



# the Alumni Connection

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## From the President

### Looking back-Looking Forward



2026 will be a year of transition for the Ticonderoga Alumni Association. After thirteen years as President, I will continue to serve on the Alumni Board as Immediate Past President and Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

It has been an honor to serve as leader of a dynamic board made up of individuals committed to our mission of helping students and supporting and honoring graduates of Ticonderoga Central School. It has been exciting to see our Graduation Award Program grow from its beginning in 2006 when we made payments to students headed for college, to its present format that includes financial support to seniors opting for military service, trade schools, and apprenticeships. The Alumni Association has also accepted the task of creating and administering a four-year, donor funded scholarship and is hard at work creating a new Alumni Scholarship for the Class of 2027. Our Sentinel Support Fund has helped students and teachers finance educational projects not covered in school budgets.

I cannot begin to thank individually all the Board members I've served with, but I would like to acknowledge some Board members whose perseverance has helped make the Alumni Association the success it is today. Bob Dedrick, thank you for finding the time in your busy life to be a Vice President who not only stepped in when needed, but also went the extra mile to recruit new Board members, act as a liaison with the School District, and, with Karla Vigliotti and the Extravaganza Committee, revive the concept of a community reunion. Sue Liddell, thank you for work as Secretary, and your willingness to share your expertise in administering scholarships and planning golf tournaments. Anne Charboneau and Paul Charboneau, thank you for your excellent work as Treasurers. Of course, Past President Joyce Cooper, thank you for being a mentor, and continuing to help keep our Awards Program and Alumni Connection Newsletter quality activities. I would also like to thank and acknowledge two Ticonderoga Alumni who, while not on the Board, have been invaluable to the growth and success of our organization. Becky Moore, thank you for scoring and keeping track of the Alumni Graduation Award. Sylvia Boyce, I cannot begin to thank you for all your support and patience; whether it's double checking the donor lists, helping me with my unending battle with technology, or just being there, I could not have done it without you.

I look forward to Karla Vigliotti's leadership. As a Board member she has brought back the Alumni Extravaganza, brought the Alumni Association into the digital age, helped rewrite the By-Laws, acted as our ambassador to the Hall of Fame Committee, and served on the Scholarship Committee. Karla brings to the presidency amazing organizational skills and an energy that will take our Association to new heights. As I keep telling her, "Don't be afraid to change things."

—Steve Boyce, Past President  
Ticonderoga Alumni Association

## Honored to Serve as President of the Ticonderoga Alumni Association



It is both an honor and a privilege to step into the role of President of the Ticonderoga Alumni Association. Our organization represents generations of graduates who share not only a school but a deep-rooted connection to this

community. To be entrusted with helping lead that legacy forward is truly meaningful.

The Ticonderoga Alumni Association has long stood as a bridge between past and present—celebrating achievements, preserving traditions, and supporting future generations through scholarships and alumni engagement. As President, I am committed to strengthening those connections while continuing the important work that has defined this organization for so many years.

My goal is to build on the strong foundation established by those who came before me. This includes expanding alumni outreach, encouraging greater participation at events, and continuing to grow the scholarship program that benefits our local students. Every graduate has a story, and every connection strengthens the pride we share in being part of Ticonderoga.

Most importantly, this role is not about one person—it is about collaboration. The success of the Alumni Association depends on the dedication of our board members, volunteers, donors, and alumni. Together, we will continue to celebrate our shared history while investing in the future of Ticonderoga.

I look forward to the opportunities ahead and to serving our alumni community with dedication, transparency, and enthusiasm.

—Karla J. Vigliotti, President  
Ticonderoga Alumni Association



**Alumni Weekend 2026**

- Thursday, July 23, 2026: 4:30 PM – Chicken BBQ at the K of C
- Friday, July 24, 2026: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Awards Ceremony at the K of C
- Saturday, July 25, 2026: 8:00 AM – Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start, 4-person scramble)

# 20th Annual Awards Ceremony

The Ticonderoga Alumni Association held its annual awards ceremony on Friday, July 25, 2025, at the Knights of Columbus. The evening celebrated the achievements and contributions of distinguished members of the community, with Shari Brannock, Patrick DeVaney, Paul Jebb, Henry Drinkwine, and the Kiwanis Club being honored for their outstanding accomplishments and service.

## Brannock and DeVaney Receive Distinguished Alumni Award

### Shari Brannock

Shari graduated from Ticonderoga High School in 1984, following an already impressive accomplishment as Valedictorian of Putnam Central School in 1978. During her time at Ti High, she threw herself into everything—academics, athletics, and school spirit.



She took every business class the school offered, mentored by her favorite teachers—Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dillon, and Toby Herbert—who helped spark her lifelong love for the business world. Outside the classroom, she was a force in school activities: a soccer player, a football cheerleader, a track athlete specializing in the 200-meter and high jump, and even the only girl on the all-male golf team. Talk about breaking barriers early.

After high school, Shari attended Hartwick College before transferring to Siena, where she graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. She worked throughout high school and college at what we now know as TrailNorth Federal Credit Union, where she rose to Vice President of Loan Operations.

But then life had another plan. Crown Point Central School posted an opening for a District Treasurer—and Shari, driven by a deep love of education, went for it. Before she knew it, she was working full time while earning her Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Castleton State, graduating in 1996.

She went on to earn a Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration and Supervision from Plattsburgh State in 1999 and served in nearly every role at Crown Point School—from Business Administrator to Principal—before ultimately becoming Superintendent in 2003. After retiring in 2022, she returned part-time as Assistant Superintendent of Business, proving that her commitment to education and community never stops.

Shari met the love of her life, Terry Brannock at the Ticonderoga 4th of July Parade in 1985. They married in 1993 and have been each other's rock ever since. Together, they've juggled as many as seven jobs between them, built a home on the shores of Lake George where most of my family's summer memories were made, and more recently, found sunshine, friends & music in Cape Coral, where they love relaxing at Fishtales and listening to their favorite band, the Hot Buttered Nuggets.

