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Centennial Celebrations -

The excitement is building as we prepare for the Party we've been planning for 100 years!

Bennett is about to be 100 years old and the planning and excitement keep growing. There are so many details that have to be thought of, and all of that wouldn't be possible without the help of so many Alumni and Board Member volunteers.

There can never be enough appreciation for those who have dedicated so much time and brainpower to this effort. I won't mention names here, but they need to be thanked profusely for their investment. Also, I need to be praising those individuals and businesses who have committed to being MAJOR SPONSORS of events, Silent Auction Prize donors and ad book sponsors. Take a look on page 7 for the list of sponsors as of this printing. There is still time for you or your business to help!

The weekend is **September 19, 20 and 21, 2025**. The place is our hometown - Buffalo, New York.

The weekend starts on **Friday at 5:00 pm** back at our high school - Lewis J. Bennett - 2885 Main Street. After you've parked your car, take a look at the Antique Car Show on our front lawn organized by **Paul Straus, '73** and **Jim Sandoro, '62**. Enter the building through the newly renovated center stairs and turn back the hands of time as you see our school again. While organized tours of the building will be conducted, you can wander around by yourself if you prefer. A finger foods reception will take place in the gymnasium. At 7:00 pm, our **Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** will take place in the Auditorium.

A **Silent Auction** will be held in the front hall. If you would like to contribute items or gift certificates, please contact Neil Lange at 716-308-5451 for details. Admission for Friday's events is just **\$25.00 presale; \$40.00 at the door**.

Following the school gathering, individual classes will head to their

own locations for more special conversations and catching up. Please let Neil know where your class will meet.

Saturday is packed full of activities. The morning starts with a **Homecoming parade at 9:30 am**. Our students will help decorate your cars and we will parade around the neighborhood. Before the **Bennett Tigers** kick-off, scheduled for 11:00 am, a reception will be held inside the school. Admission at the gate remains under \$5. As a part of the football game, we will be recognizing all former **Bennett Athletes and Cheerleaders**. We need to know who will be in attendance, so please use the response card to indicate you will be there. We will also be listing all of the names of our recognized Athletes and Cheerleaders in our Souvenir Program and Ad Book.

After the football game, we encourage those who haven't been back to Buffalo in a while to explore the Canalside District. Major improvements have opened this area to activities for recreation and enjoyment.

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Our President Reports... Bennett High Lights the Corners of My Mind



Bennett, Bennett, Thine Forever. Those words of our Alma Mater echo through my head all of the time. Forever. One hundred years is a pretty remarkable time. Dad lived to a few months past 100 years old. Although neither Dad nor I graduated from

Bennett, we shared a special bond with the place where I worked for 34 years. Dad attended most of the special events over the years. He became known as “the REAL Mr. Lange” and was well known with students and adults. That was the magic that Bennett holds. Bennett embraces so many special people. I have so many memories of us together doing Bennett things.

I learn of your special memories all of the time. I love talking to you, our alumni, and learning about the memories you hold dear. There is nothing I would love more than to be able to compile a journal of all of your memories. As a part of our celebration, I am hoping that each of you would take some time to complete a special homework assignment for me.

I would like for you to memorialize your time at Bennett. Who were some memorable people? What was a special moment that you fondly recall? Was

there a humorous story that happened at Bennett? What was the impact of your high school days?

In September, I would love to have all of your stories available for all of our guests to read. And then, after compiling them into a book, I want to place that in our time capsule so those who celebrate our 125th Anniversary will open that book and learn about you!

The events have happened over a remarkable century – from prosperity to Great Depression; to World War and recovery; to Space Age and Civil and Women’s Rights; Vietnam and the Fall of Communism; to the Computer Age and Artificial Intelligence. What a time we have seen! And through it all, we focused on giving our students the best possible.

Bennett started as a very special place evolving into a school of excellence. In the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, Bennett was renowned throughout the state. We have most recently been tasked with the revival of our high school. And, as only Bennett Alumni can do, we returned 2885 Main Street into a remarkable technology-based school.

