

Newsletter - April 2023

Pasadena High School Alumni Association

News from PHS Alumni Association Board Meeting

Here are the news/notes from the April 8, 2023 Pasadena High School Alumni Association meeting.

- Pancake breakfast was postponed due to activities at the high school and Earth Day. We will reschedule for a later date but appreciate all of the support.
- A new PayPal account will be set up to replace the account that's currently under Stacy Harvey's name.
- The alumni association will support the Birdie Tussle Golf Tournament taking place on October 23, 2023. Starting time is 7:00 am. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with sponsorships, raffle items, golfers, T sign sponsors, and anyone that would like to help
- The alumni association would like to work in collaboration with the Principal at Pasadena High School to start an intern program matching up alumni and current students. We are looking for alumni that would be willing to participate in this program. More information to come soon.





Van Halen Stage

Did you know that in September 2022 the City of Pasadena dedicated and named the stage in the new Playhouse Village Park (701 E. Union St) to the band Van Halen. Alex and Eddie Van Halen graduated from Pasadena High School in the 1970's. Between 1975 - 1978 the group played numerous shows at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and the band went on to worldwide success. Van Halen is one of the best selling groups in rock history with more than 80 million albums sold.



Pasadena High School Aquatics

Congratulations to our Boys Varsity Relay Team, Thor Pearson, Luke Reynoso, Justin Hong and Ryan Manzanero on their 1st Place finish at the recent Mt. SAC Invitationals. In addition, congratulations to Justin Hong who placed 4th in the 100 backstroke. We are so very proud of all our Bulldog swimmers. A huge shout out to our swim coach, Neil Esser, who is a Pasadena High School alumni - Class of 1977. Once a Bulldog Always a Bulldog!



Welcome Back!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to Pasadena High School to welcome our students back from spring break. When community shows up things happen. Your dedication to supporting our students is very much appreciated.

Notable Bulldog Alumni Stan Smith - Class of 1964

Stan Smith

Tennis Champion

Pasadena High School Class of 1964

I have many fond memories of my time at Pasadena High School. Everything was pretty new when I attended with the class of '64 fresh from Wilson Junior High School. It was nice to get to know the kids from the other Jr. High Schools like Marshall, but I was closest with the kids not only from Wilson but even more with those from the Eugene Field Elementary school who were from my neighborhood in Hastings Ranch.

I was on the basketball and tennis teams, sang in the choir, and active in the Key Club. Because of these activities I was always pretty busy and happy. I also attended Pasadena Presbyterian Church in downtown Pasadena. I do remember as a junior, November 22, 1963 the day that JFK was shot. I was in a classroom in the early afternoon overlooking the athletic fields and the announcement spread

quickly. It was one of those sad dramatic events when everyone seems to remember where they were at the time.

My most memorable coaches were Bob Blake for tennis and George Terzian for basketball. I think Tom Hamilton was the athletic Director and/or football coach. George was at Wilson Jr. High school and came over to PHS the same year that I did. He successfully coached at PHS for many years and then went on to Pasadena City College- where my father coached for several years when I was very young. George was a very good tennis player and understood my love for both sports. I played basketball through the first half of the season my senior year and quit to concentrate on tennis. It was the biggest decision of my life to that point and very difficult because I loved the game, and we had a good team that went to the semi finals of CIF that year. One of the guys on the team, Jim Marsh, went to USC with me and another, Bill Sweek, went to UCLA. Both had good college careers.

The tennis courts were a kind of peach color with hard wire nets that would never wear out. I spent time on those courts with the team and trained on Saturday mornings in a clinic started by the Pasadena Tennis Patrons (parents from the area). Pancho Segura was hired to coach us. He happened to be one of the best coaches in the world, so I was very fortunate. He later coached many other players including Jimmy Connors and Michael Chang. I couldn't have done what I have if it wasn't for spending so many hours on those peach-colored courts!!

