



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



Spring 2025

Labette County High School Alumni Association

Altamont, KS

Announcement

Alumni Awards will be held on Saturday May 3, 2025 at Noon. Senior Awards will be held on Monday April 14, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 3, 2025
Meal will be served starting at Noon.
Meeting will start at approximately 1 p.m.

2024-2025 LCHS Alumni Officers

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Would you like to help out your Alumni Officers? Let us hear from you!

From Your President

Dear Alumni,

It is an honor to serve once again as President of our Alumni Association. As the years since my graduation grow more distant the memories of my time as a Grizzly remain as vivid as ever. Those high school years were filled with youth, optimism, and a sense of boundless possibility. Back then, I felt invincible, young, fit, and ready to take on the world. College was affordable and the future felt wide open.

Today, the world has changed in many ways, and one of the most significant differences is the cost of higher education. Students now face staggering debt just to earn a bachelor's degree, let alone pursue advanced degrees.

Thankfully, we have a dedicated group of alumni who are committed to making a difference for today's students. Your continued support for the Alumni Association enable us to provide scholarships, cover operating and mailing costs, and maintain the Sunshine Fund, which help cover expenses for students in need.

Your generosity keeps our Grizzly tradition of excellence strong and proud. While it may seem like there are countless organizations vying for your hard-earned dollars, your contributions directly impact the quality of our school and the future of the students.

This is our chance to give back. Over the years, our alumni have consistently risen to the occasion, funding scholarships and donating generously to support specific projects. If you would like to learn about current district needs or other programs in need of funding, we would be delighted to provide you with information and opportunities to make a lasting impact.

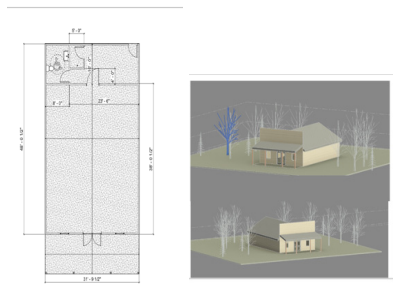
Remember, Alumni can made a difference. Thank you for all that you do to support our Grizzly family.

Sincerely,
Chris Kastler
Class of 1979

You have the power to make a difference.

Grizzly Museum

We are in the planning stages to build a stand-alone museum, across from the high school main building. It will be next to the 'black box' (the old Church). We have a drawing; next we need to raise some money. Please consider donations to the Grizzly Museum.



2024 Alumni Scholarships

506 Foundation, Scholarship, \$500.....	Peyton Merrick
Ad Astra Scholarship, (2) \$1,000.....	Tanner Templeton & Aaliyah Tun
Angola United Methodist Church Scholarship, \$500.....	Camden Farrow
Arthur P. Adamson (Class of 1936) Scholarship, \$1,000.....	Olivia Bradfield
Bobby and Reba Roberts (Machine Shop) Scholarship, \$400.....	Nathan Lumley
Class of 1953/54 General College Scholarship, (3) \$1,000.....	Tanner Templeton, Sophiah Reynolds & Libby Pool
Class of 1955, \$150.....	Taylor Spencer
Class of 1958, \$200.....	Allison Martin
Class of 1959, \$400.....	Belinda Thompkins
Class of 1962, \$250.....	Nathan Lumley
Class of 1963, \$300.....	Rafe Vincent Allen
Class of 1966 Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....	Nevaeh Jones
Class of 1969, \$100.....	Hope Verhage
Class of 1972, \$250.....	Kaimen Rupert
Class of 1972 Technical School Scholarship \$250.....	Annie Milks
Class of 1975, 2 @ \$200.....	Kamron Blair and Maddyson Tyler
Class of 1979, \$250.....	Isabelle Hall
Class of 1986, \$200.....	Kaylee Dillow
Corner Store Scholarships, (7) \$250.....	Cooper Baugher, Lily Beery, Alice Carnahan, Sydney Foster, Dallas Hill, Peyton Merrick & Raegan Roberts
Delbert and Carolyn Bracken Trade School Scholarship, Class of 1954, (2) \$500.....	Desirea Thomsen & Allison Martin
Don & Bobbi Raymond Living Scholarship, (2) \$500	Gabriel Lunsford and Clayton Wagner
Gary L. Stice (Class of 1972) Memorial Music Scholarship, \$150.....	Sydney Foster
Helen R. (Willems) Rice "Pay it Forward" Scholarship, LCHS Class of 1974, (2) \$1000.....	Elizabeth Shoulders, Taylor Spencer
James L. Pontious (Class of 1956) Living Scholarship, \$500	Sophia Reynolds
Jessie "Louise" Schneickert (Class of 1938) Memorial Scholarship (2) \$500.....	Tanner Templeton, Clayton Wagner
Jim Cumpton (Class of 1963) Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....	Rily Bebb
Kathy Foster - Conchran (Class of 1976) Memorial Cross Country Scholarship, \$200.....	Emilie Zylstra
LCHS Alumni Association - A 4-Year Scholarship, \$2,000.....	Peyton Merrick
Marvin Foster Cave '31 and Mary Louise (Cave '35) Allen Memorial Scholarship, \$450.....	Alice Carnahan
Music Scholarship in Memory of Imogene North & Lee Shell, \$200.....	Kaitlyn Carson
Natalie Neal-Lattimore Scholarship, \$500.....	Emilie Zylstra
New Life Clothing and More, \$250.....	Isabella Gudde
New Life (Elsie Vail) Scholarship, \$250.....	Javen Woolsey
New Life (Jessica Pierce) Scholarship, (2) \$250.....	Aaliyah Tun, Belinda Thompkins
Quincy E. Hicls (Class of 1956) Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....	Annie Milks
The Lois Jean Frederick Shrum (1950) & Susan Kay Shrum (1973) Scholarship, \$3,000.....	Nolan Haraughty
The Raymond and Donna Kline Family Scholarship, \$800.....	Libby Pool
The Traxson Family Memorial Scholarship, \$400.....	Nathan Lumley
Robert B. "Bobby" Jones Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....	Peyton Merrick
Roy, R. Surridge, Class of 1950 Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....	Aaliyah Tun
Ryan Wayne Kasson, Sr Memorial Music/Theatre Scholarship, \$500.....	Gryffin Cochran
Slick Norris Memorial Scholarship, \$300.....	Raegan Roberts
William J. (Bill) Billman Memorial Scholarship.....	Case Lee

