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# A Message from:

*Our President*

Dear fellow alumni,

We have come so far in such a very short period of time. It has been an honor to be involved with so many special alumni and fellow volunteers in our organization. Our mission and vision statement underscores a feeling that the members of the JFK Alumni Association are committed to providing financial scholarships and social activity support for the future success of our educational community.

As recipients of a quality education acquired at JFK, we're so pleased to create an avenue in which alumni and friends can support in helping to deliver a high-quality of education to all existing students. We are working diligently to support JFK High School and ask you to consider joining the association or donating whatever you are able to for the benefit of your alma mater.

Please visit our website at [www.bellmorejfkalumni.org](http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org) or join us on Facebook.

Over the past few years we have been able to make significant donations and changes to the school property for everyone to enjoy and feel the sense of our historical pride. We can all feel the comfort of knowing we are able to help enhance the learning experience for the high school students. We have also been able to connect a number of people with one another creating many network opportunities for many causes.

On behalf of the Bellmore JFK Alumni Association Officers and Board of Trustees, we hope to hear from you for whatever it is we can do to connect the past with the present, and always pay it forward.

Thank you all,

Dr. Gary Morganstern

Class of 1973



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## Our Mission Statement

- Foster a spirit of loyalty and camaraderie among graduates and former students of Bellmore JFK High School.
- Promote and support the programs and activities of Bellmore JFK High School.
- Encourage Bellmore JFK alumni to maintain a continuing relationship with the school.
- Better utilise the potential for all alumni services to the school through constructive endeavors.
- Develop social events, education and scholarship programs to meet the needs of both the students and the alumni of JFK High School.

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## Board & Committee Meetings 2015

January 27<sup>th</sup>

February 24<sup>th</sup>

March 31<sup>st</sup>

April 28<sup>th</sup>

May 26<sup>th</sup>

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

All Meetings will be held at Kennedy High School Room 136 at 7 PM

# Cougar Walk of Recognition



David McDonough, Alumni Board; David Weiss, Elaine Coluccio, Kenny Greenbaum, Maury Josephson, Gwen Rosenberg, Bob Pizzinti, Mark Myerwitz, Beth Josephson, Ron Steiger, Gary Morganstern, Susan Schwartz (Pres of School Board), John Detoaso (Superintendent of Schools) Lorraine Poppe, Steve Wunderlich, Senator Mike Venditto



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# The Birth of the Cougar Walk of Recognition

The Bellmore JFK Alumni Association is proud to announce The Birth of the Cougar Walk of Recognition - Born - Nov 1, 2014, approx 9600 bricks, benches and stantions that came in at 1176 inches long, 61,092 Lbs and 2 ounces.

Why all the passion about our old high school and the alumni association... Bellmore JFK, JFK Bellmore, John F Kennedy High, Bellmore. Say it anyway you want, some of us love this place. We grew here, we learned here, we laughed here and we cried here. We don't want to live in the past, but we sure do like to visit here.

Since the start of the alumni association almost 4 year ago, we have brought so many alumni together thru our face book page, twitter, linked in and instagram accounts. People are so grateful for the connections they have made with their old high school friends. Many of you live local and keep in touch with your old high school friends, but many of us are all around the country and the world. We have heard from alumni that live in Hawaii, France, England, Bali, Japan and Australia wanting to just say thanks to the alumni association for everything we do to keep people in touch. Some of the alumni associations accomplishments over the last few years are:

- The establishment of our website
- The availability to view all yearbooks online for paid members of the alumni association
- The sponsorship of the health fair, Jam the Gym and Student Governments projects and assembly's
- The many scholarship we have given out over the years
- A professional newsletter
- A publication of a alumni directory
- The installation of a fantastic electronic bulletin board letting the students, parents and neighborhood
- The beautification of the grounds of the high school
- The many successful reunions we have had including
- The first multi high school / multi state/ multi year reunion, allowing alumni from all 3 high schools

Fact, we have been able to connect a few alumni looking for jobs with other alumni that hired them. Fact, we are helping a JFK alumni with her financial struggles while she battered breast cancer with private donations made directly to her from fellow alumni.