One of my favorite memories was graduating in the Rose Bowl and going to Disneyland for grad night. It was pretty amazing to be able to go there from 11pm to about 3am in the morning and share the park with several other high schools doing the same thing. Unfortunately, I left the lights on in my car in the PHS parking lot so by the time we got back in the early morning I had to call my parents to come get me and my date Judy. Another memory was that the campus parking lot was where the post Rose Parade was held so we got to view the floats for several days after New Year's Day.

We had a great athletic tradition, and several athletes went on to play in college. Our big rival was of course John Muir High School and we always want to win against them. Dick Railsback was one of the best pole vaulters in the US, and he let me use his new fiberglass pole one day and I think I cleared 10 feet which was exciting for me but nothing close to anything special. The football team had some good seasons and of course the Drill Team became famous, and it was the goal of many of the girls to make the team. It certainly was one of the groups in which all of us had great pride.

I always look back with tremendous respect for all the teachers and administrators that gave us a great foundation for our next stages in life. There were those teachers who would help us with after school student government activities and who made sacrifices to help us. Of course, I didn't appreciate all that was done for me and my classmates until looking back years later. Unfortunately I have been living on the east coast for the last 50 years so have not kept track with the school but you cannot take away those memories. I hope that PHS is continuing to make an impact on the students of today as much as it did for us back in the day.

Go Bulldogs

Stan Smith

The picture below is of Stan and his wife Marjory at the Class of 1964 50 year reunion.



Turkey Tussle - Fall 2023

Plan ahead and mark your calendar! The Turkey Tussle Annual Football Game between Pasadena High School and our cross town rival John Muir High School is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023. We hope to see you there. GO BULLDOGS!

Yearbooks

Are you looking for a yearbook? Pasadena High School does have some past yearbooks on hand. Please contact the Student Business Office to inquire about what years are available and the cost.

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Student Business Office
Diana Costa
costa.diana@pusd.us
(626) 396-5880 ext. 84050

Join the Alumni Association

The first steps of your participation in the synergy of PHS Alums is to join the Alumni Association. We all have had different high school experiences and each one of us can remember a teacher or activity that was a highlight of our PHS experience. Grateful for those students, teachers and activities you enjoyed, consider joining the PHS Alumni Association. It all begins at www.phsalumni.org.

Introducing the new Bulldog Football Coach

Born and raised in Pasadena, CA, Coach Dilan Clark will be entering his 12th year of coaching. He attended Upland High School, where he was a varsity player for 3 years and was a member of their CIF championship team.

This will be his first job as a head coach. Coach Clark has served as an offensive coordinator for the past eight years, both at Claremont High School and Alta Loma High School. He has also been an assistant at the collegiate level.

Coach Clark truly has a passion for serving others whether it's volunteering at Sunday school or being a helping hand to the less fortunate in the communities he works in, something he will encourage his athletes to do as well.

Coach Clark is thankful to be back in the city that raised him and is ready to get to work for the season ahead.

Clark replaces DeJuan Shamburger who began with the program in 2009 as an assistant and assumed the head coaching duties in 2016. During his time as head coach the overall record was 41 - 31. In his last three seasons the team was 24 - 5 and they won three straight Pacific League titles. In 2021 the team advanced to the Division 7 semifinals. In addition, the Bulldogs beat John Muir High School in the Annual Turkey Tussle the last two years which includes their 47 - 0 victory in 2022.



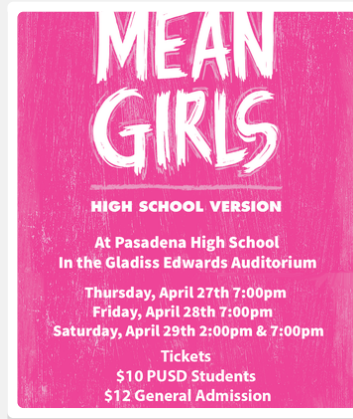


Visual Arts and Design Academy - Year End Shows

Take the opportunity to view the work of the students in the Visual Arts and Design Academy (VADA).

