

# UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ALUMNI NEWS, UPDATES, & INFORMATION

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### 2025 ALUMNI WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS



Les Chanteurs choir sharing special music for church led by Dana Villarroel, Music Director



Tony Geddes '85  
Sharing a message on loving our neighbors,  
including those society often overlooks.



Janice Hunt-Wall '75 &  
Elder David Prest '75  
delivering the Spoken Word  
for Sabbath Worship,  
"You Are Not Alone"



"A Journey to Excellence" Adventist Education Sabbath School Panel  
Pr. Loren Nelson (USA Chaplain), Judi Bentz Eells '65 (Facilitator),  
Alexis Wickey '27 (USA Student Rep),  
Rick Bianco '90 (Ohio Conference Superintendent of Education),  
Dr. Ralph Trecartin '80 (President, Pacific Union College)



Class Roll Call  
Marcia Brown Toledo, Former Faculty  
and Gerald Greene '63



Mitch Strong '78  
Incoming Alumni President,  
Welcome at Friday Vespers



Class of '75 Praise Team leading Sabbath worship music:  
Spring (Peasley) Martin, Olive Parker,  
Eleanor (Vrooman) Dana, Jocyce (Quaile) Botimer,  
Laurel (Wesson) Longo, & Joyce (Greenfield) Brown



A beautiful special music performed by  
Robin Caster '75, Brenda (Whitens) Caster '75,  
& Dennis Shortslef

# ALUMNI WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS 2025



The USA Handbells Choir performing for the Sabbath Worship Service



Always smiling, Netta (Smith) Blakes '82, former Alumni President & Treasurer



Special Music for the Sabbath afternoon program by James Gbolo '28, Sarah Chambers '28, Jarean Matarus '28, Alexis Wickey '27



This handmade 'carrot top' flag provided humor and fun as it waved all weekend - brought to us by the 50 Year Class of 1975!



Pastor Larry Meager '70, spoke for Sabbath evening vespers



Kevin Poole '75, Joyce Clarke Cady '51, & William (Bill) Cady '70



Herbert Cox '66 with nieces Jannette (Edison) Kling '85 & Nannette (Edison) Kelly '85



Alumni Archivist & Photographer, Ed Runnals '73, with Gail (Carr) '70 Mason & Herb Mason '72



Mother and Son: Betty (Richards) Rice '48 & Fred Parker '68



1995 classmates catching up at their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion! Mike Cardinell, Klaralyn Gatz, Todd Sweet, Donene (Caster) Braithwaite and Patrick Bonin



Kelsey (Hamm) Hayes '01 taking the shot, with Evan Vu '25 in black, at the Alumni vs USA Eagles basketball game



Clark Sargeant '96 & Omari Naja '26 getting air at the alumni game with Larry Hayes '99 (in orange) ready for a rebound!



A beautiful Sabbath banquet was enjoyed by all alumni and friends!



Beginning in 1936, four generations of Runnals' attended Union Springs Academy! Starting with the late H. Richard Runnals '40 to his great-grandson, Jason Runnals, '29, 13 Runnals and 2 spouses have blessed the halls of our USA.



SUNDAY'S BENEFIT CONCERT Bruce Carroll and Nick Metcalf, USA History/Bible Teacher

# ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

At the Sabbath afternoon program during Alumni Weekend, many scholarships were presented on behalf of the USA Alumni Association. If you are interested in supporting any of these scholarships, please visit the Alumni and Development page on USA's website. New scholarships to be unveiled soon! Thank you, alumni, for supporting our students!



**Class of 1988  
Music Scholarship**

Scholarship Recipient  
Merry Lofty '26 with Trent Caster '88



**Spirit Award Scholarship**

Scholarship Recipient,  
Alexis Wickey '27 with  
Janica (Kaltsas) Caster '90



**Gary Raymond Memorial Athletic Scholarships**

Principal Tim Raymond, nephew of Gary Raymond '66,  
with Scholarship Recipients, Paw Say '26 & Omari Naja '26



**Gail Loress Riddick Masondo Scholarships**

Scholarship Recipients Amarissa Ramitt '26, left, and  
Kiera Lee Williams '28, right with Principal Tim Raymond



