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## Dr. John J. Fletcher Biography

Dr. John J. Fletcher, a 1953 graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High School, says that his most enjoyable educational experience from kindergarten to his years completing a doctoral degree at Boston University was his four years at Durfee. He recalls with affection teachers such as Miss Ramsey, Miss Powers, Miss Lomax, Miss MacDonald, Miss Langford, Miss Bent, and the principal, Mr. Ambrose Keeley. Dr. Fletcher considers them to be giants in the long history of Durfee and gives them credit for his success in college and graduate school. Of course, Dr. Fletcher's dad, Ralph, was an English teacher for forty years at Durfee as well. John's four brothers and three sisters were graduates, and all went on to college and to careers where they served with distinction. The Fletcher family owes much to its Alma Mater, and Dr. Fletcher joins you today in "raising your praises high to Durfee."

Dr. Fletcher has worked for half-a-century in Greater New Bedford on behalf of children, families, the elderly, and the economically disadvantaged. Currently a member of the New Bedford School Committee for seven years, he served as Vice Chair for three consecutive terms. He devotes many hours to helping children and parents and volunteering as a mentor and tutor.

One of the original volunteers at Market Ministries Homeless Shelter in New Bedford, he founded the Mother Teresa Playground

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## Reena Deutsch, PhD Biography

*Distinguished Alumni - Class of 1968*

Reena Deutsch, PhD, is currently Principal Statistician with the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine's HIV Neurobehavioral Research Program. She collaborates on research studies investigating associations between HIV/AIDS and the brain and central nervous system. Previously, as Director of Biostatistics at UCSD's General Clinical Research Center for 13 years, she consulted on medical research projects involving human subjects in all fields of medicine. Dr. Deutsch authored or co-authored over 60 articles in medical and statistical journals, taught biostatistics to medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty, instructed in continuing medical education classes, presented talks at scholarly meetings, conferences, and seminars, and collaborated on more than 100 other conference presentations.

She served on various scientific advisory or review boards and committees, was an officer in the American Statistical Association, and received awards for Extraordinary Service, Distinguished Service, and Best Invited Paper. In 2009,

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**Annual Meeting ~ May 24, 2013 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM**

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# Letter from the President

*Dear Fellow Durfee Alumni,*

*On behalf of the Alumni Board, let me offer our sincere congratulations to the Class of 2013 and to the Durfee Alumni Scholarship recipients. We wish for all of you a bright and prosperous future. To our two Distinguished Alumni, Dr. Reena Deutsch and Dr. John Fletcher, congratulations.*

*The year 2012 was an exciting year for Durfee Alumni. We had a successful gathering at McGovern's Restaurant on June 15th to celebrate 125 years of Durfee High. The bells are ringing, and the sound is wonderful.. It's been a long time since we've heard them. Our thanks to Les Cory and the Bells Committee for all their hard work in accomplishing this unbelievable task.*

*To all our Alumni, please continued to support your organizations fund raising efforts. The Association contributes to countless requests for funds from school organizations and our Alumni Scholarship. Your donations help us accomplish many things, sometimes the impossible.*

*I'm looking forward to serving as your President again this year. I send best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous year.*

*Dorothy Nicolau '55  
President  
Durfee Alumni Association*

## **DURFEE ALUMNI - We Need Your Help!**

The officers and Executive Committee of the Durfee High School Alumni Association are appealing to Durfee Graduates for increased financial help. As all are aware, we are a volunteer group that is working to continue honoring the traditions of our High School and maintaining contact with graduates.

In 2012, 15,863 copies of the Chimes were mailed to Alumni of record. At a cost of \$10,930. As of this printing, 563 have joined the Red and Black Club and 113 have sent in dues.

To maintain Alumni outreach, support our scholarship commitment to deserving Durfee graduates, and continue community and student activities an increase in financial support is needed.

If you have not yet sent in your check for this year, please go to the form on the last page and consider joining the Red and Black Club (\$25). Your dues of \$5 are also welcome.

The Officers and Executive Board of you Alumni thank you  
for your support.

# 2012 Scholarship Recipient List

"Domka Maslanka Stys, Class of 1941 Scholarship" .....	Kathryn E. Araujo
"Cora E., Irene C. & Mildred F. Wilde" & "Alvin E. Hardy ('35) and Dorothy Boyer Hardy ('36)" .....	Kimberly Botelho*
"Clinton W. Walker, '35 in Memory of Eleanor Ferguson Walker, '39" .....	Arleni M. Calderon
"Margaret Chace Memorial Scholarship" .....	Rachael E. Camara
"Alumni" .....	Hailey M. Cambra
"Harold S.R. and Marion E. Buffington" & "Robert Adams Clark, Class of '29 & Annie Edwards Clark, Class of '31" & "Henrietta Morse" .....	Nicholas D. Champagne
"Faust D. and Muriel S. (Kneen) Fiore Scholarship" & "Lucille Roussell Hadley '36 and Plummer W. Hadley Scholarship" & "Joseph B. D'Adamo Class of 1939" .....	Zachary S. Charette
"Helen A. Maslanka, Col. USAF Class of 1945 Scholarship" .....	Mankit M. Chow
"Dorothy Ellen Wolstenholme Memorial Scholarship" .....	Katelyn A. DeAlmeida*
"Frank S. Feitelberg Scholarship" & "Tom Wong Scholarship" .....	Richard V. Dopart, III
"Rev. James H. Hornsby and Dr. Joan R. Hornsby Scholarship" & "James S. Panos Scholarship" .....	Sade M. Franco-Ogunleye
"Jeanne E. Violette Scholarship" .....	Elisha E. Griffin
"Anne and Philip Potash Memorial Scholarship" & "Alumni" .....	Olivia H. Marques
"Carlton M. Viveiros" .....	Lindsay B. Mello*
"S. Peter Khoury and Rose Khoury Scholarship" .....	Abaigeal C. O'Brien
"Israel & Ethel C. Brayton Scholarship" .....	John A. O'Neil
"Alumni" .....	Anita V. Pechenko*
"Cardinal Humberto S. Medeiros - Class of 1937" & "Caesar Nobrega Memorial Scholarship" & "Armand D'Allaire" .....	Alexander L. Ried*
Philip S. Brayton Scholarship" & "Edward Borden Jennings" .....	Brenna P. Riley
"Rev. Arthur C. Lenaghan Memorial Scholarship" .....	April E. Silva
Francis L. & Charlotte G. Gragnani" & "Helen G. and John M. Lawlor Scholarship" .....	Erica G. Souza
"Class of 1951" .....	Curtis W. St. Pierre
"Ernest Baroody Memorial Scholarship" & "Class of 1958" & "B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - Robert J. Nagle" .....	Molly K. Sullivan
"John J. and Elizabeth C. Harrington Memorial Scholarship" .....	Paige M. Sullivan
"Class of 1941" & "Alumni" .....	Renee M. Thiboutot*

