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Distinguished Alumnus Michael Lifrak, '93



Michael Lifrak, son of Timothy Lifrak '66 and Ann Marie McMahon, was born and grew up in Fall River, attending Highland School, Morton Middle School (where his father taught sixth grade history), and graduating from Durfee in 1993. At Durfee, Michael was a three-sport varsity athlete (soccer, track, and baseball). He was in the Durfee Top Ten and named

Best All-Around Student in his class of nearly 700 students. Michael was the editor-in-chief of the Durfee Hilltop, with longtime Durfee publications adviser Mr. Michael J. Vieira, one of Michael's mentors. Michael received numerous college scholarships from the Fall River community, including from the Durfee Alumni Association.

Michael went on to graduate from Columbia University in New York, attended Cambridge University in England, and graduated from the Yale Law School.

Since graduating from law school, Michael has practiced law at the firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, primarily in Los Angeles and New York. Michael is a trial lawyer who has tried and won cases around the country. Michael's clients include Elon Musk, Tesla, Jay-Z, Kim Kardashian, Kylie Jenner, and many others.

Michael is currently lead trial counsel for Elon Musk in a securities fraud class action trial related to Mr. Musk's acquisition of Twitter in 2022, in which plaintiffs are seeking billions of dollars in recovery. Three of his most prominent prior victories include obtaining full defense verdict for Elon Musk, Tesla, and its Board of Directors in a 2023 securities fraud class action trial in San Francisco. The case related to Elon Musk's tweets in August 2018 that he was considering taking Tesla private and that funding was "secured." The Plaintiff class was seeking recovery from what they claimed was more than \$12 billion in investor losses. This was the first defense-side jury verdict for a company in a securities class action in over 15 years. In another case, he obtained complete defense verdict in four-week jury trial in New York state court on behalf of Shawn Carter (Jay-Z) and S. Carter Enterprises. Plaintiff, a fragrance manufacturer, alleged breach of contract related to the promotion of a men's fragrance and sought over

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Distinguished Alumnus Harris Tulchin, '70



Harris E. Tulchin is a veteran entertainment lawyer, producer, producer's rep, author, professional baseball team owner, and professor of motion picture law. He has produced or executive-produced over 25 motion pictures and sold or licensed hundreds of films, and is the co-author of a book considered one of the bibles of the motion picture industry

entitled "*The Independent Film Producer's Survival Guide*."

Harris grew up in Fall River. His father, Abraham Tulchin, was a labor lawyer with an office downtown on Main Street. His Mom, Natalie Tulchin, worked at U Mass Dartmouth and Adas Israel Synagogue. He attended the Dubuque School, Tansey Elementary, Morton Junior High and Durfee. In his formative years, baseball was his life; he and his friends built a baseball field behind the Tansey School to play in. He played in multiple little leagues and summer camp teams and was the starting center fielder for Morton. At Durfee, however, he failed to make the baseball team; but he quickly pivoted to the tennis team, ultimately becoming the Team Captain. While at Durfee he dabbled with theater in the Drama Club, protested the Vietnam War and other issues of the day and continued to play team sports.

Harris' guidance counselor suggested he apply to the Cornell University School of International and Labor Relations. Part of the application was writing an essay on the spot, and his chosen topic was Fall River, its mills, unions and the possibilities for the city's rebirth and renewal. Cornell evidently liked what he wrote and off to Ithaca, New York he went in 1970. His younger brother David, who died way too young at 40, followed Harris to Cornell, where for a time they worked together at the Thirsty Bear Tavern on campus. After college he had government jobs in Washington D. C. and Los Angeles, got his law degree at Hastings Law School in San Francisco, had his first labor law job in Honolulu and then settled in to Southern California for his work, first as a legal and business affairs executive and then in private entertainment law practice and as a movie producer.

Some of the movies he produced are *To Sleep with Anger*, *The*

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Annual Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM • Nagle Auditorium • Refreshments 6 to 7PM

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Letter from the President



Dear Fellow Alumni,

It has been an honor to serve as Alumni President and even more special that our Alumni Association is celebrating 150 years of a continuously operating alumni association that provides scholarships to graduating students to further their education. Through extensive research of our association historians, we can proudly say that we are the largest scholarship foundation in the United States for a public high school. What a tremendous milestone!

With this special anniversary, the Association is once again embarking on a new alumni directory. Our social media shows we have global followers, and we aim to include all graduates in the directory. We know that Durfee High enriches not only the Fall River area but the world at large.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the 2026 graduates of Durfee. Welcome to our association, and best of luck to you all in going out into the world, to experience it and contribute to it! We hope you will always look back with pride on your time at Durfee.

Lisa Lundy Kusinitz

2025 Toolship Award Recipient List

In a new program of the Alumni Association, the top students in the Career and Tech Education (CTE) program were awarded "toolships" so they could buy the necessary equipment to work in their fields. These are the winners in each of the pathways.

Construction Craft Laborer - Angeliz Solivan

Engineering - Ava Cordeiro

Visual Design - Ameera Ahmad

Health Assisting - Alani Araujo Goncalves

Marketing - Armind Paiva

Cosmetology - Kendall Medeiros

Early Ed - Lizbeth Tejada

Culinary Arts - Jackk Wright

Environmental - Alexia Leocadio Lopes

Reunions

Durfee Class of 2016! It's time to reunite!