**John B. Foote Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship Recipient Adar Gier '27 with  
Jannette (Edison) Kling '85 and Darrin Caster '89



**Schumacher-Hardy New England Scholarships**

John Schumacher-Hardy '86 with the 2025-2026 Scholarship Recipients

*Top row left to right:* Levi Maloney '28, Kiera-Lee Williams '28, Wally Rhodes '29, Javi Kaltsas '29;

*Bottom row left to right:* Leila Espinal '28, Elizabeth Runnals '26, Abner Espinal '26; *Missing:* Laurence Uwamahoro '28

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Alumni!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families doing well as we enter 2026! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Alumni Weekend Reunion in September! Seeing graduates from so many classes come together—laughing, reconnecting, and sharing memories—was a powerful reminder that the spirit of USA is alive and thriving. Once a part of this family, always a part of it!

As your new Alumni Association President, I'm excited to keep that energy going. We're building momentum for a new year of connection, celebration, and impact. Look for upcoming ReEchoes spotlights, service opportunities, and fun events that will keep you plugged in and proud to be part of our legacy.

Our academy continues to shape lives through Christ-centered education, and you—our alumni—are the proof of that mission in action. Let's stay connected, get involved, and keep shining His light wherever we go.

Thank you to everyone who made our reunion such a special event—your presence and enthusiasm were a blessing. Let's continue to build on that spirit as we look forward to what God has in store for our alumni family, and I look forward to seeing you this fall at our big Alumni Weekend on September 18–20. More details can be found on the school website and on social media on the alumni Facebook group and Instagram.

Until we meet again, *Mitch* Mitch Strong, '78



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Alumni Family!

Another day, another school year, bringing us closer to the return of our Lord Jesus. As we enter our 105<sup>th</sup> year of operation and we write another chapter in the history of Union Springs Academy, we pause to thank the Lord for His abundant blessings. You, our alumni, are a vital part of those blessings as you continue to care for and share the gifts you received through your experiences at USA.

Alumni Weekend 2025 was a tremendous success! Friday vespers saw the largest attendance we've had in decades. The positive spirit, the renewing of friendships, and the sharing of memories were all a living testimony to our current students of the lasting impact this school has on its graduates. Alumni Weekend has always been—and continues to be—a very special time at USA. Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

We want to share some of the blessings we've experienced through your generosity. First and foremost, the Lord has brought 109 students to our campus this year! They come from all around the world, and their diverse backgrounds and cultures bring a rich and unique dynamic to our beloved USA family. The students are great and have so much potential.

We are blessed with dedicated, godly faculty and staff who walk beside each student—helping them through their struggles, encouraging them to grow in faith, and preparing them for success both now and for eternity.

With our growing student body, transportation has become an important need. We praise God for providing a 50-passenger bus and, most recently, a Ford Transit van to add to our fleet. Thank you for helping make this possible through your gifts.

We are also deeply grateful for your faithful support throughout the year—whether through volunteering during Renovation Week, sending care packages to students, offering prayers, or contributing financially. Last year's fundraiser to replace the heating system in the girls' dormitory resulted in the installation of three new high-efficiency boilers. The new system now uses only half—or even a quarter—of the natural gas compared to the old one, extending the life of our gas wells. God is good!

Our greatest challenge continues to be meeting the financial needs of our students and the rising costs of operating our school. But our God is greater! With your continued support, we will remain faithful to the mission for which Union Springs Academy was established so many years ago. We invite you to give today to the ministry taking place here at USA. Every gift—large or small—helps change lives and prepare our young people for the soon coming of Christ.

May the grace of God fill you with peace and blessings as we work together to fulfill His mission here at Union Springs Academy.



*Tim Raymond*

With Blessings,  
Tim Raymond  
USA Principal

## TREASURER'S REPORT

USA Alumni Association Fund	Beginning Balance as of 7/1/25	Ending Balance as of 1/31/26
General Fund	\$2,375.00	\$2,133.87
Campus Projects	\$1,466.85	\$1,551.45
Communications	\$3,008.42	\$990.93
Generational Scholarships	\$761.84	\$950.24



## DEVOTIONAL CORNER

### LESSONS FROM A TRIATHLON

The longer days of this past summer brought their usual fun diversions for my family, but some challenging adjustments as well. Among the pleasant past times, my daughters participated in a triathlon, a sport familiar to me and one they are growing to love. A triathlon is a fun combination of three sports performed in succession to each other—first swimming, then biking and finally, running. I've always been the mom cheering loudly on the sidelines and I was eager to root for my girls in their endeavor.