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Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Collias, President & Claudine A. Cloutier, Treasurer

## Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich..... '18	1984 Phillip Sacknoff ..... '35	2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson ..... '42
1962 Bishop James L. Connolly ..... '13	1985 James J. Hammond ..... '26	2002 James H. Smith ..... '47
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq..... '05	1986 Richard M. Rosenberg ..... '48	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky ..... '53
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq..... '29	1987 Thomas J. Brown ..... '42	2003 James F. O'Hearn ..... '53
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan ..... '21	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg ..... '24	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews ..... '54
1966 Myer N. Sobilloff ..... '24	1989 James Dean ..... '50	2004 Ernest Moniz..... '62
1967 Essis Gifford ..... '02	1990 William H. Gaudreau ..... '46	2005 Lucille Roussell Hadley..... '36
1968 Jerome Namias..... '28	1991 Marcel P. Joseph ..... '53	2005 Daniel Bogan ..... '51
1969 Helen Winward Brown ..... '03	1992 William K. Reilly ..... '58	2006 Hon. William C. Carey ..... '42
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr. .... '30	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF .... '38	2006 John Moriarty ..... '48
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq. .... '08	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva ..... '40	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira ..... '62
1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros ..... '37	1994 William F. Powers ..... '48	2007 George Duclos..... '52
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter .... '30	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington ..... '51	2008 Col. David W. Gavigan..... '57
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire ..... '31	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq. .... '51	2008 Dr. William D. Tompkins..... '39
1975 James A. Nannery ..... '31	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis ..... '58	2009 Dr. R. Judson Carlberg..... '58
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney . '23	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq. .... '49	2009 Thomas J. Curry..... '60
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais ..... '33	1998 Mel B. Yoken..... '56	2010 Betty M. Welch..... '45
1978 Francis L. Gragnani ..... '36	1998 Faust D. Fiore ..... '39	2010 Louise Durfee ..... '48
1979 Robert J. Nagle ..... '28	1999 John J. McAvoy ..... '37	2011 James J. Karam..... '65
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca ..... '32	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington ..... '54	2012 Irving H. Picard ..... '59
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1982 Florence C. Brigham ..... '17	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr. .... '38	
1982 M. Norman Zalkind ..... '31	2001 Lester W. Cory ..... '56	
1983 Bayless Manning ..... '40	2001 James Chace ..... '49	

To nominate a Durfee Graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please fill out and return the form on Page 11.

## *Dr. Fletcher Biography continued*

in New Bedford. As a trustee of the New Bedford Free Public Library, on which board he still serves, he instituted the Books and Bears project, which provided free admission to the Buttonwood Park Zoo for families with a library card. He also served as the President of the Holy Family-Holy Name School Board and Co-Chair of its Building Restoration Fund. John headed the educational arm of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra when the Young People's Concert Series was started, and also founded the Crossroads Preschool in Dartmouth for low income children. John has also been involved with the Greater New Bedford Holocaust Committee. In 2003, he did

research at Yale University for his two-part television series on survivors of the Holocaust from New Bedford. He has also worked with Coastline Elderly and the Governor's Advisory Council on the Homeless.

Dr. Fletcher was a teacher, principal, and Title One Director in the Dartmouth Public Schools for fifty years and was nominated as a National Distinguished Principal. In recent years, he has received many awards including the Real Hero Award from the American Red Cross, a Citation of Appreciation from the American Legion Post 1, New Bedford, for "activities devoted to God and Country" and the Marian Medal from Sean

Cardinal O'Malley. In 2008, the City of New Bedford and the Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library commissioned noted artist, Deborah Macy, to paint Dr. Fletcher's portrait, which now hangs in the Children's Room at the Library in "recognition of Dr. John Joseph Fletcher's many contributions to the children of Greater New Bedford."

Dr. Fletcher resides in New Bedford with his wife, Mary Beth, a former teacher, who's enjoying a second career as a copywriter for a New Bedford communications firm.

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## *Renee Deutsch, PhD Biography continued*

after a 3-year retirement from her faculty appointment, she returned to UCSD part-time to her current position.

Born in New Jersey, Dr. Deutsch lived in Indianapolis and Philadelphia before moving to Fall River at age 9. She graduated from BMC Durfee in 1968, spent one year in Israel on a work-travel-study program, then entered Boston University and graduated Cum Laude two years later with a major in mathematics in 1971. She obtained civil service employment with the U.S. Navy in San Diego, California, first as a management analyst, then as a mathematical statistician performing research on underwater sonar systems until 1979. During that time, she earned an MS degree in Statistics and an MBA from San Diego State University.

Throughout 1981-1995, she taught mathematics and statistics at local universities

and community colleges. At age 40, she entered a UCSD graduate program and attained MA and PhD degrees in Mathematics. After earning her doctorate, she extended her graduate student position as a biostatistical consultant to a career through staff, postdoc, research scientist, and faculty appointments at UCSD.

In addition to Dr. Deutsch's professional accomplishments, she currently serves on Boards of the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association and San Diego Model Railroad Museum and formerly on Boards of La Puerta Foundation and Anza-Borrego Foundation. She has provided volunteer service for these organizations and others, including Sierra Club, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, National Park Service, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, YMCA, and Empty Cradle. As an active outdoors and

desert enthusiast, Dr. Deutsch has organized and led more than 100 hikes, carcamps, backpacks, tours, and off-road adventures for non-profit organizations.

Widely in demand as a lecturer, she has presented dozens of slide shows on various cultural, historical, nature-related, and travel topics and has authored many articles. A recent achievement is the 2011 publication of her book *San Diego and Arizona Railway: The Impossible Railroad* detailing the 100-year history of a still-operating railroad chronically plagued by monumental adversity ([www.ImpossibleRailroad.com](http://www.ImpossibleRailroad.com)). Dr. Deutsch has a 29 year old son and two other children who are deceased. She has homes in San Diego and in Borrego Springs, California.

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## *Durfee and Fall River Mourn James S. Panos*



On August 31, 2012 former Durfee teacher and Principal James S Panos died unexpectedly. He graduated from Durfee in the Class of 1951. He later graduated from Yale University with a degree in Philosophy.

After serving in the US Army he returned to Durfee and began his career in education teaching English and Philosophy. He is best

remembered for serving as Durfee Principal from 1978 until 1991 when he retired due to health problems.

He was highly respected as an educator and as a caring individual. Richard Pavao, retired Fall River Superintendent of Schools said the following: "He was the most intellectual and knowledgeable Principal I've ever had the opportunity to work with. He always had a basic understanding of the needs of kids who did not speak English."

True to his desire to help, he devoted much of his retirement to volunteering in literacy programs and community organizations. All who knew him see his death as a personal loss as well as a loss to the educational community.

