



LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



Spring 2022

Layette County High School Alumni Association

Altamont, KS

2021 LC Alumni Scholarships Awarded

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| <i>Alex Ybarra, Class of 1966, Memorial Scholarship, 2 @ \$250.00.....</i> | Madison Hayward, Wyatt Stritzke |
| <i>Arthur P. Adamson, Class of 1936, Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.00.....</i> | Dakota Payne |
| <i>Betty Lou McKinney FACS/Education Scholarship, \$100.00.....</i> | Tyler Moore |
| <i>Bobby and Reba Roberts Scholarship, \$400.00.....</i> | Konner Vanderford |
| <i>Class of 1953/54, 3 @ \$1,000.00.....</i> | Hayden Pool, Katie Bath, Kylie March |
| <i>Class of 1955, \$150.00.....</i> | Chavela Yocum |
| <i>Class of 1958, \$200.00.....</i> | Paige Shomber |
| <i>Class of 1959, \$400.00.....</i> | Faith Mustain |
| <i>Class of 1962, \$250.00.....</i> | Theron Kebert |
| <i>Class of 1966, \$250.00.....</i> | Sydney Neidigh |
| <i>Class of 1968, 4 @ \$200.00.....</i> | Tyler Moore, Katie Bath, Robert Tobel, Chance Beery |
| <i>Class of 1969, \$100.....</i> | Blake Cashman |
| <i>Class of 1972, \$250.00.....</i> | Madison Hayward |
| <i>Class of 1975, \$200.00.....</i> | Lauren Giager |
| <i>Class of 1986, \$200.00.....</i> | Izayah Royer |
| <i>Corner Store 6 @ \$250.00.....</i> | Braden Barragar, Kelsey Stringer, Hayden Pool, Lauryn Helwig, Kooper Smith, Cameron Vail |
| <i>Delbert & Carolyn Bracken Scholarship, 2 @ \$500.00.....</i> | Izayah Royer, Jamie Rucker |
| <i>Don & Bobbi Raymond Living Scholarship, 2 @ \$500.00.....</i> | Faith Mustain, Theron Kebert |
| <i>Fred W. & Patricia G. Cunningham Scholarship, \$15,000.00.....</i> | Claire Carnahan |
| <i>Gary L. Stice, Class of 1972, Memorial Music Scholarship \$150.00.....</i> | Joel Mathis |
| <i>Helen R. (Willems) Rice "Pay It Forward" Scholarship, Class of 1974, \$1,000.00.....</i> | Paige Shomber |
| <i>In Memory of France Hess, \$500.00.....</i> | Josie Lynn |
| <i>James L. Pontious Scholarship, Class of 1956, \$500.00.....</i> | Dakota Payne |
| <i>Jessie "Louise" Schneickert, Class of 1938, Memorial Scholarship, 2 @ \$500.00.....</i> | Kylie March, Elsie Sorrell |
| <i>Jim Crumpton, Class of 1963, Memorial Scholarship, \$250.00.....</i> | Harrison Hall |
| <i>Kathy Foster-Cochran, Class of 1976, Memorial Cross Country Scholarship, \$200.....</i> | Katelynn Reed |
| <i>LCCHS Alumni Association - a 4-Year Scholarship, \$2,000.00.....</i> | Hayden Pool |
| <i>The Lois Jean Frederick Shrum (1950) & Susan Kay Shrum (1973) Scholarship, \$3,000.00.....</i> | Lauryn Helwig |
| <i>Mabel (Utley) Layton, Class of 1925, Memorial Scholarship, \$500.00.....</i> | Gracelynn Brown |
| <i>Marvin Foster Cave '31 and Mary Louise Cave '35 Allen Memorial Scholarship, \$450.00.....</i> | Kelsey Stringer |
| <i>Martin Kudrick Memorial Scholarship, \$675.00.....</i> | Cameron Vail |
| <i>Music Scholarship in Memory of Imogene North & Alma Lee Shell, \$200.....</i> | Brooke Chavez-Martinez |
| <i>New Life Clothing and More Scholarship, 2 @ \$250.00.....</i> | Quay Blurton, Ryan Kasson |
| <i>Natalie Neal-Lattimore Memorial Scholarship, \$350.00.....</i> | Bradie Johnson |
| <i>Quincy E. Hicks, Class of 1956, Memorial Scholarship, \$250.00.....</i> | Kade Irwin |
| <i>Raeme Lee (Wamsley) Mullen, Class of 1946 and Lewis C. Wamsley, Class of 1951, \$1,000.00.....</i> | Dakota Payne |
| <i>Robert B. "Bobby" Jones Memorial Scholarship, \$400.00.....</i> | Madison Hayward |
| <i>Roy L. Surridge, Class of 1950, Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....</i> | Layla Bradfield |
| <i>The Raymond & Donna Kline Family Scholarship, \$800.00.....</i> | Kaleigh Burke |
| <i>The Mabel (Utley) Layton '25 Memorial, and The Wintress (Woodland) Jack '29 Memorial, and The Cordelia "Dee" (Good) Jack Memorial Scholarships, \$900.....</i> | Katelynn Reed |