Your membership Dues, Endowment Fund contributions, Legacy planning, Anniversary sponsorships, Silent Auction donations and Souvenir Program ads finance our growth for the students.

I can’t wait to see you in September! I am especially hoping to catch up with the thousands of students I met during my years at our beloved Bennett.

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The **100th Anniversary Dinner and Dance** will start at 5:00pm at the Buffalo Convention Center. Music will be provided by **The Larry Salter Orchestra with Vibrant Strings**. Blue and Orange will be dazzling our guests as we remember all of the good times that Bennett has provided for us.

As a part of the evening’s program, we will hear proclamations from government and distinguished officials. We will also induct **Sanford Greenberg, '58** as our 2025 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. **The cost of the Gala**

Dinner and Dance is \$125.

Please use the enclosed response card or book your evening on Eventbrite.

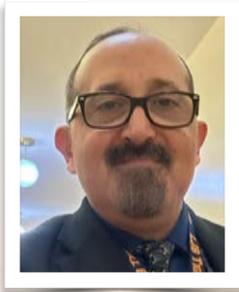
On Sunday, we will gather as a family one last time for our **Alumni Brunch**. The cost is \$50. We will start at 11:30 am at the Marriott LECOM in the seventh-floor banquet hall. Following brunch, we will have a brief **annual meeting** to share the accomplishments and goals of the Bennett Alumni Association. The annual recognition of Bennett graduates who have distinguished themselves in their careers will follow with their

Induction in the Bennett Alumni Honor Roll.

We will finish our weekend with the sealing of the **time capsule**. We are encouraging all of our guests throughout the weekend to bring mementos, reflection letters, photos and other memorabilia to add to our Bennett Alumni Time Capsule. Twenty-five years from now, our Bennett family will gather again and they will open our box full of stories. One generation will meet another generation. Our stories of our times at Bennett will live in the minds of the class of 2050 and beyond.

BY FRED SALES

From Our Principal



On behalf of the entire Bennett High School community, I extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to our students. Thanks to your advocacy and contributions, this

school year has been marked by powerful moments of celebration, opportunity, and growth for our young people.

Your support helped make our Class Day an incredible success. Our students were honored for their academic, athletic, and character achievements. We are especially proud to share that three major student awards were funded directly by alumni, creating lasting recognition for excellence and providing real encouragement for our scholars.

Additionally, our final Golden Ticket event of the year was a highlight for nearly 200 students. The Golden Ticket event rewarded students who did well in the realms of attendance, academics, and citizenship during the 3rd and first part of the 4th quarter. This festive celebration included a full field day, refreshments, and an afternoon of fun—all made possible through alumni donations. It was a meaningful reward for our students and a reminder of what community investment can accomplish.

And of course, your generosity also helped support our unforgettable trip to Darien Lake for our seniors. These experiences were a well-earned celebration of their four-year journey at Bennett and a reflection of the pride our alumni continue to show for the next generation of Tigers.

Thank you for always standing with us, and for being a part of the legacy that continues to lift Bennett High School. We look forward to sharing more success with you in the future as we continue to build a strong, proud, and united school community.

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Help Wanted: Your Heart, Your Voice, Your Legacy

- Did you walk the halls of Bennett High School?
- Did you teach, mentor, or guide students there?
- If so, you are forever part of the Bennett family.

The **Bennett Alumni Association** invites you to help shape the future of our school by honoring our rich past and uplifting the next generation. Our mission is to preserve the legacy of excellence, equity, and community that defines Bennett—and we need your voice at the table.

We are seeking passionate alumni, former staff, and friends of Bennett to join our **Committees**. We have the following working committees: finance, mini-grants, membership, Alumni Honor Roll, All-Class Reunion, Beacon, Endowment, 100th Anniversary, alumni outreach, good and welfare, facilities, Sports Hall of Fame and website. Serving on a committee is your opportunity to give back in a meaningful way, reconnect with others, and help ensure that today's students thrive in an environment rooted in pride, purpose, and possibility.

Committees typically meet once a month and are fully hybrid—join us in person or from anywhere via Zoom.

