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Fletcher Mural Restoration Update

The mural restoration committee adopted "To restore, preserve and contribute to the education of the cultural heritage assets of U. S. Grant High School" as its mission statement before beginning the fundraising for the Fletcher Memorial Murals restoration in earnest last December. Our goal was to raise \$100,000 in six months in order to receive the generous match from the Leo Lester Browne Charitable Fund challenge. On April 20th, less than five months after the challenge began, we reached \$100,000. Donations continued to arrive.

YOU made it happen. It is an exhilarating feeling knowing your generosity meant we met and exceeded our challenge grant for the restoration of the historic Fletcher murals. These classic murals honoring the memory of Grant's first principal, have graced the school's auditorium for 87 years. Words cannot express our gratitude for the thoughtful donations each of you have made that, frankly, exceeded our expectations. THANK YOU!

More than 650 Grant alumni and supporters have contributed to the restoration project. The next phase of the restoration project will be the selection of a professional art conservator. Follow the progress of the mural restoration through the Grant Alumni Association website, www.grantalumni.org.

You may be wondering what will happen if there is money left over after the murals have been restored. Our agreement with the Leo Lester Browne Charitable Fund obligates us to exhaust all donated funds before using the contribution from the charitable fund. Any balance will be used for scholarships, grants, or purchases of equipment to enhance the music program at Grant High School.

We will continue to accept donations for the mural restoration until all costs are known and covered. Should you choose to provide additional funding, please send your donation, tax deductible as allowed by law, payable to Grant Alumni Association, PO Box 13291, Portland, OR 97213-0291. Donations via Pay Pal may be made by visiting <https://www.grantalumni.org/dues--donations.html> Scroll down to the Fletcher Mural Restoration Fund button near the bottom of the page. However you donate, we hope you will be as generous as possible.

Again, thank you all for your interest in the restoration of murals that will help connect Grant's past with its future and, hopefully, provide a stimulus to all future students to achieve their best while attending Grant High School.

Grant Reopening Event

Are you eager to see the remodeled Grant? Want to know what is happening in the "old gym"? Wondering what the new new gym looks like? What about those unisex bathrooms? Do you want to walk from the south basement to the north basement without going upstairs? How about sitting in an auditorium seat that is comfortable and doesn't wobble?

All these questions and more will be answered 10:00 am; Saturday, September 7, 2019 at a grand Grant reopening with official ceremonies in front of the school.

Following the official ribbon cutting, the front doors will open to welcome you to tour the school, visit with classmates, and be amazed!

Be a spectator at the first game in the gym at 11:30 at a basketball game. The game will feature alums, half-time entertainment, and refreshments.

There will be time after the game for one more stroll through the building to be sure you see everything.

Four new inductees Elected to the Grant Alumni Assn. Hall of Achievement

Mildred Schwab, '33 was one of the first women to study law graduating in 1939 from Northwestern College of Law (Lewis & Clark). She organized a successful sit-in at a restaurant in the old Lipman Wolfe department store that was open to men only, and was part of a group of women who opened the City Club to women. She was appointed to Portland City Council in 1972 and reelected three times. Schwab died in 1999.



Ed Washington, '56 moved to the Irvington area after his family lost everything in the Vanport flood. While at Grant, Washington was Freshman boys league president, sophomore class president, played freshman and JV basketball, on the JV track team, and participated in Dramateurs.

After graduating from Grant, he worked for OHSU before attending and graduating from PSU in '74. In 1956 he joined the NAACP serving to end discriminatory hiring in local grocery stores. He was the Metro Council's first African-American Councilor. Last year PSU named Washington the recipient of the Nohad Toulon Urban Pioneer Award for Public Service.



Deborah Kafoury '85 was elected in 2008 to the Multnomah County Commission focusing on helping families in crisis find housing; replacing the Sellwood Bridge, and the Central Courthouse; and working with the city, state and federal officials to address homelessness, early education, and child abuse prevention. She was elected in 2013 as the Metro chair where she established a Joint Office of Homeless Services to work in partnership with the city on the housing crisis.

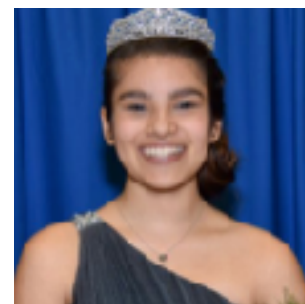


Mark Owen '77 was an honor student and award winning gymnast. After graduating from OSU he worked at Tektronix as a design engineer. He taught engineering at the University of Limerick while completing his master's degree in advanced manufacturing technology. After working for the Irish Dept. of Science and Technology he returned to Oregon working for Electro Scientific Industries. Wanting to solve the world water crisis, he founded Puralytics. Among other products, the company makes SolarBag, a solar water purifier. Owen was inducted into the OSU Engineering Hall of Fame in 2015.