Shari's journey hasn't been without loss. She carries with her the memory of her two beloved sisters, T and Kari. But their legacy lives on in her love for Kaleb, Konner, Brody, and Chloe—and in her unwavering devotion to family, both by blood and by heart. She's built a circle of extended family, cousins, and lifelong friends who she brings together with grace and warmth.

Her heart for students has always gone beyond the classroom. One example of that is her leadership in the Christmas Room at Crown Point School, making sure every child—especially those from lower-income families—had a joyful holiday filled with love and dignity.

And then there's the Brannock Properties Backpack Fundraiser—an annual event she and Terry have led for 18 years. Every dollar goes toward sending local children home each weekend with backpacks full of food—small bags with a big impact. The program was founded by John Bartlett, & Shari and the team at Crown Point

have carried it forward with quiet dedication, ensuring no child goes hungry.

Beyond that, Shari & Terry have supported countless local efforts—from sponsoring youth sports teams, to supporting Friends Comforting Friends, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's, and many more.

In her free time, you'll find her boating, cooking for a crowd, or calling bingo—always surrounded by people, laughter, and love. And if you want to know where her strength and spirit come from, look no further than her best friend and mother, Marie—who shaped her into the independent, kind, and determined woman she is today.

Shari Brannock is the definition of a Distinguished Alumni. Her life is a blueprint of service, dedication, resilience, and generosity. She's led with heart, lifted others along the way, and made this community better—quietly, powerfully, and consistently.

Congratulations Shari for a lifetime of excellence and impact.

### Pat DeVaney

The definition of a Distinguished Alumni Award. The Distinguished Alumni Awards have been created in an effort to recognize Graduates of Ticonderoga Central School who have successfully succeeded in their personal and Professional lives. Simply stated, Alumni selected will have distinguished themselves by virtue of their contribution to their Community and/or society as well as their career.



Patrick Michael DeVaney's life has been an epitome and embodiment of a life well lived in the service of his career and contributions to his community.

Pat's career has revolved around his real estate. He has been honored with the agent of the year 17 times over the past twenty years and consistently ranked in the top 1% of more than 3000 realtors in the Capital District. Annually he continues to receive the Council of Realtors top agent award. He has also received the prestigious Peak Production award twice. One thing he enjoys most is the privilege of mentoring new real estate agents over the past two decades guiding them to success. He has facilitated several training programs and assisted every agent throughout their journey. He consistently shadows each and every agent to be a positive role model, always emphasizing patience, professionalism, integrity and passion for continuous improvement. He has been a guest on talk show radio discussions about the real estate market and was accepted as a trusted agent by the prestigious Dave Ramsy organization assisting people with real estate needs and financial health.

Over the years Pat has also supported many charitable organizations and assisted in raising funds for each. One noted example of this is during Pat's most recent 225 mile walk he successfully raised over \$5000 for the American Heart Association. Pat and his wife continue to sponsor school construction, an extensive freshwater system, solar lighting and student education in Haiti. Pat has also served his church by serving on the Parish Council as well as being a Eucharistic minister.

In 2014 Pat had the privilege to walk the 500 mile Camino de

Santiago through France and Spain which was a voyage of self discovery. He went on to publish Two Millions Steps and it opened a world of opportunities. The book has reached readers globally and as a result he has been a guest on international podcasts and helped hundreds of people achieve their dream of walking the Camino de Santiago. He and a close friend and fellow trekker founded a local chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino, a non profit dedicated to education and assisting future pilgrims.

In 2021 Pat published High Crimes Against the Crown, the first book in a trilogy. The second book, The Flight Across Europe followed in 2023. A Bible of High Crimes Against the Crown has been prepared, registered with the Writers Guild of America East Coast, and is currently being marketed for a potential TV series. As an author all three of his books have been Amazon best sellers, with two reaching #1. Pat is now working on his High Crime Trilogy as well as a new book about the Spanish Meseta.

Pat's achievements and success certainly meets the high standard of the goal of a Distinguished Award recipient by introducing positive role models to the Ticonderoga High School Community and his accomplishments will inspire students and encourage them to adopt his high aspirations.

Pat and his wife Judy live in Cohoes, New York.

### ★ SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS ★

### Henry Drinkwine

Henry Drinkwine is an individual whose unwavering dedication, resilience, and leadership have strengthened both the land and the community he serves. Henry Drinkwine is a Ticonderoga High School graduate, Class of 1972.



Henry's life has been deeply enriched by his personal relationships as well. He married his high school sweetheart Laurel, who is also a graduate of Ticonderoga High School.

Their partnership has spanned fifty-two loving years.

After completing high school, Henry embarked on a career in building construction, dedicating 24 years to shaping homes and structures that supported his community.

Following this chapter, he transitioned to a role at International Paper in Ticonderoga, where they worked for 28 years with steadfast dedication before retiring. These experiences fortified his values of hard work and perseverance, which later became the cornerstone of his success in agriculture and community service.

In addition to his work and agricultural endeavors, Henry dedicated countless hours volunteering with the Ticonderoga Fire Department and EMS Squad. His commitment to public safety and community welfare underscores his multifaceted contributions to the region.

Born and raised in Putnam Station, Henry was shaped by a deep respect for the land, a value instilled through their grandparents' dairy farming legacy. Those early lessons in hard work, perseverance, and stewardship laid the foundation for their lifelong journey in

agriculture. Transitioning from dairy farming to vegetable farming, Henry carved out a lasting impact, not only as a grower but as a mentor, advocate, and leader.

For Twenty-nine years, Henry has cultivated more than just crops—he has nurtured a thriving, interconnected community. His farm has provided fresh, high-quality produce to families, markets, and institutions, ensuring food security and strengthening the local economy. Their ability to navigate unpredictable seasons, economic challenges, and evolving farming practices speaks to his resilience and unwavering commitment to his craft and community.

