graduate to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award since it was established in 1990.

The honor was presented as part of the annual Ames High School Athletic Hall of Fame dinner on Thursday, October 11.

Dick and Marcia recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Tom Emmerson, '55

Nominations for Distinguished Alums are always welcomed.

Send the name with supporting criteria to AHSAA, 1921 Ames High Drive, Ames, IA 50010

2012 Ames High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:



Front Row: John Sletten, Bonnie Gagnier Beckerich, Lee Sargent, Richard Campbell, AHSAA 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Back Row: Steve Dreyer, Doran Geise, Steve and Jeff Kester (representing their father, Lloyd Kester)

Lloyd Kester, '42 was a two sport star for Ames High School and one of the very few athletes who was all-state in two sports. But even rarer is the athlete who can garner such accolades in his first year in one of those activities. Lloyd was a starting forward on the basketball team, was voted the team's most valuable player and was selected on the all-conference and all-state teams. As an end on Coach Ken Wells' football team in 1941, this first-year player was first-team all-conference and was selected for the prestigious IDPA all-state team as well. Lloyd was a true team player in every sense.

Bonnie Gagnier Beckerich, '79 was a very talented, dedicated and hard-working gymnast. Perhaps no team in the history of Iowa Girls' gymnastics dominated during the late 1970s like Ames did. From 1976-79 Ames piled up a dual record of 25 wins and 1 loss. They won 3 conference and district championships, a state runner-up and a state championship title. Bonnie was the leading performer for the Little Cyclones during that impressive run in the all-around, bars, beam and vault. Her fondest memory is when she won the 1977 state all-around championship her sophomore year. She was also a state champion in the uneven parallel bars as well. These are just a few of the many accomplishments she achieved during her outstanding gymnastics career at Ames High.

Steven Dreyer, '87 is one of Ames High's graduates to make the professional "Big Leagues" in baseball. He had his finest season as a senior on a team that posted one of Ames High's best records ever going 28-2. He finished with a .333 batting average, hit 8 homeruns, went 6-0 as a starting pitcher and posted a stellar 1.27 ERA. After earning all-conference honors at Ames High,

Steve then moved on to further develop his pitching career at the University of Northern Iowa. In 1990, he was drafted in the 8th round by the Texas Rangers. His major league career had some interesting highlights that included relieving Nolan Ryan in Nolan's last game ever in 1993 as well as getting the last out ever on George Brett. One of Steve's favorite memories during his Ames High career was quite simply the "fun" he had on the 1987 team.

Lee Sargent, '64 distinguished himself during his track career as one of the greatest pole vaulters ever to compete for Ames High School. Three generations of pole vaulting in his family most likely contributed to his outstanding vaulting career at AHS. Not only did Lee win two state vaulting championships and a Drake Relays championship, but he also set seven major meet records and a state record during his two-year varsity career. Lee continued vaulting at lowa State University. Following college, Lee became the CEO of Todd and Sargent locally. One of his favorite memories is being a part of the great Hi Covey track era at Ames High.

Doran Geise, '78 was a three sport athlete who excelled in football, basketball and track at Ames High School. In the sport of football he was a team captain, team most valuable player, 1st team all-conference, all-state second team and a member of the Iowa Shrine Bowl team. In basketball Doran was a team captain and one of Ames leading scorers and rebounders. In track he still ranks in the top five with a discus throw of 164 feet and one inch. Doran continued on to play football at the University of Northern Iowa and then finished his college football career as a "Big Cyclone" at Iowa State University.

John Sletten, Coach, is definitely a track coaching legend at Ames High School. John coached boys' cross-country running at AHS for 37 years. During that tenure he guided Ames to 17 conference titles, 15 district championships, 3 state runner-up and 5 state championships. Even more amazing is his 41 years as the head coach of the Ames High boys' track team. During this time, his teams won 24 conference championships, 18 district championships, 8 state indoor and 9 state outdoor championships. In addition to the success of his teams, John has won numerous coaching honors. In retirement, John continues to help the Little Cyclones as a volunteer track coach, basketball statistician, football timer and AHS Hall of Fame researcher.

We Get Letters...

Dear Mr. Ripp and Mr. Smalling, Enclosed find dues for three years and additional money for one directory, plus shipping. I look forward to receiving this great publication. A big THANK YOU for all you both do! I miss Ames and our good old high school days! Hope you both are well!

Valerie Beavers Mills, '79

AHSAA,

This year, I finally took up the RAGBRAI challenge and got myself in good enough shape to do the entire 7 day trek from Sioux Center to Clinton, Iowa. Three of the seven days were over 100 degrees by early afternoon! It was a great experience-one I'd recommend for all those who enjoy bicycling. It's also a good way to shed 20+ pounds of flab. It was a great way to revisit Iowa. Think about it for 2013! "Ames Hi, Aims High!"

Bruce D. Woods, '61

I enjoyed reading the article about Martin Pappadolos. My father was his godfather and Martin would occasionally stop by our house when I was young. I even worked with him behind the counter at Frangos Restaurant one VEISHEA weekend. He was truly a character. I will be coming to Ames for the 50th reunion of the class of 1962. I will be sure to stop by and see him.

Anthony Pappas, '62

Enclosed is my membership renewal for 3 years, although the current one may not be up until 2014 if I read the address label right. I enjoy the newsletter, but must admit that there are very few names that I remember. It might be an age thing, but preferably I think it is because I only attended Ames High for my senior year in 1954. Having been there for such a short time, there were fewer

opportunities to make lasting friends and relationships. We have moved several times, and to each coast, which has made it hard to return to lowa for reunions. The newsletter helps to recall memories and times in Ames. Thanks to the staff for your time and effort to keep this valuable publication going.

