

February 2025

Subject: A Special Invitation, Join Us!

Are you an alumnus of Bryan or Yellow Springs High Schools who has celebrated your 50th Reunion or will be in 2025? We hope you are! Or maybe you started school in Yellow Springs but had to move away prior to graduation yet still have strong connections to your YS classmates and have deep roots in/for our hometown "village"?

In both cases, this special invitation is for you, and if interested, you too can become a part of this special group of 50th Reunion Alumni who have joined together for a noble cause dear to their hearts. **These are folks who say, "We want to give back as a way of recognizing how much we received by growing up in our unique village of Yellow Springs."**

This same generous spirit is what helped establish "The 50th Reunion Scholarship Fund" in 2016. Inspired by the Class of 1966's desire to "give back", the initiative came into existence soon after they celebrated their 50th Reunion. Now the 50th Reunion Scholarships are generously supported by those who have celebrated their 50th reunions, **over 240 members of 16 graduating classes representing Bryan and Yellow Springs High Schools, from 1942 to 1974, with over 850 individual donations and a growing endowment of \$290,000.** We continue our enthusiastic support of the scholarships and donate at least on an annual basis and many alumni give more often than once per year. And the Class of 1975 is primed to join us in the coming year.

The 50th Reunion Alumni partner with our local Yellow Springs Community Foundation who administers the fund and supports the committee, students, and the Schools through the scholarship process.

This Scholarship Fund is now making it possible for two graduating seniors every year to receive a scholarship. One scholarship is dedicated to a vocational tech student and the other is for a traditional college path student. A combination of an endowment distribution and donations accumulated in 2024 permits us this year (May 2025) to award one scholarship of \$5,000 for a vocational tech student, and one scholarship of \$10,000 for a traditional college path student. A committee from multiple classes will review the applications and make their recommendations: Ted Morgan '72 (lead), Anne Rauh '66, Bonnie Rothman '68, Vicki Arnett '69, Gwen Agna '70, Jim Grote '74, and John Gudgel '75 (YS School District).

Maybe you recall and continue to be aware of the priceless gift you received by growing up in a town that deeply cares about its children? A town with strong positive values where diversity and harmony were encouraged not just in the schools, but in the daily life of the Villagers.

The 50th Reunion Scholarships have become a legacy opportunity for anyone to give back to Yellow Springs.



Dylan Rainey, a class of 2019 recipient, sums up the Spirit of the 50th Reunion Scholarships when he said: "I will always treasure the town and the community, and it will always be what I identify most with. Before all, I am and always will be a "Yellow Springer." **He gets "it" --- the "it" we've all known for a very long time!**

For more information and details on how to donate \$50, \$100, \$250, \$1000 or more (and don't forget when using your IRAs RMD for charitable giving, these donations are not taxed) and become a supporter of the 50th Reunion Scholarships, please see the accompanying information sheet.

Your gift now will help today's graduating students, just like many of us who were supported some 50+ years ago.

With warm regards for your consideration,

Steven Grinnell

Donor, Class of '69

and

Jeannamarie Cox

Yellow Springs Community Foundation, Executive Director

50th Reunion Scholarship Fund Donors

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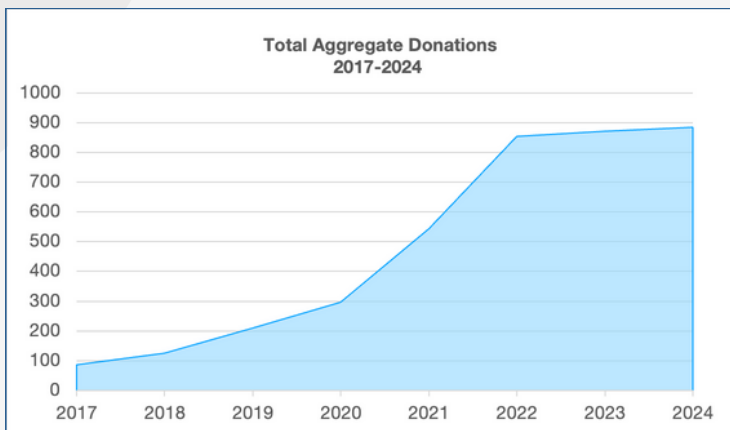
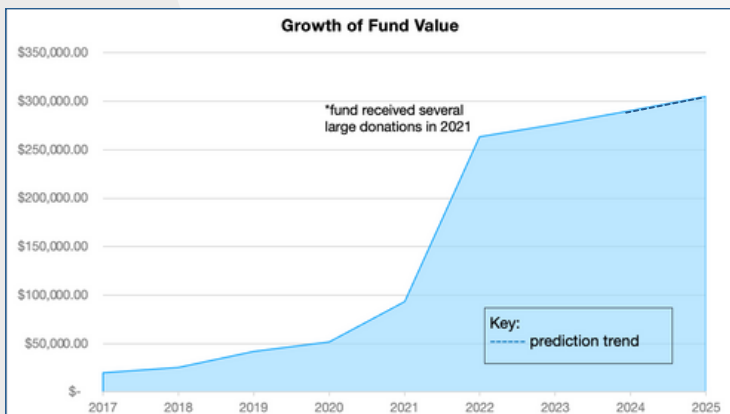
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50TH REUNION SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

Support the 50th Reunion Leadership Scholarship Endowment - A Legacy of Education

Our contributions to the 50th Reunion Leadership Scholarship Endowment isn't just a gift - it's an investment in the future of Yellow Springs. Since 2016, this fund has grown from a \$1,000 seed to over \$290,000, thanks to the generosity of 16 Bryan/YSHS graduating classes. Our contributions help award over \$10,000 annually in scholarships, supporting both traditional and trade/certificate education for today's students. By donating, you're not only honoring your own educational roots but also empowering the next generation of Yellow Springs graduates.



PARTICIPATING CLASSES

- Class of 1942
- Class of 1944
- Class of 1947
- Class of 1958
- Class of 1961
- Class of 1962
- Class of 1963
- Class of 1964
- Class of 1965
- Class of 1966
- Class of 1968
- Class of 1969
- Class of 1970
- Class of 1971
- Class of 1972
- Class of 1974

We invite you to Join Us in building this legacy of learning and community support. Your gift today shapes tomorrow's leader!



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50TH REUNION SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

With 885 total donations representing 16 graduating classes (1942-1974), *and counting*, the **50th Reunion Scholarship Endowment Fund** will support YSHS students for generations to come. Together we can do more. **Join Us!**



"I no longer look towards the next years of my life with fear or worry. A sort of burden had lifted off of my back as everything that I once had I now have again."
Stella Lief, Class of 2022



"With the 50th Reunion Scholarship, I was able to commit to the college of my choice and find my home for the next four years! "
Arielle Johnson, Class of 2021
Penny Shook-Estopare, '66



"I will always treasure the town and the community, and it will always be what I identify most with. Before all, I am, and always will be, a Yellow Springer."
Dylan Rainey, Class of 2019
Pat Peters, '68

Sydney Roberts
(Leadership- Traditional),
Sam Miller (Leadership-
Vo-Tech)*
Class of 2024



Cheyen Sundell-Turner
(Leadership- Traditional),
Ahsha Jackson
(Leadership- Vo-Tech)*
Class of 2023



Jane Meister
(Leadership-Traditional)
Class of 2020



Aidan Hackett
(Leadership-Traditional)
Class of 2018



Augie Knemeyer
(Leadership- Traditional)
Class of 2017



**A second leadership scholarship was created for traditional Vo-Tech education beginning in 2023.*



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