Beyond his own farm, Henry has extended his expertise and leadership through his involvement with \*\*Cornell Cooperative Extension\*\*. As a dedicated member, Henry has contributed to agricultural education, sustainability initiatives, and mentorship programs that empower farmers across the region. His commitment to sharing knowledge and fostering innovation has strengthened the farming community, ensuring that future generations continue to thrive.

Henry is also an active member of the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce, where he contributes to initiatives that support local businesses and foster community growth. As a regular presence at the farmers' market, Henry not only displays his dedication to providing fresh, high-quality produce but also emphasizes his commitment to giving back. Through generous donations of fresh produce to the Ticonderoga food pantry, he ensures that families in need have access to nutritious, locally grown food, further exemplifying his generosity and community spirit.

Henry's legacy is one of grit, generosity, and growth. Because of his dedication, Ticonderoga remains a beacon of agricultural excellence. Because of his hard work, families continue to enjoy fresh, locally grown food. And because of this leadership, Henry is hoping future farmers step forward with confidence, ready to continue the tradition of cultivating the land with both heart and wisdom.

We honor not just a Special Service Award Alumni, but a pillar of the community, a steward of the land, and an unwavering advocate for agriculture.

## Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga



Kiwanis International is a service organization whose motto is "Serving the Children of the World". It is dedicated to improving the lives of children and communities globally. Ticonderoga's Kiwanis Club, which was chartered in 1927 and incorporated in 1956, has taken this a step further with its focus on serving children and community 'locally'. Although I cannot speak of the club's early history, I can address the real impact Kiwanis has had on our community since the 1970's.

Kiwanis's impact on the community was visible as Kiwanis members, notably Percy Thompson and Howard Rathbun, worked on the construction of Bicentennial Park, its original playground, Kissing Bridge, and picnic pavilion, as well as plant trees and work on the clearing of the LaChute Trail. Taking great pride in the park's playground, the club built the original wooden play structures, adding a second piece in 1995. In 2022 as these structures started to deteriorate and were removed, the club financed and worked on the

installation of new playground equipment. It was a huge undertaking. This "new" playground, which is designed for younger children, is very popular. The club has gained more public recognition through other Major Emphasis Projects. These have included funding for the Gazebo in the park, lighting LaChute Falls, purchasing a boat dock for LaChute River access, adding lights to the Liberty Monument, constructing flower boxes for Montcalm Street Bridge, and building the Skating Hut. Because club members also reside in Hague and Crown Point, those towns have also benefited from Kiwanis's generosity.

The club is proud of its work to improve Black Point Beach. Visitors can shoot hoops and play volleyball thanks to Ticonderoga Kiwanis. When the new beach building grant from State Senator Betty Little did not provide enough money to drill the well needed to bring water to the building, the club stepped forward to provide the funds needed. Today beach visitors can even rinse off at the building's outdoor shower.

Ticonderoga organizations and youth activities have also benefited from the generosity of Kiwanis. The club annually supports The Food Pantry, Festival Guild programs, Hancock House, Heritage Museum programs, a Little League team, and girls' softball. The club also funds special requests annually. The club is very proud of its support of two special programs: the Ticonderoga High School Key Club and the district's Backpack Program. Over the years, Key Club members have provided service to their school and community, formerly under the capable leadership of Steve Boyce and now under that of Alex Blanchard. The school's Backpack Program was introduced as a special project in 2013 by Club President John Bartlett. The club enthusiastically supported the idea, and this very important project took form. Although the Backpack Program is now a separate 501 C3 organization under John's continuing leadership and has grown to include other school districts, Ticonderoga Kiwanians continue to support the program as volunteers and financial supporters.

Ticonderoga Kiwanis provides more than funds for community activities; its members provide volunteer time. The annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, funded and organized by the club, is always enjoyed by a large number of parents and young children.

Residents of Elderwood and Montcalm Manor are treated to an annual ice cream sundae party. In cooperation with the Ticonderoga School District, the club helps area senior citizens enjoy a free holiday turkey meal at the elementary school, complete with music by district students. Kiwanis members can also be seen volunteering for Stuff-a-Bus Day for the Food Pantry and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart, usually on the coldest day of the year. In the past, Kiwanis sponsored a Halloween Contest, an Ice-Skating Party, and a Bicycle Safety Rodeo. It is hoped some form of the last two activities can be reintroduced.

Providing opportunities for advanced education has long been a mission of the club. This resulted in the formation of Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga Scholarship Fund, Inc., a separate 501c3 organization. Over the years under the capable leadership of Pat Ida and many Kiwanis Golf Tournaments later, the fund has grown exponentially, and generous contributions continue. The club is no longer hosting golf tournaments but is able to continue giving three scholarships to Ticonderoga graduating seniors and one to a Crown Point senior annually. Over the years well over \$100,000 has been given in scholarships, with each of last year's Ticonderoga recipients receiving over \$12,000!

Kiwanis International was originally organized as a male-only organization. Membership was opened to women in 1987. Although this move initially resulted in some local resistance, Ticonderoga membership is now over fifty percent female. The club celebrates diversity and thrives on fellowship.

## ★ FRIEND OF THE AWARD ★

### Paul Jebb



The Friend of Ticonderoga Schools Award is presented to people who, although not Alumni, have made a significant impact on the lives of our students. In the past, we have honored School Board leaders, administrators, teachers, individuals who have created or supported scholarships and last year a community organization- We are Instrumental. Paul fits nicely into the category of great teachers who have influenced their students and colleagues.

Paul and Maureen's greatest contribution may have been the raising of a wonderful family of six children, all of whom graduated from Ticonderoga High School and have gone on to become impactful citizens both here and in other communities around the nation and the world.