R. Michael "Mike" Heverly, '54

Enclosed please find a check to pay for my Alumni dues for another 3 years. I can't believe I somehow forgot to renew--my apologies. Mr. Ripp, Mr. Smalling and anyone else at AHSAA--Thank you so much for your dedication and the awesome job you guys do in keeping all of us Alumni members informed of what is happening at Ames High. Ames High has always been a very classy school, and I am so proud to have graduated from AHS.

Lori Ann Schwartz, '79

Hello Bill & Jack,

We, the planning committee for the AHS Class of 1948, have at least settled on a date for our 65th AHS class reunion. It is to be September 21, 2013. We would appreciate getting out a notice in the next AHSAA Newsletter. We are still working on events and locations, but that can wait until the next newsletter. We will need an updated list of surviving classmates soon and will be mailing our inquiries before long. Thanks for your help.

Robert "Bob" Amme, '48 (303) 871-3852)

Dear Bill.

Thank you very much for your continuing efforts on behalf of Ames High School Alumni as founder and secretary of the AHSAA. Thank you, again, for attending the AHS 1962 Class Reunion. Carolyn and I

particularly enjoyed socializing with the 60 AHS classmates and their spouses. The AHS Homecoming football game, Olde Main Brewing Company social gathering, and Hilton Inn social gathering were very well organized and a lot of fun. Carolyn and I also toured Ames locations especially meaningful to my youth: my 1220 Harding Avenue home, my Des Moines Register and my Ames Tribune paper routes, historic Ames Main Street, Brookside Park, Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Roosevelt School and old Ames High School. In addition to our reunion, Carolyn and I celebrated my Iowa State University 45th anniversary at ISU President Steven Leath's installation. During our very special lowa weekend, we shared many wonderful walks down treasured memory lane. When we moved out of Iowa we took Iowa with us in our hearts. We look forward to the next AHS Reunion. The Ames High School Class of 1962 is awesome!

Scott Feamster, '62

Dear 1983 Classmates, Our 30-year class reunion is scheduled for August 9-11, 2013. The following activities are being planned for your enjoyment:

Friday, August 9th

5:00 p.m. - Olde Main Brewing Company followed by Della Viti Wine Bar.

Saturday, August 10th

9:00 a.m. - Tee-off at Veenker Memorial Golf Course

2:30 p.m.- Tour of Ames High School 5:00 p.m.- Dinner and Dance at Reiman Gardens

Sunday, August 11th

10.00 a.m. - Bowling, Video Games & Laser Tag at Perfect Games 4:00 P.M.- Live Outdoor Music at Prairie Moon Winery.

AHS 30-Year Reunion Committee

Ames Aims High too...



Dennis Tice '60

think anyone was from Ames!" This has been a frequent comment from Ames friends upon hearing I was born and raised in Ames, Iowa. So what has it been like living and working in my hometown? First, I soon became aware there were many other "natives." Whether at work, family activities or community organizations, I realized how many people who grew up in Ames are

living here and contribute in many ways.

Growing up we all knew Ames was the best town anywhere. We had the best of everything--schools, sports, stores and VEISHEA every spring. After graduating from AHS in 1960 and attending ISU, I graduated from Mankato State College (now Minnesota State University). My wife (Shirley Busch, AHS 1961) and I decided to return to Iowa. Our first home after college was in West Des Moines. Then came an opportunity in 1968 to return "HOME" to Ames and work in a new area at the Iowa State Highway Commission. Little did I know that would be the first of several roles, which would lead to a satisfying 35-year career at the Iowa DOT.

As we participated in school activities through the years with our kids (Chris, AHS 1985, and Lisa, AHS 1986), we were joined by many others with Ames roots. Often their playmates were children of people we had known in school. They even had some of the same teachers and administrators we had. It was fun watching them enjoy activities we loved as we grew up in Ames and attended Ames High. Many of our family activities were the same also. Band concerts and frequent visits to Brookside Park were family favorites. We perhaps appreciated the excellent schools more as parents than we did as students.

"You're from Ames? I didn't We loved growing up in Ames, but as adults we are often reminded our town is constantly changing, as we are. However, even with the many differences, we always enjoy the historical perspective we have from growing up here. Not everyone knows where Moore Dairy was or that AHS had great football and track right where Target once stood! As Ames natives we had special appreciation for the hard work that went into transforming the old Ames High School building into the present city hall.

> Watching changes has brought mixed emotions. Ames evolved through the years from a quiet place, especially in the summer, to a bustling city welcoming worldrenown entertainment and athletics, as well as some major industry. AHS has also seen many changes, one of the most notable being the addition of girls' athletics. We saw first-hand what a great experience that was for our daughter and so many other girls. So while we sometimes long for the quiet small-town feel of our youth, I realize many of the opportunities Ames now offers are only possible because of its growth. Hearing the comments of those returning for reunions brings an awareness of how dramatic these changes have been.

My career at the Iowa DOT was a great experience. Several things stand out. First, my various roles provided me with opportunities to work with many other cities in Iowa. I realized through those experiences my hometown was as outstanding as I thought it was growing up. Second, it was a unique experience to work along side many others who grew up in Ames. I worked with not only past classmates, but also their parents and in some cases their children. Our shared backgrounds enriched my work life and reinforced my assessment of how well AHS students are prepared for life.

I continue to appreciate the many ways Ames natives contribute to maintaining and building upon the rich heritage of their hometown. It has been rewarding to live, work and be part of all that makes Ames the special place it is.

