



Arkport Alumni Association Newsletter

May 2025

Arkport Alumni Association: Celebrating Our Past, Present, and Future!

The Arkport Alumni Association is more than just an organization, it's a bridge that connects generations. Our alumni represent the rich history of our school, shape its present, and inspire its future. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends, supporting future graduates, or simply reminiscing about your time at ACS, we're here to keep you engaged, informed, and involved.

What's New with Us?

As the newly elected President of the Alumni Association, I'm thrilled to share that the Executive Board has been hard at work behind the scenes, planning and preparing for our upcoming Annual Banquet. We've been collaborating closely with Jim Zahradnick and Deanne (VanHouten) Clark, Class of 1984, who joined us after our last banquet (and hey, you can join us too—just ask me how!). Although we're spread across different locations, we connect regularly via Zoom and have already made exciting strides, including a complete overhaul of the Alumni Scholarship Application process. It's such a joy to step back into this role and reconnect with our Alumni in such a meaningful way. I'm incredibly grateful that my work at The Pennsylvania State University in University Park, PA, supports the time I dedicate to this important cause—a career I would never have had without the solid foundation I gained from my parents and close-knit family, and Arkport Central School.

Join Us for the 61st Annual Alumni Banquet!

Mark your calendars! This special evening is your chance to reconnect, celebrate, and honor the incredible legacy of Arkport alumni. Last year's banquet was a huge success, bringing together 155 alumni members and guests from 15 states to celebrate milestone reunions, recognize outstanding graduates, and award scholarships that make a real difference in students' lives. Join us on July 11, 2025 at the Main Place in Hornell!

Introducing the Nancy Amidon Glover Memorial Scholarship

This year, we are honored to introduce a brand-new scholarship in memory of Nancy Amidon Glover, Class of 1957, a passionate advocate for Arkport alumni and the Canisteo Valley Historical Society. This special award will be presented to a Class of 2025 graduate who embodies Nancy's dedication and spirit in serving the Arkport community.

How You Can Make a Difference

As times grow more challenging, scholarship and dues donations have been declining—but together, we can turn the tide! Even a small gift can have a big impact on a student's future and keeping our alumni running. You can contribute on our Banquet Reservation page or by sending your payment to our mailing address. Every dollar counts, and your generosity helps keep this newsletter in your mailbox and supports the next generation of Arkport graduates.

On behalf of the Arkport Alumni Association, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to celebrating with you in July!

With Blue Jay pride,

Brenda Smith Porter, Class of 1987
President, Arkport Alumni Association

Nancy Amidon Glover Remembered



Nancy C. Glover, 85, passed away following a long illness on Friday, December 20, 2024.

A lifelong resident of the Arkport/Bishopville area, Nancy graduated from Arkport Central School, Class of 1957.

Nancy was very active in the Arkport community, including holding office for several years in the Arkport Alumni Association as Vice President and Treasurer. Known for her love and knowledge of schools and the people of Arkport, Nancy was an instrumental force behind the continued success of the Alumni Association.

In honor of Nancy's hard work and dedication, the officers of the Alumni will be issuing a \$500 Scholarship to a member of the graduating class of 2025 in her name.

You will be missed Nancy!

Lego Magic!

Each year Arkport Central School holds an lego build for elementary students and this year a special exhibit was on display!

Dan Thompson, '90 and ACS Building Mechanic for the past 16 years, began a project that he knows very well! The building of the 1936 original portion of Arkport Central school.

One year later a display, 15 inches wide by 60 inches long and 15 inches tall, constructed from 16,000 lego pieces including mini figures, landscape, complete classroom decor and notable exterior design was on display for all to enjoy.

Awesome job Dan! We will post more pictures on the web page at Arkportalumni.org.



Honoring Athletes from 1975

For the past several years, alumni officers have chosen named alumni members to be honored at our annual banquet. We have honored alumni members who work/worked at Arkport Central School, alumni Military members and First Responder members. This year we have selected to honor the athletes from the 1975 Sectional ACS Softball and Track teams.

The 1975 Girl's Softball team won the Class B Section V Championship, suffering only one (1) game during regular season play. There were eleven (11) members of the teams with four (4) members named to the Section V All-Tournament team.