2021-2022
LCCHS
Alumni
Officers

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| President: Chris Kastler Class of '79 620-423-9767 ckastler@usd506.org | Vice President: Janie Stice Class of '74 620-330-0048 jatvstice@hotmail.com | Secretary: Donna Strickland Class of '58 620-795-4469 dsfun@hotmail.com | Treasurer: Marjorie Vogt Class of '66 620-423-1473 mfalcon28@gmail.com |
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Would you like to help out your Alumni Officers? Let us hear from you!

From Your President

Alumni, you can make a difference.

This school year is surely a year that we will remember as we again fought through the pandemic and persevered. Our students in Labette County are resilient and also persevered through masks, quarantines and vaccinations to graduate and pursue their dreams. It is up to us as Alumni to help make those dreams become a reality.

Alumni, it is my pleasure to serve as President of our Alumni Association again this year. As the time from my graduation gets farther away each year, the memories I collected during my years as a Grizzly are as vivid today as they were all those many years ago. What I really like about my memories from high school is that I was always young, trim and fit. I felt like I could conquer the world and college was affordable.

What is different now from that time is the cost of college. Students go into great debt just to get a Bachelor's degree and even more if they change majors or get a Master's degree.

To that end, we have wonderful alumni that are passionate about making a difference for our young people, seeing them succeed as you give faithfully to the Alumni Association. Every year you support us with donations to sustain our scholarship fund, to fund our operating and mailing cost, as well providing the Sunshine Fund, which pays some expenses for students who cannot afford them.

Your contributions help keep our Grizzly tradition of excellence strong and proud. At times it seems as though everyone is asking for your hard-earned dollar, but in order to sustain and improve the quality of our schools and provide scholarships, we need your assistance.

This is our opportunity to give back. In the past, our alumni have always stepped up to provide scholarships or donated large sums of money for a specific project. If you would like a list of the district needs or any other project or program that needs funded, please let us know. We would be happy to provide you with the opportunity to make a difference.

Chris Kastler-Class of 1979

Hartman Gerahiser and USD 506 Foundation Grants Awarded

The 506 Foundation, Inc. has been the recipient of estate money from LC Alumni, and now with Giving Tuesday donations, and with this money we are able to help the teachers in our district with specific needs that the school budget doesn't have the funds. The following are the grants awarded this year (2022):

1. Mary Sharp, Jr. High Science teacher at Meadow View is requesting \$160.00 for a hot water dispenser, which will hold enough water for 40 students to use. In addition, she would like to purchase two project learning books to go along with her science classroom.
2. Dena Terrall, Jr. High ELA teacher at Mound Valley is requesting \$780.00 for chrome book bags. This would allow students to carry their chrome books from class to class and minimize the damage to them.
3. Sarah Allison, 3rd grade teacher from Edna is requesting \$728.00 to buy ten phonics and spelling kits for her classroom. The kits include magnetic letter tiles, magnetic color tiles, Sylla Boards and other components that goes along with the districts Really Great Reading phonics program.
4. Mike Wassenaar, Jr. High Band director is requesting \$1,500.00 to purchase five drum carriers for the new bass drums that were purchased last year. The present carriers are old and falling apart.
5. Pat Brothers and Tori Armburster, 1st and 2nd grade teachers at Mound Valley grade school are requesting \$1,075.20 for additional student kits so every student can have their own.
6. Ryan Elliot, Music teacher at Mound Valley is requesting \$200.00 to purchase some Orff style keyboard percussion instruments to be used in his music classrooms. They currently only have better percussion instruments, but no keyboard instruments.

Total amount \$4,443.20 awarded.