We have helped raised awareness for other organizations and charities that have been important to many JFK alumni and their families such as the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer, The Voices Against Brain Cancer, and Autism Speaks and Alumni Steven Wuderlich and his foundation, PREVAIL ran a Bone Marrow drive

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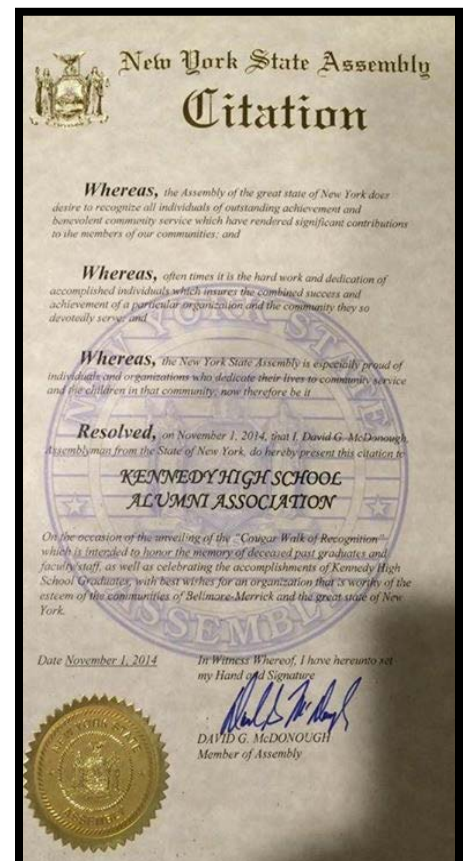
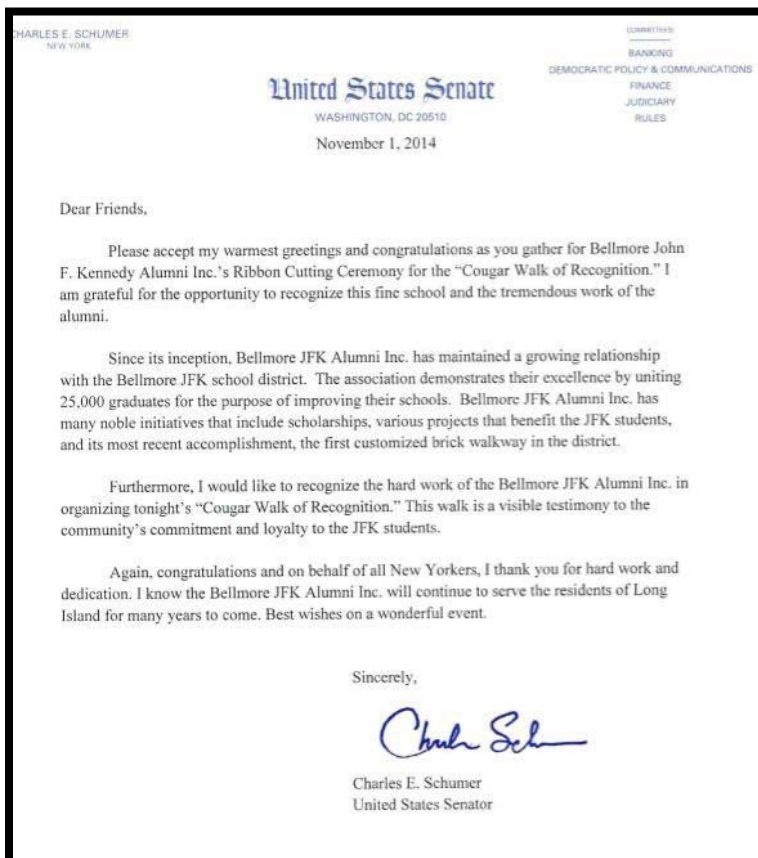
Our Cougar Walk of Recognition celebrates the achievements, memories of those we have lost, the events we have celebrated, the sports teams we were on and cheered to victories, the music we played and the shows we preformed in, the organizations and clubs we belonged to and our parents, teachers, staff, PTA, Sports Boosters, families, our friends children and graduates that make up this JFK community.