1975 Boys Track team won Section V honors with 35 members on the team. They were recognized for having great team spirit, being unselfish and dedicated. Everyone did their part with enthusiasm.

We hope many of the members of both teams will join us at the Banquet on July 11, 2025. More information is available on the reservation attached.

Marcy Estey Brubaker, ACS Class of 1998

Notice from Watkins Glen Central Schools.



We are proud to announce that Marcy Estey Brubaker, a highly respected educator, mentor, and teacher leader, will gradually transition into the role of High School Principal. Beginning in July 2025, Marcy will serve as an administrative intern, officially assuming full principal responsibilities on February 2, 2026.

A proud graduate of Arkport High School, a GST BOCES component school, Marcy earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Delaware Valley University and her Master of Science in Secondary Education from Alfred University. She further expanded her expertise with an Advanced Certification in School Climate and Social-Emotional Learning from Quinnipiac University and is in the final stages of completing her Educational Leadership degree at SUNY Oswego.

Since joining WGHS, Marcy has deeply embedded herself in the school community, as a dedicated science teacher, department and in committee leader, championship-winning cheerleading coach, and a steadfast advocate for students. Her passion, leadership, and dedication have played a pivotal role in shaping school culture and student success.

Congratulations Marcy!

Canisteo Valley Historical Society Realize Their Dream!

Members of CVHS are realizing their dream of a historical location showcasing the history of Arkport and the Canisteo Valley.

Members have been working on the recently purchased home of LaGrande & Cecile McCarthy at 5 East Avenue in the Village of Arkport. New compliant porch and doors have been installed on the outside with renovations inside including new flooring, painting and widening of doors. They have named the new location The McCarthy House.

With generous donations from near and far, many more renovations are still to be made, but soon many pictures and items from the past will be on display throughout the building.

One of the rooms will be dedicated to local education including country one-room school houses, Village of Arkport schools and of course Arkport Central School. Linda Wellington Burdett '69 and Dorothy Jones Dunham '63 are working on items for the room. If you have any thing you would like to share, please reach out to us at Arkportalumni@arkportcsd.org

Membership to CVHS may be made at a cost of only \$10 per year per person (\$15 per family) you will receive our eight (8) page newsletter, issued four (4) times a year. These newsletters include pictures and stories of people and times from Arkport's past. Check can be sent to CVHS, PO Box 123, Arkport, NY 14807.

Checkout their Facebook page at Canisteo Valley Historical Society for updates!



The McCarthy House



2024 NYS Championship Baseball Rings

Members of the 2024 Baseball team recently received their New York State Championship rings at a awards ceremony at school. It was an awesome season and we send best wishes to the 2025 team!

Student on the Run!

Ibrahim Ford, a standout junior from Arkport, has earned a spot at the prestigious New Balance Indoor



Track and Field Championship in Boston this March.

Ford's performance at the Federation Championship during the cross-country season secured his qualification for nationals. His achievements this past fall include being named Steuben County Runner of the Year, winning the Section V Class D title, and finishing as the runner-up at the Class D State Championship.

He also placed 8th at the Federation Championship and was just three spots shy of qualifying for the Nike Team National Championships.

On the track, Ford has continued his dominance, holding the second-fastest times in Section V in both the 1600m and 3200m events. He has also set school records in the 1600m, 1000m, and 600m this season. Having met state provisional qualifying times, he now needs a top-three finish at the state qualifiers to punch his ticket to the state meet.

As you know, with the sports merger with Canaseraga, athletes are now call the Wolves. As Ibrahim is the only runner and an Arkport student, he has chosen to run as a Blue Jay! ***Awesome and good luck!!***

Highlights and Photographs from the 2024 Annual Alumni Banquet

The 60th Annual Alumni Banquet was held July 12, 2024 at The Main Place in Hornell. We had 155 alumni members from 15 states join us to honor the classes from the 75th year (1949) 50th year (1974) and 25th year (1999).