No matter where you live, you can make a difference.

If your heart is still with Bennett, now is the time to act.



Ben Parker (student), Liz Bailey (staff), Jennifer Tyner (staff), David Klimchuk, Ember, Tracy Cotter and Eric Crittenden finished the GSA year with one final event made possible by a Mini Grant!



Mini Grants

Meeting Our Students Needs

Your Contributions at Work!



I am extremely thankful for the LJB Alumni Association and the administrative team here for supporting my Yoga journey. I began practicing yoga as I was dealing with a terminal cancer diagnosis given to my father who was my best friend and ally. I learned so much from the experience and began to see life from different perspectives. That allowed me to identify a need in our students for emotional support and self reliance and some tools to help guide them.

The Alumni Mini Grant has allowed me to begin to pursue my 200 hour Yoga Teacher Certification, which will be a lot of work, will also be a blessing to not only deepen my own journey, but to build the tool kit to help better support our students at LJB on their journeys.

Namaste. **Hillary H. Kelkenberg M.S.Ed**

"On a random day during the fall semester, I was talking to Mrs. Kelkenberg and she told me about how she's going to start yoga after school and I should join. I like to try new things, but I didn't really expect anything out of it. The first class was a little kooky because a lot of people were there and they were finding their footing. Mrs. Kelk made everyone feel comfortable and reassured us when we began to feel insecure. After the first class I felt relieved, everyone melted away and there was only me and my body." **Kai Griffin , 2025**

Our New Membership Year

Bennett Alumni Dues

Dues to the Bennett Alumni Association, Inc. make such a huge impact. Through your generous contributions, you have helped level the playing field for countless Bennett students. Your continued help makes a difference!

We thank you for your support!

**** For information about how your gift of \$250 or more can be used to sponsor a Memorial Garden paver, call Neil at 716-308-5451.*

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For any questions about your DUES, to make additional contributions, or to find out about our legacy program, call Neil Lange at 716-308-5451!

Membership runs from September 1, 2025 until August 31, 2026

• In Memoriam •

Richard D. Clark, '50, age 89,
August 28, 2021

John Lambert, '58, April 2022

Calvin Harvey Wortman, '56,
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June 2024

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June 13, 2024

John J. Grimaldi, '53, age 91,
September 14, 2024

Robert F. Kreinheder, '53,
September 22, 2024

Deborah Schenk Littler, '67, age 75,
October 18, 2024

Diane DuQuin Zabel, '55, age 86,
December 1, 2024

Allan Harris Rosenblitt, '65, age 76,
December 7, 2024

*Your additions or corrections are requested.
Please forward to the Bennett Beacon staff.*

(Reported since Winter 2025 Bennett Beacon)

Douglas J. Sherman, '74, age 68,
December 11, 2024

Christine Milliron Veith, '73,
December 16, 2024

Jerry Voskerichian, '63, age 79,
December 16, 2024

John Warner, '86, December 25, 2024

Natalie Anita Szymanski Watson, '39,
age 102, December 31, 2024

Donald Irving, '57, January 4, 2025

Dean A. Drew, '43, age 99,
January 26, 2025

Charles Schopf, '48, age 93,
February 2, 2025

Paul E. Kosek, Faculty (Science),
February 7, 2025

Enid Goldberg Edelman, '58,
February 12, 2025

Samuel L. Radford, Jr., '66, age 76,
February 16, 2025

Daniel C. Gorski, Faculty (Music),
age 87, February 20, 2025

Inez Goldman Sunshine, '54, age 88,
March 3, 2025

Sheila Weinrub Trossman, Faculty
(Math). Age 85, March 4, 2025

David Essrow, '53, age 89,
March 6, 2025

Sandra Levy Coleman, '53, age 89,
March 11, 2025

Carl W. J. Gall, '58, age 84,
March 15, 2025

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March 21, 2025

Richard Lippes, '62, age 81,
March 22, 2025

Donna Pettapiece Dauria, '67, age 76,
March 22, 2025

Daniel J. Henry, Sr., '51, age 91,
March 29, 2025

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April 2, 2025

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April 6, 2025

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April 11, 2025

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age 85, April 15, 2025

James Friedman, '65, April 29, 2025

Albert C. Cook, '61, age 81,
May 2, 2025

Ronald Williams, '61, May 7, 2025

Gary Deeb, '63, age 79, May 17, 2025

Lynn Weissman Klein, '68, age 74,
May 19, 2025

Peter Bolton Hubbell, '54, age 89,
June 1, 2025

Maier Bryan Fox, '61, age 81,
June 2, 2025

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Celebrating Our Sports Legacy: 100th Anniversary Football Game Honors Alumni