In the words of former Fall River School Committee woman and City Councilor Marilyn Roderick, "he was a gentlemen's gentleman. There was nothing phony about him. He cared deeply for his students."

## Introducing Durfee's New Athletic Director



My name is Victor Pereira, athletic director at B.M.C. Durfee High School. As athletic director I have the opportunity to positively influence our student athletes. As a former Hilltopper and collegiate athlete I was fortunate enough to be influenced by inspirational coaches who taught me the invaluable lessons of life, such as: high academic standards, teamwork, sportsmanship, commitment and leadership. These cherished experiences helped me become the person that I am today. As the athletic director it gives me the opportunity to instill these same life lessons in our student athletes.

My mission as the Athletic Director is to establish a culture of accountability and high standards for our coaches and student athletes. I have mandated that all of our coaches must be Coaches Education certified by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) by the spring of 2013. Having all of our coaches certified speaks volumes for our athletic department. It sends a positive message to our parents and community that we are a department of professionals and that we want the best for our players. For these student athletes we need to stress the importance of academics, responsibility, teamwork, community involvement and sportsmanship. As athletic director I take full responsibility that these messages are passed down to our coaches and to our student athletes. It is my responsibility that these messages are communicated throughout our department.

One of my main goals is to have as many student athletes participate as possible. To achieve this goal we must continue to support our middle school athletic programs. Our middle school program is an important and vital ingredient to our success at the high school level. Presently we have established a bridge between the middle

schools and the high school athletic programs. This bridge has developed into a positive relationship. For example, before each season we schedule a clinic/jamboree with our head coaches and staff organizing the event. We also have our high school athletes involved in giving back to the community as part of their community service responsibilities. This process teaches our coaches and student athletes that our middle school program is our feeder system for the high school. Our main objective is to make sure that our middle school student athletes have a positive experience while acquiring skills by participating in the program.

My position as athletic director allows me to use my leadership and communication skills to address these issues and goals throughout our community. With hard work and determination I feel that our athletic department and programs will become very successful.



## The Early Years....Durfee Basketball 1905-1920

By  
Manny Papoula

As most basketball fans know, Dr James Naismith invented the game in 1891 in Springfield Massachusetts at the local YMCA. He had a part time at the Y, but his main job was being a phys ed teacher and the head football coach at Springfield College. Naismith invented basketball so that his football players could keep active indoors during the harsh New England winters. The great tradition of Durfee basketball began fourteen years later in 1905. Durfee was one of the first Southern Massachusetts schools to add basketball to its program. Durfee scheduled only eight games in 1905 and finished with a 4-4 record under coach Walt Winslow.

The early Durfee teams did well, primarily because of the strong feeder program at the local YMCA. The Y's were early training grounds that led to developing high school programs. In Fall River, Walter White was the instructor at the Y and he would soon become part of Durfee's early success. He served as Durfee's coach from 1906-1909 and again in 1916 for one year. Success came quickly.

The first game in 1906 was against New Bedford High School, which was just beginning their program. Durfee won by the amazing score of 83-0. Durfee's defense was so dominant, that New Bedford only took six shots. Other lopsided wins that year included a 66-8 win over Hope

High School of Providence, a 64-6 win over the Brown University freshmen and a 66-21 victory over Brockton High School.

Perhaps the most dominant win in Durfee basketball history was a 154-4 victory over Providence English in which Sanford White set the Durfee single game scoring record of 90 points. Durfee ended the 1906-year with a 14-5 record.

Modern day fans assumed that Mike Herren's 51 points in 1989 and Ernie Fleming's 50 points in 1967 were the top two highest single game point totals. Actually, they rank 2nd and 3rd behind Sanford White, (no relation to the coach).

After this five-year period ended with great success, coach White resigned for personal reasons and the ensuing years became chaotic. No coach was hired for the next two years. A student manager ran the team in 1910 and 1911. The 1911 team actually compiled a record of 11-4.

Much of the credit for the success of that team goes to the team star Tom Enwright, a Durfee Hall Of Famer who averaged 16.7 PPG in 1911. He was a three sport star and later a four sport star at Exeter Academy. Enwright turned down a lucrative Major League contract from Connie Mack to accept a scholarship to Harvard University where he excelled in both football and baseball.

The 1912 and 1913 teams were marked by controversy. Sam Markelevitch, (later became Sam Mark), was the team star. Because of academic and discipline problems, Principal Plummer removed him from the team. In protest, the remainder of the team quit, forcing the

cancellation of the season after only four games.

Sam then transferred to the new Fall River Technical High School across Rock Street. He joined two other superstars, Luke Urban and Ted (Shawkey) Markelevitch, Sam's younger brother who later also changed his name to Mark.

Durfee had only two losing years prior to the 1920's, the worst being a 2-12 record in 1916, which is the worst Durfee record in the 20th Century. Much of that had to do with the fact that the Technical High School and Durfee were competing for the same athletes. Had that school not opened, players such as Luke Urban and Shawkey Mark would have been Durfee athletes and ensured more victories for Durfee High School.

Another interesting bit of basketball history occurred in the fall of 1913, when Principal Plummer, thinking basketball was too strenuous, canceled the sport. Interestingly enough, football was not affected. In 1919 the decision to reinstate basketball was made for the 1920 season.

Durfee Basketball has had a grand and glorious history. The merging of the Technical High School and Durfee High School had a positive affect on both the academic program and the interscholastic activities. Rule changes during the early years such as elimination of the peach basket, developing a ball with no laces, and introducing unlimited dribbling have made the game faster. The game has much to thank the early pioneers for their vision and foresight.

# 2012 - 2013 Red and Blue

**1920**  
Madeline (Cischner) Sandler – Memoriam

**1923**  
John V. Donnelly – Memoriam

**1927**  
Marguerite (O'Gara) Cook  
Lillian Schraer – Memoriam

**1928**  
Doris (Edwards) Downey

**1933**  
James A. Partridge – Memoriam

**1934**  
Donald B. Black  
Dorothy (Mondschein) Gold – Memoriam  
Rita Schraer – Memoriam

**1935**  
Helen (Barker) Howard

**1936**  
Dr. John C. Carvalho  
Nathaniel Dashoff  
Lucille (Roussell) Hadley  
Alice (Shaw) Harkin  
Alice (Pizio) Kosiba  
Charles H. Martin  
Genevieve (Bolduc) Martin

**1937**  
Paul P. Dunn, MD  
John C. Greene  
Chester W. Mahon  
John J. Mosley  
Herman Sandler – Memoriam

**1938**  
Chester Bednarz - Memoriam  
Helen (Malinowska) Bednarz - Memoriam  
Kathleen (Robinson) Lawlor  
Paul Schraer

**1939**  
Ella (Fazzina) Despres  
Faust D. Fiore

**1940**  
Sidney A. Allison  
Margaret (Shaw) Dougherty  
Richard J. Feinberg, MD Ph D  
Rita (Parisee) Kennann  
Evelyn (Dunn) Mahon  
William F. McCarthy  
Vernon O. Mills  
Hon. Milton R. Silva, Ret

**1941**  
Abraham Ehrenhaus  
Anne (Pizio) Sullivan-Glasco  
Marjorie (Hodgson) Lawton  
Russell E. Lawton  
Elizabeth (Harrington) Manning  
William B. McIlwaine  
Frank Mello  
Rita (Denicourt) Pearson  
George Schraer – Memoriam  
Graham L. Shovelton  
Beverly (Kerness) Unger  
Alban J. Vezina – Memoriam

**1942**  
Geraldine (Franklin) Barrow  
Robert H. Clifton, MD  
Rina (Battigstone) Fisher  
Bertram A. Udovin, Captain USN Ret.

