

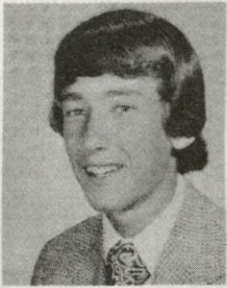
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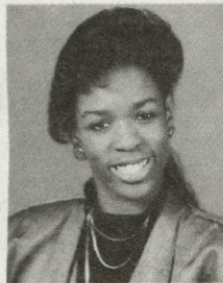
FORMER GRADS TO RECEIVE AWARDS



Keith Moreland, Class of 1973, is a Professor of Accounting at the University of Michigan - Flint. He has become an instrumental media resource whenever the local media wishes to discuss the state of the business for the automotive industry. His personal biography did not reach the editor in time for printing, so it will be included in the next issue.

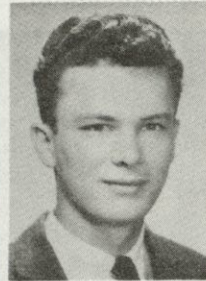
Keith will receive the 'Distinguished Alumni Award' on September 26th.

Nina Price, Class of 1989, earned a Bachelor's degree in communications from MSU in East Lansing, Michigan. Later, she received her Master's in marketing. She began her professional career working for General Motors as a Production Supervisor, at the Lake Orion Assembly Center in Michigan where she supervised and trained employees in Lean Manufacturing initiatives. She was promoted and moved into the Communications function as an Assistant Manager with GM Service and Parts Organization (GMSPO). There, Nina was responsible for implementing and managing a communication process designed to update employees on local, regional, and corporate business issues.



Nina has developed, coordinated and executed strategic communication processes and programs for media, employees, and consumer events, including executive speech writing, press release development, and consulting executives on how to work with the media. In 2005, she became the Public Relations manager for GM Fleet and Commercial Operations (GMFCO) and is currently a Public Relations Manager for GM's northeast Region, as well as the Tonawanda Engine Facility in Buffalo, New York.

On September 26th, Nina will receive the 'Distinguished Alumni Award'.



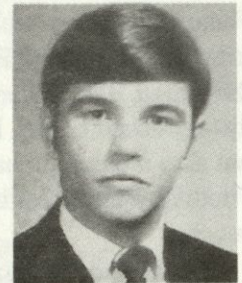
Larry Polzin, Class of 1963, has given much of his time to the Grand Blanc Community Schools for more than 20 years. Originally, Larry was a member of the Athletic Boosters, working on the football program and other fundraisers. In 1993 he became the Parking Chairperson for the Booster Buick Open parking.

Later, when the Athletic Boosters dissolved, Larry remained to coordinate the Buick Open parking for the high school athletic teams and clubs. Over the past 15 years, Larry has helped raise more than \$500,000 for GBHS. He was named Buick Open Volunteer of the Year for his tireless efforts. In addition, Larry is a member of the School Board for the Grand Blanc Community Schools.

You will see Larry at every GBHS Football, Basketball, and Hockey game throughout the year as he continues to show his support for the Bobcats and his pride in his school.

Larry will receive the 'Community Service Award' September 26th, at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner.

Dave Dohrman, Class of 1969, is a tireless worker for the GBHS Baseball program. He has given hundreds of hours of his personal time to the Baseball program in the form of taking care of Joe Pitock Field. A number of years ago Dave had a vision to take the tired field and make it into one of the finest in the state of Michigan. He oversaw the construction of the new team clubhouse, with spectator stands placed on the roof, which affords the fans a great view of the entire field. The visitors' clubhouse was also replaced and bleachers added. In addition, an underground sprinkler system was added and the entire infield was rebuilt. Dave helped with each project.



You will find Dave every day at the Joe Pitock Field, from March until June, where he will be mowing, trimming, lining, grooming, painting, mending, or fixing something. For Dave Dohrman, this is a labor of love, and his way to give back to his school.

Dave will receive the 'Community Service Award' September 26th, at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner.



The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 26th, at the Atlas Valley Country Club. A 'Social Hour' is scheduled to begin at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, and a short program will follow, beginning at approximately 8pm. The cost for this event is \$30 and it must be paid in advance. Payment can be made at the Administration Office, behind Perry School on Saginaw St, or online with a Credit Card, Debit Card, or Electronic Check. Use this link <http://grandblanc.alumni.schoolfusion.us/>, then click on the "Payschools" tab on the left side. The "Payschools" link will have an "Alumni" icon with the "Alumni Banquet" as an option. September 10th is the deadline. You can call our Alumni Office at 591-6021 if you have questions.

Bobcat Bash 2009: Another Great Success!

The Class of 1984 sponsored their second "1980's Bobcat Bash" on August 1st, at The Jewel of Grand Blanc (formerly known as the Grand Blanc Golf Club). More than 1,000 people attended the event with GB Grads from the 1970's through the 1990's present. The organizers Rick Williams, Mike Bleau, and Tammi VanGilder James put on quite a party! The party ran well into Sunday morning with free food, a band and DJ providing music, and more old friends from GBHS than you could possibly talk to. The word on the street is that they aren't going to wait five years to throw another Bobcat Bash - sounds good to me!