There is a Facebook group you can join to participate in the planning:
search "Durfee class of 2016."

Durfee Class of 1986 40th Reunion

May 30th 2026 White's of Westport

Contact: Lisa (Cory) Raposa

Lisa.rap228@gmail.com

Or Check their facebook page

'Durfee Class of 86 Reunion'

Durfee Class of 1976 50th Reunion

September 19th, 2026 White's of Westport

Check the Facebook page

'Durfee High School Class of 1976'

Or email: durfeealumni1976@gmail.com

Class of 1971 55th Reunion

August 7, 2026 The Cove Restaurant

Email: Durfee1971@gmail.com

Durfee Class of 1966 60th Reunion

Saturday, September 19th 5:30-10:30

White's of Westport

Contact Pat Capone Souza

Pat610u@hotmail.com or Jane McCauley

Godin, jgodin1@outlook.com

2025 Scholarship Recipient List

"Class of 1960"	Allane Anes-Spinola
"Allen L. Jarabek Memorial Scholarship" & "Class of 1928"	Casey Carvalho
"Dr. Joseph M. Rockett Scholarship, Class of 1942" & "Class of 1931" & "Class of 1943"	Michaela Goncalves
"The Richard B. Butler, M.D. & Milton J. Gilbert, M.D. Scholarship" & "Annie Jennings Anthony"	William Rumsey
"The Richard B. Butler, M.D. & Milton J. Gilbert, M.D. Scholarship" & "Albert G. Pierce Memorial"	Olivia Rumsey
"Harold R. Bannister in memory of James Edward Bannister and Catherine Manning Bannister" & "Carmi A. Belmont"	Katerina Rumsey
"Allen L. Jarabek Memorial Scholarship" & "Class of 1943"	Abigail Saunders
"Durfee Southern Reunion" & "Class of 1943"	Brooke Tabicas
"Durfee Southern Reunion" & "Class of 1984"	Madison Tabicas
"The Richard B. Butler, M.D. & Milton J. Gilbert, M.D. Scholarship" & "Eleanor F. McKey"	Ava Guillemette
"Harold R. Bannister" & "Eleanor F. McKey"	Owen Moniz
"Class of 1924" & "Stephen J. Nawrocki and Class of 1954"	Dorian Brennan
"John S. Brayton" & "Thomas K. Brindley, Class of 1925 Scholarship" & "John T. & Louise B. Crowley Scholarship" & "Elizabeth R. Stevens"	Landon DeMedeiros
"Helen Simmons"	Emalee Depaula Freitas
"Edward F. & Rose S. Smith Scholarship" & "Frank C. and Alice R. Chace"	Madison Ferreira
"B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Ernest Baroody" & "Aaron Dashoff Memorial Scholarship" & "B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - William H. Barker" & "Herman P. Mello"	Jakob Furtado
"James Madison Morton, 3rd" & "Michael J. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship" & "James H. & Eunice T. Mullen" & "Hugo V. Violette Memorial, Class of 1933 Scholarship"	Forrest Malo
"Edward F. & Rose S. Smith Scholarship"	Hailey Robertson
"Evelyn E. Mason & Nancy J. French Scholarship" & "Joseph Andrews Scholarship" & "Oliver S. & Mary E. Hawes"	Anthony Sweat
"Robert L. Ferreira Memorial Scholarship" & "Robert A. Richard and Patricia L. Richard Memorial Scholarship" & "John A. Carvalho"	Ameera Ahmad
"George E. Devoll Scholarship"	Nida Azeemi
"Richard & Cecile Cloutier Scholarship" & "James A. Brown"	Braeden Bartley
"Charles V. Carroll" & "Arthur W., Annie M., & Lydia M. Smith" & "Class of 1991 Douglas Carvalho & Todd E. Majkut Scholarship" & "The Phenix Memorial Scholarship, Carol, Mother & Andrew, (Class of 1988) Son"	Kacey Curran
"The Fall River Women's Union" & "Helen C. Reddy Memorial Scholarship" & "Mary A. Draper" & "Robert J. Nagle & M. Rita Nagle" & "Nathan & Irene Anthony Chace"	Zoe Grajales
"Edward F. & Rose S. Smith Scholarship"	Kaylee Kusnitz
"Richard & Cecile Cloutier Scholarship"	William Pierce
"Ronald Lamarre Memorial Scholarship Fund" & "Morris & Ida Horvitz" & "Jerome Namias Scholarship" & "William H. Lambert - William Lindsey"	Marializ Valcarel

Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1961	Malcolm P. Aldrich	'18	1991	Marcel P. Joseph	'53	2009	Dr. R. Judson Carlberg	'58
1962	Bishop James L. Connolly	'13	1992	William K. Reilly	'58	2009	Thomas J. Curry	'60
1963	Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq.	'05	1993	Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF	'38	2010	Betty M. Welch	'45
1964	Edward B. Hanify, Esq.	'29	1994	Hon. Milton R. Silva	'40	2010	Louise Durfee	'48
1965	Dr. John C. Corrigan	'21	1994	William F. Powers	'48	2011	James J. Karam	'65
1966	Myer N. Sobilloff	'24	1995	Hon. Edward F. Harrington	'51	2012	Irving H. Picard	'59
1967	Ellis Gifford	'02	1995	Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq.	'51	2012	Joseph F. Sabik, MD	'79
1968	Jerome Namias	'28	1996	Michele Kaufman Rallis	'58	2013	John J. Fletcher, MD	'53
1969	Helen Winward Brown	'03	1997	Peter G. Collias, Esq.	'49	2013	Reena Deutsch, PhD	'68
1970	Thomas Rodgers, Jr.	'30	1998	Mel B. Yoken PhD	'56	2014	Ruth Moss	'50
1971	John B. Cummings, Esq.	'08	1998	Faust D. Fiore	'39	2014	Robert J. Dupere	'48
1972	Humberto Cardinal Medeiros	'37	1999	John J. McAvoy	'37	2015	Joseph A. Conforti, PhD	'63
1973	Ambassador William J. Porter	'30	1999	Dr. John T. Harrington	'54	2015	Ronald A. Schwartz, MD	'52
1974	Hon. James P. McGuire	'31	2000	William F. Long, Jr.	'44	2016	Anthony F. Cordeiro	'80
1975	James A. Nannery	'31	2000	Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr.	'38	2016	Hon. E. Susan Speier Garsh	'65
1976	Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney	'23	2001	Lester W. Cory	'56	2017	Zelma Vincent Braga	'52
1977	Gen. Melvin Zais	'33	2001	James Chace	'49	2017	Charles D. Smith Ph.D	'54
1978	Francis L. Gragnani	'36	2002	Kenneth L. Nathanson	'42	2018	Margery Eagan	'72
1979	Robert J. Nagle	'28	2002	James H. Smith	'47	2018	Hon. Joseph I. Macy	'61
1980	Hon. Mary J. Fonseca	'32	2003	Morton Dean Dubitsky	'53	2019	Jerri Kaplan Sher BFA, MAEd	'66
1981	Dr. Roger N. Violette	'25	2003	James F. O'Hearn	'53	2019	Christopher J. Fontes, PhD	'83
1982	Florence C. Brigham	'17	2004	Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews	'54	2020-21	Robert S. Karam	'61
1982	M. Norman Zalkind	'31	2004	Ernest Moniz	'62	2020-21	Joseph A. Marshall	'65
1983	Bayless Manning	'40	2005	Lucille Roussell Hadley	'36	2022	Nancy Cooperstein Charney	'56
1984	Phillip Sacknoff	'35	2005	Daniel Bogan	'51	2022	Capt. Paul B. Grozen USN (Ret)	'50
1985	James J. Hammond	'26	2006	Hon. William C. Carey	'42	2023	Frederick A. Drayton Sr.	'55
1986	Richard M. Rosenberg	'48	2006	John Moriarty	'48	2023	Dr. Rebecca Masterson	'93
1987	Thomas J. Brown	'42	2007	Arthur A. Teixeira	'62	2024	Dr. Joel Potash	'54
1988	Frank S. Feitelberg	'24	2007	George Duclos	'52	2024	Dr. Elaine Ostroff	'51
1989	James Dean	'50	2008	Col. David W. Gavigan	'57	2025	William "Bill" R. Eccles, Jr.	'69
1990	William H. Gaudreau	'46	2008	Dr. William D. Tompkins	'39	2025	Thomas "Skip" Karam	'53

B.M.C. DURFEE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

150 Years Strong (1876-2026)

By Joyce B. Rodrigues, Class of '62 and Claudine A. Cloutier, Class of '88

Dedication: To the men and women of Fall River who built a city, created a public school system, and left an endowment for future generations to support and maintain educational scholarships.



Fall River High School was founded in 1849 when the town voted in April to establish a public high school. The sum of \$1,500 was appropriated to finance the project. The High School opened on May 10 in the private school building of George B. Stone. It was located on the south side of Franklin Street. Not long after, a permanent building opened on June Street. The Franklin Street building later became a grammar school. The first academic year of Fall River High School ended in June of 1850 with an enrollment of 50 students.

The town of Fall River was incorporated as a city in April of 1854. During the next fifty years, Fall River forged an identity based on manufacturing, a dedicated and diverse workforce, and a commitment to education. By the late 1800s, the city was home to over one hundred textile mills, making it the largest textile-producing center in the United States. By 1880, Fall River produced nearly half of all the print cloth in the world, earning the city the epithet: "The Spindle City". The industrial boom attracted a large immigrant work force. Between 1860 and 1900, the city grew nearly eightfold, from 14,000 to nearly 110,000. Fall River, by the turn of the century, would be the third-largest city in Massachusetts. The rapid growth of the city necessitated the construction of new schoolhouses to accommodate the increased number of pupils. Fifteen new buildings were erected between 1868 and 1879 to meet the demand. James F. Davenport, the newly elected Mayor of Fall

River, in his inaugural address of January 5, 1874, urged the Board of Aldermen to think about the need to build a new and larger high school. The graduates of Fall River High School, now twenty-five years strong, noted how the increase in the number of graduates was affecting class spirit, friendships, and attendance at the annual assemblies.