**1943**  
Summer Alpert  
Wesley S. Alpert  
George Bedard  
Robert S. Bloom  
Lionel H. Boucher  
Manuel P. Costa  
Mae (Schraer) Hodosh - Memoriam  
William P. Holden

Dorothy (Mockas) Hough  
Humbert M. Lopes  
Doris (Audette) Mello  
Donald P. O'Neil  
Edith (Wood) Oliver  
Joseph E. Sullivan  
Mildred (Benevides) Toulan  
Joan B. Twaddle

**1944**  
Omer L. Bergeron  
Fernande (Lemay) Berube  
George J. Carpenter - Memoriam  
James Daley

Raymond F. Denicourt  
June (Hill) Falvo  
Carlton Gagnon  
Madeleine M. Hamel  
Daniel J. Love  
Madeline (Flynn) Tozowski

**1945**  
Robert N. Brightman  
Donald M. Cripps  
Germaine (Bedard) Deschenes

Joseph L. Feinberg  
Stanley Janczura  
Roger J. McCann  
Edward Pettine  
Judith (Kahn) Sanders  
Marian (Wagner) Spiro  
Daciano W. Stone  
William J. Torpey  
Betty (Munro) Welch

**1946**  
Janice (Tate) Anderson  
Muriel (Raymond) Batcheller  
Rosalyn (Spindel) Bernstein  
Roger J. Boulay  
Virginia (Kelley) Carey  
Phillip A. Clorite  
Mary (Tavares) Cordeiro  
Sidney L. Dubitsky  
George L. Gesner  
Donald H. Hall

Louise (Castonguay) Hatch  
Florence (Mellor) Hook  
Muriel (Girard) Lafamme  
Janice (Larrivee) Morrell  
James Mullins  
John G. Munro  
James F. Nichols, MD  
Peter Pacheco  
Rosann (Barrett) Patota  
Earl A. Posey  
Edward F. Smith  
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

**1947**  
Nancy Carroll  
Josephine C. Dawicki  
Margaret (Maltezos) Krick  
Frederic J. Lamoureux  
Elaine (Walmsley) Manchester  
George H. Martin, Jr.  
Robert D. Newton  
Ernest H. Picard, MD  
Atty. Edward M. Rockett  
Mary (Bradbury) Sewell  
Hon. James H. Smith U.S. Magistrate Judge, Ret.  
Dr. Stanley F. Stafiej

**1948**  
Doris (Allen) Blankley  
Meredith (Pearson) Eastman  
Gladys (Jaworski) Gaj  
Lillian (Zajac) Guimond  
Robert A. MacAyeal  
Frances (Roach) Moniz  
John J. Moriarty  
William O'Neil  
Elizabeth (Ryan) Polder  
Barbara (Brigham) Posey  
Joseph D. Raposa  
Alice (Morley) Recca  
Dennis Rezendes  
Richard Rosenberg  
Roger L. Roussell

Cremilde (Torres) Stavros  
Marjorie (King) Tache

**1949**  
Henry J. Augustine  
Barbara A. Bogle  
Joan (Pemberton) Daley  
Anthony D'Avamo  
Peter P. De Paola  
William J. Farrissey  
Theodore Faryniarz  
Harold W. Flynn  
Arline (MacDuff) Holland  
Paul R. Kelleher  
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy  
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden  
Helen (Warden) Martin  
Ralph J. Pickup  
Bernard J. Poritz  
Joseph Powers  
Gerald A. Sandler  
Edwin Shivell  
Anne (Patten) Sylvia  
Julia (Silva) Tesseneer

**1950**  
James R. Allen  
Mary Lou (Walkden) Banks  
Robert J. Berube  
Gordon J. Dean  
Wesley J. Fastiff  
Stephen B. Goldberg  
Paul B. Grozen, Capt. USN Ret.  
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden  
Harold Katzman Lt. Col. USAF Ret.  
Shirley (Ratte) Luongo  
John F. McMahon, Jr. Col. USAF Ret.  
Louis B. Martins  
Jane (Larocque) Morse  
Lew Nadien  
Lillian (Dias) Price  
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg  
Stanley J. Sieczkowski  
Arthur J. Thibodeau  
Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen  
Janice (Kay) Warren

**1951**  
Theresa (Arruda) Anderson  
Beverly (Wild) Daley  
LTC Santi Diruzza, USA (Ret)  
Carol (Durfee) Fraser  
Maria (Cuthbert) Greenhorn  
Robert J. Hayden  
Melvin D. Heckman  
John Kuttner  
Carolyn (Holt) Lafreniere  
Marceline (Bertolini) Medeiros  
Joseph E. Mullaney  
William Munro  
Elaine (Phillips) Ostroff  
Nancy (Roy) Pannoni  
James S. Panos  
Franklin D. Raposa  
Earl Sanft  
Dr. William A. Seymour  
Norman Shepherd  
Everett J. Smith  
Angelo A. Stavros  
Doris M. Thornton  
Stephen S. Trond

**1952**  
Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf  
Gertrude (Fletcher) Baumgardner  
Thomas F. Burke  
Shirley (Kardosz) Cavanaugh  
Wilma (Wagner) Cleveland  
Hazel (Langton) Costa  
Pauline (Levesque) Cyr  
Albert E. Dean  
Lawrence A. Donnelly  
George R. Duclos  
Gerald Fallon  
John A. Freeman  
Richard Freitas  
John B. Gagnon  
Ronald A. Golz  
Ted Goltz

Clarice (Levrault) Hargaves  
Mary (Ryan) Janczura  
Natalie (Wilson) Lafleur  
Judith (Campeau) Liles  
Robert B. McMahon  
Manuel V. Medeiros  
Hugh C. Neville  
William O'Hare  
Dino Polselli  
Mario S. Polselli  
Thomas Powers  
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus  
Marilyn (Morin) Roderick  
Helen (Bohun) Schultz  
Anne (Foley) Sewell  
George L. Shapiro  
Noreen (Curt) Sullivan  
Muriel (Briggs) Wachlin  
Thomas M. Williams