Chris Gleason Zembo, Jonathan McGovern,
Rick Williams, Rhonda Rice Utter



Chris Rodgers Carmody, Shelly Barone
Osterbauer, Lori Gunterman Wagner,
Diane Pastor



Lynne Lafalce Saltz, Gene Hunt,
Jennifer Todd Griffin



Don 'Batch' Batchelor Honored

Submitted by Bob Burek, Class of 1958

On Saturday, December 5th, Donald "Batch" Batchelor will be inducted into the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame at Genesys Athletic Club. This honor is a fitting tribute to the Grand Blanc legend. Don was employed by the Grand Blanc Schools from 1929-1961, and during his distinguished career, he not only was a successful teacher but also a baseball, basketball, and football coach as well. Football was his calling card and the place of his greatest success.

At the end of Batch's career, he was the school's Athletic Director. In retirement, he was the Grand Blanc delegate to the Michigan Constitution Convention. The crowning achievement of his career was his selection to the second group inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

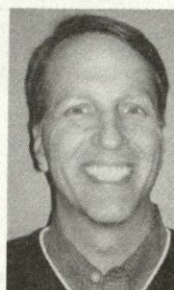
The story that stayed with Batch his entire career was that as a member of the Canton Bulldogs football team he played against, and tackled head-on, the famous Jim Thorpe, the Carlisle Indian who was a legend on the gridiron.

Batch's influence on generations of Grand Blanc students remains today in individuals now in their retirement years. I consider myself in this group as he was a teacher, coach, mentor, and friend. Those with questions about tickets for the December 5th induction are asked to call Bob Burek at 750-6978.



GB Educational Foundation Continues Generous Support

*By Charlie Carmody, President,
Grand Blanc Alumni Association*



The GBHS Alumni Association is grateful to the Grand Blanc Educational Foundation for its support. Along with funding our Alumni newsletter, the Foundation helps with many other donations. It also provides the resources for the completion of Alumni Hall - which includes the class composite pictures of each graduating class.

What's more, the Grand Blanc Educational Foundation is involved in funding several projects throughout the Grand Blanc Community Schools. Many students have benefited from funds awarded to teachers through the mini-grant process. The Foundation provides teachers with additional resources to enhance the classroom learning.

For more information about the GB Educational Foundation, you can visit their website at:
www.gbef.grandblanc.schoolfusion.us

Miss Mawby's Choir Members Take Note

Former members of Miss Carolyn Mawby's choirs are welcome to attend the Homecoming Football game on Friday, September 25th. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm at the Frank Thomas Field and there will be a special section in the bleachers for your group to sit during the game.

On Saturday, September 26th, there will be an opportunity for the former members of Miss Mawby's choirs to honor her at the Alumni Banquet, at the Atlas Valley Country Club. A 'Social Hour' is scheduled to begin at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, and a short program will follow, beginning at approximately 8pm.

The Alumni Association encourages a few choir members to tell some good stories about their time at GBHS - especially with Carolyn Mawby, their former choir director.

The cost for this event is \$30 and it must be paid in advance. Payment can be made at the Administration Office, behind Perry School on Saginaw St, or online with a Credit Card, Debit Card, or Electronic Check. Use this link <http://grandblanc.alumni.schoolfusion.us/>, then click on the "Payschools" tab on the left side. The "Payschools" link will have an "Alumni" icon with the "Alumni Banquet" as an option. September 10th is the deadline. You can call our Alumni Office at 591-6021 if you have questions.

50's Bobcat Bash Scheduled

Submitted by Bob Burek, Class of 1958

Taking a cue from its younger GBHS graduates, those of the 1970's and 1980's, the graduates of the 1950's are planning an all decade reunion next year, in the summer of 2010. The event will take place from 11:00-4:00 on Saturday, August 14, 2010, in the pavilion at Creasey Bicentennial Park which is located on Grand Blanc Road, east of Fenton Road.

Representatives from each class met earlier this summer and decided to schedule the event next year. More details on the event will be coming from each class representative who attended the meeting. We ask you to hold the date and plan on attending this first all-class reunion for those graduating in the 50's. If some of you 40's grads show up, we would be delighted!



Picture of 'Class Of 1989' Reunion



Schedule of 73rd Annual Grand Blanc High School Homecoming Activities

Thursday, September 24th

8:00am - Tartoni Athletic Center

Queen's Court Assembly

Friday, September 25th

8:45am - Tartoni Athletic Center

Interclass Games

5:15pm - Saginaw Street, Downtown GB

Parade

7:00pm Frank Thomas Field

GB vs. Brighton Football Game

8:15pm - Frank Thomas Field

Half-Time Festivities

Coach Claire Gentile will be inducted into
the "GB Coaches Hall of Fame"

Saturday, September 26th

6:00pm - Atlas Valley Country Club

Alumni Banquet

Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest

Thursday - Sunday,
September 24th - 27th

Catch a ride on the carousel, munch on some
elephant ears, enter the singing contest, and more...

Grab your friends and family for the fireworks,
live entertainment in the beer tent, a delicious
pancake breakfast. There is something for everyone.
All Grand Blanc elementary students will receive
one FREE ticket for one ride at the festival.

Contact the Chamber office for more information at:

810-695-4222

or email us at

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