Paul's pathway to teaching in Ticonderoga was a little different than many of our educators. A citizen of Canada, he started at Park Street Collegiate Institute in Orillia, Ontario. He received a bachelor's degree in science from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He would go on to receive a master's degree in science at SUNY Albany and earn New York State Teaching certificates in Middle School Science, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Paul started his teaching career at Newcomb Central School in 1984. For the next fifteen years, while he and Maureen raised their family in Ticonderoga, Paul would make the 100 mile round trip commute and would teach several different science classes. In 2000, he was hired to teach Chemistry and Earth Science at Ticonderoga; later he would trade Earth Science for Physics. Paul retired in 2017.

When Paul was asked, "Why did you and Maureen decide to live in Ticonderoga?" I was really trying to be polite, rather than asking "Why didn't you live closer to Newcomb?" His response speaks volumes about the character of the Jebb Family. He said that both he and Maureen felt that they had profited from a Catholic parochial education and wanted their children to experience St. Mary's School even if it meant traveling long distances to find employment.

Paul's transition into the Ticonderoga School System was seamless. Teachers, administrators, and students already knew him and Maureen as supportive parents of wonderful kids.

Two activities which show Paul's greatness as an educator of our kids. The Bridge-Building Contest. In this project, teams of students from the Middle School, St. Mary's, and the High School designed and created bridges that were judged on their strength and appearance. They also heard practicing engineers describe their careers. It was an excellent example of School, Community, and Families working together to help kids and it resulted in an increase in the number of students deciding to become engineers. During the Golden Age of the Bridge Building Contest, it was Paul who recruited entrants, gave up class time for speakers, worked with all grade levels, and accompanied students to regional competitions.

Another example is his impact on an Alumni Association initiative, The Sentinel Support Fund. This initiative was created to support educational projects that might not be available through normal school funding. One of our goals was to give students the opportunity to apply for these mini-grants as a way to learn about community-based fundraising. Paul was an expert at encouraging and motivating his students to write their own grants to support activities like creating a robotics club and purchasing equipment for the school; a great teacher knows when to step back and let the students lead.

Even in retirement, Paul continues to help educate the students of Ticonderoga's schools. He has recently become a member of the Ticonderoga Black Watch Memorial Library Board. Paul also continues to drive buses for the district.

# *Ticonderoga Alumni Awards Ceremony 2025*



# 2025 Ticonderoga Alumni Association Extravaganza

On behalf of the Ticonderoga Alumni Association / Extravaganza Committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support to the 2025 Extravaganza. Your contributions played a vital role in making the event a wonderful success.

Because of your donations, we were able to provide entertainment, create an engaging atmosphere, and bring our community together in celebration. None of this would have been possible without your generosity and continued commitment to the Alumni Association.

We are grateful for your dedication and look forward to celebrating with you again in 2030.

## SAVE THE DATES JULY 25, 26, 27, 2030

To see more Extravaganza pictures, go to the photo gallery under Extravaganza on the website [ticonderogaalumni.org](http://ticonderogaalumni.org)



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**In Memory of BILL DESO**

-James Williams

**In Memory of TOM DICKINSON**

-Darlene Dickinson

**In Memory of JOHN and NORMA  
DREIMILLER**

-John & Anne Dreimiller

**In Memory of JOE DREIMILLER**

-Charlene Dreimiller

**In Memory of GAIL FREGON**

-Gary & Cindy Davis

**In Memory of EVELYN and LARRY  
GRAVELLE**

-Linda (Gravelle) St. Peter

**In Memory of IRENE HALL,  
FLORENCE OSIER, FLORENCE  
PELETIER, BEATRICE SELLECK, PAUL  
BURROUGHS, RICHARD NADEAU,  
CHRISTINE teRIELE ROSS, SEAN  
WINCHELL, JAN CORBO, FRED  
RAYMON**