**1953**  
Charles S. Bailey  
Roland G. Bouchard  
Frederick C. Buda  
Virginia (Gardella) Burke  
Michael P. Daley  
William B. Dixon  
Thomas E. Dupont, Sr.  
Franklin A. Gray  
Eleanor (Dubiel) Kippax  
Beverly (Barlow) McCutchan  
Elizabeth (Bergeron) McMahon  
Electra (Yankopoulos) Petropulos

**1954**  
Arnold Bennett  
Rev. Alan D. Carvalho  
Lydia (Rocha) Dibella  
Robert L. Gagnon  
Robert L. Goddu  
John T. Harrington MD  
Richard L. Jacobs  
Cecilia (Medeiros) Jennings  
Gordon Jennings  
Stephen R. Kay  
Patricia (Green) Lovit  
Raul Martin  
Richard J. Masse  
John C. Matula  
Stephen J. Nawrocki  
Wendell Ogden  
Leah (Bieler) Perlberg  
George H. Petrin  
Bruce Place  
Patricia (Henaire) Richard  
Diana (Cestodio) Silva  
Lorraine (Dube) Silvia  
Col. Ronald Silvia, USAF Ret.  
Francis J. Sullivan  
Major W. Wheelock  
David H. Wordell

**1955**  
Robert E. Alcock, Jr.  
William A. Beaulieu  
Robert A. Bogle, Esq.  
Gene V. Botelho  
Janet (Park) Been  
Frederick A. Drayton, Sr.  
Richard J. Dube  
Charles H. Gesner  
Harry B. Golding  
Robert Hoole  
Viola (Borden) Jenks  
Nancy (Reed) Leary  
Louis J. Lovit  
Joan (Linhares) Mello  
Howard M. Miller  
Dorothy (Henaire) Nicolau  
Joseph A. Occhiutti  
Beverly (Costa) Pereira  
Rhoda (Kaplan) Pierce  
Robert A. Place  
Stanley W. Sokoloff  
Beverly (Tierney) Tansey  
Freda (Saber) Thomas

**1956**  
James C. Alosi

# Black Club Membership

Paul A. Borkman  
Patricia (Furze) Cassidy  
Dr. Robert Chapman  
Nancy (Cooperstein) Charney  
Lester W. Cory  
Claude Desjardins  
Janice Farrell  
Howard E. Gold  
Daniel J. Harrington, M.D.  
Louise (Higgins) Harrington  
Jeannette (Lortie) Kenyon  
Delores (Franco) McGarr  
Beverly (Soja) Nawrocki  
Janice (Nichols) O'Brien  
Betsey (Sundel) Parent  
Judith A. Schneider  
Dr. Jerome D. Schwartz  
Joan (Hopkins) Sheedy  
Marion (Appel) Simon  
Janet (Buckley) Smith  
Priscilla (Mullen) Smith  
Wayne P. Smith  
Helena (Boyko) Sowa  
Lionel B. Spiro  
Lois (Duckworth) Wordell  
Jeannette (Wood) Wirz  
Mel B. Yoken

## 1957

Belisario A. Almeida  
Sandra (Friar) Arsenault  
Thomas J. Arruda  
Alice (Guillemete) Bransfield  
David M. Burns  
Harvey Chafitz  
Anna (Charette) Cloutier  
Thomas Davol  
Carl A. Deeb  
Patrick J. Donovan  
Pauline (Ferreira) Garnett  
Col. David W. Gavigan  
Joan (Lipson) Hershkowitz  
Randy Hom  
Eleanor (Fozzard) Kreassig  
Joseph Medeiros  
Normand A. Miville  
Kenneth R. Murray  
Bessie (Jamoulis) Pagonis  
Robert J. Pontes  
Margaret (Nawrocki) Sullivan  
James A. Wallace, Jr.  
Francis P. Wilson  
Geraldine (Callahan) Wise

## 1958

Helen Costello  
Margaret (Foley) Deston  
Genevieve (Camara) Driscoll  
Judith (Longshaw) Fino  
Thomas R. Flynn  
Ann (Boyko) Gannon  
Florence (Bell) Gray  
William C. Griffiths  
William Keating, Jr.  
Francis Latessa  
Edward D. Lima  
Norma (Dubiel) McKenzie  
Dorothy (Albermaz) Midura  
Lionel A. Morais  
Stephen J. Peters  
Meg (Donnelly) Peterson  
Col. Antonio T. Pimentel, USAF Ret.  
Manuel Silvia  
Walter R. Silvia  
Jeffrey S. Trust

## 1959

Nancy (Manchester) Bennett  
Judith (Crowley) Bolick  
Charles J. Caperonis  
Philip Coelho  
Robert C. Durfee  
Carol S. Friar  
Carole (Freeman) Fyans  
June (Travers) Gagnon  
William H. Goddard  
Douglas A. Gray, Jr.  
Robert Hughes  
Mary Lou (Clark) Levine

Daniel M. McDonald  
Patricia (Wilson) McDonald  
Claire (Leary) McMahon  
Kenneth Machado  
Daniel C. Medeiros  
Irving H. Picard  
Clorinda Ventura  
Suzanne (Guillotte) Vitale

## 1960

Beverly (St. Laurent) Abegg  
Charles Auclair  
Michael T. Black  
JoAnn (Case) Carvalho  
Carolyn (Sullivan) Curry  
Dr. Thomas J. Curry  
John DeFusco  
Mark G. Filler  
Judith (Cohen) Goodwin  
Ruth (Ward) Hathaway  
Lois (Murphy) McMullin  
Mary (Pelton) Murphy  
Dolores (Botelho) Silva  
Dennis Sokol  
Linda (Towers) Warren  
Richard Warren  
Sandra (Stockinski) Watters  
Zen Williston  
Robert B. Yule

## 1961

Norman N. Bleau  
Rayna (Maltais) Cipollini  
Joan (Brissette) Flynn  
Thomas Gibson  
James A. Golen  
Ellen (Donnelly) Hardgrave  
Frances (Gardella) Kingsley  
Paul Lepage  
Camilla A. Los  
Bernice (Barnaby) Mannion  
Robert J. Marchand, Esq.  
Karen (Gold) Sokol  
Marina Ventura  
Margaret A. Walsh

## 1962

Richard D. Bates  
Valerie (Smith) Booth  
Thomas J. Braga  
Allen M. Cabral  
William A. Green  
William S. Hathaway, Jr.  
Maurice Larrivee  
Nancy (Tobol) McManus  
John Mullaly  
James H. Packer  
Gregory A. Pelagio  
William J. Perry  
Joseph S. Radovsky  
Janet (Spence) Ringuest  
Joyce B. Rodrigues  
G. Milton Ryan  
Barbara (Goltz) Sheer  
Arthur A. Teixeira  
Robert L. Williston

