

# THE NOTTINGHAM CONNECTION



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## And the ART Goes On.....

### Brendan Rose Nottingham Alumnus, Class of 1993



**Brendan G. Rose**  
*can i have a lettuce cup with that? you dont need a wheat berryman to know which way the wind blows, its alright ma i can make it. Carpe diem. FOREVER BOYS!*



During his Nottingham High School years Brendan Rose often displayed his creative think-outside-of-the-box personality traits. He enjoyed drawing

faces, portraits and assorted doodles and participated in 2D and 3D art classes. Advanced art classes at Levy Middle School and Mrs. Archer's art classes at Edward Smith Elementary school were earlier influences on his talent. His NHS senior yearbook picture comment includes "carpe diem" and "can i have a lettuce (lettuce?) cup with that?" (The reference is so far unexplained.)

Brendan earned an architecture degree from SUNY at Buffalo and then worked for a large architectural firm in Seattle for four years. He moved back to Syracuse and helped build a traditional rustic home (in Fenner, NY) for his father and stepmother, using stone and timber from the property. He enrolled in graduate school and earned a master's degree in architecture from Syracuse University. Architecture combines knowledge in science and math. Brendan decided he needed to find a way to balance the defined rules of architecture with his more creative side.

The first year after grad school Brendan began to explore the community here and started to design and build public art projects. He works mainly in metals and wood. Brendan submitted a proposal for a sculpture to be installed by City Hall Commons and it was accepted. The summer project resulted in "The Hand". He says that was the first time people referred to him as an artist. He also produced the "Art Shark" installation at Lipe Art Park on West Fayette Street, across from the Rockwell Building. This canopy and wall was part of his thesis work. A grant for these installations covered the cost of materials.

In 2011 Brendan was appointed a Syracuse Public Artist-in-Residence (SPAR). He was approached by neighborhood development partners and got funding for public art in the city, along the Connective Corridor. His studio was in the State Tower Building. In this year-long position he created three



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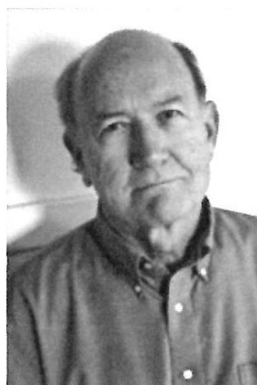
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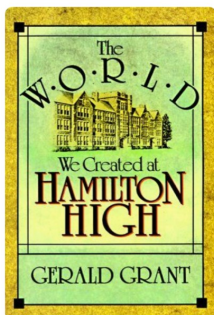
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## TRIBUTE to GERALD GRANT

Gerald Grant, (1938-2017) who passed away in September of 2017, wrote a detailed, insightful book based on Nottingham High School: *The World We Created at Hamilton High*, published in 1990. He used a pseudonym for the school and changed the names of teachers interviewed, but Mr. Grant spent years researching and studying Nottingham to learn what changes had taken place in American secondary education from the 1950s through the 1980s. Grant placed the policy debates and history of those years under his microscope and offered special insights into the forces that shaped our public high schools through the years of integration, student uprisings, and declining results. If you were a student there during those years - especially the '80s - you will feel a familiarity with his depiction of the school and even recognize some of the teachers whose opinions he elicited.



From his obituary in the Post-Standard: A sociologist, philosopher, writer and educator, Gerald Grant's life work was the building of schools and communities of equality, inclusion and justice. He earned his doctorate at Harvard in the Sociology of Education. He joined the faculty of Syracuse University in 1972, holding joint appointments in the departments of Sociology and Cultural Foundations of Education. He was named Hannah Hammond Professor of Education in 1993 and Distinguished University Professor in 1998. He published numerous articles and five major books on educational reform, including *The World We Created at Hamilton High*.



Submitted by Martha Williams Thompson, '66

Review of this book in The New York Times:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/1988/10/16/books/the-school-they-asked-for.html>



public art installations, including the blue steel “Walt, the Loch West Monster” (at West Fayette and Walton Streets).

During the summer of 2013 he was an artist-in-residence at Stone Quarry Hill Art Park. Brendan was also interviewed and featured in an article by Melinda Johnson (The PostStandard) with photos of him and some of his art installations around the city and local areas. In 2015 he and his art were featured in the Central New York Magazine, in an article by Katherine Rushworth.

He is now approaching his art as a business and works with partners Damien Vallelonga and Zach Bloomer (both Nottingham alums) on projects in his art and design collective, “Echo”. His office is located above Picasso’s Pastries on Westcott Street. He does do some personal or small-scale art as a professional and juggles some architectural projects. Brendan practices his drawing and does a lot of on-site drawing, some faces/portraits, doodles, etc. He also makes some furniture or small sculptures for family. He has painted some murals; for example, an abstract on Lock Alley at Biscotti’s Bakery on North Salina Street and one behind Beer Belly Deli (Westcott St) entitled “Daedalus”. He’s also done some pop-up art projects. He has partnered with his sister, Vanessa, on Salt City Craft Market projects.

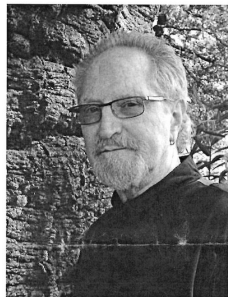
Brendan Rose produces public art that communicates and expresses functionality and connections, and invests history. One example is his creation of the purple Westcott Street signs and sign plans for the south side and near west side. He has submitted proposals to New York State for Erie Canal markers which would mark the gap in the canal where it ends in Dewitt and picks up in Camillus. He also submitted proposals for public art pieces where the canal ends now. In the future he plans to work on Home Headquarters (Syracuse) development projects. Brendan has lived and worked in Syracuse for eleven years and, in July 2016, he married his wife, Tiferet. They first met on the corner of Westcott St. and Euclid Ave. when he was an SU graduate student. They recently relocated to Providence, Rhode Island for professional opportunities and involvement in the urban Jewish community there. He will continue his art and business here, as well as visits with family. We wish Brendan and Tiferet well and look forward to more of Brendan’s additions to our community!

For more information,  
**Brendan’s website is**  
**[echomakes.com](http://echomakes.com)**



## SPOTLIGHT: JAMES A. JACOBS, NOVELIST, '59 ALUM

Mr. Jacobs, a 1959 Nottingham graduate, has written two very engaging novels. The first, *Transgressions*, is a story set in and around Syracuse and the Onondaga Nation. It has quite a bit of autobiographical content and many references to familiar places (some current, some past) around Syracuse and Central New York. It is the coming-of age story of Daniel Mendoza, whose father is a Jewish boxer and whose mother is Iroquois. The second book, *Days of the Dead*, continues Daniel's story as an adult. As a journalist, he travels to Mexico in 1968 and becomes involved in the unrest and violence preceding the Olympic games that year in Mexico City. James is currently working on a third sequel, *No Reprieve*, also set in Mexico, to be published in early 2018.



While at Nottingham, James played end on three city championship football teams ('56,'57,'58) and was named Herald-American All City in his senior year. He played both football and lacrosse in college and also earned a Black belt in Kuk Sool, the royal Court Korean martial art. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. James earned three degrees from Syracuse University: B.A. in English, M.A. in Newspaper Journalism, and M.S.S. in Interdisciplinary Social Science. He taught English at both OCC and SU. and holds a lifetime California Community College Teaching Credential in Anthropology, Social Science and Communications. He has written numerous articles for newspapers and magazines and worked as a newspaper reporter for the Rochester N.Y. Times-Union. He co-founded SALT, a city news magazine in Syracuse and was editor of the Glenville Democrat in Glenville, West Virginia.

In 1976 James began teaching at Diablo Valley College in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is now professor emeritus there. He served as chairman of the Journalism department for ten years and taught English, specializing in American Literature, Developmental Composition and Critical Thinking. He has been nominated five times to Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He and his wife, Susan, currently live in the San Francisco Bay Area. More information can be found on his website, [www.jamesajacobs.com](http://www.jamesajacobs.com).

## SPOTLIGHT on ALUM: CHUCK HARRIS



Chuck Harris, a 1959 graduate of Nottingham High School, was in town on July 16, 2017 to speak about his just-published first novel, Mr. Chen's Sweet and Sour. It is the remarkable fact-based story of two brothers who grew up in Syracuse but moved to New York City during the jazz age to pursue music careers.

Much of the story is based on a manuscript Chuck's late father, Morey, had written about the life and career of his younger brother, Charley, who was a banjo player and song writer. The document's existence was unknown to the family and was only discovered after the death of Chuck's mother. In writing the story Chuck had to invent some characters and events to flesh out the missing details and make the narrative come to life. There are many references to real people and places in Syracuse as well as actual events in Manhattan, making for an exciting glimpse into life during the 1920's and especially into the music scene at that time in New York City. The title refers to a Chinese restaurant in NYC which was a favorite spot for the brothers and their friends and family to meet for all kinds of occasions, both happy and sad.

Chuck earned his Ph.D. from Duke University and is a retired sociologist. He is married to the former Sandy Bronstein, also a Nottingham graduate (1960). Sandy has a Masters in English from S.U. She retired from teaching English as a Second Language to high schoolers a few years back, and Chuck says she was an invaluable help to him while he was working on his book. He is currently working on his second novel, a mystery set in Harlem in the 1930's. Chuck and Sandy live in Arlington, Virginia. They have two children and five grandchildren.



By Martha Williams Thompson '66

## Interview with Gwen Raeford Forensic Science Teacher by Margaret (Peg) Lanzendorf Kramer ('68)

Growing up on her grandfather's farm in Baldwinsville New York, Gwen Raeford learned about raising animals, growing crops, the environment and responsibility. Her grandparents were sharecroppers (picking cotton, etc.) who had owned a farm in Alabama. They moved up north to this area after being targeted by racists. Gwen's grandmother had spoken up for education and voting rights for non-whites. Their son, Earl, graduated from high school in Baldwinsville (1956 President of the Student Body; voted most athletic) and became a Major in the military. Gwen's grandparents wanted educational opportunity for their family. Gwen knew since age nine that she wanted to teach.

Gwen has taught Forensic Science and SUPA Forensic Science (Syracuse University 4-credit course) at Nottingham since 2012. She also teaches Living Environment and Environmental Science in the Twilight Program (after school). Before Nottingham, Gwen taught her first 15 years at G.W. Fowler High School on Syracuse's west side. The Syracuse City School District (SCSD) Educational Foundation awarded her Teacher of the Year in 2014. While at NHS she has been co-advisor for the class of 2016, co-advisor of the 2016 yearbook, and a member of F.A.C.E.S. Board of Directors, serving as the Vice-President for the past two years.



Mrs. Raeford has a B.A. degree in Psychology from Syracuse University, a Masters in Science Education from LeMoyne College and permanent certification in Biology and General Science. During her 21 years with the SCSD she has taught Regents courses in Living Environment and Earth Science and numerous other science electives. She has been involved with extra-curricular activities within the Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. For the past 20 years she has been dedicated to the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). At Fowler High School she was a co-pioneer of their NSBE Jr. Chapter which started with 7 members. Since then it has grown to more than 135 members and represents all 5 high schools and 10 middle schools in the school district. She also contributes to a one week summer camp at Syracuse University for more than 40 students to explore science, engineering and math concepts. In her spare time she tutors students in biology, volunteers with her church's youth choir and on her church's board of trustees and is an active member of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc.

Gwen appreciates the diversity of students and staff she has worked with at Fowler and Nottingham. She felt comfortable moving to Nottingham in 2012 since she already knew many teachers and administrators here. She is proud of the fact that her son graduated from Nottingham and has a career in education. Gwen and William Franklin Raeford have three children (Charles, Courtney and Carleigh), nine grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

(P.S. Gwen is hoping her science classroom will receive some much needed upgrading in the near future!)

## SPOTLIGHT on ALUM: Sehl Burns



These two brothers, along with Sehl's dog Baxter, delight the folks at Menorah Park, a senior living community in Syracuse. They make regular visits, during which the residents and staff all welcome Baxter with hugs and belly rubs. Baxter is a Brittany Doodle - a cross between a Brittany Spaniel and a poodle. He's handsome, well behaved and very friendly.

Sehl graduated from NHS, class of '62. Chris attended NHS and later graduated from JD, which we don't hold against him. Chris first started visiting Menorah Park with his own golden retriever, Tinsley. After Tinsley died, Sehl and Chris started bringing Baxter along on their walks and visits.