Dennis Tice, AHS Class of 1960

In memory of: Chris Allen Knutson, '80 By: Diana Knutson Blair, '75

In memory of: Gene A. Lackore, '51 By: Lowell ('49) & Marcia ('51) Harper

In memory of: Thomas Jorgensen, Staff By: Katherine "Katy" Rozeboom Rice, '73

In memory of: Richard K. Richards, '39 By: R. K. Richards Estate

Memorials

In memory of: 1963 Deceased Classmates By: Carolyn Hagen Mehus, '63

In memory of: G. Keith Taylor, '47 By: Robert C. Amme, '48

In memory of: Sandra Smith Roach, '55 By: AHS Class of 1955

In memory of: Dorothy J. Timmons, '58 By: John L. Timmons, '64

In memory of: Bernard Posegate By: Michael ('58) & Carol Vogt McKinney ('60)

In memory of: William E. Heath, '56 Richard P. Brooks, '56 By: D. Kent Woodworth, '56

In memory of: Jack R. Compton, '54 By: Karen Compton Popelka, '58

In memory of: John R. Fleig, '65 By: John ('65) & Linda Hand ('65) Dunleavy

Memorials cont.

In memory of: **Nancy Houge Hadaway, '68**By: Karen Houge Haines, '58

In memory of: **William B. Rood, '44**By: Tamara J. Rood, '71

In memory of: Richard P. Brooks, '56

By: Richard ('56) & Carole Sorenson ('58) Begg

In memory of: Richard P. Brooks, '56
William E. Heath, '56

By Donald B. Ostermann, '56

In memory of: Jeffrey C. Shelton, '70

By: Jon ('70) & Bonnie Sandve ('70) Hunziker

In memory of: **Thomas J. Simmering, '66**By: Katherene Brown Anderegg, '66

In memory of: **DeWayne Catron, '58**By: Patricia Catron Christensen, '59

In memory of: **Gene A. Lackore, '51**By: Lloyd S. Kurtz, Jr., '52

In memory of: **George A. Underwood, '38**By: JoAnn Cole Peterson, '41

In memory of: **Kathryn Jo Obrecht, '80**By: Philip "P.J." Obrecht, '83

In memory of: **Mary McNally Paulson, Staff**By: Theodora "Toi" A. (Goettsch) Christensen, '62

In memory of: **Gary D. Samson, '56**By: Jeffrey ('74) & Julie Larson-Keller, '74

In memory of: **Joan Bachman Burrell, '58**By: Mona G. (Wolf) Mitchell, '58

In memory of: **Jeffrey Conrad Shelton, '70**By: "The Boys are Back in Town Group"

In memory of: **Margaret Shrader Ford, '60**By: Barbara Buchwald Houser, '60

In memory of: Elizabeth G. Kooser, '15 Ann Turner Dillon, '43

By: George E. Turner, '47

In honor of: James M. Marken, '62 Linda Fleming Marken, '63

By: Robin Carrasco

In memory of: **Martha Ann Elder, '55**By: Shirley Stevens Freshwaters, '55

In memory/honor of: **The McCarthy Family**By: Daniel R. McCarthy, '58

In memory/honor of: **AHS Class of 1962**By: AHS Class of 1962 Reunion

In memory/honor of: **AHS Class of I950**By: Harold W. Olson, Jr., '50

In memory of: **Daniel Alford, Father** By: Judson S. "Jud" Alford, '79

In memory of: **Leafa Fisher Strum, '36**By: Delores Fisher Wunder, '51

In memory of: **Nancy Houge Hadaway, '68**By: Michael J. Hadaway, '68

Some Have Left US

The following alumni are known to have died in recent years. Those listed in previous newsletters are omitted here. Some information may be incomplete. If you have any more information or unreported deaths, please advise the AHSAA. A complete listing of all known deceased alumni is available at www.ahsalum.org.