Race day arrived and I watched my two daughters run down the beach to the edge of the lake in a mass start. A particular challenge in an open water swim is navigating your way through the crowd. My older daughter, Regan, found a path through the center, her long, lean body slicing ahead and stroking seamlessly through the waves. My younger daughter, less experienced and yet to hit a noticeable growth spurt, got tossed about in the back. She jostled for an opening to settle into a rhythm, getting kicked and bumped along the way. Her struggle caused me to cheer all the louder, "Come on, Ella! You've got this!"

Both girls made it out from the swim and through the first transition. I followed from behind, coaching and giving encouragement. I watched them each push off on their bikes and set out for the three-mile loop around the lake. I had barely turned to catch my breath when I heard Regan shout, "Mommy!" I looked back and understood her predicament. With her first pedal strokes, her chain had popped off. I called to my dad, a bit of a bike technician, for back up and broke into a run to meet her. Mid-route, another parent who was standing nearby approached and quickly reset her chain and she was on her way. Phew!

Glancing periodically at my watch, I calculated each girl's arrival back at the transition area. Both returned without further incident and set out on the last leg of the race, the run. My excitement grew as I found my cheering spot along the road with camera ready. I strained my gaze down the stretch of pavement, watching for a flash of color or familiar gait pattern that would signal their approach on the final stretch. The thrill I felt inside was made obvious outwardly as I paced about, popped up on tiptoes to extend my view and cast my hand over my eyes to shade the glare of the sun.

Soon my wait was over as I watched each of my daughters coming towards the chute. From a distance I began to shout. I waved my arms and jumped up and down. "Go girls, you're almost there!" I couldn't wait to hug them and tell them how proud I was of their efforts. As I watched them quicken their strides and push through their last steps, I was overcome with a spiritual vision of the story of the prodigal son. I gained a deeper understanding of the words, "But while he [the son] was still a long way off, his father saw him [...]" (Luke 15:20). Lord, is this how passionately you long for me? I sympathized with God's heart, welling over with joy to see me approach, His body writhing with a desire to embrace me. My summer struggles had put a wedge between me and God, but now I felt Him drawing near. The tangible presence of the Holy Spirit stayed over me as we finished our post-race festivities.

Gasping for breath with rosy cheeks and a finisher's medal around their necks, I congratulated each of my girls. Ella had difficulty recovering as she is particularly sensitive to the heat. The high temps and her determined exertion had made her exhausted and nauseous. She found a shady spot under a tree to rest and held a cool water bottle to her head. With a respite from the sun, she was soon feeling well again. As we celebrated with a stop at the local ice cream stand, I reflected on the spiritual parallels of the morning.

We have often heard the idea of our Christian journey being equated to running a race (1 Corinthians 9:24, Hebrews 12:1, 2 Timothy 4:7), and for good reason. There are many lessons to be learned in thinking about our religious experience in this way. The familiarity of this analogy may make these take-homes sound cliché, but as basic as they are, God knew I was hurting from recent stressors and needed to be reminded of the ways in which He shows His love to me. He spoke directly to my ache and maybe you are in a place of needing a reminder, too.

Are you struggling to keep your head above water, jostled around by another's discouraging words or actions? Tune in to the voice of those God has placed on the sidelines of your life to buoy your spirits and remind you, "You've got this!" Find encouragement in His word and let His promises bring you healing (John 16:33).

Have you experienced the sting of an unexpected life event, like a bike chain popping off just as you've gained some momentum? The loss of a job? A totaled vehicle? God will place individuals in your life to come to your aid. Cry out to Him! He will make a way for you and set you on the right path again (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Do you feel worn down, exhausted and overcome by your present circumstances? Has the heat of the environment around you become too much to bear? God promises to be a place of shady refuge (Psalm 91:4). Take time to seek Him in solitude and let His presence be like cool, calming waters.

