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COUGAR WALK OF RECOGNITION

Every year thousands of JFK alumni, students and friends enter the JFK complex for athletic events and community activities. The "Cougar Walk of Recognition" will be a highly visible and a permanent testimony to the community's loyalty to JFK.

Be part of the Buy A Brick Fundraiser. Purchase a brick engraved with your special message. You may want to consider a brick to honor the memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special event or accomplishment or to commemorate your family and each of your children. Companies/businesses, organizations, clubs, teams, faculty past and present, and JFK alumni may wish to support the walkway with a customized brick displaying their names.

Congratulate your child on his or her graduation !
See page 2 for the brick order form options.



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COUGAR WALK OF RECOGNITION

DONOR BRICK ORDER FORM



Choose the size brick(s) you would like to purchase and fill in the spaces exactly as you want the engraving to appear, with your own wording or you may have the brick labeled as follows:

In Memory of, Congratulations, Business / Organization, Name of Class, The __ Family, Team Accomplishment, Name—Class of__ & or Club/Sports Award, Name Type of Teacher years xx-xx

- All engraving will be done in upper-case (CAPITAL LETTERS) regardless of how it is printed on this form
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We request payment by July 1, 2014, but the **absolute deadline for payment** is August 1, 2014 to be included in the 1st phase of this project to be completed October 2014. Phase 2 will be next year. This first phase is open to all JFK 11th graders (class of 2015) and the 12 grade (graduating class of 2014) all past and present faculty, teachers and staff, all clubs and organizations, all JFK Alumni and their families and to any business or corporation.

Make your check payable to: Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc.

We are a registered 501 (C) (3) charitable organization and your payment is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You may drop off this form and your check in an envelope at the main office or mail it to :

Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. c/o John F Kennedy High School 3000 Bellmore Avenue Bellmore NY 11710

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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 the following for John F. Kennedy High School:

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

SENIOR CLASS GIFT

AFTER PROM BREAKFAST

SUPPORT ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

JOINT STUDENT EVENTS WITH JFK STUDENT GOV INCLUDING AN ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

WORK CLOSELY WITH THE JFK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF BELLMORE-MERRICK COUNCIL OF PTAs AND SUPPORT DISTRICT POST PROM PARTY

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL SITE-BASED TEAM MEMBER

ATTEND MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS TO KEEP ALL PARENTS INFORMED

MEMBER OF THE BMCHSD CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!

Class Representatives Needed

&

Reunion Planning

We need a representative from each of the graduating classes since 1968.

Class Reps will be a major contact point between our alumni and our Alumni Associations' .

They will keep in touch with their classmates through newsletters, email, Facebook, etc.

They also will report all address changes to our Registrar and seek to find missing classmates.

They will take the lead to get the ball rolling for reunions for your class year with help from the Alumni Association.

If you are willing to become the Class Rep for your year of graduation please contact us at

Rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org



Dear JFK Alumni,

May 2014

Greetings from COUGAR NATION! Once again, it is my privilege to extend warm wishes to you on behalf of the Kennedy administration. I continue to be amazed at the growth of the Alumni Association in a brief three years and am pleased at the depth of involvement of those who serve on the executive board. I know that great things are to come!

Numerous events have been held that have allowed alumni to re-ignite friendships and reminisce about their high school experiences. The trips down memory lane have been exhilarating! We have so much to celebrate as both a school and as a community. In the fall, several hundred alumni gathered at Mulcahy's in Wantagh for a multi-year reunion. It was a wonderful night and we hope that another reunion will be planned next year.

Under the leadership of Alumni Association president, Dr. Gary Morganstern '73, members of the association have become a real presence at many of our school events and programs. Alumni Association executive board members were seen at our Back to School Night, Parent-Teacher Conference Nights and Jam the Gym Athletic Programs. Additionally, Kennedy High School's first Community Health Fair became a partnership between the Kennedy Science Department and the Alumni Association: more than twenty of the fifty participants were physicians and health care providers who graduated from Kennedy High School! What a great night for our present students and their families and what a privilege it was to be able to welcome back so many of our accomplished alumni, who shared their experiences about their chosen professions and career opportunities. Many of these practitioners also agreed to serve as mentors to present students through our "Senior Experience Program." Plans are already being discussed to partner with our alumni for a career fair next year.

In this newsletter you will find exciting information regarding upgrades to the physical plant of Kennedy High School, which now is 48 years young. Thanks to community support, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DeTommaso and the Board of Education are moving forward with a five year plan to upgrade facilities and programs in all of our schools. The last time this community voted on a Bond was in the early 1960's---which was to fund the construction of a brand new high school in South Bellmore--which as you know is your own alma mater! We are all looking forward to seeing how these upgrades will not only enhance the physical appearance of the buildings, but also how they will provide our students with the tools they need to continue to excel in all areas.

Finally, plans are currently underway 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....just a little under a year away. This wonderful program provides this administration with the opportunity to recognize both outstanding graduates of Kennedy and several teachers who inspired them along the way. Information on nominating someone for consideration, as well as important dates are included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful celebration....more details will be provided in the coming months.

I certainly hope that you enjoy reading the articles in this newsletter and that you can find the time to participate in the many alumni functions that are being planned. I look forward to meeting you at a future event.

GO COUGARS !
Eileen Connolly
JFK Assistant Principal



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Be A Benefactor

May 2014

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is an honor and a privilege as the founding members of the Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. (The official Bellmore JFK High School's Alumni Association) 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
- Ran reunion events attended by over 350 alumni and another with 400 plus
- Published a directory with over 18,000 alumni names
- Held a fundraiser for a memorial scholarship in honor of a local alumni businessman
- Produced alumni clothing
- Launched a website, a twitter page, a Linked-In site, and a Facebook timeline
- We have sponsored many various school programs
- We are presently working on a walk of honor brick walkway

Visit our website for other news and updates. Our website is 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.**

Benefactor Level Checks May Be Made Payable & Mailed to:

Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc.

c/o John F Kennedy High School

3000 Bellmore Avenue

Bellmore, NY 11710

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- ☉ **Bronze Benefactor Membership** - \$2,500.00
- ☉ **Silver Benefactor Membership** - \$5,000.00
- ☉ **Gold Benefactor Membership** - \$10,000.00
- ☉ **Platinum Benefactor Membership**- \$25,000.00 and up



Thank You

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*Ben Sather & Dan Arkow
Led Kennedy Wrestling
This Past Season,
Earning All-County Honors*

KENNEDY COUGAR WRESTLING 2014 “THE TRADITION CONTINUES”

Coach DeGaetano

The wrestling team finished the 2014 season with an 8-8-1 record. The team finished strong, qualifying 10 wrestlers to the Nassau County Wrestling Championships. Roman Esposito, Ben Sather, Dan Arkow, Aydin Kessler, Anthony Lanzano, Vinny Bagnasco, Dan Elegante, Matt Shane, Matt Schwartz and Jack Krug earned All-Conference honors. Ben Sather & Dan Arkow led the charge for the Cougars at the County Championships as they both placed 3rd in their respective weight classes earning All-County Honors. Senior Ben Sather will continue his wrestling career at SUNY Oswego, while Arkow, (only a Junior) will be the top returning wrestler in his weight class next season. This year's team was the youngest team Coach DeGaetano has had in his 20 years at Kennedy High School. Twenty of the forty wrestlers on the final roster were freshman! Needless to say the best is yet to come for Cougar Wrestling .