The first high school assembly, the precursor of annual meetings, was held in 1849. Miss Mary L. Holmes, Secretary of Classes 1849 to 1852, documented the event in an alumni publication called *The Nucleus*. But the assembly only met sporadically. To re-establish a high school association, officers of the class of 1876 reached out to graduates by publishing an open invitation in the *Fall River Daily Evening News* of June 30, 1876. The members of the graduating class proposed that past and current graduates revive the association. Graduates registered their names at the annual High School sociable. They adopted a constitution and by-laws; elections of officers followed. The newly established association was more than a social gathering. Its objective was to cement the friendships of former pupils, create relationships between past and current scholars and foster a sense of community pride.

The city, school committee and alumni association continued to debate the need for a new high school, but were at an impasse. Mrs. Mary B. Young (née Mary Brayton, later Durfee), on February 5, 1883, addressed the dilemma in a written presentation to the Fall River City Council. Heir to the Brayton and Durfee textile fortunes, Mrs. Young offered to erect and furnish, at her expense, a building suitable for a high school. The school was to be in memory of her son, Bradford Mathew Chaloner (B.M.C.) Durfee, who was born on June 15, 1843, and died on September 13, 1872, at the age of 29. The Fall River City Council quickly accepted the generous proposal. Prior to his death, B.M.C. Durfee had stated his desire that a portion of his estate be devoted to the advancement of higher education and that the youth of Fall River be instructed in the chemical, physical, and mechanical sciences. The high school was constructed at a cost of nearly one million dollars. The deed was dated Wednesday, June 15, 1887, the anniversary of the birth of B.M.C. Durfee. The building, when completed, was considered the finest high school in the United States. The curriculum was designed to meet the definition of a comprehensive high school. There was ample room for the four hundred pupils enrolled. From that date to the present, B.M.C. Durfee High School has played an important role in providing secondary education to the youth of Fall River and has become an iconic symbol of Fall River's textile past and commitment to its future.

The idea of scholarships was first introduced by the alumni association in 1883 at an annual meeting when four members of the association pulled together \$8.50 among themselves. The following year, fourteen leading businessmen in the city presented \$1,400 to the alumni association to help scholars achieve their educational goals. After a few years, the alumni association selected seven members as trustees of the scholarship fund. Contributions started to come in from class reunions, class anniversaries, private contributions, and

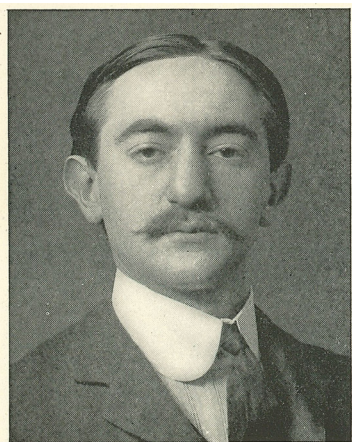
memorial gifts. There was one completed scholarship fund. One scholarship was offered once every four years. It was intended to have four funds to allow the awarding of one scholarship each year. The first scholarship, for \$100 a year for four years, was offered by the trustees to Miss Lillian M. Wing of the class of 1894, who was going to attend Radcliffe College. Tuition at Harvard/Radcliffe in 1894 was \$200.00 per year, of which the scholarship covered half. Lillian started a long and successful teaching career after graduating in 1898. She married Willis Estabrook Smith in 1904 and died in 1959. Four years later, the second recipient was David Reuben Radovsky of the class of 1898, who was born in Russia on April 2, 1880, a son of Bernard and Bessie (Feuerhaltz) Radovsky. He immigrated to the United States with his family in 1885. He received his BA and MA degrees from Harvard College in 1902 and 1903, and his Bachelor of Laws degree from Harvard Law School in 1905. At Harvard he was handball champion for three years, played basketball and baseball and won scholarships for high scholastic standing. He married Minnie Ester Simon of Fall River in 1909. They had 11 children. He died in 1931.



Throughout many economic upturns and downturns, Fall River was sustained by its educational foundation and the intellectual and religious vitality of the city. Durfee High School, supplemented by the tech building across the street, built in 1913 and rebuilt after a fire in 1927, weathered wars, depressions, and economic change. Nonetheless, as the years passed, it became evident that the historic Rock Street Durfee would not be able to support the needs of today's students. The Englehardt Report, written by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, required that Fall River build a more modern high school, Durfee 2, which opened in 1978. This itself was replaced by the current school, Durfee 3, which opened in 2021. "We have a world-class facility for the students of Fall River for many generations to come," said Principal Matt Desmarais. "The spirit that is in this building already, the natural light, the energy, is really going to transform our school's culture." The bright new building has details that tie it to the past, including reclaimed wooden beams and stair treads from the King Philip Mill complex. The observatory at the top of the building houses a historic telescope crafted in the 1880's, that has been in the school's possession for more than one hundred years. There is also the belfry where massive bronze bells that date back to the original Durfee building on Rock Street, supplemented with a few newly forged bells, create a full carillon.

The Durfee High School Alumni Association is dedicated to keeping classmates connected, celebrating their shared history, and supporting the school's future, but it is not the group that awards the scholarships in these days. That is done by a separate but related organization, The Trustees of Fall River High School Alumni Scholarships. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization allowing for tax-deductible donations, which focuses on supporting the educational goals of deserving Durfee students as they pursue higher education. Each year, the Trustees award significant financial assistance to approximately 25 graduating seniors every year. The Trustees generate an income through investments that allow the scholarships to continue in perpetuity. The scholarships awarded are not merely for the student's first year of college but are given for each of the four years of the student's undergraduate studies. The yearly distribution for the four revolving classes, at present, is more than \$250,000.00.

