



Your contribution to the 50th Reunion Alumni Scholarship Fund isn't just a gift - it's an investment in the future of YSHS graduates.

September 18, 2026

Dear 50th Reunion Alumni and Friends of Yellow Springs High School,

I hope this note finds you well, wherever life has taken you since our days walking the halls of YSHS. I'm writing to you as a fellow classmate and as one of the volunteers serving as a voice for our 50th Reunion Alumni Scholarship & Endowment Campaign—because this cause has become personal to me, and I wanted to reach out directly rather than let a form letter do all the talking.

You've likely read in recent editions of the "50th Newsletter" or received additional information over the past several months about our efforts to achieve a \$400,000 Endowment Fund goal by December 31st. The 'beauty' of an endowment is that our gifts today become future scholarships for students we'll never meet, but who will walk the same hallways and chase their dreams as we did. ***We are now just \$53,000 away from reaching our goal and making that support permanent. Not just for five years, or ten—but forever! In true "GO BULLDOG" spirit, let's finish what we started together, our "Race to the Forever Finish Line" by DECEMBER 31, 2026!***

I think back to the teachers who saw something in us before we saw it in ourselves; the classmates who became lifelong friends; and the town that felt like it was rooting for every one of us. That's my Yellow Springs experience and hopefully yours too. Because alumni like us have chosen to give, scholarships totaling more than \$90,000 have been awarded to 14 exceptional graduates providing them with the opportunity to chase their dreams.

Since the scholarship's inception in 2016, more than 300 alumni from 21 different 50th Reunion classes, representing both Bryan and Yellow Springs High Schools, have stepped forward to support this fund. Every graduating class of YSHS from 1964 through 1976, plus Bryan High classes as far back as 1942, 1944, 1947, 1958, and 1960-1963 have participated. That's remarkable. It tells me this isn't about one class's nostalgia—it's about generations of us agreeing that Yellow Springs gave us something worth passing on.

I've given since 2019 and recently committed to a multi-year pledge, because I believe in this, and I've taken on this volunteer role for the same reason. I'm asking you to consider joining me, and so many others, whatever that looks like for you -- a monthly donation to meet your budget or a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000 or \$2,500, or beyond. Every gift, combined with all our gifts, will help us achieve our \$400,000 goal and complete the 'Race to the Forever Finish Line' by December 31st.

There are four easy ways to give:

- **Online:** yscf.org/50th-class-reunion-donations/
- **Click on the QR code:** See below
- **By check:** Payable to Yellow Springs Community Foundation (YSCF), noting "50th Reunion Scholarship/Endowment Campaign" and your graduation year.
Mail to: YSCF, PO Box 55, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387
- **By phone:** Call YSCF at 937-767-2655 to discuss single year/multi-year pledges and additional planned giving opportunities.

If you have questions about the campaign, or just want to talk about it, feel free to reach out to me directly—I'm happy to help however I can.

Let's make sure that decades from now, some kid in Yellow Springs gets to chase something bigger because we cared enough to make the 50th Reunion Alumni Scholarships last in perpetuity.

With gratitude and hope,

Steven Grinnell, Class of 1969
"50th" Supporter & Donor since 2019

****Honoring all Current & Past YSHS 50th Class Reunion Leaders/Sponsors/Volunteers****

Class of 1964: Alan Grinnell, Bob Huston; **Class of 1965:** Linda Johnson Dillenbeck; **Class of 1966:** Mike Hughes, Jim Niswander, Penny Shook; **Class of 1967:** Jack Fei; **Class of 1968:** Pat Peters, David Vernot, Linda Sikes, Bonnie Rothman Berg; Tom Hendricks, David Blau; **Class of 1969:** Lisa Babbage, Don Goodfellow, Steven Grinnell, Vicki Arnett-Perez; **Class of 1970:** Gwen Agna, Mary Beth Stave; **Class of 1971:** Steve Asakawa, Carla Cordell, Becky Sikes; **Class of 1972:** Ted Morgan; **Class of 1973:** Sarah Butler Lowe; **Class of 1974:** Jim Grote, Ed Rice; **Class of 1975:** John Gudgel, Robert Grahamjones; **Class of 1976:** Kathy Conrad.

Bryan Alumni Association Officers: Anna Hogarty, David Robinow, Penny Shook, John Hawkins.

CC: Jeannamarie Cox, YSCF Executive Director

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

~Coretta Scott King



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