2013 JFK Boys Volleyball

Dennis Ringel

The Kennedy Boys Volleyball Team followed up their 2012 New York State Championship with a second place New York State finish and a second consecutive Long Island Championship in 2013. The team dominated Nassau County opponents going a perfect 19-0 in matches and a perfect 57-0 in sets. Kennedy defeated Long Beach 3-0 to win their 5th Nassau County Championship in the past 6 years and then went on to sweep Sayville 3-0 in the Long Island Finals. They persevered through the New York State pool play rounds to reach the State finals, where they were defeated by a strong Victor team (Section 5). Individual accolades include: Rick Calia, Evan Goloder were all-conference; Frankie Galiano and Justin Ganca were named All County Honorable Mention; Gary Anderson (third time), Justin Feigeles (second time), and Andrew Sheehan were named All County. Additionally, Justin Feigeles was named to both the All Long Island First Team and All New York State Team. Gary Anderson was honored as the Nassau County MVP for the second time, All New York State for the second time, and was named the Long Island Player of the Year by Newsday. Both Gary and Justin were recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association with their placement on the High School All American Watch List.



Kennedy Varsity Cheerleading

By: Coach Mallory Cogen

This year, the Kennedy Varsity Cheerleaders had an amazing and successful season. With new uniforms and new members to the squad, the girls were excited to see what the season had in store. With a difficult routine filled with stunts, tumbling, dancing and cheering, the girls were given every opportunity to bring out the best of their ability. While it is a cheerleader's job to cheer at football and basketball games, the real motivation is competition. It did not matter how much the girls practiced and cheered on the sidelines, it all came down to their performance on the competition mat. Year after year, the girls are taken to many competitions including Valley Stream North's Annual Cheerleading Competition where we placed 1st in 2010 and 2011 and LICCA (Long Island Cheerleading Coaches Association) where we have yet to receive a trophy until now).

Cheerleading routines are judged based on criteria such as routine difficulty, stunting, tumbling, jumps, execution, crowd appeal, and creativity. To a spectator's eye, it would be shocking to see a team with such sharpness and precision to not receive a trophy. As flawless as the team might have looked in most of the scored areas, tumbling and difficulty were always missing. Since my 1st year coaching in 2009, I along with the JV coach Kelly Wehle have been determined to not only build their skills but to build the cheerleading program to be a force to be reckoned with.

With all the obstacles that the team had faced, the team rose to the occasion and did not let those obstacles overtake them. Each practice, the team worked hard, had a good time, and pushed themselves to become better. In January, the girls went to their only competition of the season at Bethpage High School. Unlike every other year, the routine finally had qualities that my past years was missing, the difficulty and tumbling. When times were tough, this kept the girls motivated because we FINALLY had a chance to place at a LICCA competition!

The girls performed a great routine and like every year, they spilled their hearts onto the mat and shined. After the 2 minute and 30 second routine was over, it was all up to the judges. As we were sitting on the mat waiting for the awards to be announced, no one knew if we placed or not. A tie for 4th place was called. After hearing those words, I just knew, my girls did it. They called another teams name that was not ours, then after a long pause "and the other 4th place trophy goes to... Bellmore-JFK." If I could express the feeling that was going through my body when I heard our schools name being called, I couldn't. Watching my team screaming, jumping and crying from happiness was one of the best feelings a coach could witness. It might have been just 4th place, but to my team, it was like winning 1st place at nationals and that moment will be something that my team will never forget. After 5 years of long and hard work, finally Bellmore-JFK took a trophy home from a LICCA competition. Being a part of a team is about making memories that will last a lifetime and doing the very best you can, not about winning, but finally my team has something to show for all the blood, sweat and tears during practice. Although 10 amazing and talented seniors are graduating this year, they have set the bar high and it is exciting to see what the future has in store for Kennedy Varsity Cheerleading in years to come!

HOW TO PLAN A REUNION

Form a Committee

Call local classmates to form a planning committee. For help the JFK Alumni Association can provide a list of local classmates, including addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, where available.

If you are not successful in finding enough volunteers, place a notice on our JFK Alumni Facebook page, or send email to your classmates who have registered on Classmates.Com. Stress that if there are no volunteers there will be no reunion.

Even classmates who are not local can participate by helping to find missing classmates, working on souvenirs, putting together a reunion booklet, or helping with computer tasks.

Preliminary Steps

Contact the Webmaster of the Alumni Association to post a similar announcement on the JFK Alumni web site.

Hold a meeting of that committee to make basic decisions:

- The date(s) that would be acceptable.
- What would be included - dinner/dance, cocktail party, brunch, something at JFK, gathering at someone's home, etc.
- An acceptable price range.
- Suggested locations for the activities. Then assign people to check on those places discussed as possibilities: their availability, the price, and what it includes, for example open bar vs cash bar, choices of food, cash advance, and deadlines. The preliminaries can be done over the phone.
- Get a mailing out to your classmates with at least the basic information of date and an idea of what will be planned. You may want to solicit suggestions to get them involved as well. You will need addresses of missing classmates, so include that list in the mailing. It's also nice to include a membership form for the Alumni Association. At some point you will probably want to open a checking account.
- At your next meeting decide what place(s) you will use, the exact date(s), and what price you will need to charge. Keep in mind your expenses for several mailings; printing a reunion program with list of classmates; decorations; cost of invited guest(s), such as your class advisor; music; etc. How often the committee meets depends on available time and need to discuss; the telephone can substitute for some needs, but the first two meetings pretty much have to be done as a group.

Mailings (you're best off with supplying us with all your email contact info and we will also email information from our database.)

The first mailing is your "early warning" to alert your classmates so they can make plans. If you do not have a specific date, at least give an idea such as "Spring 2015."

The second mailing will give specific information. By then you should know the exact date and cost, have suggestions on lodging, and you may want at this time to include a questionnaire or even ask for upfront money for the reunion. If you ask people to pay in advance be sure that you tell them a cut-off date by which time they can get a refund if they find that they cannot attend.

If you want a response to questions or money solicitation be sure to include an self-addressed envelope. You will have a very low response if you do not enclose an envelope.

The number of mailings will vary according to need and time available. The final mailing should include specific directions to the various activities, and may be to all classmates or only those indicating their attendance.

Search for Classmates, an Ongoing Project

Assign one person to coordinate this project, although you may have many people working on it.

From your yearbook, graduation programs, etc. make a full list of all your classmates, including those who were in your class but may have not graduated. A computer will be helpful for keeping track of everything.

From the Alumni Association get the addresses available for your class.

Begin contacting people to find your missing classmates. It is much more efficient and inexpensive to make this contact by phone. A short phone call will quickly determine whether the contact can provide the address you want. You can make many short phone calls for the price of one postage stamp, and you get an immediate answer.

From our experience, most people do not respond to inquiries by mail!!! When making your calls be sure to start by identifying yourself as calling for the JFK class of XX, and say why you're calling.

Be sure to inform the Alumni Association of all addresses you find so we can keep our database up-to-date for you. This is important. Send all changes, including phone numbers and email addresses to Rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org



SUGGESTIONS FOR HAVING A REUNION

Organize a great reunion easily (and inexpensively) by drawing on us for help. We can provide:

- **address lists** of classmates from our database.
- **guidance in finding your missing classmates** utilizing our database for siblings.
- **guide to organizing a reunion** with sample letters. Pirate clipart too!
- **publicity** on our web site and publications.