Without the sponsorship of the vendors that built this walkway, like Neil & Anthony Alfieri from Alfieri Contracting & Construction, Aqua Pro and Environmental Landscape and Design we would not have been able to do this walkway and still have money left for scholarships.

As of today, Phase 2 of The Cougar Walk of Recognition - buy a brick project , has officially launched. You may now purchase and pay for a brick by going online to the alumni website or you may pick up a form in the main office.

We are a 501 c3 nonprofit, and we do accept donations to our organization and we would love to have a few more sponsors and benefactors so that we may continue on our journey of doing GOOD STUFF for the alumni and the JFK Community.

To purchase a form please fill out the form on the following page or visit : [bellmorejfkalumni.org/alumni\\_projects](http://bellmorejfkalumni.org/alumni_projects)





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## JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTA

Fellow Alumni,

The JFK PTA has been working diligently to raise funds to provide services to the school, students, and the community. In the past year, the PTA has participated and provided support for the following:

- Reflections Program
- Scholarships for Graduating Seniors
- Staff Appreciation Day
- Senior Class Gift
- After Prom Breakfast
- Student Activities
- Joint Bullying Program with the Student Government
- JFK Alumni Association
- Bellmore- Merrick Council of PTAs
- BMCHSD Post Prom Party
- Kennedy High School Site-Based Team
- Monthly Board Meetings to Keep Parents Informed
- BMCHSD Curriculum Committee

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- Report all address changes to our Registrar and seek to find missing classmates
- Take the lead for reunions for your class year with help from the Alumni Association.

Contact us at:  
[Rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org](mailto:Rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org)



# A Message from:

*Eileen Connolly*

Dear JFK Alumni:

Greetings from Cougar Nation! As always, I am pleased to extend best wishes to you on behalf of the Kennedy High School administration. So much has happened since our last publication; it is truly a great time in the history of our school.

In our last newsletter, I outlined some of the exciting upgrades to the physical plant of Kennedy, which is now 49 years young. Our gymnasium floor has been completely refurbished, and we have a newly installed turf field. Technology has been upgraded and we are now a fully wireless campus. Future up-grades will include an overhaul of our heating system, new science labs, lavatories and a state-of-the-art culinary room which will be used to house the new "Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program" scheduled to begin Fall, 2015. In addition to enhancing the physical appearance of our school, these upgrades will provide our students with the tools and facilities they need to excel in all areas.

Under the leadership of our wonderful Alumni Association President, Dr. Gary Morganstern '73, the alumni of Kennedy continue to support the school on every level. This was never more evident than with the opening of the "Cougar Walk of Recognition," a beautiful, lasting tribute that brings together the past, present and future of Kennedy High School. This brick walkway now enhances the area leading to the new turf field and is a true celebration of the accomplishments of our students and the families of Bellmore-Merrick. Opportunities on how you can participate in Phase 2 of this program are available in this Newsletter. Please consider purchasing a brick to honor the memory of a loved one, celebrate a special event or friendship or commemorate your children or an accomplishment. Special thanks to Public Relations Director Ron Steiger '72 for turning this vision into a reality.

Currently, I am in the process of soliciting nominations for our next Kennedy High School "Hall of Fame" and "Cougar Nation Wall of Honor" Dinner/Induction Ceremony which will be held on March 7, 2015. This great program allows the administration to have the opportunity to recognize outstanding graduates of Kennedy and several teachers/administrators who inspired them along the way. Information on nominating someone for consideration is included in this Newsletter; please take the time to think about your classmates who may meet the established criteria for selection. In addition, if there is a favorite faculty member who deserves recognition into the "Cougar Nation Wall of Honor," please feel free to e-mail me at [econnol@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us](mailto:econnol@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us) with the reasons why this person stands above other great faculty who have graced our classrooms. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful celebration!