The Burns family has had Baxter for over ten years, but he became a certified Emotional Support Animal in 2017 when Sehl was diagnosed with frontal lobe dementia. ESAs provide therapeutic support for their owners, who may suffer from anxiety or depression, and are allowed to accompany their owners to places that would not normally allow animals. For instance, Sehl takes Baxter to the grocery store and to S.U. football games at the Carrier Dome, where he is just as popular as he is at Menorah Park.

Sehl gets panic attacks, but his wife Linda says Baxter's presence helps him calm down. "A dog can relieve stress", says Linda. "It lowers your blood pressure. When you're petting the dog, everything else goes away. It just brings joy. People forget about their troubles for a moment."

Baxter wears a red vest to indicate his status as an emotional support dog and Sehl wears an ID lanyard to match. Says Sehl, "He's just a wonderful guy who likes to be with me."

Note: Much of this was taken directly from a [syracuse.com](https://www.syracuse.com) article.



## Alumni Spotlight: Family Edition



Nancy C. Andrews ('76) Career: I currently serve as Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Duke University. Advice: Don't be afraid to aim high in what you decide to do with your life. Don't impose limits on yourself, and be skeptical when others try to . Be willing to feel uncomfortable for a bit as you try new things.

David Andrews ('78) Career: I am currently Professor and Chair of the Economics Department at SUNY Oswego.

Advice: The most valuable thing I learned in school was to do research and to think for myself. Education isn't about memorizing answers. It's about challenging the answers you're given and then challenging the questions. The internet is a great resource but it has so much misleading information that sometimes is hard to sort out. Ultimately, you're the only one you can rely on to figure things out, so make sure you're in a position to do that.



Hon. Ross P. Andrews ('81) Career: I am a Syracuse City Court Judge. I was a union and civil rights lawyer for 22 years before being elected judge. Advice: The most valuable thing I learned in school was a lesson that I also learned at home: every member of a community has a contribution to make and should make it.

Bruce Andrews ('86) Career: I recently left being the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce in the Obama Administration.

Advice: Don't accept the limitations that you put on yourself or that others try to put on you. Someone may tell you that you can't do something or you may think that you would never be able to do it, but you can--- through hard work, focus, tenacity, resilience, and sometimes a little good luck. If someone had told me as a senior in high school that one day I would be sitting in the White House Situation Room at National Security Council meetings giving my opinion to the President of the United States, I would have thought they were crazy. But I got that opportunity because I never stopped working hard and trying to reach for the next opportunity in life.



**NEVER SAY YOU CAN'T.....**

## THE PRINCIPAL WONDERS.....

I got a visit the other day from a friend who was doing a little spring-cleaning. She brought me a picture of a Nottingham sorority from 1965. The girls were wearing black with a strand of pearls; they were quite elegant. I could not help but wonder what became of them all. They were at the beginning of their adult life in a world that was going to rapidly change. The question I had to ask myself was if Nottingham properly prepared them for the life they had in front of them. I ask myself that question every year as we prepare to graduate another cohort of students. Are they ready?

The girls in the picture had certain expectations of what was ahead of them. Most would go to college. They would likely meet a man in college, settle down and start a family. They may, or may not, work outside the home. They rode the wave of expectations and the struggles to meet them in a world where they may be wearing the last strand of pearls. Nottingham was going to change and the world was going to change with it. By the time that my sisters arrived at Nottingham in the late 60's the school would be almost unrecognizable to the girls in the sorority picture.

In prior correspondence, I have already given you the bulk of the statistics from Nottingham. The graduation rate is up approximately 25% in the 6 years that I have been principal. (Still too low, much more work to do.) However, I have begun to look at the school, and how we serve the students, differently. While the graduation rate is important, it has kept us out of hot water with the state education system, the same question emerges: are the students prepared for the world that awaits them as they leave the halls of Nottingham?

In many respects, the question is unanswerable. We do not know what the world will look like as we send our students out into it. The most we can do is prepare them for the known. We are doing more reading, writing and presenting at Nottingham than I have seen at any time in my 30-year professional career. We know how students learn and we know what they have learned, or not learned, more quickly and are able to tailor our instruction to meet students' needs. In a world that is changing at an incredibly rapid pace I know these skills are going to be important as students work their way into the workforce. Nevertheless, just as the girls in the sorority picture, as I graduate this year's class, I wonder.....

David P. Maynard, Principal





## **FACES of Nottingham**

Families, Alumni, Community, Educators, and Students

FACES of Nottingham is the Nottingham High School's vision of a traditional PTO. It operates as a non-profit organization that includes families, alumni, community, educators and students, and its primary purpose is to support the education of our students.

We continue to be deeply grateful to all Nottingham alumni, who continue to donate generously to support what happens in our building and beyond. Nottingham Connection Grants funded 17 different requests that ranged from classroom materials to 14 wireless microphone belts and belt-pacs for transmitters for the spring musical, "Once On This Island." Sadly, many of these expenses are not covered by the Syracuse City School District, and you make it possible for our students to have what they need to succeed.

As you may know, Nottingham High School is currently on the Syracuse City School District's Joint Schools Construction Board (JSCB) renovation list but with the recent mayoral election, there have been some delays. We have now been assigned a new architect, and we hope to be back on track soon.

FACES' Fundraising Committee is planning a major Capital Campaign to fundraise for Nottingham School renovations that will not be covered by the City of Syracuse. Some of the needs that we have identified are: install air conditioning; upgrade drinking water system so all water fountains can be utilized; remove asbestos where needed; renovate bathrooms, including water fixtures that stay on; add walls where partitions currently exist in classrooms; complete science rooms upgrades; upgrade lockers and locker rooms; create storage spaces for teachers; create meeting spaces for staff, teachers and students; renovate and upgrade gymnasium and weight room; upgrade classroom furniture; upgrade cafeteria; upgrade auditorium; create additional Smart classrooms; redesign front of school to meet safety standards.

The Capital Campaign will take at least 2-3 years of planning and implementation, and FACES invites each one of you to participate and help us in the planning and execution. We want to raise funds from alumni, community and corporations to help us achieve our goals. There will also be opportunities to give naming gifts, i.e. a classroom or lab could be named after you.

FACES meetings now take place on the first Thursday every other month at 6:30 pm in the Nottingham Cafeteria, and all are welcome to attend. You can find out more about us on our website: <http://www.nottinghamptso.org> where information about school activities, events and academic supports are frequently updated. You can also find us on Facebook as William Nottingham High School.

Thank you,

Tula Goenka, FACES President, 2017-18

## PANELS STILL MISSING on the Nottingham Quilt

As mentioned before, Judy Gray, one of the founders of *The Nottingham Connection* in the early 90's and much loved NHS librarian for many years, was also the inspiration for the creation of the Nottingham Quilt. The quilt was established in the late 90's.

We also advised that she made the quilt herself which allows for the individual squares representing each year of graduation to be sewn to it as each year's panel becomes available from its class members or others. The quilt was originally made to accommodate a total of 80 squares, which would cover the years 1926 thru 2005. Plans are now in the works to expand the size of the quilt by adding room for twenty (20) more squares which will give us a 100 panel quilt to celebrate William Nottingham High School's first 100 years. It's getting close, alums!

The current Nottingham Quilt has one half of the 80 panels filled with an array of inspirational designs each depicting their individual class year. We're listing those classes still missing a panel and if you are interested in providing a panel for your class, please contact Peg Kramer at 315-635-6110, or you can contact *The Connection*: [nottalum@hotmail.com](mailto:nottalum@hotmail.com).

The missing classes are: 1934, 35, 37, 40, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 60, 69, 72, 74, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2002, 03, 04, 05 and 06-18.

**An individual quilt panel should be 8" x 8" (total visible design) - a 1" border all around equals a total panel size of 10" x 10". The panel must have the graduation year. Any appropriate designs, techniques, materials, etc., are encouraged.**



## NOTTINGHAM QUILT GAINS A PANEL

Marlene (Weinstein) Konsens and Martha (Williams) Thompson designed and created a panel for the class of 1966. It depicts and honors **Mrs. Elizabeth Ciciarelli**, a beloved history teacher who died during their senior year at Nottingham. An entire page of that class's yearbook was devoted to her memory.



## DESIGNATION OF CLASS GIFTS

Karen Uplinger ('66) reports that the Class of 1966 has presented a check for \$3,553 to F.A.C.E.S., the parent, teacher and student organization for Nottingham, to be used for a new mixing board and audio for the sound studio of the TV room at the high school. It is their hope that this gift will encourage current students to be creative and innovative for the society of the future. A plaque will be placed in the studio to reflect this contribution.

Elaine Lyon ('57) reports that the Class of 1957 has donated \$470 to *The Nottingham Connection* for their use in making teacher project grants or for printing and publishing costs.

**REMINDER:** So that we can keep current, please return last page with updated email address and if you wish Check the box in order to receive your "Connection" via email. THX

## FROM THE MAILBAG

**Jodi Burnash** (Special Ed/English teacher) writes: Thank you for approving my grant proposal. I look forward to getting these books and sharing them with other teachers.

**Maureen Kendrick** (Librarian) writes: I am writing to thank you for the most gracious grant the Nottingham Library recently received. The event was a success! Staff turned out to learn about a program called BreakOut Edu, take a Challenge and enjoy pastries from Picasso's Pastry. Teacher comments from the event: "A lovely tea party this morning. Wonderful treats and fun activities. Bravo!" - Katie Gang; "Thank you so much for the really cool activity as well as the very yummy treats!" - Christina Ferlenda. Thank you for all your support.

**Jaime Hoey Rodriguez** (Science teacher) writes: Thank you so very much for your generous grant to fund fishing equipment for my students. I hope to spark a love of nature and the outdoors in as many students as possible because they are our future and it will be their very important job to help conserve and protect our earth. Thank you once again! I can't wait to use the equipment with the students.

**Richard H. Roomian** ('54) writes: It was generally understood that one could cut across the school grass when covered with snow, but I guess I pushed the envelope during the January thaw of 1953 as there was green showing under the thin blanket of white. Principal Pat Kane's office window quickly opened and he ordered me to return immediately and come into the office. Not wanting to hear his wrath, I entered the east door, reversed my jacket and took off my cap and walked calmly out the west door. Unbeknownst to me, a pal of mine happened to be in the office at the time and told me of my slick move, which he did not divulge to the principal, but did smile all the way home. [Editor's note: If you are picturing this, it would have been at the "old" Nottingham on Fellows Ave.]

**Dana Lyons** writes: Dear Bulldogs, Just a moment of serious pride and recognition for one of our own. **Dr. Kira Smith** is continuing her work with Doctors Without Borders and, of all amazing specialties, Kira is an OB/GYN. Check out her post and her accounts of her missions on Facebook. She deserves some support and love from home every now and then certainly some kudos for humanitarian efforts in practice. Just one last boast....let me not forget, Dr. Smith is a product of Yale. Yes!!! You go,

Kira Smith...I am just one of many people that are so proud of you, your pursuit of education AND knowledge, your accomplishments and your continued commitment to making this world a better place for all, especially women and children.

**Carol J. Clise** ('47) writes: Re: "Archival Information" in last year's newsletter: In the listing for the class of 1935, **William E. Allis** is listed in the **June graduates**. I lived in Auburn when I became friends with Nancy E. Allis, 859 Maryland Avenue, Syracuse. She was the administrator of the Onondaga County Chapter of the American Red Cross blood program. I was a volunteer in the Cayuga County Red Cross chapter, and I became active in the Syracuse Chapter also. Nan was born 9/21/15, died 4/28/03. She was living in Bradenton, Florida at that time. She grew up in the Maryland Ave house and lived there until moving to Florida. Her mother worked at Syracuse University and was very well known. Her obituary lists survivors as Douglas E. Allis. I think he lived in Skaneateles until moving to Florida. Also, Betty M. Allis, Skaneateles. I believe I heard Nan and her mentioning their brother Bill. Hope this information proves helpful to you in your search for that class.

## MAKE REUNION PLANNING EASIER

Members of *The Nottingham Connection* Editorial Board can help you with some of the items on your reunion planning list.

- For instance, if you want to have a tour of the school, you will need to set a time and obtain a permit. We can facilitate that for you if you let us know in plenty of time.
- Also, if your class is considering making a gift to the school, we can make suggestions and help you decide what would fit your budget and be most beneficial to Nottingham.
- If you want to be the contact person for your class don't call Ghostbusters but PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT: **NOTTALUM@HOTMAIL.COM**

## COMING SOON!

### **STRANGE TALES AND URBAN LEGENDS**

A new Cultural Trail connecting some of the strangest places in our community, answering questions including:

What caused the road to the Morningside Hill water towers to be blocked off?