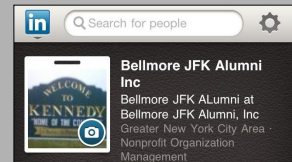
The value of multiple activities:

Dinner dance with wives; or golf, cocktail party, pool party, and as examples dinner.

Reunion weekend to include some of the following in addition to the dinner/dance:

- Friday night get together at local pub/hotel/classmate's house.
- Reunion booklet with addresses, photos, and bios.
- Displays of memorabilia & yearbooks.
- Coordination of reunion with Homecoming Weekend or Bellmore, N.Merrick Street Festival.
- Caravan down to Jones Beach and picnic.
- Visit the *Castles in the Sand* Museum at Jones Beach.
- Alumni Choir appearance.
- Sunday picnic at a local park.
- Tour of Bellmore/Merrick.
- Souvenir T-shirts, caps, mugs, sweatshirts sold by JFK Alumni Association, PTA, sports boosters, or classes.

Contact our webmaster for more guidance.



Young Alumni & Social Media Committee

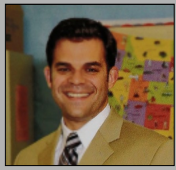
My name is Daniel Roubicek and I am the newly appointed **Young Alumni Co-Chairman** and co-webmaster for the alumni website along with all the social media for the Alumni Association's Young Alumni. I started my own online marketing company 8 months ago and we specialize in custom websites and all the online marketing that goes along with it (SEO,SEM,PPC.)

One day I walked into Dr. Morganshtern's office and we got to talking about the alumni association and how I could possibly help them out. JFK High School helped groom me into the person I am today, so I always wanted to give back to the community. We are currently in the process of a very exciting project and we want to get all the alumni and **YOUNG ALUMNI** from Bellmore JFK involved. We are setting up a networking group for all of the past alumni/and new young alumni to get together so we can help each other out when it comes to networking and finding a job in this tough economy. It is very important for us to help out our family (alumni) and make sure we are giving back to the community when we can. **If anyone would be interested in helping us out or if you have any questions you can email me at DRoubicek11@gmail.com or give me a call at 516-644-3470.** Your help would be greatly appreciated. The new, updated website for the alumni association has a special area for THE YOUNG ALUMNI (recent grads) and our facebook page has a separate group page for YOUNG ALUMNI NETWORKING.

Sincerely,

Dan Roubicek (Class of 2005)

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The Senior Experience at JFK



Brad Seidman

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

Over the years, students had the opportunity to work with **JFK Alumni** professionals like Bob Pizzimenti at Wells Fargo, Kenny Dichter at Cirrus Fitness, Don Krieff at Neurological Surgery PC, Steven Drury at Beyond Fitness, and Jennifer Meshkow at Lakeside School.

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

Recently, Andrew Bank, a member of the Class of 2007, wrote me the following testimonial about his Senior Experience internship, “The inaugural Senior Experience Program helped me develop professional relationships and skills which molded my academic interests and made me a stronger candidate for a variety of summer internships. It made me significantly more comfortable in collaborative environments and helped guide my course selections to reflect the specific sides of the industry that intrigued me most. Before taking part in the program, I had never worked in a corporate environment. The daily grind of commuting and working outside my comfort zone helped me evolve and mature. I learned how to assist executives and determine how/when to be assertive in a creative environment. The program helped condition me to work even harder, and I'm forever grateful for the accelerated professional growth it afforded me.”

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, please call me at 516-992-1454 or e-mail me at bseidman@bmchsd.k12.ny.us.



Music & Entertainment Committee

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.

I hope to hear back from you soon.

Ben Abruzzo Class of 1973

Music & Entertainment Chairmen

Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. Board Member

The Kamellot band is a Long Island Cover Band. Kamellot's repertoire includes music from the 1960's to present. Band members include JFK Alumni: "Ben Phillip" Abruzzo/1973, Alan Levy/1976, Dana Rayne/1997 and Gary Morganstern/1973. Other band members include: Elliot Negrin, Dan Dimaina, Alyson Gordon, Shawn Murray, Ed Lesco, and Steve Finkelstein. Ben is a Medical School graduate who now works in the Financial Division of a NYC Hospital; Gary is a Dentist in Merrick; Alan is an Editor; Alyson is a medical supplies salesperson; Elliot is in the clothing import business; Dan does reverse mortgages; Shawn and Ed are full time musicians; Dana is a salesperson with Wine & Spirits and Steve is a Teacher. Kamellot has been in existence for a little over a year, and has already become one of the most sought after bands on LI. Watch out for Kamellot this summer at Hudson's on the Freeport Nautical Mile, and at the Maliblue in Lido Beach.

Schedule Spring & Summer 2014

Starting time 7:45

- May 17 Hudson's
- May 30 Hudson's
- June 6 Hudson's
- June 15 Maliblue
- June 26 Hudson's
- July 5 Hudson's
- July 26 Hudson's- with "Sugar Hill Gang"
- Aug 3 Maliblue *Singles Mingle Multi Year Reunion Event 68-88 with JFK, Calhoun & Mephram Alumni (see page 24)*
- Aug 15 Hudson's
- Aug.31 Maliblue

MaliBlue Oyster Bar Lido Beach 1500 Lido Blvd, Lido Beach, NY

Hudson's on the Mile 340 Woodcleft Ave, Freeport, NY

JFK Musicians Dates & Venue Performances

Acoustically Correct Rick Laban and Matt Krohn both class of 1975.

Friday April 25th - Jack Halyard's Oyster Bay

Saturday May 3rd - Palmer's Farmingdale

Thursday May 15th - Savoy Tavern Merrick

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 the JFK and put MUSIC in the subject line. Bellmorejfk1@gmail.com



CAMPUS TO RECEIVE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

Kennedy High School opened in September 1966 to meet the needs of the ever growing population of students in the Bellmores and the Merricks. In order to build the new school, the Board of Education floated a BOND, which would allow them to borrow monies for construction, which would be paid back over a period of years. That was forty-eight years ago.

This year, realizing that all of the buildings in the district were aging (despite best efforts to maintain the facilities) the Board of Education and the Central Administration went out to the community, to ask for their support to begin a massive upgrading of not only buildings, but to enhance the educational initiatives as well.

With the support of the residents, the BOND passed and a multi-year plan was established. This will have a significant impact on both the physical structure and programs at Kennedy High School. Among the areas that will receive immediate attention at Kennedy will be the refurbishing of the gymnasium floor, an up-grade to security (including the installation of numerous additional cameras), and the installation of a synthetic turf field. These items are being completed first, as they do not require plumbing, heating or electrical, and need minimal approval from the State Education Department.

The next phase of the project will include the construction of new science labs, enhanced cost-saving lighting, the installation of a new heating/air-conditioning unit (HVAC), reconstruction of building bathrooms, and the renovation of the Home and Careers room, which will ultimately serve as the “home” to a district-wide culinary arts program.

These exciting multi-year projects will ensure that Kennedy students will continue to have the facilities they need (in a safe environment) to continue to shine and excel in all areas. Watch for future updates!