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<u>Class</u>	Name	Date of Death	City, State		
1930	Voss,Laura (Matson)	d. 4-30-2012	Bellflower, Calif.		
1931	Kelsey, Elizabeth Lou (Prall)	d.5-23-2009	El Paso, Texas		
1931 1932	Pilkey, Isabella (Palmer) McCain, Mary Elizabeth (Koos)	d.2-29-2012 d.2-5-2012	Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Corvallis, Ore.		
1933	Matzur, Dorothy Maxine (Engstrom)	d.4-8-2004	Kenosha, Wisc.		
1933	Prochaska,Loretta W. (Deal)	d.5-18-2011	Phoenix, Ariz.		
1934	Mullica, Howard Stacy	d.8-18-2012	Surprise, Ariz.		
1934	Severson, Norman Wesley	d.1-7-2012	Cedar Rapids, Iowa		
1935	Cryer, Marguerite (Root)	d.3-23-2011	Saint Petersburg,Fla.		
1936 1936	DeFore,Lucille Ellen Siberell,John Allen	d.5-10-2011 d.1-23-2011	Nevada,Iowa South Bend,Ind.		
1937	Albaugh, Richard Carl	d.1-23-2012	Clearwater,Fla.		
1937	Hamilton, Mildred Lucille (Van Vlack)	d.5-30-2012	Middletown, Conn.		
1937	Metzler, Dorothy May (Root)	d.12-11-2011	Macomb, Mich.		
1937	Muecke, Maxine Floye (Norlin)	d.9-17-2011	Pittsburgh,Pa.		
1937 1937	Schmoldt,Muriel L. (Miller) Stutzman,Wilma Esther (Peterson)	d.11-20-2011 d.7-9-2010	Cherokee,lowa Seattle,Wash.		
1937	Van Gundy,Edwin Austin	d.8-20-2009	San Lorenzo, Calif.		
1937	Wakeley, Elaine S.	d.3-16-2011	Larkspur, Calif.		
1937	Walker,Letha Ann (Behnke)	d.7-5-2011	Pleasanton, Calif.		
1938	Babcock, Dorothy (Pruitt)	d.3-18-2010	Fairfax,Va.		
1938 1938	Herum, Florence M. (Nicholson)	d.2-15-2011	Baldwin,Pa.		
1938	Ruggles,Bertram Leon Underwood,George Almon	d.6-11-2012 d.8-24-2012	Manhattan,Kans. Puyallup,Wash.		
1938	Williams, Phyllis Nina (McDowell)	d.9-17-2012	Oceanside, Calif.		
1939	Gasser,Lois Palmer (Deal)	d.12-17-2010	Middletown, Ohio		
1939	Graves, Barbara Ruth (Giese)	d.6-14-2011	Freeport,III.		
1939	Trusedell,Russell Max	d.5-20-2012	Turlock,Calif.		
1940 1940	Breckenfelder,Betty Jean (Severeid) Frazier,Robert John	d.5-10-2011 d.8-7-2012	Muscatine, lowa		
1940	Humphries, Helen Ruth (Kellogg)	d.8-20-2012	Horn Lake,Miss. Wichita,Kans.		
1940	Nelson,Kenneth Miles	d.5-8-2010	Carlsbad, New Mex.		
1941	Carpenter, Virginia G. (Dyas)	d.2-18-2012	Madison,Wisc.		
1941	Frazier,Peggy J. (Rushing)	d.6-12-2011	Oak Park,III.		
1941	Wearth, Richard Charles	d.7-4-2011	Wichita Falls, Texas		
1942 1942	Kuyper,Frances Foreman (Friley) Levan,Mary Darlene (Hill)	d.10-24-2012 d.7-23-2012	Green Mountain Falls, Colo. Mena, Ark.		
1943	Mullet,Betty Lou (Edenburn)	d.10-20-2012	Lincoln, Neb.		
1943	Scales, Mildred Ruth 'Peg" (Calvin)	d.2-26-2012	Johnston, Iowa		
1944	Busby,Keith William	d.2-6-2011	Yuba City, Calif.		
1944	Moore, Tillman M.	d.6-30-2012	Bellingham, Wash.		
1945 1946	Scannell,Mary Jeane (Thompson) Hines,Robert J.	d.4-21-2012 d.7-22-2011	Greenwood,Ind. Pontiac,Mich.		
1947	Ernst,Luella May (Hanson)	d.1-26-2011	Des Moines, Iowa		
1948	Pallas, Pauline Élizabeth (Houk)	d.10-9-2012	Edina,Mich.		
1948	Young, Jean Elizabeth (Kennedy)	d.7-13-2001	Oak Ridge, Tenn.		
1949 1949	Barber, John Robert	d.12-21-2009	Arvada,Colo.		
1949	Guthrie,Winifred (Wakefield) Corbin,Betty J. (Litchfield)	d.6-25-2012 d.7-20-2012	Seattle,Wash. Winterset,Iowa		
1951	Davis,Ruth Arlene	d.8-19-2011	Buena Vista, Calif.		
1951	Johnson, Donna Marie (Price)	d.11-5-2011	Fortuna.Calif.		
1952	Dobson,Robert L.	d.1-14-2008	Cedar Rapids, Iowa		
1952 1953	Holst, Barrett Penfield	d.9-1-2012	Ypsilanti, Mich.		
1953	Fellows,Sally A. Giebelstein,Marvin Leslie	d.9-3-2012 d.3-8-2011	Omaha,Neb. Apple Valley,Calif.		
1953	Keeker, Maurice Erwin	d.7-24-2012	Albuquerque, New Mex.		
1955	Refsell,Louise Ann (Downing)	d.1-2-2010	Mission, Texas		
1955	Roach, Sandra K. (Smith)	d.7-19-2012	Waverly, lowa		
1956	Brooks,Richard Paul	d.8-20-2012	Nevada,Iowa		
1956 1957	Heath, William E. Gammack, William Forbes	d.8-11-2012 d.7-9-2012	Austin,Texas Brea,Calif.		
1960	Allen,Don Robert	d.11-14-2011	San Antonio, Texas		
1962	Clum, Dorothy Susan (Ratterree)	d.10-4-2003	Athens,Ga.		
1964	Hegland, David Harold	d.11-6-2011	Nashville,Tenn.		
1965	Fleig, John Robert	d.8-21-2012	Ames,lowa		
1965 1966	Kleinschmidt, Robert Alan Simmering, Thomas	d.10-20-2012 d.8-2-2012	Hutchinson, Minn. Kenora,Ontario		
1966	Speer,David Michael	d.8-25-2012	Flagstaff,Ariz.		
1967	Johannes,Lowell D.	d.10-16-2012	Denver,Colo.		
1969	Johnston, Joellyn Rae (Borke)	d.6-11-2011	Des Moines, Iowa		
1969	Ketcham, Mark Randolph	d.10-8-2012	Arlington, Texas		
1975 1975	Ferguson, Kerry Robert Hotchkiss, Lisa Ann (Thurston)	d.10-2-2012 d.9-27-2012	Rochester, Minn. Austin, Texas		
1980	Hobbs,Randall William	d.8-23-2012	Ames,lowa		
1982	Bailey, David Lee	d.11-10-2012	Des Moines, Iowa		
1988	Ostermann, Richard Brian	d.11-8-2012	Ames,Iowa		
2008 Stoff	Musselman, Ezekiel Lennon	d.11-16-2012	Benton County, Iowa		
Staff	Arrasmith, Jean Bartlett, Wesley H.	d.1-4-2012 d.3-26-2012	Fort Collins,Colo. Algona,Iowa		
Staff Staff	Belluzzo,Lawrence Louis	d.3-26-2012 d.2-7-2005	Chisholm,Minn.		
Staff	Bunch,Richard Harold	d.4-1-2002	Indianola,lowa		
Staff	Charlton, Gloria (Wakefield)	d.5-12-2011	Brookfield,Wisc.		
Staff	Slaichert, William M.	d.7-28-2011	Denver,Colo.		