Saturday, April 29th and
Sunday, April 30th
Jackalope Indie Artisan Fair
Central Park, Pasadena

Dreams and Nightmares
Friday, May 5th
Paseo, Pasadena



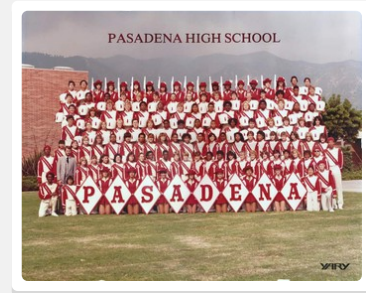
Mean Girls Musical

Everyone is invited to come out and support the Pasadena High School Spring Musical "Mean Girls - High School Version".

Thursday, April 27th 7:00 pm
Friday, April 28th 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 29th 2:00 pm
and 7:00 pm

Pasadena High School
Gladiss Edwards Auditorium

General Admission \$12
PUSD Students \$10



Pride of Pasadena Bulldog Band Memories

Fall 1983

James A. Arnwine, Director

For more band memories check out the Facebook page [Pasadena High School Bulldog Band Centennial](#). So many wonderful memories!

Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club

Did you know that Pasadena High School has a Model A Ford Club? The Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAFC) is dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Ford vehicles manufactured between 1928-1931. Pasadena High School is the first high school club of this type anywhere in the nation. The club has membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), the largest club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile.

Students begin as early as the ninth grade, potentially enjoying four years of hands-on membership. Students, who early on could not identify a screwdriver or a wrench, now eagerly operate power tools. They understand the elements of the Model A engine, its interior, while preparing the car's body in preparation for paint.

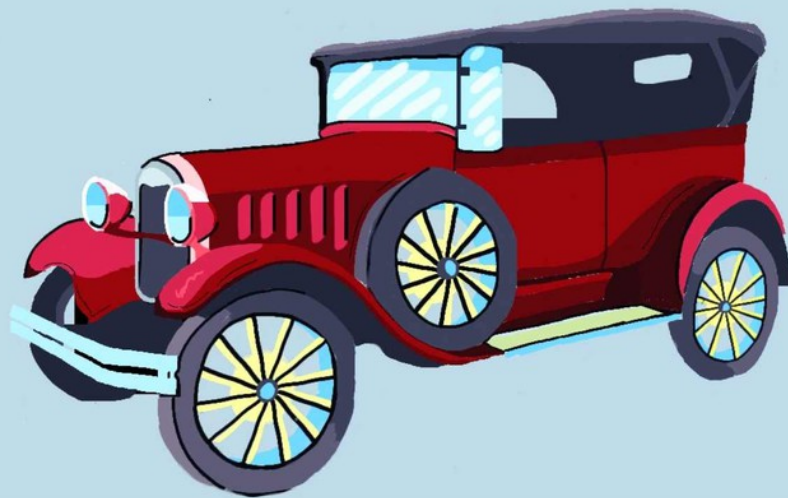
The club is sponsored by the Pasadena area Santa Anijta A's Model A Ford Club. This club is comprised of over 127 families who own more than 100 Model A Ford cars. Club members are assisted by members of this club as well as various community members.

You can purchase a raffle ticket for your opportunity to own a wonderful Model A Ford. For each \$100 donation, a donor receives one raffle entry. The raffle drawing is the club's only source of income.

Send your tax deductible donations to PHSMAFC, 1968 Lake Ave., Suite 101, Altadena CA 91001. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, along with you phone number and email address. Your entry will be returned to you by mail. Debit and credit cards are accepted by calling (626) 390-7322 or email phsmafc@gmail.com. Winners need not be present. Date of drawing TBD.