As the year 2014 comes to a close and we begin anew in 2015, may we take time to give thanks for the many friendships that have been made and/or rekindled here at Kennedy High School. A special thanks to the executive board of the Alumni Association for all of their efforts throughout the year. I am honored to work with you in your quest to celebrate "all things" Kennedy. May each and every one of you enjoy special times with your families and friends. Enjoy the magic of the season!

**GO COUGARS!**

Eileen Connolly

JFK Assistant Principal



# Become a Benefactor



Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is an honor and a privilege as the founding members of the Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. (the official Alumni Association of Bellmore JFK High School) to be writing to you. We are reaching out to you at this time to please consider becoming a Benefactor. One of our missions is to help give back to the roots that assisted some of us in getting us to where we are today.

It was these strong roots that created the paths in some of our lives and helped put the majority of us onto our road forward. Now you have the opportunity to pay it forward for our future and existing proud alumni.

The JFK Alumni Association over the last two years has:

- Helped JFK alumni obtain jobs
- Helped form memorial scholarships
- Run reunion events attended by over 350 alumni and another with 400 plus
- Published a directory with over 18,000 alumni names and contact information
- Held a fundraiser for a memorial scholarship in honor of a local alumni businessman
- Produced alumni clothing
- Launched a website, a twitter page, a LinkedIn site, and a Facebook timeline
- Sponsored many school programs including a community health fair and healthcare career forum
- The Cougar Walk of Recognition

Visit our website for other news and updates.

[www.bellmorejfkalumni.org](http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org).

The Board of Directors started a not-for-profit corporation called "Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc." We are recognized by the IRS and have been granted TAX EXEMPT, 501(c)(3) charitable organization status, which will benefit alumni wishing to make a Tax Deductible Contribution to the Alumni Association. (speak to your tax advisor)

You may make your Benefactor Membership Donation in Honor of Someone if you wish; just let us know how you want it listed. In addition your listing, as you wish, will appear on our website permanently and in all future newsletters as a Benefactor.

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## Thank You,

Bellmore JFK Alumni Association  
Officers and Board of Trustees

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Silver Benefactor Membership - \$5,000.00

Gold Benefactor Membership - \$10,000.00

Platinum Benefactor Membership- \$25,000.00 and up

# JFK Senior Experience



Dear Alumni,

The Kennedy Senior Experience program is entering its ninth year of providing seniors with “real-world” opportunities as they conclude their high school careers. The success of this program is due in large part to the partnerships created with many alumni in various fields.

Over the years, students had the opportunity to work with JFK Alumni professionals like Bob Pizzimenti at Wells Fargo, Kenny Dichter at Cirrus Fitness, Ronald Steiger at Woodbury Financial Services, Gary Morganstern at Morganstern Family Dental, and Jennifer Meschkow at Lakeside School.

These alumni, along with many others, have volunteered their time and energy to provide our students with hands-on experiences in their respective fields. In turn, our students have learned much about their college and career choices, and have created networks that have become invaluable to them in their post-college years.

Recently, Samantha Finkel, a member of the Class of 2012, wrote me the following testimonial about her Senior Experience internship, “I believe that participating in the Senior Experience program allowed me to better comprehend the skills that I needed to develop in order to be successful in the entertainment industry. I learned the importance of remaining organized, being technologically savvy and being able to communicate well with authority. Senior Experience gave me a good taste of the ‘real world’ during this transitional time between high school and college.”