I love how God shows up in the real, tangible experiences of our lives. I wasn't expecting the blessing He was waiting to pour out on me as I stood at the end of that triathlon course. Our Heavenly Father waits for each of us at a similar finish line. When He sees us struggling and discouraged, He's cheering and chanting, "Don't give up, keep going!" He's casting His eyes into the distance, longing to catch us in His sight. "You're almost there!" And one day we'll fall into His arms and hear Him say, "Well done!"



~Kelsey Hamm-Hayes  
Class of 2001

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We have lost touch with the below list of honor class alumni. In order to reconnect with them and share information about the fall reunion, we need your help. Please email any known information to Gerald Green, Membership Secretary, at [alumnimembership@unionspringsacademy.org](mailto:alumnimembership@unionspringsacademy.org).

*Thank You!*

<b>1946</b> Irma Achtermeier Alice Atherton Fern Barnhardt Beatrice Barrett Evelyn Carter Leona Cole John Davis Greta (Davis) Nichols Calvin Dence Fabianne Ekstrom Ida Gonzalez Carolyn Greene Catherine Groom Jack Hallifax Scott Hallifax Doris Howard Donald Kintner Arlyss Kuykendall C. Neil Lucas Charles Lynch Norma (Marsh) Sheffield Mafalda Nowak Olga (Ortiz) Cordero Reina (Ortiz) Cordero Harriet Stuart Herbert Wightman Arlene (Willard) Sweeney Galer Wright	<b>1956, cont'd</b> Howard Dudgeon George Estrada Leslie (Farrow) Raymond Jacqueline Gibson Edward Gladden Judith Goldsmith Charles Green Susan Hill Lolita (Jackson) Castner Perry Johnson Barbara LaGrone Adah (LaMountain) Halverson Carroll Laterza Frances Lucy Burt Seeley Joyce Skadsheim James Smith Wayne Spooner Carmen Torres Violet Webb Rosa (Welch) Reed Laura Whitbeck Faith White Ruth Wilbur	<b>1961, cont'd</b> Judyann Reid Donald Shingleton Dan Skudrits Miriam Sibiea Royanne (Tuoto) Cook Helen (Valentine) Turner Stephen VanDyke Shirley Videan Eugene Walker William Walker David Warburg Carol Wilson	<b>1976, cont'd</b> Susan Ware	<b>1996, cont'd</b> Nicole Massey Jose Nieves Michael Ortel Jeremia Squires Daniel Robbins Jennifer (Strong) Price Jennifer Thomas Edward Wright
<b>1951</b> Jack Bryson William Carlson Catherine Clark Grace Clayton Dorothy Craw Harold Cushman, Jr. Beverly Fell Harold Greene Sylvia Griffis Audrey MacAdams Edith Martin Barbara Mershon Howard Morgan Harold Murdough Patricia Murdough Lorraine Nugent Patricia (Pohlman) Buchholz Raymond Roberts Ruth Sahn Barbara Shumate Marcia Starratt Uriel Thurnheer Eunice Todd Nancy Wheeler Russell Winslow Lee Wright	<b>1961</b> Darryl Aldenerfer Elvin Armstrong Sara Avery Donna Bettie Joyce Bobenhausen Edith (Burke) Blenis Conrad Clausen Nathan Clem Sandria Coleman Bonnie Doran Deanna (Duly) Childs Robert Elliott David