## 1963

James M. Blackburn  
Nancy (Lecko) Dallman  
Marcia (Gold) Horowitz  
Barbara (Clark) Kay  
Pauline (Freitas) Klodner  
James McManus  
Thomas Pruneau  
Alan T. Robillard  
Theresa A. Ryan  
Barry H. Slaven  
Norman R. Somer

## 1964

Douglas R. Baer  
Joseph Brum  
Cheryl (Clarke) Furze  
Angelina (Duarte) Gastall  
Linda (Stafford) Harrop  
David J. Mello  
Alice Ouellette  
Henry L. Pineau

Charlotte (Costa) Thomas  
Gerard E. Vaillancourt

## 1965

Steven A. Camara  
John W. Gardella  
E. Susan (Speier) Garsh  
Joyce (Freeman) Goldweitz  
Alan W. Isherwood  
James Karam  
Joseph A. Marshall, Jr.  
Cheryl (Harvey) Mish  
Paul A. Montour  
Nancy (Coperonis) Osguthorpe  
Irving H. Zangwill

## 1966

Thomas Athearn  
Teresa (Furtak) Berard  
Douglas Clarke  
Jean (Pitera) Halligan  
Marilyn (Furtado) Harris  
Bonnie (MacLaughlin) Heap  
Barbara Katersky  
Richard N. Levrault  
James J. Linhares  
Leonard Martin  
Katherine (Boyko) Milano  
William T. Mullaly  
Robert E. Pavao, DDS  
Paula (Gallagher) Perry  
Stephen D. Perry  
Paula (Allison) Pizio  
Sandra J. Souza  
Robert A. Taylor

## 1967

John Azevedo  
Cynthia (Janusz) Azevedo  
Anne E. Donnelly  
Jose G. Noversa  
James M. Smith  
Ada (Jackson) Wilders

## 1968

Susan (Booth) Avery  
Susan (Pacheco) Buchan  
Reena Deutsch, Ph D  
Atty. Thomas J. Donnelly  
Robert A. Rapoza  
Lois (Avaia) Wilding

## 1969

Joan L. Gancarski  
Virginia A. Handfield  
Ann Harkin  
Joanne (Dusoe) Marshall  
Joan E. Reid  
Richard S. Schwartz  
Robert P. Thomas

## 1970

Sheila Kelly- Chace  
Judith Conrad  
Jeanne (Pereira) Demarco  
Pauline J. Gagnon  
Stephen F. Gardiner  
Christine (Jean) Gibney  
Barbara (Bishop) Sandusky

## 1972

Susan (Feldman) Couture  
Stephen A. Couture  
Joan (Harkin) LaCoss  
Kris E. Roberts  
Sheryl A. Ryan, M.D.

## 1973

William J. Mosa  
Patricia Murphy

## 1974

Eloise (Lauzier) Carrier  
James Vaillancourt

## 1975

Maria (Miranda) DeMelo

Michael P. Duarte  
Carol (Rivard) Geller  
Debra (Pery) Ozug  
Susan (Ogden) Pavao  
Jane Piotrowski

## 1976

Michael O. Feldman  
Justin F. Paulo  
Gale (Souza) Powers  
Philomena (Benevides) Rogers

## 1977

Shirley A. Tobol

## 1978

Holly J. Bronhard  
Lisa A. (Lundy) Kusnitz  
Colleen (Walsh) Taylor

## 1979

Richard C. Berek  
Roberta A. Bonifacio  
Moses Pereira  
Sharon (Bogan) Quinn  
Kathleen (Araujo) Shannon

## 1980

Patricia (Nawrocki) Murphy  
Wanda (Cabral) Myers  
Barbara (Medeiros) Williams

## 1981

Joseph R. Costa  
Antone Lima  
Jane (Kravitz) Shelton

## 1982

David P. Nicolau  
Susan (Faria) Nicolau  
Antonio E. Sousa

## 1983

Clara (DeAlmeida) Reagan  
John E. Robinson  
William A. Suneson

## 1984

Alicia (Hornsby) Chaltas

## 1985

Alexander Panos

## 1987

Anne (Pacheco) Allen

## 1988

Claudine A. Cloutier  
John Barry McDonald, Jr., Esq.

## 1990

Laurel (Gastall) Howe

## 1992

Diane (Pereira) Robinson - Memoriam

## 1996

Barden H. Castro

## 1997

Paul G. DaSilva

## 2003

Barret (Harkin) Castro

## 2011

Catherine T. Cabral

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B.M.C. Durfee High School  
Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 9656  
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# A LOOK AT THE 2012 INDUCTEES FOR THE DURFEE ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Six athletes and a state championship team made up the Durfee High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2012.

The individuals selected by the Durfee HOF committee are Katherine Attar (Class of 1994), Tony Reis (1986), Dina (Terceira) Swanson (1995), Kraig Kupiec (1991), Kelly Monte (1991) and Jeff Caron (1994). The team is the 1995 Hilltopper Division 1 state champion baseball team.

Here is a look at the 2012 selections:

## **KATHERINE ATTAR, Class of 1994**

Attar maxed out in terms of earning varsity letters at Durfee. She graduated with 12, playing varsity volleyball, basketball and softball for four years each. A humble and soft-spoken leader, Attar captained all three teams.

In volleyball, she often ruled at the net, leading the Hilltoppers in hitting and blocking and was a three-time Herald News All Scholastic. In basketball, her rebounding, shot blocking and scoring helped Durfee advance to the Division 1 South finals in her junior year. In softball, she was a marvelous defensive first baseman with her size and agility. She also hit for average and power and helped carry the Hilltoppers to the state tournament all four seasons.

Durfee's Female Athlete of the Year in 1994, Attar was also a superb student. She attended Holy Cross, where she was a volleyball standout, making the Patriot League all-star team her junior and senior years. She graduated with school records in hitting and blocking. Attar lives in Silver Springs, Md., with husband David Lipschutz and daughter Sarah, 3. She is expecting a son at the end of May.

## **DINA (TERCEIRA) SWANSON, Class of 1995**

Cut from the smiling assassin cloth, Swanson played field hockey, basketball and softball with full-speed enthusiasm and a tremendous competitive attitude. In field hockey, she was best known for her powerful free hits, heavy blasts that threatened the structural integrity of any shinbones in their path.

In basketball, she had fine shooting range. But it was on the softball diamond where she shone the brightest. A catcher and two-time Big 3 Conference all-star, she helped the Hilltoppers to claim Big 3 Conference titles in 1993 and 1994 and earn trips to the Division 1 South finals in her sophomore and senior years. Following her Durfee years, Swanson took her softball skills to Wheaton College in Norton, where she was named the New Eight conference Rookie of the Year.

She next earned all-conference honors for the next three seasons. In the Division 3 All-American

balloting, Swanson was third team her sophomore year, second team her junior year, and first team her senior season. During that fabulous senior year, Swanson was also named the New Eight conference Player of the Year and selected as an Academic All-American.