Are famous Yankee pitcher Bob Shawkey's remains at Oakwood Cemetery?

What and where was a "Winter Wonderland" constructed by the city and the Roosevelt administration in 1938?

What does the famous "Jerry Rescue" have to do with Oakwood Cemetery?

Why is there a life-sized statue of a lion in the woods at Oakwood?

Was the toboggan slide razed because a mayor's wife was killed on it?

What unusual fish is a major food source for herons in Meadowbrook Pond?

Are there hermits living along the trail?

Why were young Ed Smith students arrested by the city for actions threatening the community and military property?

What serial killer is buried in Oakwood Cemetery within a half mile of the place where he left a victim's body?

What was Barry Park in the late forties and early fifties and what about that made it a great recreational area for kids?

Where are the "headwaters" of the Meadowbrook stream?

All of this and much more scheduled to be available by June, 2018, on the Westcott Community

Center website: [westcottcc.org](http://westcottcc.org) (under What We Do/Arts & Culture/Morningside Cultural Trails).

For more information, or to suggest additions, email Paul Harvey at [luludoodah@aol.com](mailto:luludoodah@aol.com)

## NOTTINGHAM CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>ART CLUB</b>	Students work on portfolios and community projects.
<b>BOOK CLUB</b>	Participants read and discuss various books throughout the year. They will also participate in Teen Book Fest in May 2018.
<b>CLASS OF 2021</b>	Class works on fundraising, community service and bonding activities throughout their high school career.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB</b>	Students work on various projects to help the environment and increase public knowledge about environmental issues.
<b>FILM SOCIETY</b>	Students learn about the visual arts through classic and modern movies.
<b>KEY CLUB</b>	This club stresses the importance of community service and doing good.
<b>MOCK TRIAL</b>	Teams meet with lawyers and coaches to engage in a statewide tournament that begins at the county level.
<b>MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION</b>	This club offers Muslim students Jumah Prayer most Fridays after school. Members assist and donate to various charitable organizations.
<b>NSBE</b>	This club engages students who have an interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.
<b>SKI CLUB</b>	Students ski six nights in January

## DONATIONS from Our ANGELS

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## REUNIONS

Hey All ,CLASS OF 1973: **45th REUNION**

Our 45th reunion should be in the Summer of 2018. The class of 1973



needs your help! We want to celebrate our memories and the great times we shared in our younger days. Check my FB PAGE (Cindy Lessen Griffith) and clessy@gmail.com for updates and classmates.

Hope to hear from a bunch of you soon!

### **CLASS OF 1988's 30th REUNION**

1988 Reunion information

Date of reunion is August 3-5 2018

Please contact Amy Spitzer on Facebook, or at mom.jma@gmail.com

### **2018 NHS Reunion Reminder**

Every 5 years, since an NHS Class graduates, seems to be the time that old classmates and friends set a date to hold a memorable class reunion. Below is a list of classes celebrating a five (5) year anniversary in 2018. If you're having your class's reunion during 2018, **please send us a recap**, to the *Connection*, so that we can print it in in the *2019 Nottingham Connection*.

Email: [nottalum@hotmail.com](mailto:nottalum@hotmail.com)

5<sup>th</sup>- 2013, 10<sup>th</sup>- 2008, 15<sup>th</sup>- 2003, 20<sup>th</sup>- 1998, 25<sup>th</sup>- 1993, 30<sup>th</sup>- 1988, 35<sup>th</sup>- 1983, 40<sup>th</sup>- 1978, 45<sup>th</sup>- 1973, 50<sup>th</sup>- 1968, 55<sup>th</sup>- 1963, 60<sup>th</sup>- 1958, 65<sup>th</sup>- 1953 and Beyond

NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1958

**60th REUNION**

Everyone who graduated in 1958 from Nottingham is invited to attend our 60th reunion!

If you have an interest in attending, these are the preliminary plans:

Friday, September 14, 2018, Dick Bowman's home, 6PM, (casual-hors d'oeuvres & cocktails)

504 Tecumseh Road  
Jamesville NY 13078

Saturday Morning Tour of Nottingham Building  
3100 East Genesee St.: time to be announced

Saturday, September 15th Cavalry Club, 6PM, (Cocktails & Dinner)  
4801 Troop K Road  
Manlius, NY 13104

Sunday, September 16th Farewell Brunch tentatively in the morning  
Genesee Grande Hotel  
1060 E. Genesee St. (corner S. Crouse)  
Syracuse, NY 13210

The TENTATIVE cost estimate is approximately \$125 all inclusive for planned activities.

If you have an interest in attending, please contact:

LINDA FINN BERGERON: **[linda41@comcast.net](mailto:linda41@comcast.net)**

MARGO CARR MILLER (**[maggiesredheads@hotmail.com](mailto:maggiesredheads@hotmail.com)**) is updating our mailing list

SU vs FL State football game is likely Saturday afternoon

FYI: Please contact Linda with any ideas for activities or other thoughts.

Hope to see you all there!



## **Class of 1968's 50th Reunion**

FRIDAY NIGHT

September 21, 2018

6:00-10:00pm

The Chop House on Waring

(formerly TC Club)

200 Waring Road

Syracuse, NY 13224

315.445.1976

For tonight's event we'll have a great selection of hors d'oeuvres available, in addition to a cash bar. Cost is \$55.00 per person.

SATURDAY NIGHT

September 22, 2018

6:00-10:00pm

Traditions at the Links

5900 N Burdick Street

East Syracuse, NY 13057

315.656.5298

For tonight's event we will have an excellent buffet with several different stations offering a wide variety of food. It will be a cash bar.

Cost is \$70.00 per person.

SUNDAY MORNING

September 23, 2018

Hi all ...

The reunion committee has not planned an official event for Sunday morning. We encourage you to make your own arrangements if you would like to meet up with friends for breakfast or brunch. Please be sure to check out the

"Things to Do & Places to See"

page on our website for local dining and sight-seeing suggestions.

If you are heading back home today, we wish you safe travels!

Get directions, lodging info, and much more on our reunion website:

**[www.nottingham1968.com](http://www.nottingham1968.com)**



The class of 1967's 50th reunion was held September 15, 16 and 17, 2017. Ninety-five classmates and 35 guests attended the events. Friday night we dined at The Dinosaur BBQ. Saturday night's event was at the Bellevue Country Club . We had an hors d'oeuvres cocktail hour outside on the patio with a plated dinner in the Green Room. Sunday, we had a fabulous brunch at Golda Zimmerman's house with more people than expected because everyone had such a great time the two nights before. Thank you, Golda, for putting on the brunch! And thanks to all the members of the reunion committee: Joan Ross Vinal, Golda Zimmerman, Jo Meltzer Brown, Larry Higbee, Nick Malagisi, Shelly Varsano Schwartz, Iris Alpern Maxon, Dora Torres, Bibi Brumberger Stein, Bruce Poushter, Frank Mamat and Phil Riposo. A Special thanks to Jay Slotnick and Lew Radin.

FROM THE EDITORS

**Hey, Alums!** Do you have memories of, or anecdotes about, your years at Nottingham HS that you would like to share? Have you had interesting experiences in the years since? We would love to hear from you. Send your recollections/thoughts/narrative/pictures to our email address: [nottalum@hotmail.com](mailto:nottalum@hotmail.com) with **"From the Mailbag"** in the Subject line.

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**TEACHER GRANTS 2016/2017**

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**PURPOSE**

Cyndi Koolakian	Children's books, Spanish edition
Tracy Daige	Adult coloring books & games for ADHD, anxiety, counseling therapies
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Colleen Evans	Living Environment books/lab activities
Maureen (Kendrick) Page	Library High Tea event supplies for teacher/staff networking, & curriculum material information
Jaime Hoey Rodriguez	Environmental Science supplies/field guide/equipment for fishing experience/field trip
Maureen DeChick	30 copies of graphic novel "The Odyssey" + DVD for English 9/SUPA English
Christina Ferlenda	Digital Arts equipment/supplies
Heather Moses	Art/scrapbook materials for Social Studies projects
Lauren Cirulli	History DVDs for Social Studies/ENL (English New Learner) students
Jodi Burnash	Special Education teacher resource material
Tom Little / Mark Austin	DVDs/books/curriculum guides for Social Studies/English

**TOTAL: 14 GRANTS = \$4,870.09**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2017**

Balance on 12/31/2016————— \$ 12,052.62

Total donations 2017————— \$ 6,143.00

Publishing/mailing expenses 2017————— \$ (718.15)

Other expenses 2017————— \$ (1,605.00)

[2017 yearbook, computer assistance, ink,  
meeting supplies, reimbursement for  
framing T. Sugarman art (12 original illustrations) for NHS library]

Grants to teachers 2017————— \$ (4,870.09)

Total Expenses 2017————— \$ (7,193.24)

Balance on 12/31/2017————— \$ 11,002.38

### **Reminder:**

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We have our own account with a local commercial bank. (We are not a tax-exempt organization, but this does not have a major impact on our expense account.)

Submitted by Peg Kramer, Treasurer



## Nottingham in the News 2017

*Culled from the pages of the **Syracuse Post Standard**  
Newspaper  
and other news sources*

**Jan. 6** **Abraham Kenneh**, Nottingham sophomore, member of the wrestling, football and baseball teams, is honored as Scholar Athlete of the Week. He achieved honor roll this marking period with a 90 grade point average and continues to challenge himself on the field, on the mat and in the classroom. After graduation he'd like to attend Notre Dame University and study engineering.

**Jan. 12** Former Nottingham football player **Derrick Gore** ('13) announces he'll transfer from Alabama; he has not yet indicated where he will go. Gore, who played for Nick Patterson at Nottingham, was an All-Central New York selection in 2012, attended Milford Academy in the fall of 2013 and the following year played at Coffeyville (Kansas) Community College before winning a spot on the University of Alabama roster. He has been a red shirt sophomore for the Crimson Tide who saw action mostly on special teams the past two seasons.

**Jan. 17** This week's Nottingham Student Scholar Athlete is **Davon Howard**, a member of the football, basketball and track teams. A Zebra Classic Scholarship winner, he hopes to attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technology University after graduation.

**Jan. 18** From Nottingham Technology teacher **Brian English**: During the weekend of January 14-15, Nottingham's VEX Robotics teams competed in two competitions: Fulton, NY and Tioga, NY. During the Fulton competition our 5937A team made it all the way to the final round and lost in the final match. During the competition with Tioga, our team took a clean sweep of the awards. Teams C and A paired up to win the competition while competing against our own B team. The B team came away with the top award (the Excellence Award) at this event. All three teams are now qualified for the New York State Championship on February 18th.



## Nottingham in the News

**Jan. 24** Listed below are the Nottingham winners, at the regional level, of the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards. Gold Key winners go on to compete nationally and those winners are announced in the next few months.

*Gold Key (1st place):* **Maia Knittel**, Digital Art; **Stephanie Mooney**, Fashion

*Silver Key: (2nd place):* **Hannah Cofer**, Portfolio (2 awards); **Thy Ly**, Digital Art; **Stephanie Mooney**, Sculpture

*Honorable Mention:* **David Arcaro**, **Hannah Cofer** (8 awards), **Maia Knittel**, **Thy Ly**, **Natalie (Ryan) Skidmore** (2 awards).

### SCSD - "News from the Schools", December 2016 & January 2017

*SCSD Students Compete in Longest-Running NYS Vex Robotics Tournament:* More than 100 students from Corcoran, Nottingham, Fowler/PSLA and H.W. Smith, as well as surrounding districts, took part in the 9th annual SCSD Vex Robotics Competition, the longest running Vex competition in the state!

*SCSD Students Attend NSBE Regional Conference:* Henninger, ITC, Nottingham and PSLA at Fowler students recently attended a National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Regional Conference in Niagara Falls, where they attended workshops and competed in regional competitions. These competitions included Vex Robotics, Bridge Building and T-Mal (math). The Vex competition was designed for teams of two. **Austin Pilon (ITC)** and **Amara Donzo (Nottingham)** won first place and **Tydre Bell and Najib Daoud** (both of Nottingham) took second. In the math competition (T-Mal), the first place team was **Nasheet Usman, Bridget Kumah and Jacinda Jackson (Nottingham)**, **Quintin Shanes (ITC)** and **Chantay Morales (PSLA)**. The second place team was **Myles Cherebin, Johnny Nguyen** (both of Nottingham), **Imari Gary (P-Tech)** and **Alex Phan (ITC)**. In the Bridge Building competition, **Nate Hunter (ITC)**, **Jordan Hart (Nottingham)** and **Makel and Marquice Miller (Henninger)** took second place.