2019 Rose Festival Princess Stella Montaverde-Cakebread

Stella Montaverde-Cakebread '19 is the daughter of Dayna Cakebread and Fernando Moneverde and the stepdaughter of Peter Denato. While at Grant she was a member of the Latina club and theater program. Stella had a rare blood cancer growing up and now volunteers for several organizations including the Children's Cancer Assn. as a fundraiser photographer. She will attend Linfield College in the fall to study nursing with the goal of becoming a registered nurse.



All Alum Picnic

We hope you have heard the traditional date for the All Alum picnic has been changed to Sunday, July 21 in Grant Park from 1:00 - 4:00pm.. The picnic will be on the north side of the school on NE 36th under the shelter next to Hollywood School. Bring your picnic lunch and we will provide dessert.

President's Letter



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GREETINGS FELLOW GRANTONIANS
SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY.

The GAA had an extremely successful first six months of 2019 ...and now looks forward to two exciting upcoming events.

First, the ANNUAL ALUMNI PICNIC will be held on SUNDAY, JULY 21ST ...AT THE NORTH END OF GRANT...STARTs at 1:00PM....renew old friendships over a sandwich and cold beverage....ALWAYS A GOOD TIME.

Second, the GRAND OPENING CEREMONY for the NEW GRANT is on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH...starts at 10:00A.M. with remarks from noted grant alums... then moving forward with tours of the NEW GRANT, followed by the ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME, FEATURING OUTSTANDING MEN and WOMEN PLAYERS, AND CONCLUDES WITH A RECEPTION IN THE

CENTER HALL AREA where alums can meet and chat with current grant students...IT'S A DON'T MISS EVENT!!!!..

And this....congrats to the mural restoration sub;committee of the GAA...they raised in excess of \$213,000 for the project...A JOB WELL DONE!

Please feel free to contact me with any/all questions.

I look forward to talking with you at the picnic and grand opening

Change in Membership Dues

For those of you who have renewed your membership, you will have noticed the change in the time period covered by your dues. Because of the volume of people paying their dues at the all-alumni picnic in July, we have decided to change from a calendar year to an annual July 1-June 30 membership period. The change offers those individuals who have paid their 2019 dues before the 2019 picnic a longer paid membership and a little break for those who always pay in January. We appreciate you joining whenever you are able!

Dues can be paid at the picnic or by filling out the form on the website to send with your check to:

Grant High Alumni Assn. PO Box 13291 Portland OR 97213

Or with Paypal on the alumni website: <https://www.grantalumni.org/dues--donations.html>

Grant's Winning Ways

Grant Magazine won their 6th Gold Crown

Gendrills finished competition 5th in state

Mock Trial Team earned a second place in state competition

Constitution Team took third place at the national finals

Grant Jazz Ensemble placed 3rd in the State Jazz Championship.

Grant Baseball was the League Champion

Golfers Liv Frasier & Pippa Goodbody qualified for state

Aaron Deloney named Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year

Eve Laurent qualified for state Tennis Singles

Doubles Team Narain Dubey and Theo Ackermann qualified for State Tennis

The Royal Blues performing in Europe for two weeks

Annalies Quinton, sophomore, is the third fastest runner in school history

SAVE THESE DATES

July 21, 2019
1-4pm
All Alum Picnic
Grant Park at 36th st.

September 7, 2019
10:00am GHS Reopening
Ceremonies
School Tours

Gabriel J Hambrick Given the 2019 Alumni Scholarship

Gabe Hambrick '19 decided early on that he would focus on academics and extracurricular activities staying away from anything that would deter him. Although now an outgoing, enthusiastic young man, he struggled when first at Grant because he was new to the area and knew no one. He decided to play football and wrestle. Sports proved to be invaluable both for successes on the field and mat and for forging strong, special friendships. Gabe is fluent in Spanish, finished GHS with a 3.7 GPA and found time to work many hours at jobs away from school! Gabe is headed to George Fox University to study nursing where his sunny disposition will provide great bed side comfort to his patients. We greatly appreciate the continued, generous donations made by **Bob Stayton '61, Bob Thompson '76, Gary Powell '72**, and the Haley Family Fund.