-Virginia LaPointe

**In Memory of JON C. HEBERT  
and CLIFFORD JAMES "JIM" HEBERT**

-Shayne & Sophia Hebert

**In Memory of LEONARD HIER  
and CLAIRE HIER BROWN**

-Joan Hier

**In Memory of PHILLIP A. HUESTIS**

-Tina Huestis

**In Memory of PHILLIP A. HUESTIS  
and DEWEY O'DELL**

-Phil & Timi Joy Huestis

**In Memory of JOHN W.  
LOCKWOOD**

-Share Lockwood & Family

**In Memory of JAMES M.  
LONERGAN, LAWRENCE B.  
LONERGAN, REV. J. BARRY  
LONERGAN**

-Bonnie Lonergan Perry

**In Memory of DEAN MATTISON and  
DAVID DISKIN**

-Mary Diskin Mattison

**In Memory of CHARLIE NADEAU**

-Debbie Nadeau

**In Memory of RICHARD A. NADEAU**

-Heather (Nadeau) Pontikes & Family

**In Memory of FRED and ANNA  
NAMER,  
Brothers STEVE, GARY, and FRED  
NAMER**

-Joe Namer

**In Memory of My Mother TONI  
O'BRYAN and My Sister BETH  
O'BRYAN WARDELL**

-Margaret O'Bryan Rishel

**In Memory of SHIRLEY O'NEIL,  
Class of 1953**

-Lois Gunning

**In Memory of  
ROBERT J. PALANDRANI, SR.**

-Michelle & Tom Jebb  
-Cory & Marissa Phinney

**In Memory of ANTHONY, PATRICIA,  
MARY, and THOMAS PANICCIA**

-Walter & Anne Gunning

**In Memory of MOIRA JEAN  
SMITH PARK**

-Sara Guyette

**In Memory of ROLLAND and  
BARBARA QUESNEL,  
DOUG and BRUCE QUESNEL**

-Nye Quesnel

**In Memory of CHRISTINE ROSS**

-David Ross  
-Mary Williams

**In Memory of  
FLOYD B. "SONNY" RUSSELL**

-Karen (Russell) Kunz

**In Memory of JERRY and MARY GAIL  
RUSSELL, RON HUGHES**

-Andy & Julianne Russell

**In Memory of CYNTHIA WHITFORD  
SISSEN, JEANNE PEARSON  
DUMBLETON, SHIRLEY O'DELL,  
JANICE MIDDLETON OLIVER**

-Susan (Price) Valaitis

**In Memory of CARLTON E. and  
JOSEPH STACY**

-Maureen Stacy

**In Memory of ANNE SMITH  
TANYERI Class of 1969**

-Paul Victor Smith

**In Memory of RICHARD R.  
THOMPSON**

-Linda D. Thompson

**In Memory of THOMAS E.  
THOMPSON**

-Betty F. Thompson

**In Memory of My Brother RICHARD  
VARMETTE, JR.**

-Judy Euber

**In Memory of WILLIAM and HELEN  
VILARDO,  
RAY C. BEERS**

-Charles & Sharon Maneri

**In Memory of DOROTHY and LEO  
(PETE) WELLS**

-John & Joanne Bartlett

**In Memory of SCOTT WOLFF,  
Class of 2003**

-Judy Scott

**In Memory of ROLLY and AGNES  
YAW, BOB & VIV COSSEY**

-Nate & Eve Yaw

**In Memory of DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF THE CLASS OF 1973**

-Tom Blanchard

**In Memory of DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF THE CLASS OF 1976**

-Mary Williams

**In Honor of ALL OUR TROOPS WHO  
HAVE FALLEN**

-Kevin & Linna Charboneau

**In Honor of the CLASS OF 1953**

-Virginia M. Wood

**In Honor of the CLASS OF 1960**

-David Ferguson

-Linda D. Thompson

**In Honor of CLASS of 1970**

-Kathy & Ron Schubin

**In Honor of the CLASS OF 1971**

-Terry K. Hurlburt

**In Honor of the CLASS of 1981**

-Nye Quesnel

# HALL of FAME 2025

The 2025 Hall of Fame Inductions were held on Friday, October 3, 2025. Dinner and recognition took place at the Knights of Columbus, followed by the induction ceremony at Sentinel Field during halftime of the varsity football game.



## Joe Defayette

Class of 2000

Joe Defayette graduated in 2000 from Ticonderoga High School. He went on to get his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from SUNY Plattsburgh.

While attending high school, Joe was a three-year starter on the basketball team. As point guard, Joe was known for his heart, hustle, being sure-handed with the ball, and getting the team's offense flowing. As a senior he was selected as an All CVAC All Star and third team all-state, averaging 12.5 points per game to go along with his duties as floor general. Joe also played second base for the Sentinel baseball team his junior and senior year. As a senior, his steady defense and high on-base percentage helped his team earn the best record in the CVAC.

Joe went on to play basketball and baseball at Clinton Community College (CCC). He was the starting point guard for the Cougars, earning second-team all conference honors in his second year. He also was the starting center fielder at CCC, where the team narrowly missed making the Northern Independence Conference playoffs.

Joe resides in Ticonderoga with his wife, Vanessa, and four children, Jady, Madilyn, Jack, and Caroline. He has taught for 20 years and coached basketball for 17 years at Ticonderoga.



## Lillith Ida

Class of 2015

Lillith Ida graduated from Ticonderoga High School in 2015.

As a Sentinel, Lillith competed in Soccer, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track and Field and was selected as a captain in all three. In Indoor Track, Lillith won the Section VII Championship in the high jump twice and the 55m hurdles as a senior. In Outdoor Track, Lillith won the Section VII Championship in the high jump and pentathlon as a senior. She also set the

Ticonderoga Sentinel school record for pentathlon. Lillith was a two-time CVAC All Star in both Indoor and Outdoor Track, won the Section VII Sportsmanship Award, and earned NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete recognition.

After high school, Lillith studied at St. John's University graduating in 2019 with a BS in quantitative risk management and a master's degree in enterprise risk management in 2020. While at St. Johns, she competed for the track team as a multi-event athlete. She was named to the Big East All-Academic team and received the Dr. Michael Pisano Memorial Award in recognition of maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better for all four years.

She now resides in West Milford, NJ with her husband Thomas Roy and works for Marsh McLennan in Manhattan as a corporate insurance broker.



## Brian Kiely

Coach

After beginning his coaching career in 1976, Brian Kiely began coaching in Ticonderoga in 1983. Over the next 28 years, Coach Kiely's cross country teams won 11 Section VII Championships. Coach also led the Sentinels to a 3rd place finish in 2004 New York State meet and a runner up finish in the 2005 New York State meet.

Under Coach Kiely's guidance, 7 runners finished in the NYS top 10 and Lee Berube won the New York State 2007

Class D Individual Championship. Coach Kiely currently ranks 8th all-time in boys' cross country wins with 332.

Beyond coaching the Sentinels, Coach Kiely continues to give back to the sport of cross country. He is in his 40th year of serving as the Section VII and CVAC Boys Cross Country Coordinator and for the past 12 years has served as the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Vice-Chairman.

Brian and his wife, Laura are both retired Ticonderoga Central School District teachers and currently reside in Crown Point, NY.



## Matt Streeter

Class of 2008

Matt Streeter graduated from Ticonderoga High School in 2008.

As a Sentinel, Matt excelled in Football, Basketball and Baseball. In baseball, Matt was a part of three Section VII Championship teams as well helping to lead the Sentinels to the Class C State Championship game and a runner up finish in New York State. As a Senior, Matt was selected as a CVAC All-Star. Matt played small forward for the Sentinel

basketball team where he was an integral part of three Section VII Championship teams. As a senior, Matt was a captain and quarterback of the 2007 football team that advanced all the way to the New York State Championship game at the Carrier Dome in

Syracuse. During that season, Matt kicked two field goals of over 40 yards, was named the Offensive MVP in the New York State Regional Final and earned CVAC All-Star recognition.