*SCSD Students Participate in Syracuse Youth Orchestra Concert:* The Syracuse Youth Orchestra and the Syracuse Youth String Orchestra recently held their Fall Concert at West Genesee High School. Together, the SYO and SYSO have 186 students that participate from across Central New York, and four are from the SCSD. Congratulations to **Ryan Skidmore, Yier Jin and Hanna Tobin** (violin, Nottingham) and to **Cecilia Joslyn** (French horn, Corcoran).

*ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Quindell Williams*, Nottingham ('03). College: OCC and SUNY Oswego, majoring in Mass Media and Broadcast Journalism. Career Path: He is currently a Multimedia Journalist/Photographer (MMJ) at NBC3/CBS5/CW6 (CNY Central). As a student at OCC he had the ability to do freelance work with ESPN, Time Warner and CBS Sports. He started his career with CNY Central as a master control operator in 2011 and transitioned to MMJ shortly after. He has been with the station for five years.

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*SCSD Educational Foundation Announces 2016-17 Grant Recipients:* The SCSD Educational Foundation has announced the recipients of more than \$53,000 in grant funding for the 2016-17 school year. Thanks to the funding, 20 projects in 14 SCSD schools will now be possible, exposing students to unique activities in science, business, the arts and more. Of the projects funded this year, one was a wind tunnel project at Nottingham to help Environmental Science, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) students get a true voltage reading of a wind turbine's output.

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## GREAT NEWS FOR OUR WEBSITE

Yes, for those of you reading this in print, we have a website.

<http://www.nottingham-connection.org>).

To see this amazing journal in technicolor (so to speak), visit our website to enjoy the full color effect: *Aaron Knight '03, webmaster*

## Nottingham in the News

**Feb. 1** *The Post-Standard Sports section, "Bulldogs Sign Letters, Look Ahead"* by Donnie Webb: "**Jevon Jones** and **Carthell Flowers** stood before a packed room at Nottingham on Wednesday, February 1st, in their dress sports coats and bow-ties and thanked everyone they could think of. After signing national letters-of-intent to play college football, coach Fred Wheeler pointed out to the underclassmen sitting in the room that those signatures are worth thousands of dollars in academic scholarship to two players who are not only accomplished on the field, but also in the classroom. Jones, a quarterback, was recruited as a free safety in Villanova. Wheeler said Jones might report as an athlete, leaving open options to play quarterback or even receiver. Jones plans to study engineering. Flowers, a running back, was recruited as a defensive back at Eastern Michigan, which plays in the Football Bowl subdivision (Division I)."

**Feb. 27** Over break our Nottingham VEX Teams competed in the school district sponsored Northern New York State VEX Championship. This event is the qualifier to the World Championships, which will be held in Kentucky in April. Our team this year has not yet qualified, but sits in good position to qualify by placing second at the Northern New York State Championships in the Robot Skills Challenge category. In New York there is a Northern and Southern State Championship; the Southern will be held on March 4th and will determine the final spots for Worlds including the Skills Challenge winners. We will know by March 6th if our team made it. In the meantime here is how we did:

**Feb. 2** **Jaime Alicea**, Interim Superintendent of the SCSD, in a letter to the editor of the Syracuse Post-Standard today explained all the steps the district takes to support students who are affected by a traumatic event. He thanked "all of the Crisis Response Team members and all of the staff who step forward to help our children in the most unfortunate and tragic circumstances."

**Feb. 6** This week's Student Scholar Athlete is Nottingham senior **Molly Bankert**, who had a 98 grade point average during the last marking period. She's a high honor roll student and a member of both the indoor track team and the district's city lacrosse team. Molly plans to study history in college.

**Feb. 12** Nottingham senior **Jevon Jones** was honored with the Syracuse Crunch Award for Sportsmanship at the *CNY Young and Amazing Awards* which took place at the Civic Center on February 9th. Jevon is a varsity athlete in football, basketball and track. He is a leader on and off the field and will be attending Villanova University on a full athletic scholarship after graduation.

**Feb. 18** The Section III boys state swim meet qualifier was held Saturday at the Nottingham pool.

*Team 5937A* lost in the Finals Match of the Engineering Division, placing second overall in their division. Team members: **Nasheett Usman**, **Tyrique Cundiff**, and **Fahim Rahman**.

*Team 5937B* went 3-4 in the Technology Division, placing 23rd overall (This was the much tougher division!). Team members: **Shukri Shareef**, **Rebecca Zathang** (unable to attend the event).

*Team 5937C*, paired with Team A, also lost in the Finals Match of the Engineering Division, placing second overall in their division. Placed second overall in the Robot Skills Challenge. Team members: **Nick Lozoponi**, **Aser Negash** (unable to attend the event).

We congratulate these students for making it to the State Championship and trying their hardest. "Thank you to everyone who helped us this season and allowed the students extra time to work on their robots!" - **Bryan English** / PLTW Technology Education / Nottingham High School.

**Mar. 1** *Syracuse University News Campus & Community* section: "Refugee High School Students to Participate in 'We Are Syracuse' Event at School of Education March 1": The third annual "We Are Syracuse" event will be hosted on the Syracuse University campus. Refugee students from Nottingham High School will come to share their stories at this gallery-style event that's dedicated to celebrating their cultures and promoting tolerance." Students from Nepal, Uganda, Myanmar, Iraq, Congo and Somalia will tell of their experiences through written and spoken narratives, small-group PowerPoint presentations and conversations over food and artwork. The event is a collaboration between Nottingham's *English as a New Language* teacher **Lauren Cirulli** and faculty in the S.U. School of Education's *Teaching English Language Learners* (TELL) program. Associate Professor Zaline Roy-Campbell, coordinator of the TELL program, says "'We Are Syracuse' offers a way for the community to better understand the plight of our immigrant and refugee population in Syracuse." According to Cirulli, English language learners make up about 30% of the approximately 1200 students enrolled at Nottingham. She indicates that the students are extremely resilient. "I have to say that Nottingham is an extremely welcoming place, and students quickly find activities to join and friends to hang out with, and their culture is appreciated here", Cirulli says. For additional information about "We Are Syracuse" contact Roy-Campbell at [zmroycam@syr.edu](mailto:zmroycam@syr.edu).

**Mar. 3** *FANS - Friends of the Arts at Nottingham High School*: Nottingham is very fortunate to be able to bring professional string musicians to NHS this year through a grant program. This "String Mentoring Program at Nottingham High School" is sponsored by the Society for New Music with support from the Central New York Community Foundation, part of SNM's *Billie Burdick composers in the Syracuse City Schools* project. The purpose of the grant is to bring professional string players to school to teach group lessons and to coach ensemble groups. Ultimately, the staff would like to have its own Nottingham string orchestra and to start the program during the next 1-2 weeks. The current proposal is to offer group lessons/sessions both during and after school hours to accommodate students' schedules.

**Mar. 3** Nottingham alum **Joe Driscoll** and Sekou Kouyate won a "SAMMY" (Syracuse Area Music Award) as Best Jam Band for "Monistic Theory".

**Mar. 6** On February 11th Nottingham had two teams compete in the Onondaga Math Meet. One of the teams, Team Dys(f(x)), placed 8th out of 70 teams at the meet. The members of this team were **Austin Shaughnessy**, **Sandy Yang**, **Nick Lozopony**, **Vizma Leimanis**, **Trevor Giardine**, **Lauren Ashby**, **Truong Ho** and **Fahim Rahman**. Senior **Austin Shaughnessy** placed in the top 30 students for the entire county and was selected to be on the Onondaga County Team that will compete in New York City on April 1st at Stuyvesant High School. Congratulations to Austin and all of the participants on a competitive year.

**May 3** Nottingham's *Introduction to Engineering Design* class - *period 10*, and their teacher **Jim McGinty**, celebrated Earth Day by taking apart a broken picnic table and building a new one.

**May 5** *Facebook, The Syracuse City School District*: Nottingham senior **Vizma Leimanis** and two Henninger High School students were recently named winners of the 2017 *Youth Peace Award*. This award is given annually by the *Nuclear Free World Committee of SPC*, (formerly Peace Action CNY of the Syracuse Peace Council) to high school students who have shown a devotion to peace, justice and protecting the environment. Vizma was recognized for her environmental advocacy (anti-fracking, anti-nuclear) work while the Henninger students were recognized for their efforts with the "Two Miles is Too Far" campaign. All three students have participated in the Seeds of Peace program.

## Nottingham in the News

**Mar. 8** Nottingham's *Meadowbrook Harlequins* will perform the play "Mary Poppins" as their spring musical March 10th - 12th at the school's Len Fonte Theater. The play is based on Walt Disney's favorite film and the book by P.L. Travers. *On the Fly Productions* has been contracted for aerial elements of the show. The adults involved are director **Bill Ralbovsky**, music director **Alicia Bronzetti**, choreographer **Deb Holden** and pit band conductor **Eveny Parker**. Among others, the cast includes **Emily Carello** as Mary Poppins, **Lucas Neville** as Bert, **Michael Edmonds** as George Banks, **Bianca Ortiz** as Winnfred Banks and **Nyasa Williams** as Jane Banks. Featured dancers are **Priscilla Fudesco**, **Rachel Hidek**, **Emily Houck**, **Vizma Leimanis**, **Cammie Nash** and **Levon Owens**.

**Mar. 12** **Jaime Alicea**, who served as interim superintendent of the Syracuse City Schools for seven months, was named as Superintendent of the Syracuse City School District. His appointment was unanimous by the school board. He and Board President Derrick Dorsey said a big part of Alicea's role will be to build bridges between the community, parents, students and district staff and leadership. On March 9th about 500 people were recognized for their contributions as volunteers in Syracuse schools at an annual luncheon at the LeMoyne College Campus Center, where Alicea greeted volunteers and community members. During his 34 years with Syracuse schools Alicea has served as a kindergarten teaching assistant all the way to CEO in charge of health services, facilities, food, security and transportation, among other titles.

*SCSD Arts Student, Staff Achieve Musical Honors:* Nottingham student **Joe Venable** participated in the All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble at the NYSSMA conference at the Eastman Theatre in Rochester, NY. He auditioned for this with a level 6 All-State solo back in May and prepared with his teacher **Alicia Bronzetti** for the performance since September.

*Visual Arts Students Receive Scholastic Art Awards:* Several SCSD high school students were recognized in this year's Scholastic Arts Awards. In the Digital Art category Nottingham students **Thy Ly** ("Harmony"), **Maia Knittel** ("Flower Child") and **David Arcaro** ("Galaxy Hair") received Honorable Mentions, while **Thy Ly** also received a Silver Key for his work, "Inquisitor", and **Maia Knittel** also received a Gold Key for her work, "Spooky Kids". **Hannah Cofer** received several Honorable Mentions for Mixed Media and Drawing and Illustration submissions and was also recognized with two Silver Key awards for her Art Portfolio submissions, "Women" and "Outside". **Stephanie Mooney** received a Gold Key for her Fashion submission "Wrapped in Wonder", as well as a Silver Key for her Sculpture work, "Overgrown Dreams". **Natalie (Ryan) Skidmore** received Honorable Mentions for the Painting and Digital Art submissions "Boston Pigeons" and "Angel Concept".

*SCSD Overall June Graduation Rate Exceeds 60%!* For the first time in 10 years overall June graduation rate exceeded 60%. On top of that, five high schools each saw improvements in their individual graduation rates. 2016 June Graduation Rates: Corcoran 64%, Fowler 44%, Henninger 61%, ITC 89%, **Nottingham 66%**.

*Nottingham Students Host Fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Foundation:* Led by ENL teacher **Lauren Cirulli** and **Nottingham soccer teams**, students raised \$350 in support of soccer coach **Andy Hazeltine's** son Ocasio who has brain cancer. They sold long-sleeved blue t-shirts that had a bulldog and soccer ball on the front and a grey ribbon for brain cancer awareness on the left sleeve.