Established in 2006, the Senior Experience program runs three weeks. During that time, seniors are excused from classes to participate in an internship or community service project. Each student has a mentor, a teacher or administrator at Kennedy, who meets with them weekly to review the program requirements. Sponsors are required to do two simple things: verify the student’s hours and provide a learning experience. We certainly hope to add more alumni to our database.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, visit [www.mrseidman.com](http://www.mrseidman.com) then click on the “Senior Experience” link on the top banner. On that page is the company application form. Please call me at 516-992-1454 or email me at [bseidman@bmchsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:bseidman@bmchsd.k12.ny.us) if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Bradley Seidman

## Young Alumni & Social Media Committee

Dear Young Alumni of Kennedy High School,

I hope you are having a great year. My name is Brandon Schneider, Class of 2013. I am a sophomore music major at Ithaca College. This summer I started to lend a hand to the JFK Alumni Association. It is clear that none of us would be where we are today without Kennedy High School. It is important to keep in touch with not only your friends, but also Kennedy as a whole!

There are many great ways to stay connected. Please like the Facebook page: Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. for updates on what is going on in the Kennedy Community. Instagram page: [BellmoreJFKAlumni](https://www.instagram.com/BellmoreJFKAlumni), Twitter page: [@BellmoreJFKAlumni](https://twitter.com/BellmoreJFKAlumni), LinkedIn page is Bellmore JFK Alumni Inc. You can also get updates for Young Alumni in the group on Facebook: Bellmore JFK Young Alumni Group.

Happy Holidays,  
Brandon Schneider



# HALL OF FAME 2015

Dear Friends of Kennedy High School,

## “HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE”

We are pleased to welcome nominations for consideration as inductees to the  
JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame is a way that we can publicly recognize outstanding graduates who have not only demonstrated success in their chosen profession but have also given back to the local community or through a variety of charitable endeavors. In addition to honoring our graduates, we will also be seeking to recognize select retired faculty whose excellence in the classroom was matched by their contributions to the total school program. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Kennedy High School Scholarship Fund.

Criteria for “Hall of Fame” nomination:

- Candidate must be graduated ten years or more from Kennedy High School.
- Candidate must have achieved extraordinary success in their chosen field and have provided exemplary service to the school or community (local or global).
- Candidates must be of good character and considered “role models” for the student body to emulate.

Any alumnus, community resident or staff member may nominate a candidate by completing a nomination form by December 23, 2014. Selected candidates will be notified in January 2015 and must “accept” his/her nomination to be inducted at the March 7, 2015 program. Candidates not selected this year will remain under consideration for future inductions.

### Important Dates:

#### December 2014

Call for nominations. Application on next page

#### December 23 , 2014

Deadline for submission of nomination

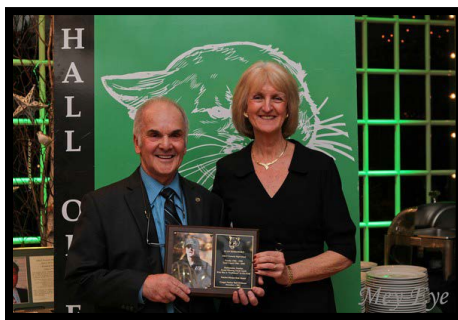
Application and supporting documentation

#### January 2015

Announcement of Hall of Fame inductees

#### March 7, 2015

Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and Ceremony



**Return nominations to:**  
Eileen Connolly, Assistant Principal  
John F. Kennedy High School  
3000 Bellmore Avenue  
Bellmore, New York 11710



# HALL OF FAME 2015

## Nomination Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended Kennedy: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Field/Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a summary (highlights) of the candidate's career (and/or exceptional accomplishments):

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Please provide information pertaining to extraordinary community or family service:

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Please attach copies of news clippings or magazine articles with photos (if available or applicable). Note to sponsors: Thank you for your nomination. Prior to submission, please contact the nominee to assure that he or she is interested in being considered for induction. Nominations should be received no later than December 23, 2014. Inductees will be announced by January, 2015. Hall of Fame Ceremony/Dinner will be held on March 7, 2015.

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### We Value Your Comments!