Everts Delores Farley Timothy Garrity Allen Gates Bleaker Guthrie Sharon Haas Carol Harris David Hazen David Hudak Carol Johnson Joseph Johnson, Jr. Fred Kleinsmith Edgar Lockett Barry Lutz Gloria Mason Olive Mason Sandra Molnar Barbara Moore Janet Mosher Judy (Newton) Wright Anna (Ohr) Strauch Dale Parker Marion Parker Mary Peasley April (Peckham) Frost Joan Putman	<b>1966</b> Kathy Brueske Penny Dougherty Letha Dowie John Fleischmann James Lyons Jane Maston Georgeann Peterson Linda Phillips Elliott Roberts Edward Smith Robert Spencer Rosemary Updyke Walton Updyke Patricia Wright	<b>1981</b> Barbara Berger Becky Cardinell Christopher Carpenter Teri Collins Jennifer DeMerrit Bob Frank Joseph Gadway Jackie Henderson Kenneth Johnson John Johnson Brenda Kelly Charles Musgrave Tyrone Oates Barbette Parker Martin Pratt Patti Randall David Reed Debra Remon Ruth (Rupracht) Kling Tammi Schimp Tom Stout David Tessier Kenny Thorpe Robert Vance	<b>2001</b> Tobi Adewale Dwayne Baly Stephanie Bear Kristin (Conable) Wright Ashlie (Conway) Greene Aidrian De La Rosa Lindsay Edgerton Blake Gorth Adrian Lewis Heidi (Lewis) Bruso Douglas Murray Kerry Murray Emily (Shortslef) Foote Casey Smolk Lisa Strong
<b>1956</b> Jane Baker Dean Bird John Brown Vernice Campbell Mary Carver Gregory Colon	<b>1971</b> Ronald Allen Patricia Borgersen Dennis Cook Eunice Da Silva Betty (Da Silva) Lewis Pamela Davis Susan Demsky Gordon Edgerton Kathy Farley Steven Hoffman Robin Hudson Diane Kimble Kathleen Phillips Carol (Schnell) Graff Miriam Schoen Penny Sergent Anita Sheldrick Lorraine Singer Wendy Smith Darlene Stranger Anita Wander Thomas Wilhemson Deborah Williams	<b>1986</b> Julie (Armstrong) Jamieson Lori Coleman Jim Glynn Sharon Gorenflo Donald Harvey Ricky Hudak Lisa (Ingersoll) Evankovich Tracey Kelly David Maynard Magda Montijo Camilla Ngirausui Matthew Roche Michael Sady Renee Sady Julie Schmutzler Carmi Stephenson Tiffany (Swain) Holbrook Leilani Yates-Turner Sonia Young	<b>2006</b> Caleb Allen Doris Caponey Benjamin Desire Kaylee Dowd  Dominique Peace Justin Reed Shalana (Salmon) O'Neal Jillian VanNostrand	<b>2011</b> Julio Santos Vincent Wilson
	<b>1976</b> Jim Attle Cynthia Baldwin Milton Crouse Carla Francisco Roy Parsons, III David Pickett David Staley Sherry Stewart Betty Thorpe	<b>1991</b> Phillip Bennett James Berggren Brandy Howie Orlando Ochoa Tasha Wade	<b>2016</b> Ian Bickman Makayla Curtis Eh Dar Xylene DeCoteau Ruth Espinal Kenneth Fraker Cristina Garcia Munirah Hampton Htee Paw Amberlyn Johnston Key Moo Lwin Moise Ntekereze Nhi Nguyen Sarah O'Connell Alethea Sewell Shanice (Smith) McPherson Angelik Stahl	<b>2021</b> Natan Aureliano Lis Dias
	<b>1996</b> Julie (Bercier) Kraiker Tamara Cook Allison (Crockett) Phillipovic Marcy (DiProfio) Miranda Tad Edgerton Jason Lombard			