*Nottingham Students Raise Trout in the Classroom:* Under a grant funded by the SCSD Educational Foundation, Natural Resources students led by teacher **Jaime Rodriguez** are raising trout in their class as part of a stream habitat study and to help them learn about ecosystem connectivity. The Rome Fish Hatchery provided the Brown Trout eggs, which will be released in Butternut Creek in May. By that time, students will have learned a lot about conservation efforts at the state level to help the local species. "We studied their anatomy and their life cycle," classmate **Mariam Almohamad** explained, "and we learned how to test the water so we can keep their environment stable." Sophomore **Abraham Kenneh** said, "It's been fun! I like that it's hands

-on...that we're not just sitting at our desks." This is one of 20 projects funded by the SCSD Educational Foundation in 14 schools this year, totaling \$53,000.

**Mar. 23** Nottingham alum **Camille Paglia** ('64) has published a new book, an essay collection, entitled "**Free Women, Free Men - Sex, Gender, Feminism**". An article about her appeared in today's New York Times Book Review section, "Books of the Times" by Dwight Garner, entitled "*From Camille Paglia, 'Free Women, Free Men' and No Sacred Cows*". Paglia is an American academic and social critic as well as author of several best selling books. She is a graduate of Harper College at Binghamton University and did her doctoral dissertation at Yale where her mentor was Harold Bloom. She has been a professor at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia since 1984.

**Apr. 3** The Student Scholar Athlete of the Week, **Nyazhia Rhodes**, a Nottingham junior with a current GPA of 3.4, enjoys extending her math skills by taking a pre-calculus course at Onondaga Community College. During her high school years she has run both indoor and outdoor track, as well as having cheered for football. She is currently part of the Track and Field Team and is ready for the 2017 spring season in hopes of going to the State-Wide Track Meet.

**Apr. 5** *The Syracuse City School District*: For the past 2 weeks the City of Syracuse has enjoyed sell-out performances of the musical "Wicked" at the Landmark Theater. During the run, a group of SCSD students got a special view of the show when a cast member gave a *Musical Theatre Audition Workshop* at Nottingham. Lauren Houghton, a 2004 S.U. graduate, led the group in the dance combination actually used in "Wicked". She also worked with students on songs they had chosen, addressing both vocal and dramatic elements of their performance. The workshop was organized by SCSD music teacher Frederick Willard, who also provided piano accompaniment for the event. Nottingham choral teacher **Alicia Bronzett** was the host.

**Apr. 10** In a project led by Nottingham teacher **Gwendolyn Raeford** and funded by the *Syracuse City School District Educational Foundation*, students in the school's Environmental Science, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs had the opportunity to test their renewable energy creations in a wind tunnel. Facebook features a video on this wind tunnel project: [www.facebook.com/SyracuseCitySchools/videos/1442326669145408/](https://www.facebook.com/SyracuseCitySchools/videos/1442326669145408/)

**Apr. 11** Student Scholar Athlete of the Week: Nottingham freshman **Aser Negash**. His current GPA is 95.85. He is a member of the JV Soccer Team and Outdoor Track Team. Negash also competes in VEX Robotics with Mr. English. In the future he hopes to play professional soccer; his backup plan is to attend Syracuse University to study mechanical engineering.

**Apr. 17** Student Scholar Athlete of the Week: Nottingham senior **Nick Lozoponi**. He is a member of the Syracuse tennis team and last marking period had a 99 grade point average. Currently enrolled in AP and SUPA courses, he enjoys challenging himself in math by studying Calculus BC independently and plans to attend a four-year college or university.

**Apr. 24** Student Scholar Athlete of the Week: Nottingham senior **Janet Nguyen**. She is on the girl's varsity lacrosse team and has a cumulative grade point average of 99. Nguyen is enrolled in AP and SUPA classes, while her favorite class is AP calculus. Janet will attend the University of Rochester in the fall where she'll major in biology, following the pre-med track. She enjoys Key Club and volunteering in the community.

**May 1** *FACES of Nottingham: Syracuse Teacher Receives National Recognition*: Nottingham Social Studies teacher **Don Little** has won his fourth *National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholarship Award* since 2010. This is a highly competitive award and honorees are selected from a nationwide pool of participants to attend one of 20 NEH *Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops*. The National Endowment for the Humanities is a federal agency that supports summer study opportunities annually so that teachers can work with experts in humanities disciplines. The 72 teachers selected to participate in the program each receive a stipend which covers travel, study and living expenses. Don Little will participate in a workshop entitled "Following in Ancient Footsteps: The Hopewell". The one-week program will be held twice this summer in Columbus, Ohio and is directed by Dr. Betsy Hedler.

## Nottingham in the News

**May 5** *Facebook, The Syracuse City School District:* Nottingham senior **Molly Bankert** was named one of nine finalists in the *Syracuse Stage Young Playwrights Festival*. The nine finalists were selected out of more than 300 entries. Molly received a gift certificate for six tickets to Syracuse Stage plays and to her own play, "What the Future Holds", which was performed on stage. Bankert also had the opportunity to participate in a "talk back" where audience members asked her questions about her work.

**May 5** *FANS - Friends of the Arts at Nottingham High School:* "Women of Lockerbie" is playing the weekend of May 6th-7th. The cast includes **Lauren Ashby, Cooper Breed, Bela Harris, Ben Hill, Vizma Leimanis, Cammie Nash** and **Lucy Purnine**.

**May 7** *The Post-Standard:* "And the nominees are...14 students to be honored at Syracuse High School Theatre Awards": Participating schools include Nottingham High School, for "Mary Poppins". Nominations are in for the third annual Syracuse High School Theatre Awards, which celebrate and recognize student achievements in the production and performance of theater. The awards will be presented at the Landmark Theater on Sunday, June 4, 2017. The evening will feature students from 26 central New York schools.

**May 8** Student Scholar Athlete of the Week: Nottingham sophomore **Ana Kreidler-Siwinski** is a "triple threat", competing as a swimmer on the Nottingham team, playing JV basketball, and also participating on the district's crew team. She has been swimming for the Syracuse City Swimming and Diving Team for the past three years, swimming the butterfly leg of the team's relay at sectionals. Ana is also a member of Syracrew, who are going to State Championships at Saratoga at the end of this week. With a GPA of 98, she also finds time for playing chess, water polo, mountain climbing and reading.

**May 10** *Facebook, The Syracuse City School District:* Nottingham junior **Myles Cherebin** was recognized as one of ten winners of the *2017 Cornell University Book Award*. His recognition took place at a reception featuring remarks by columnist Sean Kirst and he received a copy of the author's book as this year's Cornell Book Award. School counselor **Tracy Daige** nominated Myles for his outstanding academic, extracurricular and personal achievements.

**May 11** Nottingham senior **Anastasia O'Conner** has been selected to receive the *Big Brothers, Big Sisters Michael Yeoman's Memorial Scholarship Award* for 2017. She will be graduating next month and will be making post-graduate plans. The \$500 award is given in memory of a deceased Little Brother, **Michael Yeomans**, to a graduating high school senior who is involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and has an interest in giving back and/or continuing their volunteer work.

**May 11** *Jewish Observer article: JNF Representative Returns to Syracuse to Talk About Diversity of Programs:* The Jewish National Fund (JNF) Israel Programs Admissions Director and Educator **Maura Koenig** recently spent two days in Syracuse meeting with Jewish leaders and youth to raise awareness and interest in JNF programs. Koenig is a Nottingham graduate ('07). Having received her undergraduate and BA in theatre from SUNY Oswego in 2011, Koenig visited some of the local synagogues as well as the Syracuse Hebrew Day School to present a program to the elementary school's students about how JNF works with Israeli firefighters and had the children play JNF "Firefighter Bingo". She also met with Syracuse University students about JNF's "Caravan for Democracy" program, which sends non-Jewish students to Israel. At one local synagogue she showed a video about the Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMSHI) semester abroad program for high school students. Koenig grew up in Syracuse and now resides and works in New York City. For more information on the JNF and AMSHI programs, Koenig can be reached at [mkoenig@jnf.org](mailto:mkoenig@jnf.org).

**May 16** Student Scholar Athlete of the Week: Nottingham student **Bridget Kuamh** is a member of the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Team and hopes to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at RIT. In addition to taking college courses, she has been able to maintain a GPA of 96. She believes that being competitive is an essential quality to have because in order to strive for success you have to compete with yourself, which is one thing that she learned from participating in sports.

### SCSD "News from the Schools", April & May 2017:

*Nottingham DECA Students Qualify for International Competition:* The DECA students recently competed against more than 2,000 students at the DECA State Career Conference in Rochester. Some of the students earned the right to go on to represent New York DECA at the International Career Development Conference in California in April. Congratulations to **Levon Owens**, **Ta'nira Newton** and **Maralicia Newton** (Public Relations Project 5th place); **Nyasa Williams** (Public Relations Project 4th place); **Neema Ilunga** (Learn and Earn Project 5th Place); **Anan Le**, **Ananda Packer** and **Emily Houck** (Learn and Earn Project 4th Place); **Rylee Nash**, **Michaela Denson**, **Jacinda Jackson** and **Kerin Berry** (Community Service Project - Top 10); and **Tramar Wallace** and **Johnny Nguyen** (Innovation Plan - Top 10).

*Nottingham Student Performs Random Act of Kindness:*

Sophomore **Ethan Ludlow** recently purchased pizzas and wings for the school's community-based special education class, using his earnings from a part-time job to make the purchase. Ludlow explained that he observed one of the special ed students being picked on and wanted to do something to help. Nottingham teacher **Edye Bonanni** added, "The students were very thankful and appreciative of his kindness. He has shown great respect for our kids."

*SCSD Students Attend National SDBE Convention:* Students from Nottingham and other city schools recently attended the National Society of Black Engineers 43rd Annual Convention in Kansas City, MO. There they competed with more than 1,500 students in science, math and engineering challenges.

*Nottingham Students Practice Language Skills, Learn to Be Cultural Ambassadors:* With part of a grant funded by the SCSD Education Foundation, Nottingham Spanish teacher **Lisa Crowell** formed the program with the intention of bringing together English as a New Language (ENL) students and native English speakers. Once a week after school her classroom fills with the sound of French and Spanish as the *Orange and Blue Ambassadors Language Exchange* group meets. Students practice their conversational language skills by discussing topics such as travel, news, etc. in a language they are wanting to learn. With Ms. Crowell and French teacher **Leonard Kuci** helping prompt the students or assisting when they get stuck, meetings take place almost entirely in languages other than English. Junior **Melanie Anaya**, a native Spanish speaker, said the club has been a good way to develop her third language. "It's helped me better communicate with people in French, which is what I'm trying to learn." "In class, they're usually worried about grammar and proper language use," Mr. Kuci added. "Here, there's nothing to worry about - it's all for fun!" Ms. Crowell explained the group's benefits: "It gives our foreign language speakers real experience, and we're tapping into the resources we have right here in our school."

**May 22** Nottingham librarian **Maureen Kendrick Page** was selected by the Central New York School Librarians group as a *Soaring Through Excellence Super Librarian*. Ms. Page was selected for her energy, passion and leadership. The selection of an award winner is determined by an independent committee and approved by the presidents of the CNYSL.

**May 22** Nottingham's Natural Resources students recently went to Ryder Park in Dewitt to release trout they raised in class into Butternut Creek. They also participated in catch-and-release fishing, a nature walk to identify wildlife and plants, a macro invertebrate search and compass activity. The group also traveled to Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery to learn how a hatchery operates and how fish are raised from eggs to adults.

## Nottingham in the News

**May 25** The Nottingham Athletic Awards Night will be held on June 8th at 6:00 PM in the Len Fonte Center for Performing Arts at Nottingham High School. Athletes will be recognized for their academic and athletic accomplishments. All Nottingham athletes are invited to attend this event.

**June 1** *The Post-Standard, Neighbors section: Miss CNY Scholarship Pageant / Miss CNY Pageant Honors Hard Work: Ta’Nira Newton* of Nottingham was chosen as a finalist among 14 other young women from various local high schools. The pageant is to take place on June 11th at the Everson Museum of Art. The finalists have reached this level after evaluation and recommendation by their career counselors, faculty and other community leaders. The pageant is in its 9th year of celebrating high school senior women on their acceptance into college. Pageant founder and director **Mia Adams McSherry** states: “We will show that brains and beauty coexist in our community - that the strength of character and seriousness of purpose of our community’s young women can shine out through their poise and bearing. We have found this to be an effective way to encourage young women to continue their educational growth and development. I am proud to say that attendance and community support for this event have grown every year.”