Following graduation, Matt earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Syracuse University and a master's degree in Structural Engineering from Princeton University. Matt currently works for Skidmore, Owings and Merrill in their Structural Engineer group where he focuses on the structural system design of high-rise buildings.

Over the last decade, Matt has called Brooklyn his home. He would like to acknowledge his family: mother Maureen Streeter, father John Streeter and sisters Sam Streeter and Bridget Haina. Whenever he can, Matt enjoys watching his five nieces and nephews compete throughout the region on the field, on the diamond, and around the track.



**To nominate an alumni for the Hall of Fame,**  
please see the nomination form on the website  
[www.ticonderogaalumni.org](http://www.ticonderogaalumni.org) under the awards tab.

# Ti Alumni Basketball Tournament '25

On April 12, 2025, 25 alumni men's basketball players entertained spectators old and young with four games of exciting basketball. The tournament consisted of four teams.

The championship game was a contest of the Seniors (1983-2000) against the Juniors (2002-2015), with the Juniors winning the tournament. All in attendance were treated to guest appearances by Peak Force Cheerleaders and Youth Basketball 5th and 6th graders. This tournament raised over \$2000 for the 2025 Alumni Extravaganza.

The Seniors were Gary Manning '83, Bobby Dedrick '88, Jamian Rockhill '90, Michael LaVallie '99, Joe Burris 2000, and Joseph Defayette 2000.

The Juniors were Chase Carlson '02, Tim McDougal '03, Evan Glading '09, Dylan Overbeek '10, Dominick Fontana '12, and Andrew Kuhl '15.

The Sophomores were Zachary Blanchette '10, Keegan Tierney '14, Kolby Bradford '15, Kaleb Wiktoro '15, Garrison Hughes '15, and Riley Manso '18.

The Freshmen were Zane Ott '20, Bobby Alkinburgh '22, Carter Belden '22, Connor Yaw '22, Austin Olden '22, Kameron Vigliotti '23, and Garrett Drinkwine '23

# The Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

June 26, 2025 | Another great day of golf to celebrate our 2025 Extravaganza. 80 players enjoyed great weather, good lunch and a lot of fun.

### Winners:

<b>A FLIGHT</b>	60
Jamie Burris, Kellan Bartlett, Brian Little, and Colin Weber	
<b>B FLIGHT</b>	60
Rob Berrick, Sam Berrick, Fred Viault, and Jeff teRiele	
<b>C FLIGHT</b>	65
Jon McIntyre, Andy Palmer, Al Clarke, and Barry Pulling	

Another great day of golf to celebrate our 2025

**Longest Drive, Men:** Jacob Young  
**Longest Drive, Women:** Amy Russell

**SAVE THE DATE FOR 2026:** Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 8:00 AM Shot Gun start

# 2025 Organization of the Year Award



At the 2025 Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce Community Appreciation Dinner & Awards Ceremony the Ticonderoga Alumni Association was honored with the award for Organization of the Year. We were recognized for our wonderful support of the community and other organizations. We were recognized as key leaders here in the Ticonderoga Area and

our outstanding work organizing events that warmly welcomes back Ticonderoga High School alumni with a thoughtfully planned lineup of activities, fostering community spirit and reconnecting with many generations. Our dedication and commitment to celebrating the town's heritage and alumni through numerous programs made us a deserving recipient of

this honor. This was a wonderful and well-deserved honor that reflects on our outstanding commitment to our alumni, students and community. Our dedication and leadership continue to make a meaningful difference, and this recognition is a testament to the positive impact that we have on so many.

## Class of 2025 - 30 Scholarship Awardees

Keirra Bechard	Gabriella Dedrick	Xavier Frasier	Teagyn Maness	Bryce Perry
Emily Best	Madilyn Defayette	Tessa Fritz	Emma Manning	Irelan Porter
Jordan Brown	Jazlyn Disbrow	Ethan Hilder	Joseph Mazzotte	Isabella Stacy
Liam Burke	Myleigh Drinkwine	Sophia Johndrow	Adysen Moore	Joshua Stice
Audrey Cook	Olivia DuRoss	Jason Kelly	Joey Moore	Marina Stockmar
Dominick Crossman	Derek Fleury	Quinn Lang	Alyssa Mydlarz	Hayley Sutphen

Awardees receive payment when they provide Evidence of successful completion of one college semester, completion of Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in the Military, successful completion of trade school or approved internships.

## The Class of 1974 Scholarship

Dear Alumni Association,

My first semester at Siena has been challenging but also super rewarding. I have learned a lot more about managing my time, adjusting to college-level courses, and even becoming more independent. When I last talked to you, I was thinking about nursing, but I ended up majoring in health studies on a pre-med path. Becoming a doctor is a dream of mine, and I cannot wait to accomplish that. Overall, I am really enjoying my courses, and being in hands-on biology labs is super fun!

In addition to my academics, I am involved in a mentorship program in which I am paired with the same child for four years. We meet 11 days a semester on Saturdays in a camp-style setting and do many fun activities, including making crafts and going to arcades. This experience has been incredibly rewarding and meaningful to me, as I am able to build a long-term connection with one child while also pursuing my passion for helping others and working more closely with people. I am also part of the swim club at Siena. Throughout high school, I was on the varsity swim team, and I was super sad when I couldn't swim anymore. Once I found out about this club, I signed up immediately. Being part of a team again has helped me build connections on campus and taught me the importance of balancing academics with extracurricular involvement.



The 1974 Alumni Memorial Scholarship has been incredibly helpful in supporting my education. I am able to focus more on my academics and get involved in a wonderful campus environment without constantly worrying about financial burdens. I am very grateful for your generosity and encouragement!

Thank you again for your support and for giving me the chance to share the highlights of my first semester. I am excited to learn and grow more at Siena University, Go Saints ♥!