AHS Class of 1972 - 40th Reunion

With an invitation entitled "Life all comes down to a few moments. This is one of them." (Wall Street – 1987 – Bud Fox – Charlie Sheen), more than one hundred members of the AHS Class of 1972 convened July 27-29, 2012, to share memories and make new ones.

The weekend began on Friday night with a "woodsy" at the 40 and 8 Cabin next to the Skunk River. Seventies music blasted as classmate Jeff Kuehl outdid himself, cooking and serving lowa pork, sweet corn and tomatoes, accompanied by adult beverages, soda and water.

Saturday morning Bill Ripp kindly led a group on a tour of AHS. For this last class of pre-Title IX "girls", it included our first trip through the "tunnel" that leads from the football field to the school. The gym is much larger than when we were in school. However, we are still pleased to look up and see that classmates Dan Wierson, Brian Anderson and Larry Peterson still hold records in track. The breezeway is no more. The cafeteria is upstairs. The "library" is now a media center with computers. The "rail" is still there, however, political correctness and safety concerns have made it not friendly for sitting. Anne Arbuckle, **Executive Director of the Ames** Education Foundation, brought us up to date on foundation efforts to satisfy district needs. We ended the tour with cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee, catered by Valentino's. There was no charge for the tour, however, there

was a "suggested contribution" of \$19.72 payable to the Ames High School Alumni Association. Thanks to these contributions, we were able to make a gift of \$500.00 to the AHSAA.

Immediately following the tour, a small but hardy group ventured out to Coldwater Creek Golf Course. In what was, at times, a downpour, nine holes were completed before the decision

was made to retire to the club house. Matt Sexton (some things never change) and Sarah Grant reported the low scores for men and women, respectively. Liz Pier, Candy Charity's husband and others also won prizes. Jim Scholten wanted everyone to know that he won a prize for "fastest time in the 400 freestyle on #9 when the downpour got serious."

Saturday night (as the rain continued!) more than 100 classmates and a few spouses, joined by former faculty members Darrell Abel, Dave Posegate and administrator, Bill Ripp, and their spouses, met at Reiman Gardens for a delicious dinner at a lovely site. Due to the rain, we were unable to mingle in the gardens, but a good time was had by all, nonetheless. Thank you to

Letitia Smith Harder for organizing this event! Following dinner, classmate Carol Healey Montag, entertained everyone with a video of photos from our "glory days" and her beautiful voice. There may have been an after party, but we cannot report because "what happens in Ames stays in Ames."

Sunday, the rain



Front Row: Jacque Bell and Carol Healey Montag Back Row: Brian Stafford, Karen Burke Burianek, Peg Mickle Warren, Tish Smith Harder, Jeff Kuehl, Liz Pier Smith, Bill Ripp and Joan Waters

stopped and sixty plus classmates met at Brookside Park for a picnic catered by Hickory Park. Good food, and good times, as the weekend wound to a conclusion. Thank you to Cheryl Saul and Karen Burke Burianek for your efforts on the picnic.

There was no "goodie bag", but thanks to the tireless efforts of Liz Pier Smith, the members of the AHS Class of 1972 each took home a fabulous Memory Book, including color photos of everyone who submitted an entry, textual updates on classmates lives, photos from our high school days and prior reunions, etc. Thank you to Liz!

Thanks to the generosity of a number of classmates, every event at the reunion was subsidized, and registration fees for any classmate who asked, were waived. After all the bills were paid, we have a more than comfortable nest egg to apply to the expenses for the 45th. We also have enough to "give back." Therefore, the AHS Class of 1972 is making a contribution of \$500.00 to the Ames Education Foundation's endowment fund.

In short, those of us in the AHS Class of 1972 count ourselves fortunate to be members of a group whose bonds of friendship, forged long ago, get stronger as the years go by. Ames Hi does Aim High – and never misses!

Joan M. Waters, '72



Tom Bliss, Mary Clare Denison Minor, Joan M. Waters, Mary (Minner) Serovy, Nanci Gutman Williamson

"What's That You Say"

The word "FUN" is in fundraiser. Fun is how I would describe our inaugural TASTE for Education Event, hosted by <u>Ames Education Foundation</u>. This event was special not only for funds raised, but for friends raised.

The Foundation would like to thank the alumni who participated and attended! Special thanks to our alumni band; Dallas Thies '74 – drums, Kevin Furhman '84 – vibes and steel pan, Jason Lippard '97 – saxophone, Zech Walker '11 – bass, and for outstanding piano and trumpet Peter Thompson our AMS Band Director. Thanks to our AHS Band Director, Chris Ewan for coordination of the alumni band. Thank you to Kevin Buck '76, AHS Alumni who shared his MC talent for the evening!