## 2025 REUNION HONOR CLASS PHOTOS

**70 Year Class - 1955**  
Jacquelyn (Richards) Frimpter,  
Dottie Smith Frank



**65 Year Class - 1960**  
Ted Young, Esther Day Jones



**60 Year Class - 1965**

**Front Row:** Gail (Cady) Jones, Martha (Frank) Feldbush, Robert Ritzenthaler, Marie (Rupracht) Putman, Earleen (DeLong) Peets, Colleen (Young) Ingersoll, Miriam (Carpenter) Kuntz, Patricia (Cobb) Caggiano, Judi (Bentz) Eells  
**Back Row:** Delbert Gilman, Arthur Cheney, Hugh Caggiano, Jim Sullenberger



**55 Year Class - 1970**

**Front row:** Sylvia Jean (Taylor) Davis, Mary Curren, Finley (Fish) Whitmore, Katie (Luss) Harris, Valerie (Howard) Mirande, Ginny (Coyer) Pecora, Sharon (Hague) King, Linda (Tessier) Boss, Gail (Carr) Mason **Back row:** Bill Orsburn, Larry Meager, Alan Freeman, George Choban, Jim Plumley, Dennis Barts, William Cady, Wanda (Carr) Cady



## 2025 REUNION HONOR CLASS PHOTOS

### 50 Year Class - 1975

**Front Row:** Linda (Nord) Ulrich, Spring (Peasley) Martin, Cheryl Dolan, Laurel (Wesson) Longo, Janice (Hunt) Wall, Melody (Bonhert) Runnals, Olive Parker, Donna (Lewis) Ashcroft, Joyce (Greenfield) Brown  
**Center Row:** Kevin Holman, Bill LaRock, Dennis Hague, Karen (Weber) Reynolds, Robin Caster, Eleanor (Vrooman) Dana, Ben Foote, John Pack, Blin Richards  
**Back Row:** David Prest Jr., Joyce (Runnals) Freese, Nancy (Kriegelstein) Smith, Jocey (Quaile) Botimer



### 45 Year Class - 1980

**Front Row:** Barbara (Taylor) Peretti, Annette (Muniz) Boyd, Wendy (Tessier) Hall, Sherry (Saxman) Franke, Anita (Dorn) Murray, Melanie (Willette) Raymond  
**Back Row:** Bill Boyd, Thomas Runnals, Brian Carr, Mac Nudd, Ralph Trecartin



### 40 Year Class - 1985

**Front row:** Dave Dickerson, Tony Geddes, Brian Burgess, Pete Schrankel, Dave Carter, Richard Tyler  
**Back row:** Jannette (Edison) Kling, Nannette (Edison) Kelly, Deb (Knutson) Bezerre, Colleen (Kearney) Willumson, Kathy (Wert) Lauger, Susan (Caster) Silver



# 2025 REUNION HONOR CLASS PHOTOS

## 35 Year Class - 1990

**Front Row:** Nancy (Wickey) Whitens, Sue (Rempher) Nelson, Debbie (Shepler) Erpenbeck, Theresa (Lupini) Cottete, Noah Bombard, Pamela (Johnson) Mayer, Bethany (Fitzgibbons) Furlong **Back Row:** Rick Bianco, Janica (Kaltsas) Caster, Jennifer Bilak, Michelle Warren, Orest Roshak, Jared Reiss, Dan Eppel



## 30 Year Class - 1995

Jason King, Donene (Caster) Braithwaite, Mike Cardinell, Klaralyn Gatz, Todd Sweet, Wendy (Cady) Wickey



## 15 Year Class - 2010

“Mumu” Hser Paw, JoDee Fairbanks



## 2026 HONOR CLASSES & CLASS REPS

<u>Class Year</u>	<u>Class Rep</u>
1951 - 75 Years	Joyce (Clarke) Cady & Jessica (Johnson) Travers `01
1956 - 70 Years	Vonnie (Cox) Edison & Jannette (Edison) Kling `85
1961 - 65 Years	Terry (Greene) Dickerman
1966 - 60 Years	Lloyd Harrington, Linda (Wallace) Westbrook, Judy (Peasley) Locke
1971 - 55 Years	Beverly (Richards) Sweet
1976 - 50 Years	Joan (Foote) Fischer, Don Shortslef, Bonnie (Parker) Pack, & Vicki (Farnsworth) Stone
1981 - 45 Years	David & Joy (Saxman) Ahles, LeeAnn (Knowlton) Fairbanks
1986 - 40 Years	Johnnie Schumaker-Hardy

<u>Class Year</u>	<u>Class Rep</u>
1991 - 35 Years	Linda (Carney) Kincaid
1996 - 30 Years	Amy (Foote) Main
2001 - 25 Years	Jessica (Johnson) Travers
2006 - 20 Years	Victoria Miller-Carnahan
2011 - 15 Years	Allison Strong
2016 - 10 Years	Jonathan Baker
2021 - 5 Years	Moriah Coleman, Joseph Htoo
Former Staff	Teri Dana Foote

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
September. 18-20, 2026  
for your honor class reunion  
here at USA!

If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of a Class Rep, please contact Marcia Toledo at [mst5887@yahoo.com](mailto:mst5887@yahoo.com) for information.