The Alvin A. Alexandre Scholarship

Jessica Gripenburg '19 is very grateful. Yes, she is graduating from Grant this month. Yes, she is headed for the school of her choice, Mills College in Oakland, California. But that isn't what's uppermost in her mind and heart. She is mainly grateful that she and her staff at *Grant Magazine* have been trusted as adults. "It has been so different than at many high schools where teachers and administrators still approve every story submitted to the school newspaper before publication—the young journalists made to feel they aren't experienced or mature enough for responsibility; at this school, there is no interference," she says.



That trust explains *Grant Magazine's* phenomenal success. For five years in a row—2014-2018—the monthly, 36-page, full-color magazine has received the Gold Crown for overall excellence from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association <http://grantmagazine.com/>. Not only is it entirely student run, but it is also funded from subscriptions, donations and from the school community, and grants from Portland Public Schools.

Trust from elders isn't the only explanation of *Grant Magazine's* success. "We tell the stories of the community," Jessica explains, "especially those that are too often overlooked." Consider her recent contributions: stories about Grant students with mental health challenges, and stories of many students who can define the notion of consent but don't really understand what that notion means in the confusing situations of sexual interactions. Whether an issue of *Grant Magazine* explores use of the "N" word or homelessness or gentrification, it "taps the pulse," in Jessica's words, of the community of students, teachers, and parents of our high school.

What excites Jessica about journalism is its ability to change the world. Not by persuading and certainly not by browbeating others into seeing one's own point of view, but by telling stories about where we have come from and what has caused us to feel and think as we do. There is power in storytelling to bring us together and into dialogue. Everyone has a story to tell, she says.

Jessica could be dispirited these days by charge and counter-charge in the war about "fake news." But she isn't. "It's not dispiriting but motivating," she says. "Polarization helps us focus on how we bridge the gap between people who disagree. Our answer at *Grant Magazine* is that we help overcome polarization by making it possible for people to tell the stories of their hopes, challenges, and unfulfilled dreams."

Jessica enjoys mentoring younger aspirants, and she would be happy some day to teach what she has learned. What would she teach—the importance of the five "w's" and the "h?" Her answer is unexpected and intriguing. "Journalism is about humility. It's not about by-lines and fame, but about the awe that a writer feels in the presence of a storyteller," she says.

By now you know enough about Jessica to figure out her choice of Mills College. "It's a small school where you can discuss issues with a dozen classmates," she says. While freedom of speech and all the fine points of law governing free speech are debated on today's campuses, it is more important to hear others' stories about how a course or a controversial issue intersects their lives, she believes.

One more thing Jessica is grateful about—the Alvin A. Alexandre scholarship that will be awarded her at graduation. That scholarship, which has been awarded to six students in the past four years, was established to honor a Grant High School journalism teacher who inspired dozens of young writers in the 1950s and 1960s. Can we extend the reach of this scholarship for other Jessica's in years to come? We certainly can. We can begin contributing to the scholarship fund in the fall when Grant journalism students will return to a refurbished building.



Alvin A. Alexandre

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 Terry Wilson Sesar '65
 Thelma Ray Rueppell '59
 Thomas Daniels '69
 Thomas Soma
 Thomas Zell '68
 Tim Knight '83
 Timothy Burman '60
 Toinette Rosenberg Menashe '47
 Tom Fergusson '61
 Tom Lux
 Tom Maginnis '67
 Vasiliki Vlahakis '48
 Vic Flach '47
 Vicki Isaacson '65
 Vicki Isreal Zidell '67
 Vicki Kreimeyer '65
 Virginia Butler Lawton '64
 W Michael Hamrick
 Wade Hampton '49
 Wade Hockett '70
 Waldo True '63
 Walter Bainbridge '49
 Wayne Lei '70
 Wendy Lotzenhiser Inness '64
 William Brian Elliott
 William Flechtner '63
 William Lenon '60
 William McGraw '53
 William Scott '61
 Yvonne Leppert Solberg '53
 Zalman Rosenfeld '64
 Zig Zakovics '60