Hi Fellow Alumni,

This past year we reinstated the parent organization known as Sports Boosters. We have grown from 8 members to over 130. We established both Facebook—JFK Sports Boosters ([www.facebook.com/#!/JFK Sports Booster](http://www.facebook.com/#!/JFKSportsBooster)) and Twitter accounts. Our Twitter feed reports all the school's sports teams scores and highlights. We have raised money for scholarships and to support our teams and these are some of our accomplishments this year. (JFKSportsBoosters@JFKSportBooster)

- Banners for the Soccer teams
- Painting Football Field for select games
- Selling merchandise and food at games.
- New chairs for Basketball, Volleyball, or any of the indoor activities.
- Jam the Gym, a half court shot where one person (non Basketball player) can win a lottery to take one shot for \$10,000 prize.
- Paid for a dinner for our Volleyball team while they were away at States.
- Comedy Night at the Brokerage in Bellmore.
- Most recently we helped Boys Lacrosse and Boys Baseball.

Lastly, we are a 501(C) (3) tax exempt organization so any contribution is tax deductible. *(Be sure to contact your tax advisor)* We hope to continue to grow and add members next year. With the help of the Alumni Association we have a great group of role models to follow.

Thanks
Bob Pizzimenti
President Sports Boosters



JFK, Calhoun & Mepham Alumni Reunion - Singles Event—NY & Florida

If you're divorced, widowed or single ... We're putting this event together for you !

JFK classes of 1968 through 1988, and we are opening this up to the 1966-1988 Mepham & Calhoun grads that are single since many of you went to Elementary & Junior High together. **Date is August 3rd 2014** starting at 7:00 at **MaliBlue Oyster Bar in Lido Beach** Long Island. Live Music ! We are also going to do the same event in Florida, same night and time. **"The Pavilion Grille" in Boca Raton FL, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton FL 33431.** The concept is: if you're single, separated, divorced or widowed you would come to this event. We request that you bring a single friend of yours with you, the more the merrier, but you may come alone as well.

If you are going to come to this event, **Please Register** by clicking this link:

http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org/upcoming_events

See page 24 for additional information about registration !

www.bellmorejfkalumni.org

Hall Of Fame 2015



John F. Kennedy High School
Bellmore, New York



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 October 31, 2014.

Selected candidates will be notified in December 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:

April 2014 Call for nominations. Applications available on Kennedy High School website:
www.bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us (click on Kennedy High School) and on alumni website.

October 31, 2014 Deadline for submission of nomination application and supporting documentation.

December 1, 2014 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

www.bellmorejfkalumni.org

**John F. Kennedy High School
Bellmore, New York
Hall of Fame Nomination Sheet**



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): _____

Please provide information pertaining to extraordinary community or family service:

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 October 31, 2014. Inductees will be announced by December 1, 2014. Hall of Fame Ceremony/Dinner will be held in early March 2015.

Sponsor Recommendation: _____

Sponsor Name: (Print) _____

Sponsor Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ e-mail: _____



FAMOUS, SUCCESSFUL, LOCAL JFK ALUMNI, AND OTHERS WITH INTERESTING JOBS & CAREERS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Merrick & Bellmore High Schools, have been the foundation of education to many world renowned and famous people that have made a difference. Some from Kennedy and others from Calhoun & Mepham. Some of these JFK alumni have been inducted into the Kennedy High School Hall of Fame.

Here are some of JFK's alumni that you might want to know about ;

Michael Kors, fashion designer; Paul Krugman, economist, Princeton University Professor, and columnist for The New York Times, and Nobel Prize Winner in economics; Spencer Eig, attorney for Elian Gonzales; Doug Ellin, creator of Entourage; Bill Freiberger, Emmy-Nominated writer and producer of The Simpsons, The PJs, and Drawn Together; Steve Levy, host of ESPN Sports Center; Scott Lipsky, tennis player; Adam Schefter, ESPN football analyst; Jason Smilovic, writer and producer; Steven Walfish, Global QARA Statistician at GE Healthcare; Harry A. Goodman, Engineering Director, Exelon Corporation; Colonel Steven D. Hunte, USA (Ret.) is the most decorated wrestler in the history of Kennedy High School and assistant Wrestling Coach at USMA at West Point; Artie Kempner, "Gators" football squad, USA Network – Director of US Open Tennis, FOX Sports Director for the NFL, NASCAR, NHL, Director of Super Bowl XXXIX and XLII, Eight Time Sports Emmy Winner, Founder and Past President of Autism Society of Delaware; Joan Littman Landry, First female from JFK to attend and graduate from the USMA at West Point; Larry Scott, graduate of Harvard College, -Professional Tennis Player (ATP Circuit)-Commissioner of NCAA PAC-12 Conference; Kenny Dichter, founder of companies: Alphabet City, Marquis Jet; Jonathan Fish, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Advertising Council, Gold Medalist-1986 Goodwill Games, Russia, Olympian in Seoul, Korea 1988; Lori E. Horowitz Moran, Chief Counsel, Nassau County Board of Supervisors, Chief Prosecutor for Child Abuse, Nassau County, Chief of Operations for Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta; Eileen Korey, Recipient of six EMMY Awards, Recognizing Excellence in News and Public Service Reporting, Two-Time winner of the UPI United Press International News Leader Award; Arthur Pitts, Supervisor, Town of Babylon; George E. Manaskie, Graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Commanding Officer of U.S.S. Bergall Submarine; Dr Thomas Pappas, Cardiology- St Francis-Roslyn, The Heart Hospital; David Bernstein, CFO of Carnival Cruise Lines; Dr Wayne Gersoff, team physician for the Colorado Rockies; Dr Ellen Gendler Salik, famous Dermatologist; Dr Jonathan A Haas, Winthrop University Hospital, Chief of Radiation Oncology; Dr Alan Spinowitz, Mohs Surgeon, (recently passed away); Lewis Gould, Director Law and Order TV Series. JFK's; Lisa Belkin, NY Times columnist and Huffington Post Correspondent; Robert Marcus class of '83 is the CEO of Time Warner; Steven Lutvak '76 is a Broadway show writer and producer; Pro Boxer Larry Stanton, '69, who fought Olympic gold medalist Howard Davis on NBC's fight of the week; Guitarists Bruce DeSousa & Richard Macaluso; Mark Johnson & Wendy Waldman song writers; Scott Zinewski who is in India working with the poor and homeless along with Mitch Markowitz, writer of "Good Morning Vietnam" are all from JFK. Laurie Lennard David 1975, Producer and Author Produced "An Inconvenient Truth"; Corey Kaplan (Class of 1977) Emmy nominated Production Designer for "X-files" and "Cold Case". Currently Production Designer for "Scandal"; Lyle Phillips-Cogen: Parents' Choice Award Winning Performing Artist/Educator. (continued on next page)



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FAMOUS, SUCCESSFUL, LOCALS JFK ALUMNI,
AND OTHERS WITH INTERESTING JOBS & CAREERS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Doug Dean, JFK 69', started acting in Miss Alverze class, he has spent 40 years in Hollywood as a 1st Assistant Director, on such feature films as from Rambo III to The Day The Earth Stood Still, TV movies from The North & The South, The Blue & The Grey, TV Series, ER & Star Trek the Next Generation; Paul Ginsberg the only JFK grad that we know of that is a US Navy SEAL (BUDS), JFK class of 1985. BUD/S class 171; Robert Russell, 1970, served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1971 till 1977. Made rank of Sgt.