Warm regards,  
Emily Best

# Sentinel Productions (Ticonderoga High School Drama Club)

Title of Musical: *Little Shop of Horrors*, Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman, Music by Alan Menken



**Director:** Kyle Lang

**Cast and Crew:** Carter Mack, Deirdre Kleemann, Treyce Elethorp, Shaelene Dedrick, Ollie Porter, Gracie Wells, Elizabeth Burroughs, Selina Halpert, Lilly Leerkes, Autumn Morgan, Laci Porter, Ivan Ortiz, Liam Donohue, Cameron Bennett, Brier Whitley, Mason Thompson, Henry Mack, Marlee Lang, Kaelyn Best, Elena DeFranco, Isabelle Burroughs, Emmi Charboneau, Aubrey Hayes, Lilliana Watson, James DeFranco, Miya Savage, Mary Michalak, Alexis Smith, Ohana Fuller, Cathlynn Woods, and Tony Francis.

Last year's production, *The Prom*, was Ticonderoga High School's first musical since 1986. We were proud to present another one this year with *Little Shop of Horrors*. The show was both hilarious and macabre and it turned out to be another big hit for our audience.

We have an unbelievably talented cast and crew and I consider myself fortunate to be able to work with them each night. I am so proud of what everyone put into this production, one that has turned out to be even more special than we could have foreseen. We have been nominated for three High

School Musical Awards by Proctors Theatre: Outstanding Lead Performer (Carter Mack), Outstanding Supporting Performer (Henry Mack), and Outstanding Supporting Performer (Treyce Elethorp).

I want to thank Evan Mack and Mike Iturrino, who were instrumental in getting this production where it is musically. We also hired Kelsey Carroll this year to handle choreography and she did a remarkable job. The talented

Bob Halek returned to the pit on percussion. Overall, I am extremely proud of the team we have assembled.

I think I can speak for everyone when I say we are ecstatic about the community's support for Sentinel Productions. There is a buzz in the air. We pride ourselves on bringing people together, and this past weekend was an across-the-board success.



If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor of Sentinel Productions, they can reach out to me at [klang@ticonderogak12.org](mailto:klang@ticonderogak12.org) to become part of our patron program. We greatly appreciate our current patrons; their support enables us to take on ambitious projects and continue to improve our program.

Sentinel Productions looks forward to announcing our 26-27 shows. Stay tuned!

## 2025 TICONDEROGA VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM



The names for the NYSPHSAA Section VII Champions photo: **Back:** Maddie Beaudet, Natalie Cook, Emily Rocque, Zowie Norton, Lexee St. Denis, Devlyn McLaughlin, Ava Belden, Shaylee Johndrow, MJ Drinkwine **Front:** Savannah Putnam, Avery Lender, Belle Burroughs, Maggie Price, Mara Cossey, Gracie Carr, Addie Munson

## Ticonderoga Quiz Bowl

The Ticonderoga Quiz Bowl team competes in the North Country Quiz Bowl League from October to February. And they also participate in PHAT (Pre-Holiday Academic Tournament) in Vermont.

The top 8 teams in NCQB move on to playoffs. In late January, the A team competed and qualified for Nationals. They will be traveling to Birmingham, AL from June 12-15. The team will play at least 8 matches and when they are not competing, they will spend time visiting historical landmarks and museums.

They have begun fundraising for the trip. They have asked Ti Quiz Bowl alumni (and anyone who is interested) to donate \$1 for each year they have been out of high school. They are also requesting donations from local benevolent organizations and are having a fiesta dinner followed by the annual Deb Breitenbach Memorial Teacher-Student QB tournament.



In front of Deb's tree are both the A and B teams. The A team qualified for Nationals.

The girls played this season with a team of 16 girls, composed of 4 seniors, 10 juniors and 2 sophomores. They had a slow start to the season, but as they moved into the second half the girls started to click with their play and started to get more wins under their belt. This is what a coach wants of their team heading into the playoffs, said Coach Tina Russell. They beat Moriah 2-0 in the sectional semifinals and they defeated NAC (Northern Adirondack) 2-1 in double overtime to win the Section VII Class C Championship. It had been 21 years since Ticonderoga won a soccer sectional championship. They were defeated in the regional final by Stillwater 5-0, who would go on to be the state champions. They finished the season with a record of 7-10-2.

Last season, the girls attended a NWSL soccer game in NJ. This year, the girls decided

they wanted to raise funds to attend a USWNT soccer game. It was a great opportunity for the girls to see women playing soccer at a higher level. They were able to raise the money for the trip through a Go Fund Me, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Eddies, and through donations from the Ticonderoga Alumni Association's Sentinel Support Fund and the Ticonderoga Booster Club.

Prior to the game beginning, I asked them to find players who played their position and watch what they did on the field. Their movement on and off the ball. How they played as a team. During the game, the girls were really focused on what was going on on the field. The only time I saw them on their phone was to take photos. After the game, we talked about what they saw and learned from their trip. I was amazed at how much they noticed.

# 2025 WAS A GREAT YEAR TO BE A SENTINEL ATHLETE!



Boys Cross Country Class C Champions  
Finished 5th at States



Sentinel football returns to Section VII



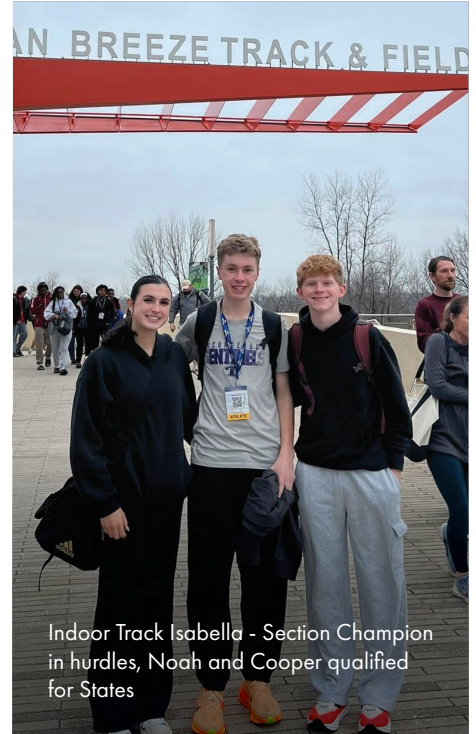
Aubrey Hayes Girls'  
Cross Country State  
Qualifier



Girls Varsity Basketball



Unified Basketball



Indoor Track Isabella - Section Champion  
in hurdles, Noah and Cooper qualified  
for States



Outdoor Track Team



Boys Varsity Basketball



States to Division 2 CVAC/Section 7 Class C Champions



Division 2 CVAC/ 2nd Straight Section 7  
Class C Champions and Made it to the Final 4



Golfer Noah Wells  
(with dad Jay Wells)  
off to States!