Special thanks goes to our 15 restaurants and food providers:
Ames Hy-Vee, B Fabulous BBQ,
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Culinary Institute, Gateway Hotel
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Burrito, Le's Vietnamese Restaurant,
Lucullan's Italian Grill, Noodles &
Company, and Outback Steakhouse.
The popular comment from attendees
was..."Terrific Food!"

We had over 100 businesses and individuals contribute silent and live auction items, we thank those businesses and individuals, we thank all of our wonderful volunteers, AHS Fall Cheer Squad, the attendees, auctioneer Mel Vandenberg, the Ames Education Foundation Board and our own Ames community!

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Please join us next year! If you live further away, make it a memorable visit to Ames with something "FUN" to do. What's that you say? F-U-N!

Everyone else said....
"Fabulous TASTE....It was
so well done to the finest
detail." - Dr. Tim Taylor,
Superintendent – Ames
Community School District

"It was a lot of fun. The food was terrific." - Steve Sullivan, Director of Marketing and Community Relations Mary Greeley Medical Center

"I am very pleased that our food was enjoyed at this event. The Fighting Burrito was pleased to participate in this event and looks forward to future endeavors with the Ames Education Foundation." – Matt Madsen, General Manager, Fighting Burrito

"First, let me just say "WOW!" I thought TASTE for Education was a resounding success." - Darla Emery, Teacher, Ames Community Schools

"We had a great time there! That was a first class event. You did an



The Alumni Band contributed to the very festive evening at TASTE for Education. Left: Dallas Thies '74 – drums, Right: Zech Walker '11 – bass.



Ames Education Foundation TASTE for Education. Attendees sampling cuisine from wonderful chefs and restaurants.

amazing job. Thank you." - Rob Gutierrez, Store Director, Dahl's Foods

This year we raised \$33,000. A majority of the proceeds will be for upgrading technology in the classrooms at Ames High School. Some of the other designated funds will go to Leveled Readers for K-5 grades, and surveillance equipment at AMS and AHS.

Save the date: **Sunday, September 29, 2013**. Thank you!

Mini-Grant... A Holiday Consideration?

Our office is currently working with the Mini-Grant program. If you remember one thing about Mini-Grants, remember they help teachers. Would you make this a Holiday Gift Consideration? You may read about the program or make a donation online at: www. ameseducationfoundation.org. Checks can be made payable to: Ames Education Foundation, and mail to PO Box 1125, Ames, IA 50014.

If you have questions about programs or planned giving opportunities, I can be reached at 515/268-6630, or by email: ann@ameseducationfoundation.org.

Regards, Annie Arbuckle Executive Director Ames Education Foundation

Other News About Our Graduates

Karen M. Albertson, '78 was the recipient of a Professional Achievement Citation in Engineering (PACE) Award from Iowa State University's College of Engineering on October 26, 2012 during the 81st Annual Honors and Awards Ceremony at Benton Auditorium in the Scheman Building. The PACE Award was established in 1968 to recognize superior technical or professional accomplishments in research development, administration, education and other engineering activities. The citation recognizes Iowa State graduates eminently known for their professional competence and creativity.

Albertson has had an extensive career at 3M, where she is currently vice-president for international business in the 3M Healthcare. Skin, and Wound Care Division. This is one of 3M's largest and most successful businesses, and the operation Albertson leads involves more than 60 countries and represents over two-thirds of 3M's global revenues. She previously served as managing director of 3M Malaysia, and has held the following positions throughout the organization: master black belt, global business manager, global manufacturing operations manager, plant manager, product manager, process technology supervisor, process development engineer and process manager.

Lawrence E. "Larry" Evans, '57 was a recipient of the Iowa State University's Veterinary Alumni Association's Outstanding Service Award presented at the lowa Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting on September 14, 2012. Dr. Evans graduated from Iowa State with his DVM in 1963, M.S. in 1967 and Ph.D. in reproductive physiology in 1973. He was head of the teaching hospital from 1981 through 1991. He was board certified in theriogenology in 1977. He is currently a full professor in veterinary clinical

sciences at Iowa State. He will have been on the staff for 50 years in 2013.

Timothy R. Hickman, '81 was honored with a Design Achievement Award by the College of Design at Iowa State University during the 81st Annual Honors and Awards Ceremony on October 26, 2012. Hickman is a founding principal of Substance, a multidisciplinary design firm in Des Moines that has grown from a staff of five to twenty-three in just seven years and has received more than 20 state and national design awards. He has completed numerous projects for the Iowa Board of Regents, including the University of Northern Iowa's Multimodal Transportation Center and the University of Iowa's Blank Honors Center--both of which were winners of design awards. Hickman also led the design of the John and Mary Pappajohn Higher Education Center in Des Moines. He frequently teaches design studios for the Iowa State architecture department. He serves on the Des Moines Art Center Building and Grounds Committee and volunteers for the Des Moines Playhouse and the AIDS Project of Central Iowa.

Troy R. MacVey, '80 attended the AirVenture show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin this past summer and was awarded the "Gold Lindy", the top prize for the best of show in the seaplane category for his Cessna 195 Seaplane. MacVey is the owner and operator of Mac's Seaplane in Rising Sun, Indiana. He began his career with the late "Hap" Westbrook, the former operator of the Ames Municipal Airport, while he was a student at Ames High School. Progressing from mowing grass, sweeping office floors, cleaning out hanger buildings and fueling airplanes, he went on to obtain his FAA Mechanic's License and then his single and multi-engine pilot licenses and instrument ratings. A 20-year career followed with Comair Airlines. The down-sizing of

that company helped him decide to return to the care and maintenance of smaller aircraft.