Michael Lublin, 1980, has dressed many famous people including Sarah Jessica Parker, Nicole Richie, models Agyness Deyn, Jessica Miller, Angie Lindvall, Claudia Schiffer, Naomi Campbell and Stephanie Seymour, actresses Uma Thurman and Frances McDormand, Yaya, Callie Thorne and musicians like Britney Spears, Joss Stone, Janet Jackson, Alicia Keys, Liz Phair, Rob (Matchbox 20) and Marisol Thomas, Little Steven Van Zandt, 'Lil Kim, Jill Scott, Kelly Clarkson, Ledisi and of course our favorite Paris Hilton. Robyn Wolaner, 1971, former Publisher of both Time and Sunset magazines and author of "Naked in the Boardroom."; Barry Yeoman, JFK '78, widely published journalism professor at Duke, I believe. Writes a fair amount about preserving delta zydeco music and blues, lots of other stuff; Steve Lutvak's show on Broadway <http://www.agentlemanguidebroadway.com/?gclid=CN37z4-5oLkCFYuk4AodoUwAgA>

Also the number of MDs (and other medical professionals) from class of '76 is TNTC: Ira Nash - Cardiologist, CMO and Sr. VP Mt Sinai in NY his brother David, class of '73, MD, MBA, Internist, Dean, Jefferson Medical College School of Population Health; David H. Berger MD, MCHC- Surgeon, CMO/VP at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston TX; Francesca Gany, MD, MS - Chief, Immigrant Health and Cancer Disparities Service, Memorial Sloan Kettering and one of Oprah's Phenomenal Women: Angel in America (July 2001) <http://www.oprah.com/spirit/Phenomenal-Woman-Francesca-Gany>; Fern Berman Karhu owner of Realty Connect USA, JFK class of 1971, 2013 class of Long Island's Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business, which recognizes the significant contributions of women professionals to the region's economy and to the communities in which they live; Brian Doyle, JFK, class of '74. Successful published author of many short stories and 2 novels (Mink River and Cat's Foot), Editor of University of Portland Alumni magazine and all publications. Here's a recording of him reading his story after 9/11/01. This story has been preserved in the 9/11 Memorial in NY. Some powerful stuff. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mJ_jkkVRQo

Others from Merrick but not JFK; Lenny Bruce comedian and Roone Arledge founder of Wide World of Sports and actor George Kennedy were all from Mephram. Ben Cohen & Jerry Greenfield, Debbie Gibson and the Lohans were from Calhoun. The actor Ed Begley Jr and Richard Kessel from LIPA are both from Merrick as well.

If you know of others please forward write-up to us with year of graduation and small bio and we will include them in our next alumni newsletter. Please ONLY EMAIL info, Rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org

Larry Stanton
JFK 1969





Written by Steve Wunderlich, a JFK Alumni, that participated in and supported the 1st JFK Health Fair

PREVAIL was created by *Dustin Wunderlich* after he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia on December 9, 2008, for the purpose of helping others **PREVAIL** when faced with a similar journey. Dustin’s vision and hope is to help others like himself, affected with blood disease, to ease their emotional and financial stresses so they are able to take their positive strengths toward healing themselves. PREVAIL has and will continue to help patients and their families navigate through the many months of difficult treatments in and outside of medical facilities and guide them around all the painful side effects with helpful advice. *We lived the journey and have so much to share.* Coupled with this, PREVAIL’S hope is to **educate and bring awareness** for the great need for donations of blood and platelets.

PREVAIL is committed to facilitate more bone marrow drives to register more bone marrow donors to the national registry. Currently, more than 10,000 patients need transplants and over 70 percent rely on a perfect stranger to donate. Please help us increase the chances to potentially save lives. Our prayer is to help bring more victories to these battles on every level, spiritually, emotionally, and ultimately physically.

My name is Steve Wunderlich and I am a 1971 graduate of JFK and was part of the best wrestling team in Nassau County, helped the soccer team win many games, spent my college days at C.W. Post and owned my own business for 27 years. I continue to stay connected to our great high school as a member of our school’s Alumni Association. After all the things I have been involved in over the years since graduating, I am now the Executive Director of PREVAIL and finally I’ve found my real passion with a purpose that is driving me to work harder with more personal satisfaction than ever before.

We are very proud of some of the work PREVAIL has been able to accomplish in the short time already. In March of 2010, we helped set a goal for transportation issues at the Stony Brook Cancer Center. We initiated their fleet of vehicles to transport patients to their needed outpatient treatments, who had limited means of getting there on their own. We started by facilitating the donation of a mini bus from We Transportation Inc. and recently in 2013, PREVAIL donated a car in the memory of PREVAIL’S founder, our dear son Dustin and his Grandfather Nat, my dad. Presently, Stony Brook Cancer Center has a weekly transportation schedule that enables many patients to receive their life saving outpatient treatments in a timely safe fashion.

To date, PREVAIL has helped bring in excess of three thousand donors added to the National Bone Marrow Registry. In particular, Stony Brook University in 2009, was our first drive done with Dustin and his buddy Alex, who were the poster boys. We had a successful three day drive that spanned the hospital side, university side as well as the cancer center. We added just under a thousand donors. Since then SBU, through much relentless prodding on my and PREVAIL’S part had a second successful bone marrow donor drive in November 2012. That drive would be the last drive that Dustin hosted with his very “old soul” wise words that in one day produced a record 867 donors to the registry. Better yet, those donors to date matched five donors to patients in need that have received a lifesaving bone marrow transplant. In this way, Dustin still PREVAILS, he has potentially saved many lives with his efforts and mission, as it continues now through us.

PREVAIL continues Dustin’s mission to reach the young minds and hearts of those just starting their journey in life, those young adults attending colleges and universities here on Long Island and beyond. Our goal is to accomplish and mirror what we have at Stony Brook University, to have an annual bone marrow drive that will educate and build the registry with wonderful young people signing on. The growth of this potential lifesaving list of kind souls who will donate a small part of themselves is imperative to saving many more lives in the future.

PREVAIL needs your help, if you have anyone that would be interested in organizing a bone marrow registry drive at their school, we would love to hear from them. Please visit our web site at www.2prevail.org to learn more about Prevail and stay up-to-date on all the programs Prevail plans in the future.

Steve Wunderlich, JFK 1971
Prevail Inc.
Executive Director
steve@2prevail.org
631.374.6218



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Kennedys First Annual Health Fair

On Tuesday, March 18, 2014 John F. Kennedy High School students, teachers and alumni came together to participate in a community health and career fair sponsored by the JFK Science Department and Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. (*Alumni Association*)

Students had the opportunity to interview over 60 healthcare professionals including our very own alumni: Dr. Jay Fishbein (Periodontist), Ms. Beth Josephson (EAC Alternatives for Youths), Mr. Amir Lamdan (Training for Warriors), Dr. Gary Morganstern (Dentist), Dr. Michael Moskowitz (Internist), Dr. Jordan Rush (Gastroenterologist), Dr. Aren Skolnick (Endocrinologist), Dr. Lawrence Tesser (Podiatrist), Dr. Harry Tsotsos (Orthodontist) and Mr. Steve Wunderlich (Prevail).

The night began at 5:00 as the healthcare professionals came to set up and have dinner prior to the event. By 5:15, the Medical Scrabble Tournament Fundraiser for the Cohen Children's Medical Center was underway. Out of sixty-four players, the winning team was comprised of Nicholas Braccio (JFK Senior) and Mr. Paul Cirino (JFK Teacher). At 6:00, the doors opened and excitement filled the air.