# A Message from the Superintendent



It's hard to believe that it has been almost three years since I became the Superintendent of Schools. There are so many great things taking place in our school and community, that time seems to

fly by. Our students and staff continue to work hard in all areas, and we continue to provide as many opportunities to our students as we can. We continue to send our graduates to the workforce, the military, trade schools and top notch universities all over the country.

Our extracurricular activities continue to provide tremendous opportunities for our students after the school day. Whether it be the newly formed ES Student Council, Sentinel Athletics, Drama & Music, our Art Clubs to name just a few, our students and staff seem to rise to every occasion and excel. We have participated in and will continue with our Districtwide Sweethearts & Heroes program that has impacted all of the students in the District. This program focuses on relationship building and the social emotional well being of our kids.

It is also very exciting to see the completion of the Portico project at the Jr/Sr High School. This was well worth the wait and looks outstanding. Many thanks once again to our taxpayers and for the generous donations that made this possible. There are of course challenges that we face each and every day in our school, many of them are related to several unfunded mandates and the constraints of the NYS Tax Cap. Our staff adapts well to these challenges and we have been able to overcome the adversity that we are sometimes faced with.

**Scott Nephew**  
Superintendent of Schools



## SWEETHEARTS & HEROES

On Thursday, March 26 from 4-8pm nine people donated their time to guest bartend at the Paper and Pencil restaurant: Kate Crammond, Kendra McCoy, Riley Manso, Melissa O'Riley, Shaundra Yaw, Eric Rich, Jim O'Brien, Nate Belanger, and Bob Porter.

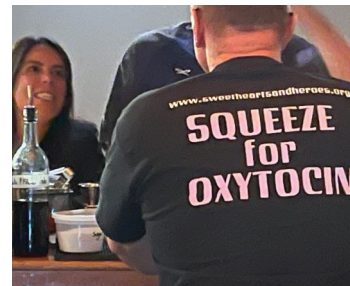
The primary event organizer was Melissa O'Riley, who first learned about the Sweethearts and Heroes program in Ticonderoga at a youth leadership summit in Albany, last Spring. She was made aware that the program was costly and this is where her guest bartender event idea occurred. She primarily organized the event with the assistance of Kate Crammond. The drink special was the "Sweetheart and Hero," a beautiful shimmering purple berry cocktail. The crowd was large and generous in their donations, also some donations were made by people that were not able to attend the event themselves. It was a great night and so much support and success was shown for the program.

This is the fourth year that the Ticonderoga Central School District has been collaborating



with Sweethearts and Heroes to help bring some vital human skills to our kids. The main focus is to educate our school community on the impact of hopelessness, build empathy and compassion in our youth and develop young Sweethearts and Heroes to promote bystander empowerment through leadership roles. Many of our active high school members will tell you that this program has provided them with a sense of purpose, confidence, empowerment and all around given them opportunities to participate in meaningful experiences that they otherwise would not have had the privilege of doing in high school. A snapshot of some events being a 3 day youth leadership summit and 5k Spartan race on Killington mountain, a full day Community day event that collaborates our high school and elementary school students, even a

polar plunge in Lake George Village to benefit the special olympics. At the high school level approximately 30% of our building participates in some aspect of the Sweethearts and Heroes program, some at different levels than others. Many students will advance in the program as they get older, depending on their desired involvement and age appropriate readiness. All of our participants are signed up to join circles 2-3 times a month, this is an event that allows



them to develop social and communication skills while also building empathy for others that they don't normally have the opportunity to intermingle with. When students are ready they are invited to be BRAVES trained, which

gives them the skills needed to work with our elementary students and teach them about bullying and how they can "jump into action," if they see a peer in need. They act out small skits that the kids come up with to demonstrate certain bullying scenarios and practice what the "superhero" can do to help, a practice we know as "bully drills." This year we have been able to expand the program, being that we have Pat Fish (Community Ambassador for Sweethearts and Heroes) in our district every Thursday to help support all of these happenings. We have spent time the last few months doing circles with the 4th and 6th grade students, more recently circles led by our high school students. Most of which participated in an additional training to be equipped to lead circles, rather than just participate in them.

This program has a huge impact on our school community. We are still new to this but can you just imagine being able to grow this

positivity over the course of 10 or 20 years even! The elementary kids that started doing bully drills in 1st grade will be raising their kids and teaching them about hope and all of the things they can do to help themselves and others. With the growing age of technology it is vital now, more than ever, that we are teaching social interaction in school. We are giving kids an opportunity to practice

open discussion, sometimes opposition, sometimes discomfort or even vulnerability but most importantly they are learning healthy ways of managing normal and common human interactions in a safe space.

## Portico Update

Being a Ticonderoga High School graduate and a School and Alumni Board Member, I am very proud how well the Portico restoration turned out. The Portico is what makes our high school look so majestic. Right now, it is 99% completed. In the spring the contractor will complete the punch list including lawn restoration and touch-up painting. Now this beautifully restored architectural masterpiece, supported by columns and so aesthetically pleasing, will continue providing curb appeal at Ticonderoga High School for years to come.

Photo by Todd Condon