We also recognized the 10 year classes, 2014, 2004, 1994, 1984, 1964, and 1954 and honored scholarship winners from the ACS Class of 2024 and alumni members who were also First Responders. A delicious dinner was served by John Carbone and The Main Place staff along with cupcakes by an ACS high school baker, Avery Oliver.

One (1) member of the Class of 1949 attended, Carolyn Burger McCarthy. Carolyn has been an attendee of the banquet for many years and she was accompanied by her son Tim Mulhollen. We presented her with beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Fourteen (14) members and their guests from the class of 1974 attended. Jeff Lang provided us with memories from the class. It was a very enjoyable evening celebrating with the '74

class members!

Four (4) members of the Class of 1999 attended. All were too shy to speak or maybe there were things they did not want to share as they have kids in high school at ACS! LOL!!!

Each year we recognize the alumni members who traveled the furthest. This year from Honolulu, Hawaii, Jody Bill, Class of 2004 and from Wasilla, Alaska Joseph Katsur, Class of 1974. Each were given gifts by alumni officers.

This year we chose to recognize members who were First Responders, policemen, firemen, emergency medical technicians and etc. We had four (4) members honored; **Bruce Smith '69** joined the Fremont volunteer Fire Department one (1) year after high school graduation. He is still a member today. He has been a member of the Fire/Rescue and still drives the ambulance and is the Sec/Tres today. **Norm Kennell '54** is a retired member of Arkport Fire/Rescue and Arkport Joint Fire Department (Arkport, Hornellsville and Town of Dansville) He retired at age 81! **Mark LaBourr '71** has been a member of the Arkport Hose from 1972-1972 and 2006 thru present. Mark's father Donald was a 50+ year in the department. **Robert Katsur '74** is a member of the Wasilla, Alaska Fire Department. Each responder was given a Thanks for your Service Certificate and gift.

Alumni members have been very generous throughout the years with donations to our scholarship fund. This year we were able to award eight (8) \$750 scholarships totaling \$6,000 and 5 named scholarships/awards in the amount of \$4,000 to 2024 graduating seniors from Arkport Central School. Including this year's \$10,000 total, we are proud to announce that ACS graduates have been awarded \$114,850 since the first the first \$50 scholarship in 1972.

Alumni Scholarship winners: NyVeah Stewart, Summer Marcus, Haley Armeli, Salim Ford, Ben Liebham, Katelynn Merry, Zach Smith and Paige Pfaff. **The Wolfgruber Family Scholarship of \$1,500 (\$750 a year for two [2] years)** - Hannah Franklin, **The Ambrose J. Zahradnick Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000** - Sebastian Carroll, **The Kemp Family Memorial Scholarship of \$500** - Daniel Clark, **The Donald Stauring Service Award of \$500** and **The Canisteo Valley Historical Society Award of \$500** - Lucas McCarthy

The election of officers was held and the 2025 officers are as follows: President, Brenda Smith Porter, 1984, Vice President, Tracie Hoyt McCarthy, 1997, Secretary, Linda Wellington Burdett, 1969 and Treasurer, Cathy Crossett VanIlderstine, 1976.

It was a great night from the Happy Hour where alumni members interacted with old friends and classmates, with of the old yearbooks to meeting the new graduates and ending with the singing of the Alma Mater. We can't wait to see you at the 2025 Annual Banquet in July!



2024 Banquet in Photos



Alumni Obituaries

The following obituaries are for Arkport Alumni members and area friends. We hope we have not forgotten anyone, but if we did, please send an email to help us keep our records up-to-date. Our condolences go out family and friends of these Arkport classmates and friends.