Hundreds of people were actively engaged at the health fair partaking in lung function tests, AED training, surgical simulations, exercise challenges by Training for Warriors, blood pressure screening, massages, and so much more. John F. Kennedy's Gourmet Foods class ran their own table offering healthy samples and recipes, the JFK Key Club had sign-ups for the Blood Drive that took place on March 27 and the JFK Advanced Science Research program had students sharing their medical research. JFK senior, Brandon Swartz said, "It was a fun and educational experience that opened my eyes to all sorts of professions in the health field. I hope I can give back as an alumni in the future." Dr. Gary Morganstern, said, "Overall, the event was a huge success. Hopefully this is just the beginning of a Kennedy tradition where alumni encourage students to be healthier individuals and pursue careers in the health field." At the end of the evening, a \$1,700 check was presented to NS- LIJ.



JFK Alumni:
Dan Roubicek, Steve Wunderlich, Beth Josephson



Barbie Frank, Dr. Gary Morganstern, Howard Kaden



Alumni Association Funds Scholarships for High School

Some of the funds raised at the September 2013 Multi-Year Reunion will be distributed in June 2014.

The following organizations and teams at JFK will be presenting Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc scholarship checks, on behalf of the Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. and that organization and team;

We are looking for all the past Staff, Teachers, Advisors, Coaches from Bellmore JFK High School. If you are, or have been in contact with, or have any contact info for these past JFK staff... Please forward any information to Ms. Eileen Connolly Asst. Principal JFK econnol@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us

PTA	4 scholarships @ \$ 200 ea
Sports Boosters	2 scholarships @ \$ 250 ea
Music Boosters	1 scholarship @ \$ 50
Wrestling Team	1 scholarship @ \$ 250
School Sprit 1980	1 scholarship @ \$ 250



To become a member and join the Alumni Association, please go to this site:

: http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org/membership_registration



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



JFK Alum Donates Wedding Gifts in Honor of her late husband (JFK grad) To set up Scholarship fund in his memory !

The Alumni Association would like to send best wishes to Susan Director (Susan Kronen JFK 1974) and Barry Berg on their wedding . Susan a JFK alum, had been married to another JFK alum, Jimmy Director (1972 grad) and he passed away a few years back. Susan, along with her family has set up The Jimmy Director Scholarship Fund, for the benefit of JFK students in Jimmy's memory. Susan & Barry have requested of their friends and family that their wedding gifts (checks), be made out to The Bellmore JFK Alumni Association for the benefit of "The Jimmy Director Scholarship Fund". We have been receiving many checks in honor of their wedding and in Jimmy's memory. Thank You Susan & Barry for your kind and generous contributions !! All these funds will go towards the benefit of JFK students and scholarships .

If you would like to start & fund a scholarship in honor of a past loved one, or JFK alum, or become a benefactor of the Alumni Association in someone's honor, please contact the Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. (JFK Alumni Association) at the below email address and we will help you.

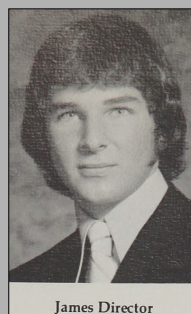
We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and contributions are tax deductible to the extent the law allows. Please include your name and telephone number and best time to contact you, so that we may reach you.

Thank You

The Scholarship Committee

Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc.

rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org



James Director



Susan Kronen



Barry & Susan Berg

WE REMEMBER OUR JFK FRIENDS

Class of 1968

Dr Joel Morganstern
Dennis Mazza
Daniel Dorsey
Susan Flaherty
Marc Bachman
William Brill
Diane Goldstein
Patricia McEntee
Ira Steinkohl
Stan Ziegler

Class of 1969

Sandy Rotkoff
Bob Timpone
Laurie Casten
Doreen Smith Powers
Richard Barr
John Commins
Perry Emeigh
Robert Hoffman
Nora Jackson
Laura Linkee
Frank Pappa

Class of 1970

Jeffrey R Salzman
Tony Squitieri
Susan King
Fredda Edelman
Gwen Alpert
Helene Fein
Dennis Huck
Gerald McCabe
Margarita Paz
Beatrice Stravato
Peter Guardino
George Heit
Lawrence Barr
Robert Ciulla
Richie Macaluso
Clark Schlichting

Class of 1971

Arline Rogat
Mark Greenberg
Ronald Greiner
Richard Kuhn
Robert McDermott
William Rothaug
William Warren
Steve Zipnick
Michael Brown
Sherri Bass
Phillip Frucci
Helene Fein
Ronda Seaman
Richard Luccase
Ellen Wanger
Jack Dore
Richard Kuhn
Jeff Doninger
Nancy Depert Dorsey
Richard Luccase
Billy Lien
Kathy Munroe Mihajlovic
Tommy Filipelli
Kevin Jones
Jane Bernstein

Class of 1972

Carl Troise
Jay Shinder
Randy Rothchild
Jerry Schreier
Amy Pinto
Mitchell Stelbaum
Seth Newman
Lenard Sprung
Jimmy Director
Judy Schapiro
Janet Gould
Billy Cardon
Michael Friedenberg
Amy Eisenberg
Maria Aletrakis
Tom Hargrave
Peter Houle
Christian Koch
Wayne Norman
Linda Phillips
Alan Rutkovsky
Michael Wasyl
Robert Emerson
Joan Rothkopf
Ivy Hersch
Andrew LaMarca
Nancy Pomeranz
Alan Bloom

Class of 1973

Dr Alan Spinowitz
Dickie Bernstein
Mitchell Rubenstein
Susan Gabbin Sapperstein
Elyse Berman Kent
Debbie Vitale
Debbie Funk
Sandy Gendell
Michelle Fournier
Joan Rothkopt
Kathleen Collins
Michael DiBari
Joseph Feeney
Glenn Hale
Gregory Henson
Robert Jankowski
Mary McKenna
Mark Miller
Steven Picone
Donna Price
Andre Sollowen
Daniel Sullivan
Bruce Swerdloff
Edward Tilchen
Sheldon Tuchfeld
Clifford Weinstock
Tod Zipnick
Robert Tew
Felice Blumenthal
Sean Krebs
Rena Tiano
Doreen Minerva

Class of 1974

Jill Gladstone
Nina Charney
Donna Reilly
Steven Schultz
Robert Schram
Alan Levy
Evan Gordon
Michele Fournier
Alan Lippman
Richard Rothchild
Marshall Weiner
Alex Rosenberg
Cynthia Woodard
Howard Goldstein

Class of 1975

Ricky Rothchild
Steven Skolnick
Lisa Bach
Jessica Landau
Linda Jackson Wanger
Gary Steinsmith
Mindy Lessin Gilreath
Donald Cohen
John Dillion
Thomas Fuscaldo
Emily Goodheart
Francis Hayden
George Rizzo
Greg Robertson
Robert Tietjen
Donald Cohen
Thomas McNulty
Terri Rinaldi Klotz
Jonthan Benov
Helaine Lippman
Billy Molloy
Stuart Greene

Class of 1976

Elanor Rose Theone
Christina Iacona
John Rose
Richard Braunhut
David Pfeffer
Ronnie Gies
Frank Basile
Leslie Cohen Tully
Patti Lilienthal
Karen Schmidt
Karen Schwartz
Lee Spelling
Sarah Schwartz
Eleanor Theone
Sarah Auerbach
Dean Gleason
Daniel Heller
Debby Norris
Gerald Quill
Dr Lawrence Gross
Hank Brownstein