In Honor of

3 generation GHS family: Whelan, Loback, Ballard, Trelstad
 Karyl Loback Whelan '61
Alex '02, Michael '04, Joseph '11 (sons)
 Dave & Peggy Albertine
Carolyn J McKean '69
 Rod Folen '65
Class of 1947
 James Wikander '47
Class of 1951
 Carol Pflugar Lomax '51
Class of 1955
 Anne Mautz Booth '55
Class of 1958
 Gayle Hurd George '58
Class of 1959 friends
 Maggie Payne Martin '59
Class of 1960
 Patricia Taylor Poklemba '60
Class of 1963 grads
 William Karcher '63
Class of 1964
 Terry Tweed Carroll '64
Class of 1965
 Suzanne Walker Kindree '65
Class of 1966
 Cathi Howell '66
Class of 1967
 David Thomas '67
Class of 2003
 Brian Schiedel '03
Darrell '62, Stephen '67, Jan '68 (sibs)
 Judi Shaw Henkle '68
Denny Sullivan, teacher/coach
 Butch Lumby '62
Ed Basaraba, teacher
 Tamara Brandt Cook '68
Elaine Wolfe Sobel '67
 Nancy Wolfe Hicks '65
Erin '99 & Megan '04 McCarthy
 Maria Hein
Floyd A Fredrickson '44
 John Joseph Dudley '66
The Fones Family
 Nicholas Fones '64
Future GHS Students
 Sondra Twedt Higgs '69
George Galati, teacher
 Joe & Rocky Menashe Stilwell '70
GHS grads Louise Dees (mother), David & Frank Breuer (uncles)
 Maribeth Dees Hylander '62
Grandsons Rowan Hamilton '19 & Brook Hamilton '20
 Helena Hotvedt Snyder '64
Jim Harrison '64
 Richard Thayer '64
Keith Anderson, teacher
 Susan Piper Pryor '60
Lon Collier
 Laurel Collier Decker '70
Muriel Simon '35
 Wendy & Howard Simon Liebreich
 Family Fund of the OR Jewish
 Community Foundation '62
Patricia Neville Chemnick '64
 Cynthia May Gage '63
Rae Williams Richen '62
 first friend when I arrived from Peru
 in 10th grade
 Susan Tarr Lange '62
Sarah & Jay Wilson
 John Wilson '60

Sigrid Hystad Stavney '29,
Elizabeth Stavney Capps '61,
Sarah Capps Lorish '89
 Douglas Capps '61
Trelstad family of past, current & future Generals
 Don & Cindy Trelstad
W Karl Walker '65
 Suzanne Walker Armentrout '60
William L Streukens
 Elizabeth Streukens Lewis '68

In Memory of

Albert Ouchi, teacher
 Paul Hurd '64
Alvin Alexandre, teacher
 Cathy Neville Castillo '61
Betty Polen
 Suzanne Polen Mann '62
Bill Campbell '60
 Michael Kliks '60
Bill Irwin '63
 Rick Miller '63
C.B. May, teacher
 Cynthia May Gage '63
Carol Robinson '67 & Linda Closterman '67
 Dolores Mau Jobe '67
Dan Schrader '83
 Debra Schrader Rischitelli '82
Dave & Dorothy Taylor
 Jane Taylor '72
Dick Gray '52
 Janice Weber Reeder '52
Dick Olmscheid '61
 Maradee Oliver Abel '61
Don Kunz & the Art Dept.
 Edie Margerrison Owen '60
Donald P. Fulmer
 Richard Fulmer '63
Dottie Rothrock, mom, GHS sec.
 Gayle Rothrock '64
Douglas Forncrook '57
 Carol Matza Forncrook '56
Douglas Guthrie
 Roger Guthrie '65
Ed Rooney, teacher/coach
 James Lawson '64
Edward Meeker '61
 Donald Meeker '65
Eileen Hickson Donnell, teacher
 Sandy Hickson Carter '64
Elaine (mom); Bernie '67 (brother)
 Ann Seidel Garrett '70
Elizabeth Corlett '63
 Suzanne Fleagle Starr '63
Floyd Fredrickson '44
 Geneva Fraser '77
Gary Hovis '63
 Linda Klein Hovis '73
Gary Whelan '55
 Karyl Loback Whelan '61
Georgia Waterhouse "37 (mom) & Greg Shaw '65 (brother)
 Judi Shaw Henkle '68
Gerry Jones Erickson '61
 Susan Hirsch Hathaway-Marxer '61
Grant K. Robinson '80
 Frederick Hiebert '80
Hank Pond, teacher
 Dennis King '61
Happy Years at Grant High
 Paul & Donna Lyons Kunkel '45, '46
Harry J. Lamley '45
 Carol Tomioka