An attorney practicing in Raynham, Swanson lives in Somerset with husband Scott and daughters Reese and Tatum.

## **JEFF CARON, Class of 1994**

A three-year starter on some of the best Durfee basketball teams in the last 20 years, Caron joined Chris Herren to form what some would contend is the best backcourt in the school's glorious history. A three-time Herald News all star, Caron was named to the Boston Herald and Boston Globe all-star teams after his junior and senior seasons.

Team co-MVP in 1994, Caron was the winner of the Dave Cowens award and he played in the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches all-star game and was named to that organization's all-Academic Team. During his years at Durfee, the basketball team posted a 74-18 record with two trips to the Division 1 South final and another trip to the semifinals. Caron 18.6 points and 18.3 points per game for his last two seasons and he graduated with 1,198 career points, fourth all-time at Durfee. He earned a hoops scholarship to Division 2 Merrimack College where, in 1999, he was the Northeast 10 Conference 3-point leader (3.5 per game) in 1999 and the ECAC Tournament MVP the same year.

Caron taught and coached at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School and then served as director of athletics and varsity basketball coach at Durfee, before taking his current position as director of health, physical education and athletics at Dartmouth High School. He lives in Fall River with his wife Becky, daughter Landry and son Charlie.

## **TONY REIS, Class of 1986**

One of top soccer players in Durfee history, Reis played three full-time seasons, and part of his freshman year, with the varsity. A midfielder with a booming shot, his greatest skill was playmaking. Reis scored 43 career goals and had 43 assists. His 21 assists in his senior season eclipsed the school record of 20, which he had set one season earlier.

Following his career at Durfee (where he also played freshman basketball), Reis starred at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, helping the school to national junior college titles in 1986 and 1987. He led the team in scoring both years and is already a member of the MCC Athletics Hall of Fame. He next took his talents to California State University at Hayward where he made an NCAA Division II Final Four appearance in 1989. Reis played for one year with the San Francisco Bay Black Hawks in the professional Western Soccer League and was a standout locally in the Luso America Soccer Association (LASA).

He started the girls' varsity soccer program at

Somerset High School, coaching there for six years. Reis also officiated with the Whaling City Association and owned the Soccer Express sporting goods store. A resident of Swansea and father of daughters Alexa, Madison and Makenna, Reis has been a sales associate at Fall River Ford since 2001.

## **KRAIG KUPIEC, Class of 1991**

A three-sports athlete, Kupiec was best known for his accomplishments on the baseball field. He batted .344 as a sophomore, .343 as a junior and a sizzling .448 as a senior when he was named team MVP. A two-time Herald News all scholastic, Kupiec, son of Durfee Hall of Famer Stan Kupiec, was a Boston Globe all-scholastic and Boston Herald all state outfielder his senior year. That same year he was a finalist for the U.S. Olympic Festival.

In June of 1991, he was a 54th-round draft pick of the Houston Astros but opted to take a scholarship to Division 1 Wake Forest University where he started for two years. He also played a season for the Wareham Gateman in the Cape Cod League. For three years Kupiec also competed for the cross-country and winter track and field teams at Durfee and set a freshman record in the high jump.

Author of a book on hitting, Kupiec was an assistant coach for UMass Boston when it reached the 2010 Division 3 College World Series and he has been head coach at Newbury College in Brookline for the past two seasons and was voted the New England Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year in 2011.

At Newbury, he is also Assistant Sports Information Director, Athletic Recruiting Director and Student-Athlete Academic Program Coordinator. Kupiec lives in Lakeville with wife Melissa daughter Maya, 1.

## **KELLY MONTE, Class of 1991**

Monte was an overcomer and achiever long before she stepped onto the Durfee campus. At three months, her hips had to be broken and reset with pins and she was in a full body cast for the next six months. That early setback did nothing to dampen her enthusiasm for life and sports. At Durfee she was a three-sport (volleyball, basketball, softball) all-star.

Monte earned four letters in softball where she was a three-time Big 3 Conference all-star. In her senior year, she posted a 10-0 pitching record with four no-hitters and a 1.33 ERA while batting .433 with five home runs.

She was named to both Boston newspaper all-star teams. On the basketball court, she lettered three times and was a two-time league all-star. In her senior year, she was the Dave Cowens Award nominee and received the school's Brian Farquhar Memorial Award. In volleyball, Monte was named a Big 3 Conference all star her senior year. At Massasoit Community College, she was the first woman to score 1,000 career points and was the



school career rebound leader. At Green Mountain College, she was the school's first female winner of the Pollack Award as athlete of the year.

She graduated cum laude. A resident of Berkley, Monte teaches in the New Bedford School system where she was awarded the 2006 Excellence in Teaching award.

### 1995 BASEBALL TEAM, STATE CHAMPION

A generation removed from the school's last state baseball championship (1971), the 1995 Hilltoppers' stirring playoff run appeared to have stalled just short. They were down 4-3 with two outs and nobody on in the bottom of the ninth inning of the Division 1 state final against St. John's of Shrewsbury. But Shaun Skeffington singled. Brian

Nawrocki walked. And when Mike Silva's fly ball to right field was lost in the sun at Fino Field in Milford and dropped safely, both runners scored for an incredible 5-4 win.

The Hilltoppers finished the season 20-6, those final six wins in the playoffs, and they won the Big 3 Conference with a 5-1 record. Workhorse pitcher Tom Codega went 9-2 before being lost for the tail end of the season. Jon Camara (5-0) and Brent Medeiros (6-4) picked up the slack, throwing low strikes and letting a rock-solid defense do its job.

Nawrocki batted .433, scored 42 runs and stole 29 bases. Silva batted .393 with three home runs and 30 RBI. Marc Coriaty also batted .393. Sure-handed first baseman Neil Dankievitch scored 26 runs

and knocked in 25 while Brian Mauricio scored 23 runs. Head coach Ray Medeiros, a school Hall of Famer, was assisted by junior varsity coach Glenn Chatterton and Durfee High Hall of Famer Joe Andrews.

The rest of the team included Eric Correia, Pat Davin, Jesse Eaton, Keith Henriques, Derek Medeiros, Ryan Mello, Brian Pacheco, Adam Roy, Ryan Sylvia, Jamie Mitchell, Adam Guilmette, and Mark Gendreau.

In the state playoffs, Durfee opened with a tough 7-6 win over Framingham before beating Norwood 16-7, Dennis-Yarmouth 4-0, Boston College High 11-5, and Arlington 7-4 to get to the state final.



## Durfee Bells Ring Out Strong

By  
*Les Cory Class of 1956*

At long last the Durfee Bells are back in Fall River and once again they stand ready to play the Durfee Alma Mater, Auld Lang Syne and scores of other pieces. On November 27, 2012 the bells, all hanging from their impressive new tower on the B.M.C. Durfee High School campus, were played for the first time in nearly 35 years.