Message from the Principal

Dear Labette County High School Alumni,

As the proud principal of Labette County High School, it is my honor to reach out to you, our cherished alumni, and share the heartwarming tradition and vibrant history that continue to shape the school today. Our school, built on a foundation of hard work, integrity, and passion, remains dedicated to fostering the growth of the next generation of strong, resilient individuals.

We are fortunate to stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, whose dedication and commitment helped create the legacy that we carry forward. Over the years, our school has remained a cornerstone of our community, offering a place where students not only receive an excellent education but also learn the values that will guide them through life. This sense of tradition runs deep within our hallways, from the first day students walk through our doors, to the pride they feel as they take their place as alumni.

At Labette County High School, we understand that our responsibility is not just to teach, but to prepare our students for the future. It is our belief that the strength of any community lies in its people, and the work we do here is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the unbreakable bond we share with our community. The teachers, coaches, and support staff are not just educators; they are mentors, guides, and role models who truly invest in the success of each and every student.

As we move forward into the future, we continue to build upon this strong foundation. We are committed to ensuring that each student not only achieves academic success but also grows into a person of integrity, strength, and compassion, traits that will serve them well as they step into the world and make their mark. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the continued support of our alumni, whose successes inspire and drive us every day. You are an essential part of the ongoing story of Labette County High School, and we are deeply grateful for the connections we share. As we continue to nurture and shape the next generation, we remain focused on providing them with the tools, guidance, and love they need to build strong futures for themselves and for the community.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Together, we will continue to make Labette County High School a place where the heart of the community beats, and the next generation of leaders and thinkers are forged. I look forward to seeing all of you at the LCHS Alumni luncheon, another new tradition started to make Grizzly Nation family bonds even stronger!

Mrs. Stacy M. Smith
LCHS Principal

REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The LCHS Class of 1955 will meet for their 70th year reunion on May 3, 2025. We will meet at 10 a.m. to visit around the campus and lunch in the cafeteria at noon. A room has been reserved and after lunch is open for discussion.

The Class of 1965 will hold their 60th Class Reunion on May 3rd. The banquet meal is at noon, then we will have an informal get together starting at 2:30 p.m. in the storm shelter. Contact Judy Chickadonz Thompson (620-423-5660) or Judy Jones Carroll (620-332-3877) for more details.

The LCHS Class of '75 will have their 50th reunion starting on, Friday, October 3rd, by attending the LCHS Homecoming game together. Planning to have a Potluck in Mound Valley at the Community Center on Saturday, October 4th, at noon. Have calls into the Elks, VFW, and Kitchen pass for something Saturday evening. More information to come. If you have a new address, could you please send to Mike Bolen, jbolen1992@gmail.com or text 620-423-7252. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October!

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Please use the Contribution Form to designate where you want your funds to go.

Contribution Form

Please Note- the LC Alumni Association is NOT 501(c)(3). For contributions to be used for tax purposes, write your check to The 506 Foundation, Inc.

Please select one of the following:

Scholarship General Fund Grizzly Museum
 Sunshine Fund 506 Foundation Other _____



Name _____ Address _____
Class of _____ Email Address _____
Comments _____

ATTENTION

Due to so many tickets being reserved and not paid for we are unable to reserve tickets without payment in hand by April 19, 2025. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THIS DATE.

Ticket Cost \$12

Purchase tickets by April 19, 2025 from the following locations:
Labette Bank, Parsons and Altamont and Ace Hardware, Parsons

Tickets may also be obtained by contacting:

Janie Stice
5175 CR 5800
Cherryvale, KS 67335
620-330-0048

YOUR PAID TICKETS; will be available at the cafeteria door the night of the banquet.
Make checks payable to : LCCHS Alumni Association.