Please let us know what you would like to see in future editions of our newsletter. We would like to highlight each class, report news on our alumni, and announce upcoming reunions. If you have something you would like to share please email [Rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org](mailto:Rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org) If you have a photo that you would like to include, please submit it with your information. Be sure to include First and Last name, maiden name if it applies, class year, address, telephone number and email address.

You may have noticed our NEW logo. With the desire to have some consistency with the high schools logo, Vice President of the Alumni Association, Howard Kaden has designed our beautiful and strong new logo.

Thanks Howie for all you do !





# JFK

## Sports Boosters

Update

Hi Fellow Alumni,

The second year of the new JFK Sports Boosters has been very successful. We started out selling merchandise that highlights the new Kennedy Logo that is proudly displayed at mid-field on the new turf field.

The Boosters were selling hot food and cold drinks at all the Football games and by the end of the season had secured permission to sell sponsorship banners at future Kennedy events outside.

The Boosters supported the Girls Volleyball Team and were on hand for their breast cancer night. We were able to support the Boys and Girls Soccer teams. We participated in Homecoming, back-to-school night and of course the ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Walk of Recognition" where we were able to unveil our bench.

On November 13 we had our second successful Comedy Night at The Brokerage in Bellmore and raised money for member scholarships for the kids. We have proudly increased our membership and our volunteers. We proudly look forward to the second half of the school year and achieving more goals!

Thanks

Bob Pizzimenti

President, Sports Boosters

# Music and Entertainment Committee



Big Deal, Big Band, Big Night Out!  
Tito Batista, 1972 JFK ALUMNI &  
The Black Rose Orchestra To perform at JFK, Bellmore, N.Y.  
(Date to be determined)

Tito Batista is currently negotiating with the Bellmore JFK Alumni Inc., (the Alumni Association) for a major pop concert reunion to perform on the same JFK High School Stage he performed on in the 70's with his then group "The Black Sun". This performance will bring much pride to the Bellmore Merrick community and JFK.

Tito Batista and His Orchestra and members of his long-time popular, The Black Rose Band will be romancing and thrilling lovers of elegant standards, Latin and pop hits in a Las Vegas style show at JFK. Renaissance man Tito Batista, a 1972 alumni of J.F. Kennedy, has over four decades as a music business executive achieving success in music publishing, production, artist management, studio management, and record company CEO. Past music industry successes included working with the Bill Cosby Show, sub-publishing over 2000 songs with BMG Music Pacific, several going platinum in Asia. His current album features Tito as lead singer backed by The Conan O'Brien Orchestra. Fully engaging his passion for performance once again in 2014, he had several shows leading up the big stage and further horizons are looking at an off-Broadway production.

Band leader Tito Batista re-invents and re-popularizes classic pop standards from the "American Songbook" sung with his romantic voice and unique upbeat swing style. New songs like "Lovers Dream," "The Love I Need," and "Wanna Be Free" are enjoyed by audiences made up of Tito's many friends, old and new fans and devoted family. With the grit and soul of a lifetime of experiences Tito recently expanded his passionate following from all over New York with his first hit single, "Hey Now, I Think I'm In Love," now playing daily on WHLI Radio 1100.

If you like The Big Band sound with vocals that are in the groove his “modern vintage with class” big band standards and swing favorites are sure to have you swaying. Tito evokes to the likes of Xavier Cugat, Desi Arnaz, Lou Prima, The Buena Vista Social Club, Michael Buble and Steve Tyrell. Crowd favorites “Volare,” “Besame Mucho” and “Ojos Verdes” (Green Eyes) are sure to please you and all devoted followers of Adult Contemporary Radio. The Black Rose Orchestra is currently enjoying much success in the national and international music arena. Get the full story in an upcoming “Newsday featured article.”