## 2025 REUNION HONOR CLASS PHOTOS

### Our VIP's ~ The 'Golden Years'



**Front Row:** Marilyn (Johnson) Morgan `50, Jackie (Fuller) Caster `54, Jacquelyn (Richards) Frimpter `55, Esther (Day) Voss `60, Dottie (Smith) Frank `55, Judi (Bentz) Eells `65, Patty (Cobb) Caggiano `65, Joyce (Clarke) Cady `51, Betty (Richards) Rice `48

**Second Row:** Debra (Lloyd) Foote `73, Sandra (Crone) Moore `59, Alan Freeman `70, Larry Meager `70, Bill Orsburn `70, John McCoy `70, Dennis Barts `70, Robert Ritzenthaler `65, Mary (Young) Quiring `73, Colleen (Young) Ingersoll `65, Delbert Gilman `65, Jim Wetmore `64, Jannette (Olmstead) McCoy `70, Earleen (DeLong) Peets `65, Martha (Frank) Feldbush `65, Arthur Cheney `65, Bonnie (Cady) Corbin `64, Gail (Jones) Cady `65, Jim Sullenberger `65, Carolyn (Fox) Sullenberger `67, Hugh Caggiano `65, Miriam (Carpenter) Kuntz `65, Fred Parker `68, Marie (Rupracht) Putman `65, Ray Halbritter `68, Jeff Hunt `68, Jim Foote `68, Gerry Lewis `72, Joyce (Greenfield) Brown `75

**Third Row:** Ted Young `60, Sally (Wesson) Hafner `73, Beverly (Richards) Sweet `71, Juanita (Haight) Erwin `71, Mary Curren `70, Ginny (Coyer) Pecora `70, Katie (Luss) Harris `70, Sylvia Jean (Taylor) Davis `70, Finley (Fish) Wetmore `75, Jan (Hunt) Wall `75, Melody (Bonhart) Runnals `75, Olive Parker `75, Barbara Boundy Honorary Alumna, Karen Halbritter `64, Linda (Tessier) Boss `70

**Fourth Row:** Linda (Nord) Ulrich `75, Glenn Greenfield `66, David Foote `73, Wanda (Carr) Cady `70, William Cady `70, Bruce King `71, Jim Plumley `70, Valarie (Howard) Mirande `70, George Choban Year `70, Spring (Peasley) Martin `75, Cheryl Dolan `75, Kevin Holman `75, Bill LaRock `75, Dennis Hague `75, Karen (Weber) Reynolds `75, Kevin Poole `74, Eleanor (Vrooman) Dana `75, Robin Caster `75, Ben Foote `75, John Pack `75, Paul Boundy `71, Tim Boundy `68, Gail (Carr) Mason `70, Rick Nudd `64, Dan Foote `68, Lori (Whitens) Carcciolo `74, Lynee (Stevens) Hamm `74, Donna (Lewis) Ashcraft `75, Sharon (Hague) King `70

**Back Row:** David Prest, Jr. `75, Joyce (Runnals) Freese `75, Nancy (Kriegelstein) Smith `75, Joyce (Quaile) Botimer `75, Don Teeter `67, Laurel (Wesson) Longo `75, Blin Richards `75

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ~ BRICK CAMPAIGN

Looking for a unique way to support the Alumni Association and the Academy? Do you have a special memory, class, or individual you'd like to honor? You can do both with one brick purchase! For just \$100, you can have a brick engraved and added to our Circle of Friends walkway. Your \$100 will be divided among the following accounts:

\$20.50 (25%) Alumni Expenses	\$26.24 (32%) Special Projects
\$16.40 (20%) Alumni Scholarship Fund	\$18.86 (23%) Campus Beautification

Please consider supporting each of these important funds by ordering your own special brick. Additional details are available by calling the Development Office at USA (315-889-7314) or via the Alumni tab on the school website ([unionspringsacademy.org](http://unionspringsacademy.org)).