Class of 1977

Michael Gillan
Stephanie Glazer
Seth Tendler
Joyce Gordon
Scott Kemp
Richard Kennedy
Lawrence Levy
Bruce Pfeffer
Howard Geffner

Class of 1978

Edward Rosman
Mindy Sukoff
Michael Kaufman
Darren Williams
Donna Messina Class
Marianne Costello
Jody Jacobs
Michael Kranis
Linda Mandel
Diane Miller
Robert O'Hara
Cynthia Price
Cory Fine
Marc Allen
Jeffrey Dickerman
Thomas Schubert

Class of 1979

Michelle Goldfarb
Andrew Kalish
Michael Katt
Victor Selenow
Mark Soling
Joseph Spataro
Madalyn Ross Abramowitz
John Auersperg
Adrienne Zimberg
Kenny Weisfeld
Tommy DelGaudio
Merilee Sullivan
Scott Mamet
Greg Marjorie Gluck
Eric Ginsberg
Eric Behar
Seth Lief
Bruce Widlitz
Steven Mahler

Class of 1980

Warren Tuckmann
Joanne Feruggio
David Feinman
Caryn Heyman
Michael Suskaur
Adam Schonbrun
Noel Wilens
Ronald Weintraub
Leonard Shoob
Leonard Delgado
Angelo Mazzola
Woodrow Most

Class of 1981

Lisa Hirschman
Ann Lipschitz
Lawrence Beck
Hal Saperstein
Ellen Estrin
David Wolff
Gina Farilello
Joel Bloom
David Ehrlich
Ricky Feldman
Richard Hendler
Zacharo Panakos
David Director

Class of 1982

Patrick Kirby
Barry Freiman
Amy Hoffman Cooper
Bernadette Greenwald
Howard Stark
Ellen Hoffman

Class of 1983

Michael Juman
David Hochhauser
John Napolitano
Joseph West

Class of 1984

Jayne (Haun-Ehmann) Giese
Barry Brunwasser
Larry Glassheim
Troy Dweck
Glen Rosenberg
Mark Brisman
Gregg Reiter

Class of 1985

Eric Luckman
Marc Kaffeseder
William Moore
Eric Robbins
Barry Stankevich
Corrinne Suriano

Class of 1986

Jamie Landes
Marci Bank
John Krauss
Shawn Malone
William Saunders
Lew Massimillo

Class of 1987

Robbie Wachtel
Steve Goldberg
Jack Atsidakos

Class of 1988

Brian O'Connor
James Clark
Aliza Moskowitz
John Olsen
Charles Schieck
Shari Slotnick

Class of 1989

Donald Giles
Alysia Ross
Adam Rand

Class of 1992

Michael Napolitano
Jodi Leopold
Brian Milim

Class of 1994

Class of 1995

Kevin Bernard McVeigh

Class of 1996

William Garfield

Class of 1997

Adam Bonanno

Class of 1999

Michael Herbert

Class of 2003

Joy Donatuti

Class of 2005

Carole Kestenbaum
Nicole Schiffman

Class of 2007

Jack Alfieri
Michael Moniz

Unknow Grad Class Year

Bob Koitike
Ricky Katt
Freddie Silversmith
Joe Musso
Bob Piazza
Micque Cohen
Tim Manchester
Clark Schlichting
Maureen McGlone
Steven Marks
Joe Simone
Bob Shaw
Eleanor Rose
Paul Sclafani
Larry Bonazani
Gary Dowd
Carl Waswo
Kenny Nelson
Kenny O'Sullivan
Karen Sokaloff
Hank Bono
George Shapiris
Bob Boden
Scott Hopkins
George O'Neal
Danny Higgins
Ricky Kowatch
Kevin Stanton
Frank Nobeletti
Paul Schmidt
Micky Lynch
Neal Rust
Jim Long
Billy Cocoran
Steve Milbanks
Vic Fadaban
Ricky Rothchild
Larry Mallow
Warren Greed
Bruce Olsen
Chip Goldsmith
Debbie Servideo
Paul Hall
Tony Broder
John Meiser
Billy Beach
Mark Soling
Kenny Butler
Danny Butler
Cathy Butler
James Cherry
Fred Baron
Ricky Colaangelo
Ron Bohensky
Michael Horn
Joan Paollilo
Barbara Signorello
Robert Forcina
Doug Crockett
Dennis Quinn
Patty McDermott
Roy Tunison
Mark Murray
Jack Canini
Danny Cohen
David Pfeffer
Jesse Lawrence
Tim Davey
Bob Green
Diane Laatu
George Gavin
George Coffee
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Danielle Hansen



Kennedy Girls Track & Field

By: Coach Chris Mammone



Madison McGlone

The Kennedy cross country and track teams have continued to improve, inching closer to the impressive teams showcased almost 10 years ago. Their first obstacle was in cross country, where the girls lost four out of their top seven to graduation. More importantly, the top two girls including a two time cross country state qualifier. Senior Madison McGlone turned in a memorable season running lifetime bests and earning All-County, her first of the fall season. She was a few spots away for qualifying for the state meet, a goal that both her and her coach shared. Sometimes, not achieving your goal keeps you hungry for future races.

The winter track season was filled with snow and brutal conditions on a daily basis. Although the girls team had smaller numbers then in the past, they still put up a respectable performance at the Conference Championship. McGlone once again was the top performer as she won the 600. She became the first Cougar to win a conference championship since 2009. The Cougars also scored points in hurdles with technician senior Kristen Mulvey. Fellow senior Danielle Hansen became All-Conference in the high jump and also earned points in the shot put.

Although spring track just recently started, the girls had their first home meet on April 1. Potential is very promising with a solid senior group led by McGlone and Hansen as well as a good supporting cast of under classmen. McGlone will compete on the track ranging from the 400-1500 and specializing in the 2000 steeplechase. Hansen will take care of the field events, mainly the high jump.

For the third year in a row, the Cougar Invite is back and here to stay. Saturday April 19 is the date for the invitational and all alumni are welcome to come back and experience the track team resurgence in person.

On another positive note, the trio of McGlone (Stonehill), Hansen (Iona) and Mulvey (Molloy) will all complete in track and field at school this fall. This graduating class will feature the most amount of athletes compete in college over the past decade. This speaks volumes of their athleticism and their academics and character is right up there also. In the fall and winter, both teams recorded one of the highest GPAs in the school. Both teams also received the Sportsmanship award to add to the rest of their accolades.

Cougars



Merrick & Bellmore High Schools - Singles Mingles Event & Multi Year Reunions Run Simultaneously in New York and Florida for Long Island High Schools

For the very first time ever, the three high schools in Merrick and Bellmore, John F Kennedy, Calhoun and Mephram High Schools of Long Island will run a Multi Year Reunion **and** Singles Mingles Event in the states of Florida and New York **SIMULTANEOUSLY !!**

Alumni from all three high schools will reunite with the friends from Elementary and Jr. High, when all three schools hold the **“FIRST EVER” Singles-Mingles Event & Multi Year Reunions and they run simultaneously** in the states of New York and Florida **on AUGUST 3RD 2014. Time is 7:00PM, Registration starts at 6:30.**

The alumni from all three schools have been asking about a reunion for all the singles, divorced and widowed alum. The concept is that not only will you be able to reconnect with your high school friends, but these are the friends you spent all those years with when you went to elementary and Jr High.