**June 3** *syracuse.com:* Nottingham's senior prom was celebrated on June 2nd at Drumlins Country Club.

**June 6** Special thanks to all parents, teachers, friends, family members and administrators who volunteered for Nottingham’s After-Prom-Party, including to **Kate Saufley** and **Andra Leimanis** whose creative vision and hard work led to a safe and fun-filled “Fantastique” event.

**June 15** *The Syracuse City School District:* Students from Huntington, Clary Middle School, Ed Smith, PSLA, Fowler, Frazer, Westside Academy at Blodgett and Nottingham competed in the 19th Annual Cardboard Boat Race recently. The Cardboard Boat Race is open to all SCSD middle and high school students. The students were challenged to build their own vessel to navigate across the PSLA pool. Awards were presented in several categories; the Nottingham team, **Cow Smugglers**, won for the fastest time, crossing the pool in 42.28 seconds.

**June 15** *The Post Standard, Neighbors section: High School Graduation 2017, Nottingham High School:* This year's valedictorian, **Lauren Ashby**, will be attending Sarah Lawrence College where she plans to study Public Policy, among other things, and to play soccer. Although her plans are not set in stone, she'd like to pursue a career in education policy. Her experiences at Nottingham included all-city Varsity soccer, Seeds of Peace, Superintendent's Student Cabinet, Community-wide Dialogue and musical theater, which she shared with some of her best friends. She hopes to accomplish something that will make a positive difference in the world during her lifetime. Her advice to other students as they continue their studies: "Compete with yourself, not those around you. You can fulfill your ambitions while still having friends...push yourself to do your best and don't worry about what others are doing!"

**Molly Bankert**, this year's salutatorian, will be attending Syracuse University and hopes to become a historian or museum curator. At Nottingham she has participated in Varsity lacrosse, indoor track, student government, Mock Trial, and Community-wide Dialogue. She has enjoyed being part of a diverse community and has been inspired by friends, family and teachers. She hopes to work to find ways to eliminate prejudice and improve our country.

**June 17** *"Live on Bridge Street" Salutes 2017 CNY Valedictorians:* The program featured 13 Central New York area high school valedictorians, including Nottingham's **Lauren Ashby**. They all shared their thoughts on a variety of topics, including safety and security. Another topic of discussion was social media usage. While all agree that social media has a lot of potential for positive change, many describe it as a “double-edged sword”. Other topics included Greek life, the college admission process, and what the grads will miss most about high school.

**June 22** *syracuse.com*: Senior **Jaleel Berry** signed a national letter-of-intent to play football at Boston College. He will report to campus Sunday, following Nottingham's graduation on Saturday. He will be playing defensive tackle for the Eagles. Paul Pasqualoni, former head coach at Syracuse University, will be his position coach. "It was like a dream come true", Berry said.

**June 23** **Moikgantsi Kgama**, a graduate of Nottingham and Syracuse University, founded *ImageNation Cinema Foundation*, headquartered in Harlem. ImageNation will present two screenings of an independent film, "Chapter & Verse", on Saturday at the Redhouse Arts Center in Syracuse. This will be the first in a quarterly film series called "Cocktails & Cinema" that highlights the global black experience.

**June 27** *syracuse.com*: The McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center joined with the Social Media Breakfast Syracuse at Nottingham High School where they held an important discussion about how parents can help keep kids safe on the Internet.

**June 28** *FANS-Friends of the Arts at Nottingham High School*: The Senior Vocal Ensemble performed "For Good" at the Nottingham commencement on June 24th. The lyrics are: "...You'll be with me; Like a handprint on my heart; And now whatever way our stories end; I know you have re-written mine; By being my friend..."

**July 12** *The Jewish Federation of Central New York Community Happenings Bulletin*: **Chuck Harris**, a Syracuse native and Nottingham alum ('59), will hold a presentation of his novel, "Mr. Chen's Sweet and Sour" on July 16, 2017 at the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse.

#### **SCSD "News from the Schools", June & July 2017**

*SCSD Students Recognized by Syracuse Rotary*: At the Syracuse Rotary's "Outstanding High School Recognition Day" SCSD students were recognized for their outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements as well as their character. Nottingham students **Fahim Rahman** and **Mikayla Pilon** were among those honored, along with students from Corcoran, Henninger and Fowler.

*Nottingham Track & Field Athletes Advance in Sectionals*: Athletes **Shaheed Dickerson**, **Jawill Brown**, **Jason Howard** and **Carthell Flowers** qualified for the NYS Track and Field Championships in the 4 x 100m relay, with **Trayvon Scott** qualifying as an alternate. Jawill also qualified in the 100m and **Jaleel Berry** easily qualified in the shot put.

*Nottingham Students Participate in SUNY-ESF Environmental Summit*: The students wrapped up the school year with a visit to SUNY-ESF to participate in the annual ESF Environmental Summit. All of the students did a great job answering job fielding questions; however, one team took home first place in the oral presentation category for their exceptional performance. **Olivia Vought**, **Lauren Ashby** and **Austin Shaughnessy** beat out more than 100 others with their research on water quality throughout Nottingham and surrounding schools.

*SCSD Teachers Join NYS 'Master Teacher' Program*: Nottingham teachers **Rebecca Wilk** and **Christine Varley** as well as a teacher from Henninger have been accepted into the NYS Master Teacher program. The program, in partnership with The State University of New York and *Math for America*, is intended to recruit and retain STEM teachers by connecting STEM teachers across districts to share content and expand their knowledge. Through the program the teachers will be exposed to immersive applications of science in the real world such as NASA space camp, underwater robot building, ecological studies in the Belize rainforest, workshops and seminars led by college professors and scientists.

## Nottingham in the News

**July 28** **Greg Jones**, a 1988 Nottingham graduate, will step down as Nottingham's boys varsity basketball coach and will be replaced by **Derek Jackson**. Jackson, a former Corcoran star, coached the boys basketball team at Onondaga Central the last five seasons. Jones, who coached two decades at Nottingham, will remain as the school's Dean of Students.

### **August & September 2017 Good News - Syracuse City School District:**

*CNY STEM Camp Helps Girls Become #SCSDCareerReady:* For one week this summer a group of young women gathered in the Science Center at LeMoyne College. They learned about particulates, soldering, drones and aerodynamics; attempted coding, etc. One of the objectives of the CNY STEM Summer Camp for Young Women, powered by AT&T, was to expose young women to the possibilities available to them in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Nottingham freshman **Jayla Keeton** said: "I feel like I'm always on the computer and using technology, so by coming to this camp, I was able to learn some new skills!" SCSD students attended the camp along with young women from ten other local school districts.

All SCSD students are invited to enjoy free breakfast, lunch and snack at school each day. Log onto the Food & Nutrition Services website for the latest menus as well as guidance on how to handle food allergies, dietary restrictions and more. For more information: [syracusecityschools.com/food!](http://syracusecityschools.com/food!)

**Aug. 4** *D & C - Democrat & Chronicle - part of the USA Today network, article by Jeff Spevak:* Rochester art icon **Nan Miller** is retiring and closing her gallery. Miller and her husband, **Howard Miller**, are both '64 Nottingham graduates. Nan was raised in Syracuse and started out her career in New York City before settling in Rochester. For over 45 years, Miller has built her business into what was certainly the most significant gallery in Rochester, perhaps in Western New York. Over the years she had evolved into a player on the international scene, one who also had a hand in boosting careers. Miller states, "My priorities have changed", citing some of the personal reasons for closing the gallery. She wants to travel, enjoy grandchildren, tend to her extensive gardens, etc.: "I don't want to be tied to a brick-and-mortar gallery. It's been a great adventure. I'm living my dream."

**Aug. 20** Nottingham alumna **Alison Dupree** ('88) will be inducted into the 2017 *Urban Sports Hall of Fame of Syracuse NY* for track. The ceremony is scheduled for November 18th at Huntington School.

**Sep. 18** Scholar Athlete of the Week: Nottingham senior **Nyazhia Rhodes** has a 3.4 GPA. She runs indoor and outdoor track and was a participant in the state qualifiers meet. She is a member of the cheer team and received the coach's award. Nyazhia plans to attend college and study to be an obstetrician.

**Sep. 30** *Syracuse Post-Standard, article by James T. Mulder:* The Syracuse chapter of *Say Yes to Education* has promoted **Ahmeed Turner**, its Scholarship Director since 2012, to Executive Director. Turner is a Nottingham graduate. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Cheney State and a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from S.U. The Say Yes Syracuse scholarship board has raised more than \$30 million, including a \$20 million state grant, for a scholarship fund that covers the cost of tuition for qualifying city school graduates who attend public colleges and universities in the SUNY and CUNY systems.

**Oct. 3** Scholar Athlete of the Week: Nottingham senior **Eve Llanos** has a cumulative grade point average of 94.5. Besides being a valuable member of the Varsity Tennis Team, she

looks to challenge herself in AP Government, SUPA Stats, SUPA English, SUPA Sociology, SUPA Psychology and SUPA Spanish. Llanos is also a talented flutist in the school band and is a well-respected Black Belt in Karate. She'd like to become a clinical psychologist or a forensic psychologist and plans to attend either SUNY Cortland or SUNY Binghamton.

**Oct. 27** *Autism presentation November 1, 2017 at the Syracuse State's Wednesdays@1 series:* Nottingham parent **Dr. Christy Ashby** presented "Narrating Autism: The Curious Question of Representation." Christy Ashby, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in the Teaching and Leadership Department of the School of Education at Syracuse University and Director of the Institute of Communication and Inclusion, a research and training institute focused on supporting the communication and inclusion of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities that do not demonstrate reliable verbal speech. Dr. Ashby is mom to Nottingham students **Lauren** ('17) and **Ben** ('19).

**Nov. 7** *Nottingham Swim Coach Named Section 3 "Coach of the Year":* SCSO combined schools' girls swimming coach **Ed Curle** was named Section 3 Coach of the Year. Coach Curle is known for his longtime dedication to his student athletes and for encouraging them to succeed in the pool as well as in the classroom.

**Nov. 8** *2016 Nottingham Graduate Wins National Championship:* **Abshir Yerow** ('16) is named Northeast Region Athlete of the Year, First Team All American and winner of the 2017 National Championship Cross Country in the 5-mile race at Holyoke Community College in Westfield, Massachusetts. After graduating from Nottingham, his plan was to play soccer at OCC. As he was preparing for the season, he broke his hand while playing in a summer league. He took a friend's advice to run cross country just to stay in shape. On November 4, 2017, one day after being named Northeast Region Athlete of the Year and a First Team All-American, Yerow won the national championship in the 5-mile race. His winning time of 26:24.8 was his personal best, beating his nearest competitor by just 1.1 seconds. Yerow is a native of Kenya, arriving in the U.S. along with his parents and older brother in 2009. He will earn his degree in Criminal Justice from Holyoke in May 2018.

*November/December 2017 Central New York Magazine - Onondaga Historical Association's History page:* **William Lundigan**, a film and TV actor from Syracuse who charmed audiences in more than 125 films and three TV series, was a graduate of Nottingham High School ('31). He was born in 1914 and received his first acting role in a children's radio show at age 10 at radio station WFBL. While at Nottingham he produced three other shows for WFBL. After graduating from Syracuse University, Lundigan signed a contract with Universal Pictures in 1937. His first film, "Dodge City", starred Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. His acting career was put on hold during World War II, when he became a combat filmmaker, producing documentaries on the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa. After the war he signed a contract with 20th Century Fox and starred in movies with such stars as Marilyn Monroe and Susan Hayward. In the 1950's he hosted two television series and starred in "Men Into Space", as astronaut Col. Edward McCauley. Lundigan continued to act into the early 1970's. He died in California in 1975.

**Nov. 22** *Senior All-County Audition Results:* Some great news courtesy of our band/orchestra teacher, Mr. Eric Petit-McClure: Senior **Eve Llanos** placed 7th overall out of at least 27 flutists and will be 3rd chair in the All-County Band! Junior **Curran Shannon** placed 5th overall out of at least 5 tenor saxophonists. He will not be in the band as they selected only the top 3 performers. As many of you probably know, hundreds of students audition from around the county and our students are up against some very tough competition in a highly inequitable system.