2024-2025 Alumni Deceased

Class of 1951 Nelson D. Whiteman, March 11 2025
Class of 1949 James Jackson, March 2025
Class of 1946 James Robords, February 13, 2025
Class of 1950 Norma Kennell Bly, January 7, 2025
Class of 1957 Nancy Amidon Glover, December 20, 1024
Class of 1953 John R Donnelly, December 6, 2024
Class of 1968 Cynthia Gottschall Whitton, December 2, 2024
Class of 1953 Robert Libbey, November 25, 2024
Class of 1985 Nancy "Boo" Gamo Cunningham, November 23, 2024
Class of 1952 Noritta Kennell Smith, November 3. 2024
Class of 1986 Scott Volkmar, October 8, 2024
Class of 1958 Vincent D. Kame, October 18, 2024
Class of 1976 Rhett Meyers, October 31, 2024
Class of 1968 Barbara Auckland Schmoyer, October 31, 2024
Class of 1963 Drexal Preston, October 2, 2024
Class of 1964 Mogens Kruse, October 2024
Class of 1979 Lisa Tibbits Lyons, September 18, 2024
Class of 1949 William Polmanteer, August 26, 2024
ACS Faculty Sherill Ralyea, August 9, 2024
Class of 1974 William Bell, July 1. 2024
Class of 1990 Vikki Little Sprague, June 19, 2024
Class of 1954 Philip Spencer, May 24, 2024
Class of 1948 A Jean "Tootie" Howe Foley, May 6, 2024
Class of 1963 Suzanne Fox Auckland, May, 2024
Class of 1948 Jackie Strickley Goodwin, May, 1, 1024
Class of 1975 Patrice Greene Green, April 26, 2024
Class of 1957 Herbert Grimm, April 24, 2024
Class of 1972 Barbara Monaghan, March 8, 2024
Class of 1955 Richard Davis, February 20, 2024
Class of 1979 Stephen Spencer, February 7, 2024
Class of 1965 Lawrence Callahan, January 29, 2024
Class of 1970 Fred Lehman, January 12, 2024
Class of 2002 Shawn Houghtaling, January 9, 2024
Class of 1965 David Morgan, January 9, 2024
Class of 1955 Richard Davis, January 2024

61th Annual Alumni Banquet

**“The Main Place”
251 Main Street
Hornell, New York**

Friday, July 11, 2025

Social Hour 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Dinner and Program 6:30pm - ?

Served Dinner Includes:

Stuffed Chicken Breast • Mashed Potatoes with gravy • Vegetables
Garden Salad • Rolls & Butter • Cupcake

or

Cajun/Lemon Haddock • Rice Pilaf • Vegetables
Garden Salad • Rolls & Butter • Cupcake

Cost:

\$27.50 per person (includes meal,
gratuity and use of facilities)

The 2025 graduating seniors and the Classes of 1950, 1975, and 2000 will be honored.

The Classes of 1945, 1955, 1965, 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015 will be recognized.

Reservations

Name _____ Class of _____

I will _____ OR will not _____ be able to attend.

Amount enclosed for dinner # _____ @ **\$27.50** \$ _____

_____ Chicken

_____ Fish

Alumni Dues **\$10.00** per alumnus \$ _____ @ **\$10.00** \$ _____

Scholarship fund donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Reservations are due by Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Please provide information if you are a member of the 1975 Sectional Softball or Track teams. All alumni members attending will be recognized.

Name _____ Team _____

Payable to Arkport Alumni Association, P. O. Box 28, Arkport, NY 14807

Thank you to those who have given generously to the scholarship fund.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

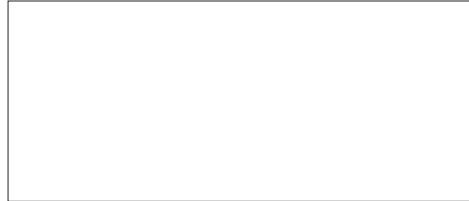
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President: Brenda Smith Porter, Class of 1987**Vice-President: Tracie Hoyt McCarthy, Class of 1997****Secretary: Linda Wellington Burdett, Class of 1969****Treasurer: Cathi Crossett Van Iderstine, Class of 1976*****RETURN SERVICE REQUIRED*****Reminder...**

Can't make the Annual Banquet? You can still send a check for your \$10 dues and donations of the scholarship fund to our mailing address at Arkport Alumni, PO Box 28, Arkport, NY 14807. You can also make payment using PayPal on our website at [Arkport Alumni.org](http://ArkportAlumni.org).

Update My Information

Name _____ Class of _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Married to an ACS Alumni? Name _____ Class of _____

Let us know your thoughts! Have a picture you would like to share? Scan it and send to our email address:
arkportalumni@arkportcsd.org or post on our Facebook page at Arkport Alumni Association.