Principal's Message

Greetings LCHS Alumni:

Following years of great leadership and community support, Labette County High School still stands solid with its foundation of traditions and rich history. It is my honor to serve as the first female principal of LCHS this year. Labette County High School continues to serve a multitude of facets for so many students and families, not just in our community but also for those who live far beyond our state-determined boundary lines. Students travel miles to attend LCHS, and as alumni I know you understand the "why" behind the daily journey these students make. Labette County High School truly embraces students and provides opportunities for a multitude of trades, academia, and athletics. Our school also has a staff that is devoted to helping our students become successful in their future endeavors, and because of that devotion, lifelong bonds are formed.

The 2021-2022 school year looked to be a refresh and recovery year from one of the most distressing school years in our students' educational careers. We planned accordingly, but began the school year believing the pandemic was going to be on the back burner; we were looking to gain normalcy in the classrooms and move away from the focus of COVID. I wish I could share that story, but as you know, the story did not unfold the way we had hoped. Once again, social distancing, masking, and in-school testing (an added component) began. All these measures were taken to keep our staff and students safe, to keep our school doors open, and to meet local and state requirements. Even though these items consumed hours on the administrative side, our teachers prevailed and have provided classrooms focused on education and reflection; they continue to create exciting opportunities so our students can focus on the future and see beyond the sadness of this pandemic. Despite the circumstances, we continued to organize community events, attend conferences and field trips, and host school dances. Most importantly, within the guidelines, we removed the masks so that we could once again see the smiles that make the halls of LCHS the best place to be on any given day.

The most amazing part of leading Labette County High School this year is the continued pride I see each and every day from our staff, teachers and students. They focus on what is yet to be accomplished. They defy the odds, and as historically proven, Grizzly Grit keeps all of us moving forward to keep the rich history of LCHS alive and well! We honor the mission of continuing to be leaders in our vocational programs, changing every day to prepare students for the ever-changing workforce. We teach our students the importance of being respectable citizens and sound moral decision-makers, all while being responsible and respectful of the foundation this school was built upon. We speak about and honor the history of LCHS in our classrooms while incorporating current trends of this time; this is all done in an effort to grow Grizzlies that our community and alumni will be proud of. Every day at LCHS is an opportunity to impact the future and we do not take that responsibility lightly. I am proud to be part of the Grizzly Nation family!

I look forward to seeing, meeting, and visiting with you at the Alumni Banquet in May to share the Grizzly pride that connects all of us.

Stacy Smith
Principal-Labette County High School

The 506 Foundation Inc.

The Purpose: *We are a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster excellence in education by funding programs that enhance the capabilities of USD 506 schools to stimulate students' academic achievement and enrich the learning environment.*

The Goal: *We shall engage in programs and activities benefiting the education of the youth in Labette County, Kansas, and to endow funds to enhance the quality of education provided by USD 506.*

The Objective: *We will concentrate on building endowment and serving as a repository for memorial and honorary contributions, as well as distributing grants for specific educational projects not ordinarily provided for in the school district budget.*

An avenue for you to invest in the education of future generations has been established in the 506 foundation. There are several ways you can contribute. One can write a check to the foundation, include the foundation in your will, buy a life insurance policy naming the foundation the beneficiary, establish a trust naming the foundation as the beneficiary, or donate property, stock, or real estate to the foundation. Each of these actions will benefit the youth of USD 506 and may provide tax advantages to you at the same time.

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Reunion Announcement

Alumni Awards will be held on Saturday, May 14th. Senior Awards will be held on Monday, April 18.
Both will be held in person.

Alumni Banquet

Meal will be served starting at 6:00 pm.
Meeting will start at approximately 7:00 pm.

ATTENTION:

Due to so many tickets being reserved and not paid for we are unable to reserve tickets without payment in hand by May 1st, 2022. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THIS DATE.

Ticket Cost \$12

Purchase tickets by May 1, 2022 from the following locations:
Labette Bank, Parsons and Altamont and Ace Hardware, Parsons

Tickets may also be obtained by sending to:

Janie Stice
5175 CR 5800
Cherryvale, KS 67335
Email: jatvstice@hotmail.com
Phone: 620-330-0048

YOUR PAID TICKETS; will be available at the cafeteria door the night of the banquet.
Make checks payable to : LCHS Alumni Association.

Please use the Contribution Form to designate where you want your funds to go.

Contribution Form

Please Note- the LC Alumni Association is NOT 501(c)(3). For contributions to be used for tax purposes, write your check to The 506 Foundation, Inc. and make a notation on your check "LC Alumni."

Please select one of the following:

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 Sunshine Fund 506 Foundation Other _____

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