Ray Smalling, '86 was recently awarded, along with his team, a commendation in a ceremony at the Department of Energy in Washington, D. C. Naval Station Everett's Energy Team was selected for their on-base sustainability program, which far exceeded Federal goals for reduction in energy and water management. Ray is the Installation Energy Manager at Naval Station Everett in Everett, Washington.

Jennifer Benson Litchman, '81

has been named chief communications officer (CCO) and vice president and special assistant to the president of the University of Maryland in Baltimore. She has served as interim CCO and vice president since August, 2011. She is responsible for internal and external communications, strategic and crisis communications, branding and marketing, publications, media relations, social media, special events, and Web development functions for the University. As special assistant to the president, Jay A. Perman, MD, Ms. Litchman is the principal executive on initiatives such as childhood obesity, wellness and civility. She also advises the president on reputation enhancement, outreach and communications strategies.

Jennifer received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in public communication from American University. Prior to her arrival at the University in 1999, she worked in various capacities on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. She then left government service for the Business Roundtable, a nonprofit public policy organization of CEOs of the Fortune 200 where she was the public information manager. Jenny's parents are Charles "Chuck", '53 and Neala Benson.

Other News About Our Graduates cont.

Michael T. Peterson, '03 has joined the Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club as the associate head coach. Peterson will be primarily in charge of developing all of the age group and pre-senior athletes. He will also assist in coaching the senior swimmers. Michael returns to Ames from the Colorado Stars Swim Club, where for the past four years he was the top assistant coach. While with the Stars, Peterson helped in the development of Olympic gold medalist Missy Franklin and Olympian Kara Lynn Joyce.

Michael was a major contributor to the Colorado Stars winning six consecutive Colorado state titles and two Junior National team titles. Michael was a standout prep swimmer at Ames High School where he earned nine high school All-American certificates. He continued his swimming career at Denver University where he served as team captain and set four school records.

Gloria Zmolek, '69, an art educator at Linn-Mar High School in Iowa, was honored as the 2012 Outstanding Secondary Art Educator at the joint Nebraska/ Iowa Art Education Conference on October 6th in Council Bluffs. Zmolek's dedication to art education is clear from the letters that were received in support of her

nomination for the award. It is easy to sense that Zmolek has had great success in teaching her students much more than the mechanics of art, but also how to reflect on all that is around them. She holds a BA in Art History and an MAT from the University of Iowa. In addition to being an accomplished educator, Ms. Zmolek has been published in a number of local and national magazines highlighting her fiber arts and paper making. Her personal artwork has been exhibited in shows in Iowa, the Midwest and across the United States.

AHS Class of 1954 holds a "Tweener!"

In late September, 25 classmates, plus spouses, met in Ames for an informal 58th anniversary reunion. Two classmates who attended had never been to a previous reunion. It was a great time catching up with old friends and getting better acquainted with those we didn't know well in high school.

One piece of class business was conducted: Our 60th reunion will be in Ames on September 12-14, 2014.

Those attending were: Ruth Wantz Haley, Barb Teig Adams, Marilyn Kyle Freel, Patricia Deaton Kyle, Vera Kauffman Swoboda, Marna Adams Stevens, Loraine Earls Safly, Bruce Griffith, Mary Ahart Valley, Mary Hosmer Shahan, Phil Parsons, Don Sprague, Marilyn Walsh Hegland, Leverne Seversike, Mary Cattell Brown, Paul Lunde, Keith Covey, Ed Sorenson, Dave Everds, Duane Green, Ellen Earls Hendricksen, Suzane Clark Lunde, Larry Kelley, Larry Larson and Perry Kellogg.

Two-Wheeling Through the Canadian Rockies

The "Rubber Knife Gang" was organized in 1994 by Steve Risdal, '65 and has been going every since. The "Gang" today consists of over thirty bikes which includes the following Ames High graduates--Gary Clem ('61), Curt Houge ('61), Carol Carmean Houge ('64), Steve Risdal ('65), Lyle ('69) and Pam Breckenridge Scandrett ('69), Mark ('69) and Linda Schlapia Speck ('69), Bill Burke ('73) and Jim Olson ('73). Lindsay Ellington ('66) and John McDonald ('65) were once Ames High students but graduated elsewhere. Since the beginning, "The Gang" has done one big ride each year as we toured our beautiful United States. The rides have been to almost all the states west of the Mississippi and also many to the east. This year's ride, consisting of 15 bikes and 28 bikers, was to the Canadian Rockies. Most of the riders left Ames on July 20th and spent the first night in Deadwood, South Dakota. The following night we were joined by the rest of the riders in Missoula, Montana. We headed north on July 22nd and traveled through beautiful Glacier National Park to the "Road to the Sun" and on into Canada where they spent the first night in Pincher Creek. The 1,800 mile journey took us to Canmore, Jasper,

Revelstoke, Sandpoint Idaho and back to Missoula for an eight day ride. The scenery was breathtaking and seemed to get better each day. We stopped at many waterfalls along



Bill Burke '73, Gary Clem '61, Steve Risdal '65, Linda Speck '69, Mark Speck '69 and Jim Olson '73

the way and spent considerable time at Lake Louise, Banff and at the ice fields. We were truly blessed to be able to ride our motorcycles accident and trouble free through the most amazing landscape in North America. We saw grizzly and black bear, elk, mule and whitetail deer, mountain goats and sheep and countless varieties of birds. Next year look for us on our way to Harley Davidson's 110th anniversary in Milwaukee.

Steven W. Risdal, '65

AHS '55ers Celebrate 75th Birthday



If northern California is bear country, Lake Tahoe must be its epicenter.