Excitement is building for the **100th Anniversary Football Game**. This milestone event promises to honor the legacy and pride of our alumni athletes while bringing the entire school community together in celebration.

On **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, the field at All-High Stadium will host the much-anticipated game between **Bennett and Hutch Tech**, with kickoff at 11:00 a.m. But this game is more than just a contest—it's a heartfelt tribute to the generations of athletes who have shaped our history.



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Honoring Our Athletic Alumni

- A special **breakfast reception** will follow the

Homecoming Parade, welcoming all returning alumni athletes in the school's back hallway.

- During the football game, alumni will be given prime seating in a specially designated section, closest to the school, for prime viewing and recognition.

- Alumni athletes will also be honored on the field in a **special pre-game ceremony**, showcasing their contributions and legacy.

Parade and Festivities Begin Early

- The day kicks off at 9:30 a.m. with a festive **Homecoming Parade**, winding through the local

streets before returning to the school at 10:30 a.m.

- Alumni athletes will enjoy a reserved, roped-off area during the parade and dedicated parking, along with ADA accommodations.

- Cheerleaders will ride a float, and student-created posters and signs will decorate the streets and stadium, building school spirit and pride.

Other Highlights of the Big Game

- Dignitaries, including community leaders and school officials, will be in attendance and seated near alumni guests.

- A commemorative plaque will be presented to Hutch Tech during the on-field ceremony.

- Student-designed posters and anniversary merchandise will be on display and available for purchase, keeping the spirit alive beyond the event.

- A professional photographer will be on site to capture the celebration.

- Concessions will be available.

Let's All Be Together - Blue and Orange

This once-in-a-century event is more than a game—it's a vibrant reunion, a proud look back, and a spirited leap forward. Whether you wore the jersey, cheered from the sidelines, or supported from the stands, your presence will make this anniversary unforgettable.

Alumni athletes, we can't wait to see you there—cheering, celebrating, and making new memories together.

Your Alumni Association is forever grateful for those who make contributions in honor of or in memory of or in thanks for Bennett Alumni or anyone you wish to recognize.

• Gift Received in Memory of...

Arnold Bernhard, '56

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Meeting Our Students Needs
Your Contributions at Work!

**National Honor Society Induction Reception
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**Marc Adams '90 Named 2025
 Culinary Teacher of the Year**

Buffalo Public Schools is proud to spotlight Marc Adams, recently honored as the 2025 High School Teacher of the Year at the Excellence in Education Awards. As a culinary instructor at Emerson School of Hospitality, Adams has earned recognition for his dynamic teaching style and deep commitment to student success.

Adams brings real-world experience from his years in the hospitality industry, including leadership roles at Chick-fil-A, Panera Bread, and Applebee's. At Emerson, he channels that experience into hands-on instruction, helping students develop both culinary and life skills in a professional kitchen environment.

He was previously recognized as a finalist in the 2022 Friends for a Better Buffalo Education Awards, and his recent city-wide honor reflects his continued impact. In a recent interview, Adams shared that his motivation to teach comes from a desire to "change lives through food, structure, and care."

Marc Adams' dedication and heart for teaching makes him a shining example of the excellence within Buffalo Public Schools.



**Thanks to our
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We are deeply appreciative of our community leaders and our Bennett Alumni who have stepped forward to sponsor events during our 100th Anniversary Weekend. We are still looking for other sponsors. If you are interested, please contact Neil at 716-308-5451.