WIN A Model "A" Ford Car

\$100 Raffle Ticket



Restored by Pasadena High Students

Send your entry to PHSMAFC:
1968 Lake Ave., Ste. 101,
Altadena, CA 91001

Please include with each entry:

- Stamped, self-addressed envelope
- Phone number
- Email address

For credit/debit card
Contact:
(626)-390-7322

or

phsmafc@gmail.com



A project car before any work began.



Finished car - 2020
1929 Model A Ford Fordor Sedan



Finished car - 2018
This was the first year restoration project, a 1928 Model A Ford Phaeton.

PHS Staff vs Students Volleyball Game

Earlier this month the Class of 2024 held a fundraiser - a Staff vs Students Volleyball Game. Such a fun event for everyone. Especially for the staff since they won 2 outta 3 games!! Let's go [#olddogs](#). Photos courtesy of R. Jacalone.



Tom Hamilton - Bulldog Alumni and Coach

In October 2019, the Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation dedicated Stadium Tunnel 4 in honor of former Pasadena High School football coach and athletic director Tom Hamilton. At the opening of the tunnel you will see a plaque displaying Coach Hamilton's name and accomplishments.

Coach Hamilton is familiar with the Rose Bowl as he coached his Pasadena High School football team in the annual Turkey Tussle game vs John Muir High School. His teams were victorious 16 out of the 24 times the teams played in the Rose Bowl.

"He won just about everything you can win as far as a high school coach. Yet the concept of the football coach is such a minute part of who he was. He elevated all the standards." - Gary Griffiths, Coach Hamilton's assistant for 13 years.

"Coach Hamilton was an inspiring leader. He was able to get 110% performance from every player. But more importantly, he was able to teach and develop character and responsibility in each and every one of us," This was said by Pasadena High School alumni Mickey Segal, Class of 1975. The donation to name the tunnel was provided by Mickey and his wife Lee.

Coach Hamilton passed in 2004.



Class Reunions

Looking to see if your class has a reunion coming up? Check the Alumni section of the Pasadena High School website www.pusd.us/phs or our website at www.phsalumni.org.

Reunions are being planned for the classes listed below.

Class of 1963 - October 6 - October 8, 2023. For more information go to their Facebook page [PHS63Reunion](#)

Class of 1966 - Mini Reunion on Thursday, May 25th 12:30 - 4:30 pm at the Newport Beach Yacht Club. For more information go to their Facebook page [PHS Bulldogs 1966](#).

Class of 1975 - 48th Graduation Anniversary Mixer - Friday, November 10, 2023 at the Brookside Golf Club Patio Restaurant. For more information go to their [Facebook](#) page

Class of 1971 (Belated 50th) - September 23, 2023 pasadenahs71.com

Class of 1983 - September 2, 2023 [Facebook](#)