We were promised nocturnal bears roaming the streets around the lake, but all we got was Winnie the Pooh (more or less).

Never mind.

How can anyone be disappointed when celebrating their 75th birthday on that wonderful shimmering lake (especially under a full moon in the shadow of "The Godfather")?

No one saw a bear, but the 51 classmates and partners who spent the last four days of September here for the 75th birthday of the Ames High Class of 1955 were richly rewarded.



They soaked up the history, geology and beauty of the lake and its environs. And they got an up close look at the boulders and mountains that bedeviled the wagon trains struggling to get to California even before the gold rush of 1849.

All of this courtesy of Richard B. (Dick) and Marcia Kay (Wilsie) Campbell, who planned and orchestrated the entire production. (They claimed the presence of a full moon was coincidental, but no one bought that story.)

Here's what we did in a nutshell: We had an opening reception at the Campbell's home on Thursday. The next day we took a leisurely 3.5-hour cruise around the lake under azure skies on the Tahoe Gal (a faux paddleboat, staffed by an ever-accommodating crew).

That same evening, the Campbells mounted a ribs and chicken barbecue at their home without any public speeches. There were plenty of anecdotes and tales (some tall) about feats and embarrassments from the deep past.

One such story came from Beverley (Ogg) Stone, who was the first Marilyn on "The Munsters" TV program. She confessed to

having blown an entrance at Ames High during the junior class play, "Our Town." No reason to explain what she was doing, but, as Emily Webb, she left Campbell (Joe Stoddard) and

Kenneth Larson (Sam Craig) standing in the grave yard wondering what to do or say during the ever-expanding pause.

Suffice it to say, Beverley (Emily) eventually showed up and received a royal dressing down afterwards from Virginia Batstone, the AHS drama teacher.

(Beverley said she only ever missed one other entrance in her entire acting career.)

Saturday's picnic saw the venue switch to Donner Lake, almost too close to the site where the ill-fated party of 87 men, women and children got trapped by snow (including 10-foot high drifts) in November 1846. Three unsuccessful efforts were made to send supplies to the Donner party. They were only rescued in February 1847, but not before some members of the party had been eaten by the starving survivors. Only 48 members of the Donner party (including children) lived through the ordeal.

The evening dinner was a typical sit-down affair with the women wearing snappy, even fashionable, clothes (some with bangles) that made the men look pretty average.

Classmate Bob Bragonier introduced the group to his view of jazz in a slide-music-narrative presentation (*Jazz, Poetry and Art").

Highlight of Sunday's brunch was Bob Walkup, who was mayor of Tucson when Congresswoman Gabby Giffords was shot point blank in a supermarket parking lot just outside the city in January 2011.

Bob described the successful efforts he and Giffords had made previously to establish trauma centers in hospitals surrounding Tucson. When she was shot two surgeons from one of those newly established trauma units was at her side and saved Giffords's life.

Walkup also said dealing with the news media (national and international) was a paramount concern. But, he said, he saw his first priority as reporting to the Obama White House what had happened.

These briefings led to a trip to the White House and consultations with

the President and other mayors about how to prevent (and cope with) similar tragedies.

On a lighter note, classmates shared stories (both at the brunch and throughout the weekend) about



Dick and Marcia Campbell

everything from climbing the water tower opposite Welch School to putting pennies on the CNW railroad tracks to Carr's Pool and Moore's Dairy, as well as the mysterious tunnel between Central and Ames High.

And, of course, no AHS '55 get together would be complete without a recapitulation of what the Ames Tribune described, on 27 May 1955, as "one of the greatest athletic years in the history of the school." That included winning the Central lowa Conference in football, followed by state championships in basketball and both indoor and outdoor track.

All of this plus praise galore for he Campbells and the Tahoe experience.

As for the bears – or lack thereof – we turn to that chapter in "Winnie the Pooh" entitled "Eeyore Has a Birthday."

In this episode, Owl attempts to write Happy Birthday – but his effort reads as follows: "Hipy Papy Bthuthdth Thuthdy Bthuthdy."

For our 75th birthday, the "card" read:

HIPPY BATDAY AHS 1955

STILL SHARP AS A TACK

As the party broke up on Sunday, Marcia and Dick Campbell were figuratively hoisted on Class shoulders and praised in words that vaguely resembled those of Vito Corleone in Godfather II (filmed in part at Lake Tahoe). Vito says: "I make him an offer he don' refuse."

In our case, everyone was thrilled to have accepted the offer.

Even without any bear sightings.

Tom Emmerson, '55

Have Fun, Will Travel

This is the sixth "birthday" party that AHS'55ers have celebrated –In addition to the standard class reunions. The first was in 1987 (age 50) in Ames. The 55th was on a Mississippi paddle wheeler, followed in 1997 by a resort lodge in the Colorado Rockies.

Next (2002) it was Tucson, followed in 2007 by Seattle and, most recently, Lake Tahoe for our 75th birthday. The venue for our 80th in 2017 has yet to be decided.

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December 18th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
January 15th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
February 19th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
March 18th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
April 16th AHSAA Monthly Meeting

Reunions:

Dec. 22nd 18th All-AHS Holiday Gathering

(Olde Main on Main St. in Ames)

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June 28-30 Class of 1993 20th Reunion Aug. 9-11 Class of 1983 30th Reunion Aug. 9-10 Class of 1968 45th Reunion Sept. 20-22 Class of 1958 55th Reunion Sept. 21 Class of 1948 65th Reunion Sept. 27-29 Class of 1963 50th Reunion

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The AHSAA meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please email or call (515-232-0230) for the exact time and location of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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