Harvey G. Borchers; teacher, father
 Marilyn Borchers Rice '60
Isabelle Curphey
 Carole Darnall Curphey '63
J. Michael Carroll '62
 Ginger A. Josephson Carroll '62
Jay Edwards '64
 Anne Lilly Irwin '64
 Bill Crist '64
Jean Vancil, teacher
 Shauna Knight Jones '63
 Vicki Kreimeyer '65
Jean Webster McNutt '41
 Lauren Whipple Roberts '73
Jim Harrison '64
 Jock Pribnow '64
John & Shirley Dutton Slocum '39, '39
 Kelly Slocum Duffy '70
 Molly Slocum Sumption '64
John R. Pachot '67
 James & Monna Benight Pachot '60, '71
Larry Voth '67
 Patricia Voth Tu '65
M.O. Marsubian, teacher
 David Rynerson '62
Marian, Robert & William Linstedt
 Bonnie Linstedt Wallace '62
Marilyn Leonard Doll '68
 Cecile O'Rourke Keeton '68
Merry Decker '61, Cheryl Smith '61, Joan Murphy '61
 Julie Pope Beaton '61
Mr's. Sullivan, Hennessey and Ouchi, teachers
 Georgia Rae Lenon '61
Mrs. Tempest
 Mark Viebrock '71
Nancy Herman Vardanega '70
 Colleen Elder Wall '70
Our Sibling Grantonians
 Arnold & Eva Lanfrom Labby '42, '47
Pat Farr '61, Carol Calkins '61, Kathy McKean '61
 Anonymous
Pearl & Meyer Burton
 Wayne Burton '65
Phylliss Swett
 Michael Swett '64
Ralf Thielen '64 & KBPS Sports
 Robert L. Rynerson '64
Ralph Baer '61
 Kenneth Witt '61
Ralph Morris '65
 Donald Stackhouse '65
Robert G. McCullough (husband) '64
 Linda McCullough
Robert O. Brown '32, Lucy Waterbury Brown '35
 Alan Brown '65
Robin McAllister '64
 Alden Peterson '64
Rocky Minch '64
 Kalman Kallay '64
Ruth Beacon, John W. Failor, Sr, teachers
 Judi Taylor McGarvey '61
Sharon Shook Persinger '61
 Mary Shook Robinson '61
Steve Esh '63
 Robert Ness '63
Susie Kinser Verdurmen '55
 James Martin '55
Tommy Hartley
 Ron Hartley '72

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

CLASS OF 1954

Saturday, August 3, 2019
Waverley Country Club
1100 SE Waverly Dr
Contact: Sally Cathcart Knauss
sknauss@windermere.com

CLASS OF 1959

5:00 pm; Friday, Sept. 13, 2019
Fleur de Lis Café 3930 NE Hancock \$25 per person
Contact: Jan McCabe asdips@comcast.net
Gerry Spencer spencerworld@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1961

Annual Class Gathering
Saturday; September 7, 2019 following GHS
Reopening Event
Hi-Top Tavern
5015 NE Fremont
Details will be sent and posted
FB: Grant Class of 1961
Contact: usgrant61@msn.com

CLASS OF 1964

4-9pm; Saturday, July 27, 2019
NoHo's Hawaiian Cafe 4627 NE Fremont St \$30 per person
Contact: granthigh1964@aol.com

CLASS OF 1969

Saturday, August 17, 2019
Tualatin Country Club
Contact: Reunions with Class

CLASS OF 1970

Planning underway for summer 2020
Contact: Joe Stilwell 503.318.9437
stilwelljoe@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1974

Saturday; July 27, 2019
Sam's Billiards Contact:
GrantHighClass74@outlook.com

CLASS OF 1979

Friday; October 11, 2019
Evening Ice Breaker
Saturday; October 12, 2019 at McMenamin's
Kennedy school
Contact: grantreunion79@gmail.com to RSVP or questions

CLASS OF 1989

Saturday, August 3, 2019
Revolution Hall 1300 SE Stark
Sunday, August 4, Wilshire Park Family Picnic
Contact: Johnny Useldinger:
johnnyfergus@gmail.com
Facebook: Class of '89 U.S. Grant High School 30 year Reunion

CLASS OF 1999

Contact: Facebook: 20th Reunion Grant High Class 1999

CLASS OF 2000

Plans underway for Summer 2020
Contact: grantclassof2000@gmail.com to get involved

CLASS OF 2009

Plans underway for 2019
Winter/Christmas break

10TH ANNUAL ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC

1-4pm; Sunday, July 21, 2019 Grant Park By
Hollyrood School on 36th St.
Bring your lunch - dessert is provided

GRANT REOPENING EVENT

Saturday, September 7, 2019
10:00am Opening Ceremonies
Doors open after ceremony for tours,
Alum basketball game