There were 10 bells in the chime that was given by Mary Brayton Durfee Young in 1887 in memory of her son Bradford Matthew Chaloner Durfee after whom the high school is named. The bells hung in the belfry of the old Durfee High School on Rock Street until 1996 when they were removed and sent to the Elsbree Street campus. The Durfee Bells Preservation Society was incorporated in 2003 to restore and care for the bells and began a 10 year campaign to raise money to build a bell tower and refurbish the bells.

Sometime between 1996 and 2001, the smallest of the 10 bells was stolen from behind the field house leaving nine. Despite the offer of a reward for the return of the bell it was never recovered. Dr. Julie Cleare paid to cast a replacement bell in memory of the Cleare family. The Class of 1949 purchased a new bell to add to the chime and in the fall of 2012, the family of Allen Jarabeck purchased a beautifully refurbished 1,000 pound bell, bringing the total number of bells to 12. The 12 bells now in the tower, weigh approximately 6 tons. Each time a bell is added to the chime, the number of songs that can be played is increased. The goal is to have 14 bells which will make it possible to play the National Anthem and hundreds of popular melodies. Places are reserved on the chime frame for the last 2 bells and there will be 14 "keys" on the new clavier used for the manual



playing of the bells when it is built.

The bells are clearly visible on the third level of the tower at the entrance to the athletic complex. Lighting, courtesy of Phillips/Lightolier illuminates the tower, the walkway and the bells beginning at dusk. As of the time of this writing (January 2012), the bells strike under the control of a computer every hour from 8 AM to 5 PM, 7 days a week. A GPS interface ensures that the bells strike precisely on the hour. About 20 songs are programmed into the bell controller and more will be added. The hope of the committee is that students will learn to play the bells and that the bells will be played regularly- at least one day a week - perhaps at the end of the school day.

Funding for the bell restoration project came entirely from Durfee High School Alumni and friends. No school, city or state funds were used. The committee is deeply appreciative of the support this project has received especially from readers of the Durfee Chimes. Well over 1,000 people have already contributed to the project and literally thousands of volunteer hours have been directed toward bringing the project to completion.

More than 1,000 engraved bricks have been placed in the "Pathway of Memories" and a number of engraved granite benches have been in-

stalled. The walkway and the tower are accessible anytime that the athletic fields are open. Arrangements can be made for people who want to visit the walkway at other times. As of January 2013, there is still room in the walkway for a few more bricks. After these remaining spaces are filled, new bricks will be placed in the circular seating area near the tower.

Work on the project is ongoing. A number of things remain to be done. The area behind the clocks still needs to be enclosed. To complete the chime, 2 additional bells need to be cast, tuned and installed together with their associated strikers and electronic controllers. Lastly, the committee would like to have manual ringing equipment installed in the glassed-in enclosure at the lowest level of the tower so the bells can be rung not just electrically as they are now but also by means of a manual clavier as they were for the first 100 years that they hung in the old tower on Rock Street.

The two remaining bells will cost about \$8,000 each. If an individual or family purchases a bell, they may specify a name or short message to be cast into the metal of the bell. There is room in the walkway for about 20 more engraved bricks. Bricks are \$100 each including laser engraving. Donations in any amount are encouraged to ensure successful completion of the project. Checks payable to Durfee Bells may be sent to PO Box 9235, Fall River, Mass 02720.

For information concerning the bells, the tower or the walkway, please call Les Cory, President of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society at 401 624-3478 or email [LCory@UMassd.edu](mailto:LCory@UMassd.edu)



## Florida Reunion

*Seen enjoying themselves at the recent Florida Reunion were (left-right) Dr. John T Harrington, Class of 1954, Daniel Bogan, Class of 1951, and Hon. Edward F Harrington, Class of 1951. All three have received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Durfee Alumni Association.*

## HOW CAN ALUMNI CONTACT US

**Durfee Alumni Association Official Website** - <http://www.durfeealumni.com/index.htm>

We want to tell you about the Durfee Alumni Association Official Website.

**The Welcome Page/Home** page has information regarding Alumni Meetings, Links of Interest.

**The Reunions** link has upcoming reunions and contact info; you can email reunion info here.

**The Chimes** link has PDF files of the Chimes for years 2004 through 2012 that you can read, save to your computer or print a copy. New Chimes are added sometime after the mailing.

**The Red & Black** link gives info about the Red & Black Club and how to join.

**The Distinguished Alumni** link is where the form is to nominate alumni for the award.

**The Scholarships** link has the list of scholarships given to Durfee Seniors. It states the name(s) of the scholarships given and the recipient names.

**The Contact** link lists the President and V. President and how to contact the Durfee Alumni Assoc.

### Class of 1954 - 59th Year Reunion

Thursday, September 5, 2013 - Fall River Country Club - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Contact: Steve Nawrocki - 508-673-7473 - [Classof1954@aol.com](mailto:Classof1954@aol.com)

### Class of 1968 - 45th Year Reunion

Saturday, July 27, 2013 - Eagle Event Center - 6:00PM-12:00PM

Contact Margie (Fairhurst) Copeland - 508-245-8724

Check BMCDurfee group on Facebook, Befriend Margie Copeland

### Class of 1993 - 30th Year Reunion

Time & Place/ TBA - For Information contact Joseph Paul Moniz IV

[BMCDurfeeHighSchoolClassof1993@gmail.com](mailto:BMCDurfeeHighSchoolClassof1993@gmail.com) - 310-403-1225

All class members are invited to join the Committee

Find information on Facebook: B M C Durfee High School Class of 1993

### Durfee Alumni Association - Scholarship Fundraiser Clam Boil

Monday, May 20, 2013 - 4:00PM-8:00PM

(Eat in or Take Out)

Lepage's Seafood & Grill - 439 Martine Street, Fall River, MA 02723

\$20:00 per person

### Interesting Alumni Information

We are always looking for news that would be of interest to our Alumni. You are encouraged to send anything newsworthy for publication in the "CHIMES". Be sure to include who is sending the information and how you may be contacted.

*Send your stories to:* Durfee "Chimes" Alumni Association - P O Box 9656 - Fall River, MA 02720-0011

## 2013-2014 Alumni Information Form

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Year Of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ If spouse is a graduate - Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2013-2014 Alumni Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach any newspaper or magazine articles which would assist the Committee in the nomination process. A resume and any other information would be helpful as well. Nominations remain current for a five-year period and should be submitted no later than September 30th 2013 to be considered by the 2013 Selection Board.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Of Graduation: (1978 or earlier) \_\_\_\_\_

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Alma Mater dear.  
Tow'ring high beside the river,  
Radiant beacon clear.

God preserve for Alma Mater,  
Standards staunch and true.  
High aloft we'll lift her banner  
Bright with Durfee's hue.

Love and praise we render ever,  
Voices raised on high.  
Loud we sing of Durfee's glory,  
To the earth and sky.

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