While the fund is financially sound, the needs of graduates, facing ever sky-rocketing tuition bills, have never been greater. Tuition and living expenses at most private universities exceed \$70,000 per year. For public universities, the cost of attendance, with room and board, can easily place college out of reach for talented graduates. Gifts to the scholarship fund in any amount are welcomed. A minimum donation of \$5,000 is required to establish a named fund. Often, several named scholarships are granted to a single student to provide that student with a larger award.



To add to the distinguished list of donors by establishing a scholarship, contact: Claudine A. Cloutier, President of the Fall River High School Scholarship Fund, at claudinecloutier34@gmail.com.

Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to The Trustees of the Fall River High School Scholarship Fund and mailed to:

Office of the President
P.O. Box 2519,
Fall River, MA 02722

For a longer version of this article with much more information on the history of Fall River and its High School go to <https://www.durfeealumniassociation.com/about>

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1933

Thomas W. & Carolyn Hammond
- Memoriam
James A. Partridge - Mem.

1936

Lillian Yates Rothwell - Memoriam
Alice Shaw Harkin - Memoriam

1942

Lucy Baj Los - Memoriam

1943

Dorothy Mockas Hough
Victor E. Mello

1945

Betty Munro Welch

1946

Robert A. Deane
Philip A. Clorite
William A. Gallagher
Muriel Girard Laflamme
Janice Tate Anderson
Juliette L. Talbot Whitehead

1947

Leona M. Guidotti Ribeiro
Stanley F. Stafiej, PhD
Sally Cuttler McGinn
Clarisse Dupont Deane - Mem.

1948

Mary Medeiros Lamothe
Doris Dean Allen Blankley
R. Meredith Pearson Eastman
Jaqueline Pierce Aitken

1949

Francis W. Como
Paul R. Kelleher
Elizabeth L. Williams Marsden
Louise Pierce McCarthy
Reva Wicknick Newfield
Aubrey Stephen Nutbrown-Mem.
Gerald Sandler
Anna J. Wisz Zdon
Louise Pierce McCarthy

1950

Col. Joan I. Gray, USAF Nurse
Corp. (Ret)
Louis B. Martins
Alice Fernandes Hayden
Francis B. McAndrew
Paul B. Grozen, Capt. USN (Ret)
Mary Lou Walkden Banks
Jane Larocque Morse
Lorraine Taylor Stringer
Bernard A. G. Taradash
Janice Kay Warren
Carolyn Capstack Tuovinen

1951

Robert J. Hayden, Jr.
Peter W. Sarantakis
William A. Seymour, MD
Charles D. Somers - Memoriam
Norman Shepherd
Earl Sanft
Florence Picard Southland
George F. Southland
Doris M. Thornton

1952

Zelma Vincent Braga
Diana Ziskind Glashow

Lawrence A. Donnelly

M+M Joseph R. Kotlarski
Dr. Ronald A. Schwartz
Joan Winslow Buhrendorf

Hazel Langton Costa
John T. (Ted) Goltz

Judith Kline Markowitz
Dino R. Polselli

Jean Higgins Bogan
Mario S. Polselli

William L. O'Hare
Deborah Radovsky Finn

Thomas Powers
Ronald A. Golz

Rona Bernstein Solberg
Helen Bohun Schultz

Janet Paquin Kotlarski
Albert E. Dean

Natalie Wilson Lafleur
Rita Gauthier Wheelock -

Memoriam

1953

Norma Pereira Atkinson, PhD
Ronald Caplain
Joseph Costa, Jr. - Memoriam
William B. Dixon
Joanne Bogle Gerlach
Constance Levesque Karnasiewicz
Electra Yankopoulos Petropoulos
Ronald T. Silvia
Morton (Dean) Dubitsky
Carolyn Joan Britto Murray

1954

James E. Bullock
Rev. Alan D. Carvalho
Shirley Medeiros Mohamed
James L. Harrington
Robert L. Gagnon
Stephen R. Kay
Richard Lipsky
Richard J. Masse
William J. Moran
Leah Bieler Perlberg
Robert Plourde
Diana Cestodio Silva
Charles D. Smith, PhD
Francis J. Sullivan
Major W. Wheelock
George H. Petrin
Carol Krasnow Schwartz
Daniel F. Henry, Jr.
Thomas F. Travis

1955

Janet Park Been
Robert A. Bogle, Jr. Esq.
MSGT. Eugene V. Botelho, USAF
Mary Sousa Carreiro
Pauline Kotlarski Davis
Muriel Levesque Gagnon
Harry B. Golding
Lauretta Deschenes Gonyon
Dorothy Pavao Gruneberg
Robert Hoole
L. Joseph Lovit
Frank B. Manning
Joan Linhares Mello-Memoriam
Dolores J. Souza Moore
Dorothy Henaire Nicolau
Joan Drenwinski Pacheco
Annette St. Ours Pelland
Beverly Costa Pereira

Robert M. Keshura

Evelyn Aguiar Paradis
Pauline Morin Vezina
Pauline Kotlarski Davis

Frederick A. Drayton, Sr.
Rhoda Kaplan Pierce

Donald K. Smith
Beverly Tierney Tansey

Blanche Cadoret Adams
Howard M. Miller, Esq.