**Nov. 27** *The Post Standard, Empire section, Calendar:* The Syracuse Peace Council's Plowshares Crafts Fair and Peace Festival will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Nottingham. The annual multi-cultural event features more than 110 area craftspeople and 20 community organizations. Live entertainment and food will be on hand

## Nottingham in the News

**Dec. 11** Nottingham teachers **Rebecca Will** and **Naomi Ali** had their manuscript entitled "Using Zebrafish to Bring Hands-On Laboratory Experiences to Urban Classrooms" published in *Zebrafish*, a journal dedicated to the central role of zebrafish and other aquarium species as models for the study of vertebrate development, evolution, toxicology, and human disease. Their collaborative article was based on the work they did over the summer at Syracuse University and has been shared with their students at Nottingham.

**Dec. 14** *NHS Band/Orchestra Teacher Eric Petit-McClure*: Results from this past weekend's All-County Band/Orchestra Auditions: **Malik Robinson** placed 36th out of 50 trumpets; **Lucy Skidmore** placed 31st out of 45 cellists; **Peyton Steele** placed 18th out of 19 on snare drum and 4th out of 7 on mallet percussion. This is an awesome showing from our amazing students! "From what I could tell, we were the only high school in the district with any students auditioning."

**Dec. 17** Mayor-elect Ben Walsh has appointed a Nottingham alum, **Lt. Michael J. Monds**, as the new Syracuse Fire Chief. Lt. Monds has been a firefighter for nearly two decades. He recently launched the Junior Fire Cadet Mentoring Program at Dr. King Elementary School. He received awards for life-saving actions in 2009 and 2016.

**Dec. 20** Scholar Athlete of the Week is senior **Tyla English**. As captain of both the fall and winter cheerleading squads, she is likely a familiar sight to all those Bulldogs who regularly attend games.



## IN MEMORIAM 2017

**Fred (Fritz) Zercher**, 84, passed away April 23, 2016. At the age of 15 he contracted with the City of Syracuse Board of Education for snow removal as Fritz's Snow Service. He graduated from S.U. and had a long career as an engineer and geologist. He is survived by his wife, BJ, three sons: Kevan, Eric and Frederick, and daughter Krista.

**Ray Harrison Fenner, M.D.**, 81, of Seattle, Washington passed away on April 30, 2016. He performed surgery at the Seattle Orthopedic & Fracture Clinic for 35 years and volunteered as attending physician at two other hospitals. He also taught as a clinical professor at the University of Washington. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan, and children Kane, Karen and Kolby.

**Joyce Marie (Presley) Dix** ('54) died May 7, 2016. She was a New York State Realtor before retiring to Roswell, Georgia in 1993. She is survived by her sister Birdie ('59), husband Steven and two daughters.

**Eric Schwarzlender** ('82) passed away May 11, 2016. He became a beloved member of the L'Arche Syracuse community in 1990 where he lived for 25 years. He was currently employed at Monarch Industries. Eric is survived by his parents, Harry and Patricia, his sister Hanni and brother Dan.

**Warren Bodow** ('56) passed away December 23, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Freeman) Bodow, who is also a Nottingham alum, and by two sons, Steven and Jonathan.

**Joshua Stuber** ('03) of Seattle WA passed away January 6, 2017 in California. Josh was a fisherman in Alaska and Seattle. Surviving are his partner Genevieve, daughter Josephine and (expected) daughter Cora. He is also survived by his mother Diana, his father and stepmother, Edward and Sharon, his brother Aaron and two sisters, Sierra and Juliet.

**Kenneth R. Becker** ('48) passed away January 7, 2017 in Chittenango, NY. He graduated from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and was a Staff Sergeant with the US Army during the Korean War. For 30 years he was a landscape architect and Project Engineer with Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Folley in Syracuse. He is survived by his sister Nancy, son David, daughter Diane and two step children.

## IN MEMORIAM 2017 cont'd

**William "Bill" Mangin** ('41) died January 22, 2017 in Syracuse New York. He earned his BA from Syracuse University in Anthropology, Sociology and Mathematics. Bill taught 44 years at Syracuse University, making him the longest actively teaching professor in the history of the university. He is survived by his wife Patricia Cridland, sister Jean, daughters Laura and Katrina, stepson Ward Cridland and stepdaughter Lee Cridland.

**Kathy Carroll** ('59) died January 27, 2017 in Tucker, Georgia. She had been employed as a gerontologist in Chicago, Minneapolis and Atlanta. She was predeceased by her brother Patrick and is survived by two aunts and many cousins.

**William "Bill" Rezak, Ph.D.** ('57) died January 14, 2017 in Tavares, Florida. He played on the 1957 city champion Bulldogs and continued playing football through four years of college at Lehigh University. After college he returned to Syracuse to work for Solvay Process as an engineer. Later he became a Project Manager for EBASCO Industries in NYC. Eventually he earned a Masters in Mechanical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Human Resource Development. He left industry to teach engineering and in 1993 became President of SUNY Alfred. He has written 3 books. The most recent, "God is Not a Real Estate Agent", identifies a path toward resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. He was predeceased by his wife, Paula, and is survived by daughter Sarah and son David.

**Peter Gifford** ('66) died January 29, 2017. Peter was a gifted athlete as a young man: he played tennis and was on Nottingham's championship football team. He studied math and physics at Syracuse University, graduating with a degree in liberal arts. Peter took over and ran his father's company, Cryomech. Surviving are his wife Lorraine Koury, sisters Jenni and Hilary and brother Robert .

**Richard Allen Crounse**, 46, of Dewitt, passed away February 2, 2017 after a brief illness. He was a self employed home renovator. He is survived by his wife Cindy, his mother and stepfather, his brother Donald and sister Wendy.

**Ian Pratt**, 42, passed away February 2, 2017. He was an avid reader, especially interested in Irish history and outdoor survival. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Julie, his parents, sister Beth and brother Jeremy.

**Ethan C. Cunningham** ('88) passed away February 6, 2017. He was a passionate football player at Nottingham, where he later taught for 10 years. He was also a Fire Fighter for 11 years. He is survived by his children Ethaniel, Sierra and Elana.

**Paul Esposito** ('62) died February 18, 2017 at home in Manlius. He worked for the Onondaga County Health Department for 42 years. His wife Judith (Flack) Esposito ('64) died in 2016. He is survived by his children Paul Jr., Garrett, Erin and Dake.

**Barry Steven Harris** ('66) passed away on February 19, 2017 in Rochester. He was a long time resident of Spring Valley until his retirement, when he moved to Webster, N.Y. He was an accountant in private practice for over 40 years. He is survived by his family Edward, Eric, Heather and Zachary Schwab.

**Teresa Gallishaw** ('92) died February 25, 2017 in Syracuse, N.Y. She earned a Master's Degree from Buffalo State University and was an associate director at Salem University for 6 years. She is survived by sisters Terri, Michelle, Falisha and Cornish and brothers Russel, Jeffery, Willie and Damiel.

**Myron Grossman** ('67) passed away February 27, 2017. He founded and ran the successful landscaping company, Frank & Grossman, through which he designed hundreds of award winning gardens and public parks in the San Francisco Bay area. He also had a passion for music and played in many bands. He is survived by his wife Ping, daughter Julia and sons Stuart and Jai Feng.

**Frances Gamber** ('87) passed away during the first quarter of 2017.

**Edward S. Green**, 89, passed away March 2, 2017. He was born and raised in Syracuse and met his future wife, Joan Feder, while attending Nottingham. Eddie became a CPA and also earned a law degree from S.U. He was co-founder of an accounting firm and a law firm which, together, became Green & Seifter. He maintained this practice until 2000, at which point he founded the investment advisory firm of Edward S. Green & Associates. He developed properties, mentored younger professionals and was devoted to every major community organization. Eddie is survived by his wife Joan and children Jill, Bill and Nancy.

**Gloria Rynveld Katz**, 93, passed away March 2, 2017. Gloria began her 31 year career at Syracuse University as a secretary in the Eastern African Studies Program in 1964. In 1985 she received the Chancellor's Citation for distinguished service. At her retirement in 1995, she was Assistant to the Dean of the Maxwell School. Gloria was predeceased by her husband, Marvin, who died in 2016. She is survived by her daughter JoAnn and son Gary.

**Robert "Derby" Derbyshire** ('67) passed away in Jacksonville, Florida on March 10, 2017. He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers, David and Michael ("Mickey"). He is survived by his wife Denise, daughters Aimee, Kimberly and Trisha, son Robert and six stepchildren.

## IN MEMORIAM 2017 cont'd

**James R. Gooley** ('56) died March 16, 2017. He served in the Navy for four years and then joined the Naval Reserve. He was a salesman for Cooley Business Forms for 22 years, served as a volunteer fireman for over 35 years and was a Boy Scout Leader. James is survived by his wife Rosalie and his children James, Terri, Eric, and stepson Joseph Reddy.

**Charles Wallowitz**, 89, former teacher of 3 dimensional art at Nottingham High School and at LeMoyne College, died on March 19, 2017. Students flourished in his classes, with several continuing in art professionally due to his inspiring passion for both art and teaching.

**Elda (DaRin) Ernst**, 96, passed away in Syracuse on March 21, 2017. She graduated from Powelson Business Institute and worked at Crouse Hinds and Bristol Laboratories. After her marriage, she and her husband spent some years in both California and Colorado before moving back east and settling in Minoa, where they lived for 56 years. Surviving are her daughters Sandra and Bonnie and brother Raymond

**Charles Edward Drake** ('53) died March 30, 2017, the last survivor of triplets. Charlie attended both Nottingham High School and The Manlius School, and was a 1958 graduate of Brown University. He served for eight years in the Naval Reserve and worked for Eastman Kodak for 25 years. In 1985 he and his wife purchased the Travel Bug of Manlius. They sold the business ten years later and retired to the Adirondacks. He was a past president of the Fayetteville Manlius Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife Audrey, daughters Jennifer and Janet, and son Peter.

**Edward Kokernak**, 85, former teacher at Nottingham, died on March 30, 2017. He had a passion for classical music, teaching and travel. Edward was a Korean War veteran and taught for 36 years. He is survived by a son and five daughters.

**Barbara (Bushnell) Williams Low** ('47) passed away on April 6, 2017 at Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers FL. In the mid seventies she was a noted ceramicist, having founded Trio Ceramics in Cicero NY, before moving to Florida in 1983. She is survived by her husband, M. Donald Low, and two sons from a previous marriage, Thomas Williams and Donald Williams.

**Marilyn (Worden) Hordies**, 89, passed away April 17, 2017. She was predeceased by her husband Bob. Marilyn was a Physical Therapist at Crouse-Irving Hospital for many years and an avid volunteer for Make-a-Wish, the Red Cross, the Landmark Theater and the Burnet Park Zoo. She is survived by her children Ruth, Barbara, Mark and Howard.

**James D. Fitzpatrick** ('56) died April 17, 2017. Upon graduation from the S.U. College of Law he joined the firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King where he practiced for nearly fifty years, becoming a partner in the firm and one of the preeminent real property practitioners in Central New York. He served as President of the Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society and was a member of numerous legal associations. He also served on the boards of many charitable organizations. Jim was recognized by the Syracuse Post Standard as a Person of Achievement in 2000 for making his hometown a better place in which to live. He is survived by his sister, Mary. His twin brothers, William and Francis, predeceased him

**Dr. Richard A. Gordon** ('54) passed away April 18, 2017. After earning his degree in dentistry, he served two years with the U.S. Air Force in Germany before entering into private practice in Liverpool. Dick was an avid fisherman and boater, having had a cottage on Lake Ontario for over 30 years. He sang in a barbershop quartet and played the ukulele in two different clubs. He is survived by his wife Beverly and his daughter Annette, but was predeceased by his son Michael.

**Barbara Buffum Viertel**, 97, passed away April 23, 2017. In 1936, while at Nottingham H.S., she was a city champion speed skater, practicing at Thornden Park. Barbara was a graduate of S.U. and taught physical education and modern dance. She is survived by her son William.

**Daryll Jones** ('71) died April 23, 2017. He worked at Miller Brewing Company. Daryll is survived by his wife of more than 30 years, Stephanie, and son Marcus.

**Bruce Ross** ('58) passed away April 30, 2017. Upon graduating from Syracuse University with a degree in microbiology, he worked in cancer research at Upstate Medical Center, launching a long career in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. He served as President of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Group and also as Director of the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. Upon retirement he became CEO of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and, subsequently, a member of the Board of Directors of several biotechnology companies. Bruce is survived by his wife Susan and daughters Sara, Kristin and Jennifer.

**Christopher C. Harrison**, 48, died May 8, 2017. He coached football at Nottingham H.S. and served as a Syracuse Firefighter for 23 years. Christopher is survived by his son DeAndre and daughter Melanie.