Class of 1993 - June 24, 2023

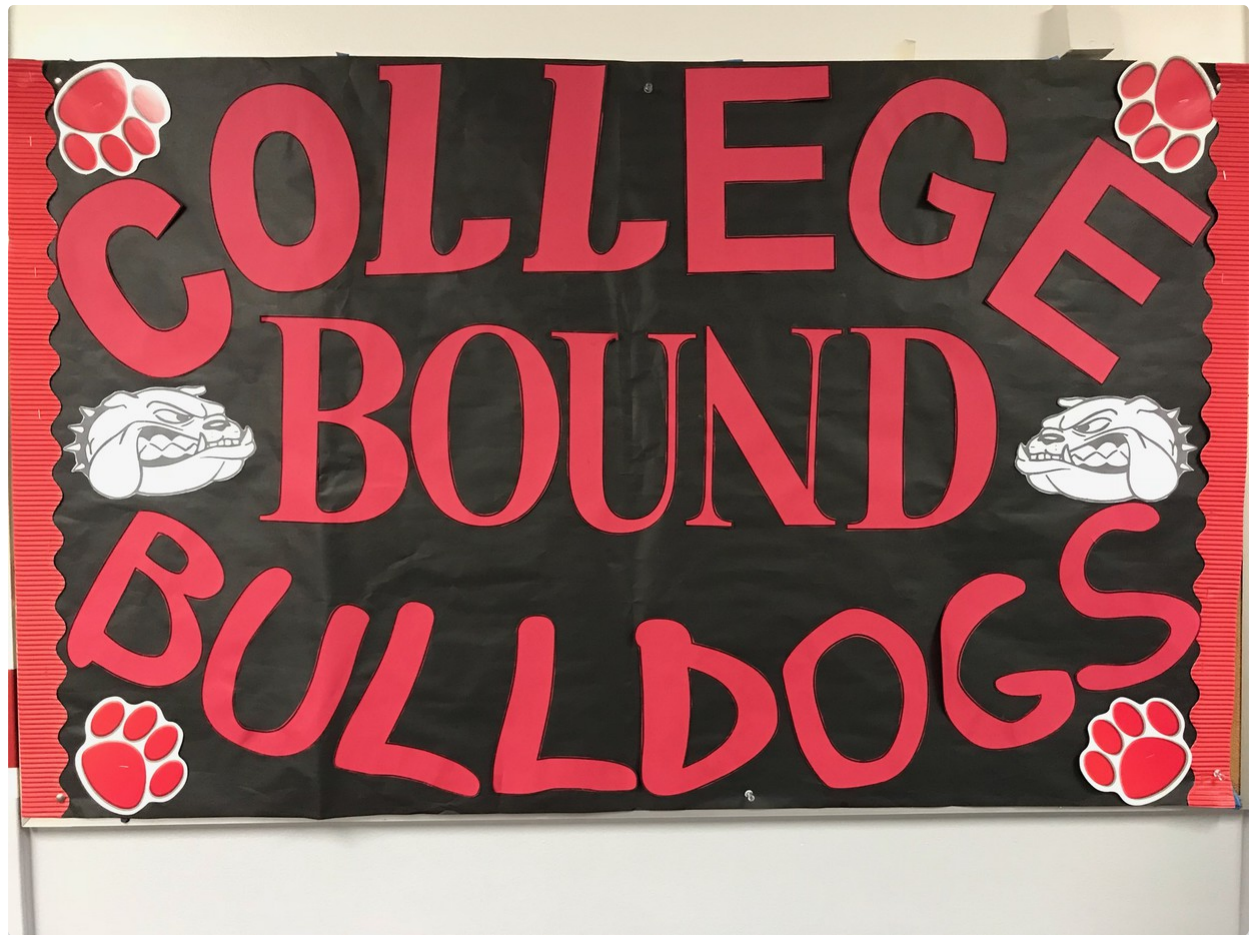


College Acceptances - Class of 2023

Partial list of college acceptances for the Class of 2023.

- Brigham Young University
- California Lutheran University
- Citrus College
- California State College campuses: Bakersfield, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Pomona, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno, San Luis Obispo
- George Washington University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Pasadena City College
- New York University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- Oregon State University
- Purdue University
- Saint Francis University
- Seattle University
- Syracuse University
- Utah Valley University
- University of Arizona
- University of California campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz
- University of Houston
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Portland
- University of Redlands
- University of Southern California
- University of Washington

Some of the majors mentioned include: Aviation Management, Biology, Business Administration, Child Development, Civil Engineering, Cognitive Science, Communications, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Special Education, Economics, Electrical Engineering, English, Environmental Engineering, Fashion Design, Game Design and 2 D Animation, Geology, Occupational Therapy, Pre-Med, Psychology, Sports Psychology.



Social Media Links

Listed below are a few Pasadena High School social media links that might interest you.

Pasadena High School Alumni Association

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[Instagram](#) @pasadenahsalumniassoc

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Pasadena High School Alumni Association

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We are a nonprofit organization 501(c)(3) focused on helping the students and staff at Pasadena High School make our former alma mater into a great learning experience. We organize fundraisers, award scholarships and hold community-building events.

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