Janet Greenwood
Carolyn Frain Witkowski

Winfred Durfee Dimock
Joan Linhares Mello - Mem.

Raymond Longshaw

1956

Paul A. Borkman
Patricia A. Furze Cassidy
Robert Chapman, PhD
Nancy Cooperstein Charney
Douglas B. Crook
Janice E. Farrell
Herbert Feldman
Lorraine Langlais Forcier
Marlene McNally Gosson
Jeannette Lortie Kenyon
Robert Kitchen
Robert L. Lagace
Seraphina A. Jacome Lagace
Stephen F. Pirog, Jr.
Barbara Ann Sullivan Rigoli
Judith A. Schneider
Joan Hopkins Sheedy
Patricia M. Mullen Smith
Wayne P. Smith
Lionel B. Spiro
Jeanette Wood Wirz
Lois D. Duckworth Wordell
Melvin B. Yoken, PhD
Lois D. Duckworth Wordell
Dr. David A. Sousa
Beverly Padelford Clay
Norma Faria Brandt
Sylvia Hollins Starkie
Claude Desjardins, PhD

1957

Richard Alexander, USAF (Ret.)
Belisario A. Almeida
Gerald "Gerry" Burstein
Raymond Tavares
Ronald W. Coulombe
James R. Collard
Thomas A. Davol, Jr.
Lt. Col. Patrick J. Donovan,
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Sam Swidey - Hometown Tribute

By Mel B. Yoken, Class of '56

In the mid 50's at Durfee High School, there was a man who always put a smile on everyone's face by a kind, friendly word or a genuine smile, and his name was Sam Swidey. He engaged practically everyone with his uplifting banter and countless anecdotes. His kind and loving nature made him a central figure in his family and amidst his classmates. His legacy continues to this very day, some 70 years later. Sam, a Durfee graduate of 1955, still receives loving recollections from his classmates, as his life was marked by an unwavering, unparalleled kindness to all who knew him.

I met Sam soon after I entered Durfee and we became instantaneous friends. He enriched my life with his generosity of spirit and genuine care for others, which has left a lasting impact on so many, to this day. He was someone I trusted deep down inside, and how many people can you say that about? There was no way you could dislike Sam Swidey.



I worked for the Fall River Tree Department for three summers in the late 50s, and during many a lunch break I would visit Sam's parents' store, Swidey's Variety on Center Street at the corner of Bowers Street, and relish their convivial, engaging conversation. Sam obviously inherited his altruism and good nature from his parents, Saleem and Linda.

Sam was also a very serious scholar. His advice helped me plot out the courses I took at Durfee, and he felt it was of great import—perhaps a moral commitment—to help me better understand the politics of the day. Beyond that, Sam represented the very best of what the academic life could be, and that inspiration was crucial for me. Though he never knew it, as I never told him, he was like a big brother guiding me through life. After leaving Durfee, Sam continued to touch the lives of countless individuals as a teacher, elementary school principal, guidance counselor and adjustment counselor at Durfee.

While at Durfee, Sam asked/invited me to join various clubs, and often asked me to join him at his table during lunch. We talked mostly about the weather, family and life in general. When I look back on my time in high school, the kind of intellectual experience created by Sam was unique, and was crucial to my own growth, as it opened new and exciting vistas for me. In one of his numerous letters to me, dated June 7, 1955, he invited me to join the Speakers Bureau "because of your excellence in Public Speaking. This year the Bureau is inviting only sixteen juniors to become members... Your good friend, Sam Swidey."

Many years later I became interested in Sam's son Neil and his illustrious work at the Boston Globe. I invited him, on a few occasions, to speak about his articles and books at events at the U Mass Dartmouth Library. Sam would often attend these events, accompanied by his sweet wife Mary, and members of his immediate family. Sam, Mary and I thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting each time. Every time Neil spoke, he reminded me of—and reflected—his beloved father's charm, acumen, savvy and intellect. *Tel pere, tel fils*, as we say in French.

Sam died at a relatively young age of 77 in May 2014, leaving behind five loving children and 11 grandchildren. A loyal friend and a truly kind man, Sam believed in the importance of decency, honesty and integrity. His simple explanation for just about everything he did in life was, in his own words, "because it was the right thing to do." He understood the importance of being a good person and helping those around him. That made him an irreplaceable role model.

Distinguished Alumnus Michael Lifrak *continued*

\$90 million in alleged lost profits damages. In another case in 2020, he represented Elon Musk in a groundbreaking defamation case arising out of statements on Twitter (in which the plaintiff challenged Mr. Musk's statement calling a British caver a "pedo guy."). Michael was key part of trial team that obtained a complete jury verdict in client's favor and avoided plaintiff's claim for \$190 million in alleged damages.

Michael has also obtained numerous groundbreaking other trial victories in Delaware, California, New York, and Delaware.

Michael serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Laurence School, a K-6 independent school in Valley Glen, California. For the past ten years at Laurence, Michael has run the "Kids Court" program, in which sixth graders learn about the legal system in classes over the course of several months taught by Michael, then participate in a mock trial play.