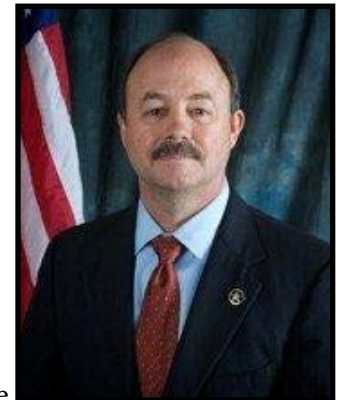
My goal as a member of the JFK Alumni Group is to reunite alumni through music. For this reason, I am reaching out to all JFK alumni musicians to join me in future musical events. Any other alumni performing with fellow alumni, please send us your bands bio and venue dates and info so we can let other alumni know about it in future newsletters. It will give alumni a chance to get together. Please feel free to reach out to me via email and put MUSIC in the subject line. Bellmorejfk1@gmail.com

## **Statement of Senators Webb and Warner on the Confirmation of Bobby Mathieson as U.S. Marshal Class of 1974**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact:

Allison Jaslow, 202-224-4024 Kevin Hall, 202-224-2023

Washington, D.C.- U.S. Senators Jim Webb and Mark R. Warner today announced the confirmation of Robert “Bobby” Mathieson to serve as United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia. Recommended by Senators Webb and Warner last May, Mathieson was nominated by President Obama on March 9, 2011 and was unanimously confirmed last night by the U.S. Senate. Mathieson brings over three decades of local and state law enforcement experience to the federal post.



“I’m pleased that the Senate unanimously confirmed Bobby Mathieson to serve as United States Marshal. Senator Warner and I jointly recommended Bobby based on his exceptional qualifications and comprehensive law enforcement experience in the Commonwealth,” said Senator Webb. “A dedicated public servant, Bobby Mathieson is widely respected in the Virginia’s law enforcement community and I’m confident that as Marshal, he will bring a highly needed level of professionalism and expertise to this difficult and demanding job.”

“After more than a quarter-century as a police officer, Bobby served in key public safety roles at the state level when I had the honor of serving as Governor, and then was elected to represent Virginia Beach in the Virginia House of Delegates,” Senator Warner said. “His service as a front-line police officer, as an effective manager and motivator, and then as an elected official allows him to apply a strong set of skills and professional experience to the Marshals Service.”

Robert “Bobby” Mathieson began his law enforcement career with the Virginia Beach Police Department in 1975. He retired in 2002 as a Master Police Officer to take a leadership position with the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. In 2008, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. He currently serves as Director of Business Development for Virginia Beach-based Rileen Innovative Technologies.

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# Bone Marrow Drive for JFK Alumni Families, Dean's & Cordova's

I would like to thank JF Kennedy HS and especially The JF Kennedy Alumni for the Bone Marrow Donor Drive they did alongside Gift of Life and fellow Alumni Steve Wunderlich's organization Prevail, in November to help find a donor for my Godson and Nephew Tyler Dean Xavier.

Tyler's battle with Leukemia started when he was 11, 5 years ago. He felt a bone in his sleep that made sleeping uncomfortable. Diagnosed with Leukemia, he underwent 3 years of chemotherapy.

He remained an advanced student with top grades. When the worst passed, he resumed his football passion at school.

This past year after being off chemo for a full year, he suffered an injury during a practice game. The result was 4 compressed vertebrae, one at 50%. The doctor announced his Leukemia had re-turned. Knocked down but not out, Tyler stood to the challenge and faced head on with strong perseverance, just as he has done with the same passion he faces his opponent on the football field. We will, as Steve Wunderlich company's logo states, Prevail!

Janice Dean Xavier graduated JFK, She is the mother of four of the most beautiful children that I am proud to call my Godchildren. Janice resides in Chattanooga TN with her 4 kids and husband Mike. Mike has retired from the Navy as a Chief on a Nuclear Submarine. He participated in building The Jimmy Carter submarine.