## ALUMNI TRIVIA & MEMORIES ~ ALUMNI MIRACLE STORIES



Recounting memories of our time at Union Springs Academy, remembering bits of trivia from those days, and sharing miracle stories that reveal how God drew us to Him are foundational to our relationships with each other and with our Heavenly Father. If you have a tidbit, story, or miracle, please contact Jannette (Edison) Kling `85 at [jannetteedisonkling.usaalumni@gmail.com](mailto:jannetteedisonkling.usaalumni@gmail.com).

We will all be blessed!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## USA FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As a result of last year's Transportation Fund Campaign and your generous donations, two much needed vehicles were added to the USA fleet:



a 50-passenger school bus, a Ford Transit van, and a second van purchase is in process.

Our primary focus and greatest need is for student aid to help our young people experience the life-changing opportunity our school provides.

Thank you for helping us share many exciting adventures with our students!



## 2026 CALENDAR ~ SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, February 8 ~ Florida Chapter Alumni Reunion**  
Advent Health University

**Saturday, March 7 ~ Tennessee Chapter Alumni Reunion**  
Collegedale Academy

**Saturday, April 11 ~ Ohio Chapter Reunion**  
Miamisburg SDA Church, Miamisburg, OH

**April 3 & 4 ~ The Passion Play**  
Union Springs Academy Gymnasium

**Sunday, May 3 ~ Southern New England Chapter Reunion**  
Atlantic Union College Church, South Lancaster, MA

**June 5-7 ~ USA Graduation Weekend**  
Union Springs Academy

**July 12-18 ~ Skills Week**

**September 18-20 ~ Alumni Homecoming Weekend**  
Union Springs Academy

## ALWAYS REMEMBERED

The Alumni Association extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of alumni we have lost.

If you are aware of an alumnus/alumna who recently passed, kindly share the news so we can pay tribute to their memory.

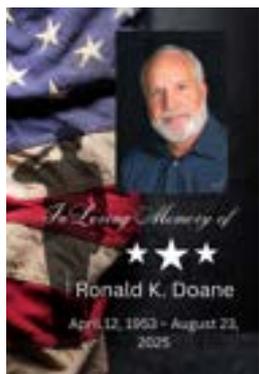
Please send the name, class year, date of passing, and any other information you'd like to share (such as an obituary link) to [alumnimembership@unionspirngsacademy.org](mailto:alumnimembership@unionspirngsacademy.org) or by calling 315-889-7314. Once received, notification is included in the next published ReEchoes.

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### Ron Doane '72 *(from Ron's obituary)*

As a young man, Ron attended Union Springs Academy where he made lifelong relationships and many lasting memories. After graduation, Ron was inspired by his great love for his country and enlisted in the Marines where he served for twelve years as an Aircraft Electrical Systems Technician and was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was trained to teach fellow Marines to be helicopter electricians and taught for a year, which was a role he loved. During his time of service, he met his wife, Jem.

Above all else, Ron loved the Lord. He frequently asked his grandchildren, "Do you love Jesus?" and was always pleased to hear that they loved God. Even while facing medical issues, Ron and Jem faithfully worshiped God daily and treasured their time in the Bible and singing their favorite hymns together.



Ron Doane's classmates have set up a special fund in his memory to help students who arrive from home without adequate clothing or other basic essentials. Always caring for other people, this truly reflects Ron's character and generosity to the students at Union Springs Academy and his community.

To donate to the Ron Doane Fund, or any other Alumni Association fund or school website at [unionspringsacademy.org](http://unionspringsacademy.org).

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- 8/12/23 Darrel Seele '76
- August 2025 Phyllis (Baker) Meldrum '55
- 8/6/25 Karen (Haight) Clark '65,  
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- 8/23/25 Ron Doane '72
- 9/13/25 Roger Windover '62 &  
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- 10/8/25 Joanne (Spencer) Isaak '57
- 11/16/25 Fred Davis '66
- 12/15/25 Kathleen Phillips '71
- 12/20/25 Michael Orsburn '80 &  
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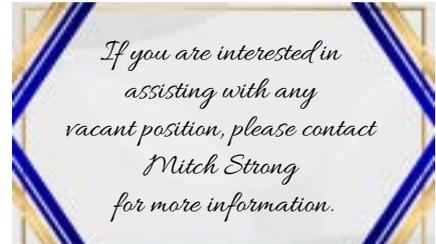
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