Michael has two children, Ronan (age 18) and Bodhi (age 17). He resides with them in Los Angeles and also lives in New York, where his firm has an office. He spends about one-third of his time in New York and enjoys visiting his father and brother in the Fall River area each summer.

Herman Bomback '70 - a Hometown Tribute

By Lorna Ponte Tomek '70

What is a "Hometown Tribute?" We write this column to honor a Durfee High School alumnus who has remained in the Fall River area throughout his or her life, and has done something good for the City of Fall River. My classmate, Herman Bomback, Durfee class of 1970, fits the bill many times over. Herman passed away on July 4, 2023, following a courageous battle with cancer. How fitting that a man who loved his country so much would spend his last day on earth on Independence Day. Herman was well known in Fall River from his work with the Veterans, through his baseball league and his music. He loved bringing people together and, according to his widow, Dr. Laura Tavares Bomback '70, "was also very proud to have been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the town of Swansea".

Herman grew up in a strong military family, with a great love of this country, and entered the army in 1972 during the Vietnam War. He has served the veterans for the rest of his life, and touched the lives of so many people throughout his life. Following his tour of duty, Herman returned to Fall River and received two associates degrees, one in Police Science and in the other in Fire Science, and became a member of the Fall River Fire Department from 1975 to 1984. In yet another chapter of his life he would start the HR Bomback Insurance group, and the HR Bomback Real Estate Company.



Herman was a superb athlete who played both baseball and football at Durfee, and was inducted into the B.M.C. Durfee High School Hall of Fame for baseball. According to Mayor Paul Coogan, "Herman mowed me right down on the football field, and he was a great, great athlete!"

On November 14, 2025, a bench was dedicated to Herman at the Veteran's Memorial Bicentennial Park by the water near the Italian Memorial. Herman spent many years as an active member of the American Legion and served for fifteen years as its adjutant, and was the Post Commander of post 314 before serving as the District 9 Commander. Baseball remained important throughout his life, as he coached many teams from little league to high school. He coached the American Legion baseball team and became the baseball chairman of the American Legion Post 314 baseball team. He continued baseball into the fall, and became the Commissioner of the Autumn baseball league, which he started.

In 1995, Herman founded and became the Commander of the Alan T. Fernandes Post 464, holding the post until his death in 2023. Herman was also a Free Mason, and was a member of the Watuppa Lodge. As you can see, Herman was certainly a jack of all trades, When it came to bringing people together, he had a natural ability.

At his bench dedication in November 2025, several speakers shared memories of Herman that touched upon his dedication to the veterans, his love of baseball, and his passion for music. When Herman had only two months to live, he and his friend gave a little concert in his hospital room, as a thank you to the staff before he was discharged. He was a favorite amongst the staff, and that day would be his last gig.

At his bench dedication, "Everyone together makes a difference." White doves were released as a symbol of love, hope and peace. A bench for people to come together and meet and talk, a perfect ending for a gentleman whose life was spent bringing people together, always serving the people of Fall River and bringing them together in music. You would be hard pressed to find someone who knew Herman Bomback and didn't have a story of his friendship. A very deserving hometown tribute.

English Teaching at Durfee Today

By Judith Conrad, class of 1970

The one course everybody at Durfee takes every year is English. But has the teaching of English changed in any fundamental ways in the last few decades? I talked to Tanya Bernier, the dean of English Studies, about what's going on these days. Tanya has been teaching at Durfee since 2003; she grew up in Taunton, her mom was a chemistry teacher. She is full of enthusiasm for her students and her work. She is finding expanding opportunities these days: the new building is so beautiful, it makes the students aware of how the people in the community care about education and their kids. The diversity of the students is celebrated, everyone is really tolerant and accepting. The new Durfee is a wonderful place for meeting people with different backgrounds and perspectives. Massachusetts regularly ranks as the state in the country with the best public school education, and Fall River is keeping up. When she started teaching at Durfee there were two Advanced Placement sections, where high school students earn college credits; today there are twenty. This year Durfee won an AP bronze award for participation in the Advanced Placement program.

One hears a lot about how people's attention spans have contracted as a response to the online culture, the continual distraction or over-stimulation of incoming texts and TikToks. But it turns out students are still reading major works of literature. At the moment everybody in

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grade 10 reads **The Great Gatsby**, everyone in grade 11 reads **A Doll's House** and the seniors read **A Streetcar Named Desire**. Also they are currently developing a new curriculum with a pilot program for teaching Shakespeare where the freshmen will read **Romeo and Juliet** and the sophomores will read **Hamlet**.

Before talking to Ms. Bernier, I checked the Durfee Course Handbook and found an intriguing collection of English Electives listed. I don't remember anything of that sort being offered in my day. It turns out these courses are exactly what they say they are, they are electives, Students still have to take English 1, 2, 3 and 4, but they can sign up for these courses in addition, in the same way they can sign up for art or music. The theory is that in order to become a reader in adult life, you have to read, and if students are reading things they like and are interested in they will read more. Not all of the electives are offered every year; The class in "Media Studies: Inside True Crime Coverage" is very popular, as is the one in "Adulthood: a Primer for Life after High School". One on "Film Studies" runs regularly, as does one called "Thrillers and Chillers". There is a Slam Poetry class, and every year at the end of May that class sponsors a contest where the students perform their poems in front of the entire 10th grade class. About 12 students take part; the winner gets a thousand-dollar scholarship from the Fall River Educator's Association.