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Educational Grant Recipients



Mahiya Akter, Valedictorian of this year's senior class, is the *Emmons B. Farrar Scholar*. She will attend the University at Buffalo majoring in Nursing. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a student in the P-Tech program. She was a student representative on the Tier I Committee, a member of the Senior Advisory Board and Unique Sisters.



Imire Oakes is this year's *Charles Elbert Rhodes Scholar*. He will be attending Buffalo State University and majoring in Software Development. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a student in the P-Tech Program. He rounded out his high school career by competing on the Outdoor Track and Varsity Basketball Teams.



Two *Leonard Sikora Scholarships* were awarded this year to **Trenton Iannello**, who is also the Salutatorian for the Class of 2025, and **Mahiya Akter** (photo above). Trenton is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and participated in the Digital Design Program at Lewis J Bennett.



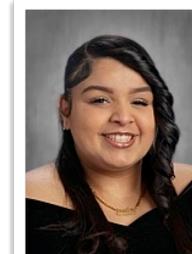
The *Lloyd Miller Scholarship* was awarded to **Bibi Mohamad Shakil** who will attend the University at Buffalo majoring in Business Management. She is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She participated in the Digital Design Program.



Helda Luzayadio, winner of the *Marilyn Wittman Scholarship*, will be continuing in the P-Tech program at SUNY Erie, majoring in Software Development. Helda is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She competed on the Outdoor Track Team while at Bennett.



The *Alzena Wright Scholarship* was awarded to **Omowonuola Praise Ologbenla**, who will be attending Buffalo State University in the fall to study Cybersecurity. Omowonuola was a student in the P-Tech program and a student representative to the Tier I Committee. He competed on the Outdoor Track and Swim Teams.



The *Steve Poliachik Scholarship* recipient is **Jonairys Aleman Mercado**, who will move on to the Erie 1 BOCES Phlebotomy program after graduation. She competed on the Girls Varsity Basketball and Softball Teams.



Jameen Pointer was the recipient of a *Bennett Alumni Scholarship*. He will be attending Buffalo State University in the fall and majoring in Computer Science. He is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. At Bennett, he was a P-Tech student and competed on the Outdoor Track Team.

Congratulations!

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A second *Bennett Alumni Scholarship* was awarded to **Abdourahmane Diallo**

who will be attending Buffalo State University in the fall. He is a member

of both the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. He completed the Digital Design Program and competed on the Outdoor Track Team.



The *John Vella Award* went to **Akai Groves**, a student in Bennett's Digital Design Program and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He

will attend Buffalo State University to study Mechanical Engineering in the fall.

Things to Do While in Buffalo

Are you looking for things to do while you're in Buffalo for the Bennett 100th Anniversary Weekend? If so, here are some ideas suggested by our friends at Visit Buffalo Niagara.

- *Flight 716* – The newest video, released in May.
- For the foodies: *Ultimate Buffalo Food Trail*
- *A Guide to Buffalo in Summer*.
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The Visitor's Bureau can be reached at www.visitbuffaloniagara.com.

Bennett High School's 100th Anniversary Weekend Events RSVP

RSVP by August 15, 2025

I/We are excited to attend the following events for Bennett's 100th Anniversary Celebration:

- ___ (Number) **Friday, September 19, 2025 at Bennett (\$25.00 per person)**
- ___ (Number) **Saturday, September 20, 2025 football game at All High Stadium (Pay at the gate)**
- ___ (Number) **Saturday, September 20, 2025 Gala Dinner and Dance at the Buffalo Convention Center (\$125.00 per person)**
- ___ (Number) **Sunday, September 21, 2025 Alumni Brunch at the Marriott LECOM (\$50.00 per person)**

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Class _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional Names:

_____ class _____

_____ class _____

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_____ class _____

Entrée Choices for the Gala Dinner/Dance

- ___ **Strip Loin Medallions**
- ___ **Lemon Glazed Salmon**
- ___ **Any Food Allergies or Dietary Restriction (Vegetarian)?** _____

Please indicate the number of each selection on the blank for multiple attendees & return with your RSVP.