**James E. Hotchkiss**, 51, passed away on May 12, 2017 as the result of a motorcycle accident. He was Sales Manager at Cortland Pump and Equipment. He is survived by his wife Laura and sons Jesse and Cole.

**Rhondye Hayes Williams Jr.** ('87) died May 15, 2017. He graduated from Onondaga Community College as Valedictorian, then attended Sanz College and SUNY ESF. Rhondye was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and earned a Multicultural Honors Scholar Award. He was a certified EKG Technician. He is survived by his children Shayla, Tahlia, Trajan and Rhondye III.

**Stephen C. Loveland** ('87) died May 27, 2017. He worked for Tupper Properties and could fix and/or build almost anything. He was a member of S.U.'s Outing Club and loved to cook and travel. He is survived by his mother and two sisters, Wendy and Lisa.

**Barrie (Shuffler) Skinner** ('62) passed away on June 2, 2017. She graduated from MIT in 1966 (one of 18 women in a class of 1000) with a B.S. in mathematics. She married Loren Cortland Skinner II ("Court") in Syracuse, attended graduate school in Arizona and then moved to California to work and raise her family. Barrie worked for a number of companies supplying equipment to the integrated circuit manufacturing industry. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Heidi and Nicole, and son Loren.

**John H. Coit** ('41) died June 5, 2017. He attended S.U. and, in 1942, enlisted in the Army Air Corp where he served as a pilot, flight instructor and flight engineer during World War II. He graduated from S.U.'s College of Engineering and worked as an engineer before starting his own business, John H. Coit Co., in 1966. John loved building and carpentry; was an avid skier and sailor. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carolyn, and four children: Lynde, David, Laura and Janet.

**Rebecca Setless Martel** ('87) passed away June 6, 2017. She attended SUNY Oneonta, then moved to Hilton Head, SC, where she taught pre-school for 14 years. She is survived by her three children, Mason, Lara and Faith.

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**Cynthia Papworth Coursen** ('42) died June 9, 2017. She graduated from S.U. in 1946 and later earned Master's Degrees in both Special Education and Counseling. She taught for 14 years. Her many passions included music, sailing, skiing and gardening. In her later years she initiated sailboat racing and a book club in the Upper Saranac Lake community in the Adirondacks, where she spent summers with her husband. She is survived by her four children, Richard, Christianne, Alexandra and Susan.

**Barbara (Serlin) Stern**, 91, passed away on July 3, 2017. She earned her BA from Syracuse University in Social Work and an MS in Psychology from Marist College. She was employed as a school social worker of the city of Poughkeepsie. After retiring in 1988 Barbara continued to be involved in various adult and senior citizen educational programs in the Poughkeepsie area. She was predeceased by her husband Arthur and their daughter Adele. She is survived by son Marc and daughter Ilene.

**Michael Anthony Groover**, 49, died on July 10, 2017. After high school he went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree from Bryant and Stratton. He is survived by his four children, Devin, Kayla, Xavier and Leighya.

**Sandra Tibbs**, 56, died on August 13, 2017.

**Dr. Brewster Clark Doust, Jr.** ('44) passed away on August 14, 2017. Upon graduation from high school he served in the US Navy in occupied Japan. He graduated from the University of Rochester with a BS degree, followed by a Doctor of Medicine. His residency took him to Johns Hopkins. He established his medical practice in Syracuse and was active in all the Syracuse hospitals. He is survived by his daughters Maria, Edith and Alice.

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**Bryant Earl, Sr.** ('78) died on August 16, 2017. Bryant attended both Onondaga Community College and LeMoyne College. He was employed by the Syracuse Police Department for 31 years before retiring in 2016. He is survived by his mother, Doris; two sons, Bryant Jr. and Jordan Kilduff; and daughter Olivia Kilduff.

**Raymond Pendergast** ('84) passed away suddenly on August 18, 2017 in Vancouver, Washington. He was the oldest of five children whose parents were Richard (Dick) and Edna (Eddie) Pendergast, both Syracuse school teachers. His parents pre-deceased him. He is survived by his siblings David, Jeff, Larry and Betsy

**Tanya May Reed** ('95) passed away on August 26, 2017. She was working on her bachelor's degree in Canandaigua. Her goal was to be an advocate for women in the court system. Tanya is survived by her parents, Robert and Judy, and her sisters, Amber and Sarah.

**Will Lewis** ('67) died on September 2, 2017. While at Nottingham, Will played football and ran track. He continued his education in culinary arts, finding his passion as a chef. He was a member of the local American Culinary Federation. He volunteered his catering services for good causes and, in 2015, was named "Inspiring Chef of the Year" by the Syracuse chapter of the ACF. He was a former employee of the Compass Group. Will is survived by his mother, Minnie Johnson, and by daughter Tracey and son Jeffrey.

**Theresa Michelle (Breland) Lewis** ('85) passed away on September 9, 2017. She graduated from Morgan State University and was a member of Delta Sigma Theta. Theresa is survived by her husband, Bruce D. Lewis Jr., sons Ephraim and Timothy, and daughter Jemez.

**Carol Ann (Helbock) Nemier** ('61) passed away on September 12, 2017. She worked at Merchants Bank and at Samuel Greene, Attorney at Law for several years. Having survived breast cancer twenty-five years ago, Carol has given moral support to many other women who have battled that disease in the years since. She is survived by her husband Paul and sons Scott and Kurt.

**Nancy Iles Berger** ('67) died on September 15, 2017. She was a graduate of Wells College and earned an MS in Audiology from Syracuse University. Nan was a homemaker who spent most of her life volunteering in a variety of organizations. She served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and on the boards of numerous organizations including Rockefeller Nursery School, Boys and Girls Club, and Discovery Montessori School. She held leadership positions in the Syracuse Garden Club and the Garden Club of America, receiving many awards. Nan is survived by her husband Robert, son John and daughter Kathryn.

**Cathy (Wangerman) Neuner** ('67) passed away on September 24, 2017. She was a graduate of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry and earned her Master's Degree from Syracuse University. Cathy was employed for 30 years with the Onondaga County Dept. of Information Technology. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts as well as at Baltimore Woods, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, WCNY, Onondaga Hill Players, Joy Germs and the Onondaga Historical Association. Surviving are her husband Michael, daughter Christina and son Matthew

**Robert T. McGrath** passed away on October 9, 2017. While a student at Nottingham he helped win many city tennis championships. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and became a partner with his father in McGrath and Son Builders. He developed and built properties in every state east of the Mississippi and in parts of Canada. After moving to Vermont he managed and developed properties at numerous ski areas. He is survived by his children Brent Turner, Lynn McGrath and Jacob McGrath

**Samuel Mullett Jr.** ('71) passed away on October 13, 2017. He worked as a food broker for 40 years. He is survived by his wife Antoinette, daughter Jennifer and sons Christopher and Jeffrey

**Dr. Jeffrey Meltzer** ('63) died on October 13, 2017. Jeff worked as a periodontist in Fayetteville for more than 40 years. He was a poet and his love of literature led to years-long commitment to the Friends of the Onondaga County Library, where he served as a board member and President of the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series. He is survived by his wife Toni and sons Matthew and Andrew.

**Margaret (Streiff) Turner** ('35) died on October 17, 2017. She worked at A&P for 12 years and at the Mutual Library Bindery for 15 years. She was predeceased by her husband William and by their two sons, William Jr. and Terry. She is survived by her daughter Patricia.

**Elizabeth (Stone) Gilcher** ('56) passed away on October 27, 2017. She attended Keuka College and was a longtime employee of Onondaga Savings Bank. She volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, preparing meals for residents and guests. Elizabeth was also co-founder and chairperson of a neighborhood book club for 16 years. Surviving are her three children Darren, Kristin and Penelope

**Patricia (Stellman) Jeffery** ('44) passed away on October 27, 2017. She was a graduate of Syracuse University. She and her husband, John, ran the Jeffery School, an early childhood school in the Fayetteville-Manlius area. Later Pat worked with children at the Madison County BOCES. She was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels and a member of the Junior League. Surviving are her daughter, Jean Regan, and sons John Jr., Douglas, Kent, William and Daniel.

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**Robert Metzner**, 92, passed away on October 30, 2017. He graduated from Syracuse University with degrees in Industrial Design and Applied Science. He was a research engineer with North American Aviation and a Consultant Industrial Designer for SCM Corp. Surviving are two daughters, Shannon Thompson and Tina Smith-Tyson.

**David Robert ("Rink") Six**, 61, died on November 1, 2017. Rink was employed by Vescera Plumbing Distributing Company for over 30 years. He was an avid race car fan and he played softball for Lee's on Westcott Street with his many friends. Surviving is his brother Donald. He was predeceased by his brother Michael in 1970.

**Donald Schoenwald** ('48) died on November 7, 2017. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and Cornell Law School. Donald was a partner in the Sugarman Law Firm and a member of The American College of Trial Lawyers. He was a recipient of the Faith A. Seidenberg Award which recognizes legal representation, advocacy or related services that demonstrate an unusually strong commitment to civil liberties or civil rights. He is survived by his wife Linda and their sons Mark and Alan.

**Jack Newell Helmer**, 89, passed away on November 9, 2017. He was a graduate of Syracuse University School of Engineering. He established Eagle Metalcraft Inc. in 1953 and remained actively involved in the business throughout his life. He is survived by his wife Carlyn ("Cookie"), daughter Brenda Welch, and sons Jim and Bill.

**Avi Openheim** ('64) passed away on November 14, 2017. He was born in Germany, but emigrated to the US with his parents in 1948. Most of his adult life was spent in the NYC area. He is survived by his 99-year-old mother and his sister, both of whom live in Jerusalem, Israel.

**Andrew Speno** ('62) died on November 18, 2017. He had an accounting degree from Syracuse University and was a CPA, working first for Hurdman, Cranston & Penny and then for Niagara Mohawk. Later he joined the US Dept. of Homeland Security where he worked in financial administration for the TSA. Surviving are his wife Vicky and daughter Kathleen.

**Louise (Hane) Gehm**, 93, passed away on November 28, 2017. She worked as a secretary and an assistant for Dr. Donald S. Grover. She also worked as a clerk for Merchants Mutual Insurance. Louise was predeceased by her husband, William. She is survived by her son Jeffrey.

**Mary (Schwartzwalder) Scofield** ('59) passed away on December 7, 2017. Mary graduated from Syracuse University. After raising her children she taught elementary school for the length of her professional life. Mary was an avid jogger who ran seven NYC marathons. She is survived by her son Drew and daughter Susan.

**Arnold Manheim** ('47) died on December 7, 2017. Arnie was a respected jeweler with Wilson Jewelers for more than 30 years, after which he was associated with Arnow Jewelers. For the past 12 years he had worked at Cazenovia Jewelers in Fayetteville. He is survived by his wife Marilyn and their children Margie Cowan and Michael Manheim.

**Frederick 'Fritz' Brand** ('79) died on December 9, 2017. Fritz worked for 30 years for the State of New York in various positions including Therapy Aide and Developmental Aide. His wife Kathleen predeceased him. He is survived by his daughter Rachel.

**Dr. Jonathan Haber** ('66) passed away on December 10, 2017. He graduated from Syracuse University and from the New York School of Podiatric Medicine. Jon was in private practice in Caldwell, NJ. He also taught at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and was published in countless medical journals. He is survived by his wife Arlene and daughter Melanie

**Paul F. Hayden**, 76, passed away on December 16, 2017. He served in the Air National Guard and was employed by Niagara Mohawk for 30 years. Paul started the Hayden Handyman Service. He was a member of the South Onondaga Fire Department and worked as a volunteer with many other organizations. He is survived by his wife Judy and sons Paul and Dustin.

**Sajeed Hakim** ('01) died on December 17, 2017. He had worked at Bank of New York Mellon. Sajeed is survived by his parents and his sister.

**Ernest Turner** ('66) died on December 19, 2017. Ernie graduated from Syracuse University and went on to own several businesses, including Brewster's Restaurant in Sandy Pond and Murdock's Sports in Oswego. He is survived by his son Benjamin and daughter Amy.

**Shirley Jane (Atwell) Marble** ('49) died on December 19, 2017. Shirley graduated from Maryville College in Tennessee with a degree in elementary education. She taught for a few years and then served as director of education for two local churches. Surviving are her husband Louis, daughters Elizabeth and Cynthia , and sons John and Charles.

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