Ms Bernier quoted a paper written by an Ohio State professor, "Stories as Windows, Mirrors and Sliding Glass Doors" by Dr, Rudine Bishop. One can read as through a window, to see a real or imagined world that one has no personal experience of; or perhaps one can even walk through the window in imagination to become part of the world that has been created or recreated by the writer. But there is a special use for reading as a mirror of one's own life, to find self-affirmation, to see one's own experiences as part of the larger human experience. But this works only if you actually can see yourself in the writings that are selected; and the many students who are from minority backgrounds often do not see themselves reflected in the readings in the general classes at all. When students cannot find themselves depicted in the books they read, it teaches them a bad lesson about how they themselves are not valued. These small elective courses do a much better job of serving the students who actually take the courses in any given year.

Even outside of coursework, there is a good deal of enrichment to their lives in language in today's school. There is a book club that runs after school, and also a storyteller's club, The theater company put on *Hadestown* last year and this fall did Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*. There is also a History Abroad Club which sponsors trips to Europe.

And to end their time in High School, all the students in English 4 write a commencement speech. They determine a winner in each class who goes to the finals; the winner of that gets to give the speech at graduation as the Speaker-at-large.

Distinguished Alumnus Harris Tulchin *continued*

Golden Boys, Guy, The Lightkeepers, The Devil's Double, Home, Belle De Jour, DieRy, The Comeback Trail. Tulchin's more recent executive producer projects include Lucy Boomer starring Shirley MacLaine, Ansel Elgort, directed by Howie Deutch (set to start production in July, 2026); Marlowe - theatrically released on 2000 screens in the first quarter of 2023) starring Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger, Jessica Lange, Danny Huston, and Alan Cumming; Keeper of the Cup, a road trip comedy film about hockey fans stealing the Stanley Cup, which will be in made in conjunction with the NHL; and StarStruck, a five-part mini-series written by Andrew Chiamonte based on the life of the genius and convicted heretic and father of the scientific revolution, Galileo Galilei.

He has lectured extensively at forums in Southern California and many places around the world, and was an Adjunct Professor at the Entertainment Law Institute of Southwestern University Law School. Mr. Tulchin has been on the board of advisors for the Hollywood Film Festival, the Blue Water Environmental Film Festival and the American Pavillion at Cannes. He was also on the Board of Advisors of Cinezen Blockchain Entertainment, the blockchain/cryptocurrency video-on-demand distribution platform based in Sweden. Mr. Tulchin is also on the Board of Clubhouse Media Group, Inc., a publicly traded company that was the worldwide leader in lifestyle/social influencer content houses. He has had many clients as a private practitioner in entertainment law and travels worldwide to festivals and markets representing his clients.

Finally, for five years he owned a professional independent baseball team in the Golden Baseball League with a group of friends in Fullerton, California, a city with rich baseball tradition. It was some of the most fun and satisfying work he got to do with his legal and business skills; as general manager, he handled all of the player contracts, negotiating a broadcasting deal, drafting and signing new players, and negotiating contracts to license or sell player contracts to the Major League Clubs. He negotiated stadium leases and parking contracts, and figured out that he could sell a cup of beer for \$8.00 that originally cost 40 cents. While he did not get to step foot on the Durfee baseball field as a player, the skills and experience he gained from Fall River and Durfee allowed him to be on the baseball field every day for more than 5 years, travelling all over the West Coast, Canada, and Hawaii with the team. So, in a way his early dreams of being involved with all phases of baseball formulated in Fall River and Durfee were ultimately fulfilled!

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2026 - 2027 Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. **Please attach a resume, bio, any newspaper or magazine articles and any other information to the Nomination form.** This information is needed to assist the committee. Nominations remain current for a five-year period and should be submitted no later than September 30th, 2026, to be considered by the 2026 Selection Board. **Please note: Nominees are responsible for all travel and accommodation expenses.**

Name of Nominee: _____ Year of Graduation _____

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Name of person making nomination: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ email address: _____

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Alumni Directory Project!

The Durfee Alumni Association is in the beginning stages of producing a new Alumni Directory. It is a wonderful way to keep in touch with the people you went to school with! It will list all living alumni, along with contact information and information on employment, spouses, and children. Everyone will be listed alphabetically, and there will be indexes by class year and geographical location. It will also have 12 pages in the front of history of the school, with pictures of life at Durfees, new and old.

Collecting info for this edition will begin in the latter part of May. We are working with a company called PCI. They will begin by sending postcards and emails to alumni asking for updated info. These will be sent out periodically over several months. Later on, they may phone calls to those they have not yet reached to make sure everyone has an opportunity to be included. All calls will end with the opportunity to purchase the directory, if you wish. This is not a scam; it is the only way the directory is sold, and it is not available in bookstores. If you want to have a directory, you need to order it during the information-collecting phase. As part of the project, they also offer quality clothing items, travel bags, and backpacks with the Durfee logo, which can also be ordered during this time. The finished directory can be purchased as a 6" by 9" book or as a digital (PDF) version. The project will take approximately 12-14 months to complete, with directories expected to be mailed between May and July 2027.



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