Bennett Alumni Association Hosts Faculty and Staff Appreciation Breakfast

On the morning of May 7, before the first bell rang, the faculty and staff of Lewis J. Bennett School were greeted with a thoughtful surprise—a breakfast spread hosted by the Bennett Alumni Association to show appreciation for their dedication and hard work.



The event featured an inviting array of fruit cups and a variety of fresh pastries, all ordered from Panera Bread. Juice and coffee were available to complete the morning treat. The breakfast was set up early to ensure staff could enjoy it before the start of the school day.

Attendees expressed their gratitude with smiles and kind words, not-

ing how much they appreciated the gesture. “It’s one of the ways we show the staff that we care,” said a member of the Alumni Association.



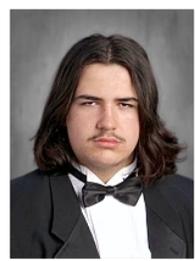
The appreciation event continues a tradition of support and connection between Bennett’s alumni and current school personnel, reinforcing the strong community spirit that defines the Bennett legacy.

We started with a long line of juice, fruit, pastries and coffee. In a little while it was gone. Along with the treats, it was the Alumni way of telling the staff that we are grateful for what they do for our students.

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The *Fred Braun Award* went to **Liam Fracos**, a student in Bennett’s Digital Design Program. He was a member of the BPS Varsity Hockey Team and Varsity Baseball Team. He will study at SUNY Erie next year.



The *14208 Bennett Alumni Scholarship* was awarded to **Armand-Flori Kahuka**. He has yet to decide on his plans for further study.



Two students received *Jeffrey (Rick) McCarley Memorial Awards*. **Ny'zere Mills** (right) who will attend Buffalo State University to major in Computer Science

and **Syafiqah Binti Mohamed Johar** who will study Plumbing/HVAC at SUNY Erie. Ny'zere is a member of the National Honor Society and competed on the Varsity Basketball and Outdoor Track Teams. Syafiqah was a member of the Bowling Team.



The *Larry Veronica Scholarship* was given to **Ja'marcus Lucas**, a member of the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and a P-Tech student. He will attend Buffalo State University to study Computer Information Systems.

Ja'marcus was a member of the Varsity Football Team and the Boys Swim Team.

Congratulations!

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Honoring Alumni During Our 100th Anniversary Weekend!



Three wonderful ceremonies during our 100th Anniversary Weekend will induct alumni into our Honor Rolls!

On Friday, September 19th, at 7:00 pm, we will hold our 20th Sports Hall of Fame in-

duction ceremony in the school's auditorium.

From an idea inspired by **Jennie Brummer, Faculty** in the early 2000s, and with over 200 outstanding athletes already honored, it is fitting and proper that we make this year's ceremony a part of our 100th Anniversary extravaganza.

This year's inductees are:

- • **Donna Amico, '78** - Swimming and Softball
 - • **Jimmy Hill, '79** - Track
 - • **Dominic Dantonio, '78** - Football
 - • **William Iannaccone, '59** - Baseball
 - • **Dr. Jeffrey T. Evans, '74** - Football and Track
- Roslyn Righetti, '74**, chair of the SHOF Committee will host. Her committee continues to look

for sponsors and ads for the program. If you want to help, contact Neil Lange at 716-308-5451.

On Saturday evening, **Sanford Greenberg, '58**, will be inducted as our 100th Anniversary Outstanding Alumni. We are so excited to honor this wonderful philanthropist and humanitarian.

Five outstanding Alumni will be inducted into the Bennett Alumni Honor Roll for their accomplishments during their distinguished careers following graduation. The Induction Ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 21, 2025 during the Anniversary Brunch at the Marriott LECOM. The 2025 inductees are:

- • **Daniel W. Conley, '77** – Education/Coaching
- • **William F. Iannaccone '59** – Health Professions
- • **Valata Jenkins-Monroe, '69** – Forensic Psychology
- • **Claudia Marschall, '69** – Theatre Arts
- • **Francesca B. Mesiah, '75** – Health Professions

Come celebrate all of these achievements as we recognize some wonderful people!

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