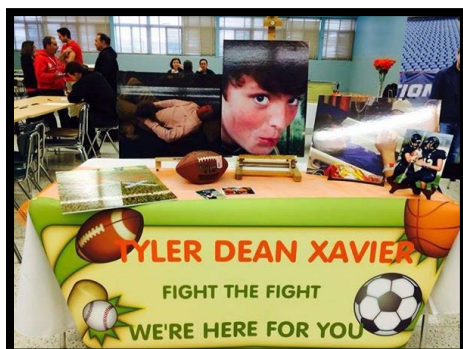
Doug Dean graduated JFK in 1969. Doug spent the last 40+ years as a First Assistant Director in the movies and television. Doug resides in Vancouver and Toronto with his wife Sandie Kraft and has a daughter Dorelle in catering, movie locations and TV sets.

Bobby Dean graduated in 1977, and is an International Flight Attendant, spending most of his time in his favorite cities, Tel Aviv and Amsterdam. He resides in a condo on the beach in Rockaway NY.

Donna Dean Cordova graduated in 1973, She is retired from corporate management with the J C Penney Custom Decoration Division. She is an avid painter in oils, portraits, still lifes & land-scapes.. She met her husband Louis Cordova at the JFK 30th reunion.

Louis Cordova graduated in 1973. He is the CFO of an international company and he and Donna reside on the North Fork of LI and in Manhattan. If they were remotely interested in each other 40 years ago, it wouldn't have made life this interesting.

With all the love in our hearts, we are with Tyler Dean Xavier fighting the fight and having JFK with so many people behind us, we will prevail! Thank You Alumni, Donna Dean Cordova.



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# REUNIONS

## JFK, Calhoun & Mepham Alumni Reunions, Singles Event & NY & Florida Multi-Year Reunions

By Maury Josephson

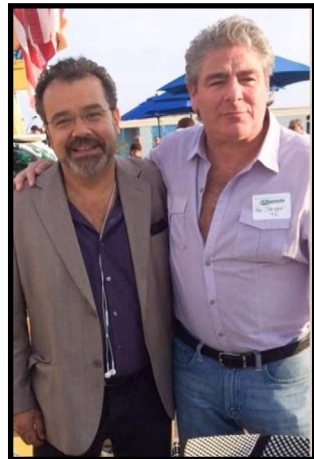
August 3, 2014 started off drizzly and humid on Long Island. Severe thunderstorms threatened in Boca Raton, Florida. We worried a little because that Sunday evening featured the Alumni Association's first ever multi-year, multi-school, multi-location reunion event.

In fact we always worry and that's how the event took shape. It was originally going to be a "singles-mingle" for alumni and friends at the MaliBlue Oyster Bar in Lido Beach, owned by Butch Yamali. But Ron Steiger '72, our Public Relations Director, was concerned not enough alumni would come. So we made it a multi-year reunion. Then the Alumni Associations from Mepham and Calhoun expressed interest. Multi-school. Then Gary Haft, an alum from class of '72 in Florida proposed a simultaneous event in Boca. Multi-location.

On Long Island the sun broke through by late afternoon, but even if it kept raining the weather posed no obstacle. About 300 alumni gathered to catch up and celebrate in New York, and another 60 met up at the Pavilion Grill in Boca, with the two parties in constant contact with one another. Alumni in New York received an extra treat as Tito Batista '72 former bandleader for Conan O'Brien, performed an extended set with alumni band Kamellot, featuring our alumni Alan Levy, Suzanne Levy, Gary Morganstern and fellow Merokean, Elliott Negrin, as the sun went down behind them.

The event was free, but we asked for a small donation at the door, all proceeds of which are being used to fund the Association's scholarship awards. We also sold association clothing and several alumni purchased bricks for our Walk of Recognition fundraiser and grounds beautification project.

The multi-year, multi-school, multi-location format attracted so much interest and worked so well that we plan to do it again next year and add at least one more location -- California. Alumni can call for help setting up their own simultaneous events. We hope to see you then!



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Sept 2 2014 JFK Football Team Mini Reunion at Rothmans  
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