This event may spark some renewed feeling that you had for your school day crushes with your childhood sweet hearts. At the same time the connections you had as a child can only be surpassed but the commonality that we all will have, all coming from the same community. What more of a connection could anyone have than all growing up and coming from the same communities of Merrick and Bellmore Long Island. **All grads from JFK, Mephram and Calhoun from years 68-88 are welcome to attend and bring a guest as this is also a multi year get together !!! Kennedy's first graduating class was '68, but for Calhoun and Mephram alumni from grad years 66-88 are welcome.**

*Both events will be held on Sunday August 3rd starting at 7:00pm at both the venues. The Florida -Multi High School, Multi Year, Singles Mingles Event will be held at "The Pavilion Grille" in Boca Raton FL, Address: 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton FL 33431. Florida event has a \$10. cover that includes 1 house drink, a live band and dancing. If you are going to have dinner there first, make a reservation. The Florida event is being run by Gary Haft, the Chairperson of the Florida Chapter of the Bellmore JFK Alumni Association. For further information contact Gary Haft via * E-Mail: gary.haft@gmail.com or call him at (954) 600-3447. All grads from 68-88 from JFK, and 66-88 for Mephram and Calhoun are welcome to attend and bring a guest as this is also a multi year get together !!!*

The New York (Long Island) Singles Mingles, Multi Year, Multi High School Reunion will be held at **MaliBlue Oyster Bar Lido Beach 1500 Lido Blvd, Lido Beach, NY.** This venue will have music provided by the band “Kamellot” comprised of musician alumni from JFK High School. There is no cover, but a \$5.00 donation is recommended. You may also have dinner there before the reunion event. For more information on the NY venue, contact bellmorejfk1@gmail.com.

The Singles Mingles – Multi High School—Multi Year -Multi State Reunion Event is open to all the alumni from graduating years 1968-1988 that attended JFK Bellmore, and 66-88 for Calhoun and Mephram High Schools. They are welcome and are requested to bring friends so that there are lots of Singles to Mingle to spark some new romances.

There will be plenty of publicity for this event in local newspapers in Florida, New York and Long Island, along with the Alumni Associations from all three high schools informing their alum of this event by Facebook, social media and Emails.

We request people REGISTER in advance, so that name tags can be made up in advance with names, year of graduation and high school name and your guests name if you are bringing one.

Register for either the Florida or the New York events by **clicking on the below link:**

http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org/upcoming_events

Thank You,
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JFK – Then and Now

By Maury Josephson '78



If you drive by JFK from any direction, other than the new digital sign, things look pretty much the same as when the school opened in 1966. Now that's all about to change, with the turf athletic field, major facility upgrades and alumni driven grounds beautification projects taking hold. Which got me thinking about how much, despite the seemingly unchanged exterior, the school has changed over the years, and how much it remains very much the same.

- *Academics.* JFK has been and remains an academic powerhouse with the vast majority of its students being college bound. Over the years, advanced placement course offerings have expanded in subject matter and the grades in which they may be taken. JFK had three Intel Semi-Finalists in 2014 out of 300 nationwide, and has had a total of 34 Semi-Finalists in the past 10 years. *Academic diversity and alternative programs* have also flourished. Unlike 1966, *JFK now has a nine-member Special Education Department* and BOCES rents space from JFK in which special needs students learn the food service business and run the Kennedy Café. After the renovations, JFK will have state-of-the-art kitchen facilities and will be home to the district-wide culinary arts program. *Trending ...* Assistant Principal Eileen Connolly advises that applications to *two year colleges* are up – with students planning to move on to four-year programs when they graduate.

- *Athletics.* I'd be inclined not to say "powerhouse" here, but I'd be wrong. This Newsletter issue highlights the success of four of JFK's many sports teams – our perennially winning wrestlers, State champion boys' volleyball players, girls' track and field and the varsity cheerleading team. Padded chairs supplied by the resurgent Sports Boosters have made it comfortable to watch indoor events. *Then and now ...* Do you remember working out on the old *universal* behind the boys' gym? It's gone. Instead, the old rifle range has been converted to a *full-service physical fitness center* open to all students and used by boys' and girls' sports teams. *Rifle range?* ... The *rifle squad* is now district-wide and if I saw last year's yearbook picture right, it has *equal numbers of boys and girls*.

- *Activities.* I thought there could not have been all that much going on when JFK opened in 1966, but the '67 yearbook lists 20 clubs ranging from *The Cougar Crier* to drama to Future Nurses of America, Ski Club and the AV squad. *AV squad?* The mainstays have endured, but here are some clubs you would not have seen in 1966: *Gay Straight Alliance*, promoting a respectful, tolerant and safe environment for students of all backgrounds; *Culture Club*, celebrating students' cultural differences; *H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Planet Earth)*, promoting environmental awareness and recycling; *S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions)*; and *Athletes Helping Athletes*, promoting sports and avoiding destructive decisions related to alcohol and drugs.

- *Women in Charge.* JFK had a Principal and one Assistant Principal in 1966, both men. The Central High School District school board had one female member of nine pictured in the yearbook (plus a female clerk). Now the Principal and one of three assistant principals are women. And six of the eight members of the school board are women. *But some things haven't changed ...* the office staff, all women; the cafeteria staff, all women – but I hope the terms *lunch lady* and *office lady* have gone the way of *stewardess*.

- *Size Matters.* The size of the JFK student body has varied tremendously over the years. In '78, during class changes, I remember the hallways being packed from side to side and end to end; now, I've been in the building when the bell rings, and it seems like little is happening except some kids walking around. When the school opened, it had 980 students in two grades. The population rose to over 2,200 in three grades in the late 1970's, then fell to a low of 830 students in four grades in 1996. The school now has an enrollment of approximately 1,200 in grades 9-12.

- *Smoking.* Well we had to have some fun sometime. Do you remember the *back hallway*, the unofficially tolerated area for smoking tobacco and other substances? Do you remember smoke billowing from the second floor faculty lounge when the bell rang? *No more.* As mandated by law, the school and grounds have a zero-tolerance smoke-free policy.

Some more changes – the simulators are gone from the driver education classrooms; the metal, wood and automotive shops are gone, but we have advanced art, computer assisted design and pre-engineering programs; so far as I can tell, the doors have been reinstalled on the boys' bathroom stalls; and I could go on and on, and will in future issues. As alumni, I think we can, overall, be proud of the things about JFK that have remained constant over the years, and proud of the ways it has changed and continues to keep pace with the times. Please send ideas or questions for future "JFK then and now" features to me at mbilaw@verizon.net.

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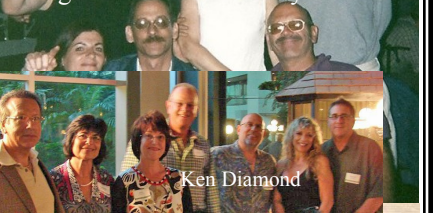


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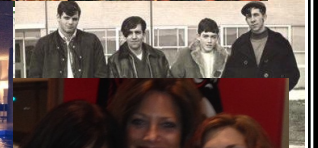
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The winner of the Flat Screen Tv at the JFK Multi Year reunion is !!



Annie Goldman
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So I went to Bellmore JFK reunion tonight and bought 3 raffle tickets to support the school...well I won the 40" flat screen TV....so excited!! Also had

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Meeting Schedule 2014**

**JFK Bellmore - Room 136
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Here are the 2014 dates:

- April 29
- May 27
- June 24

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Please join us, we can use your help !

