

# SA/KHS Alumni Association News

The Class of '93 held its 25-year reunion in July at the Conch House, proving its members are as hot as the weather — and as they always were!

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## Board Elects Debbie Adams President

New officers are leading the St. Augustine/Ketterlinus High School Alumni Association.

**Deborah Adams**, Class of '89, recently began her term as president. Debbie is an instructional leader/principal of the Florida Virtual School Flex program. She is also past president of the St. Augustine High School Football Boosters.

**Douglass Wiles**, Class of '70, was elected vice president, following two successful years as president. Doug is also the president of Herbie Wiles Insurance, Inc. and is a lieutenant colonel (retired) in the Florida National Guard.

**Paula Steele**, former SAHS principal, was voted secretary. Paula is Director for Leadership and Learning for the St. Johns County School District. She served as principal at SAHS when she and Brad Davis launched the SA/KHS Alumni Association in 1997.

**Trevor Davis**, Class of '92, was confirmed to continue as the organization's treasurer. Trevor is a CPA/owner in the firm of Davis & Davis, Certified Public Accountants, P.A.

Board members whose terms extend this year include **Katherine Batenhorst**, **Joseph Boles**, **Brad Davis**, **Deltra Long**, and **Christopher Way**. Both **Sharon Badger** and **Lola Halstead Ponce** recently stepped off the board after many years of helping shape the organization.



From left, Doug Wiles, Sharon Badger, Lola Halstead Ponce, Joe Boles, Trevor Davis, Debbie Adams, Chris Way, Paula Steele, Deltra Long, Katherine Batenhorst, and Brad Davis.



# Events, Events, Events!

Once a Jacket, always a Jacket, and if you don't believe it, check out the recent events that brought Jackets together.

**Derby Day** is for members of classes that have held their 50-year reunions, organized by Tom Brown each year for the running of the Kentucky Derby.

*Jim Westbrook, Class of '64, won lifetime membership in the SA/KHS Alumni Association -- and a Jackets baseball cap.*



*"Best Hat" contestants*



*The folks you should call to pick your horse race winner*

## Membership Committee is Events Central

If you've been missing all the recent fun, the new membership committee wants to make sure there's an event for you. Led by Dan and Sue Chitwood, the group has planned an event for the fall that will include members from all classes.

Back by popular demand, Chris Way, Class of '74 and SA/KHS Alumni Association board member, will again provide an alumni event during Nights of Lights. The evening the City of St. Augustine first flips the switch on the holiday lights downtown, Chris and his team of helpers, including his alumnae-by-marriage wife Pam, will open their house on Davis Shores to Jackets from all classes.

More details on the Nov. 17 event will be released soon but for now, save the date and plan to attend!



*From left, Tim Gillis, Julee Cooke, Dan Chitwood, Sue Chitwood, Debbie Wiles, Susan Ponder-Stansel, Susan Longo Cowperthwaite, David Stansel, Bill Napier*

## 50-Year Class Reunions Being Organized Now – Spread the Word!



**Class of '68 50-year Reunion:** The Classes of '68 of St. Augustine High School and St. Josephs Academy are putting together a joint reunion on Saturday, Nov. 3. Gary Peterson is the contact person for the Yellow Jackets, and wants to hear from you if you're interested in attending. Gary can be reached through Facebook, or you can email him at [pete5033@comcast.net](mailto:pete5033@comcast.net).

**Class of '69 Planning:** The SAHS Class of '69 is organizing its 50-year reunion for next year. Right now, the class members are trying to reach out to one another and gather contact information, etc. Email them at [SAHS.classof69@gmail.com](mailto:SAHS.classof69@gmail.com) and plan to save the dates of the weekend of June 14 and 15, 2019 with a location to be announced. Be sure to like the class Facebook page for the latest inside scoop!



## Class of '93 Proves 25 Years Flies When You're Having Fun



The Class of '93 enjoyed a beautiful day together at the Conch House, not letting the July heat blow THEIR cool.

## Annual "Gathering of Friends" Brings Together '70s Classes

Organized by Debi Byford (Class of '71), this event brings together Jackets from classes that graduated in the '70s. The group recently met at Hurricane Patty's to "celebrate our friendships, see some faces, and just have some catch-up time."



## Two New Scholarships Among Seven Recently Bestowed

Included in the scholarships recently bestowed by the SA/KHS Alumni Association was a new \$1,000 annual award established by the family of L. Curtis Westbrook Jr., KHS Class of '56.



A future Jackets Forever endowment gift of \$40,000 is also planned within the estate of Cynthia Bird, Curt's wife.

After Curt graduated from KHS, he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in accountancy at Florida State University. He also served in the U.S. Army and earned a doctorate in business administration from the University of Georgia. He had his own CPA practice in St. Augustine before joining Price Waterhouse, and later the faculty of California State University. There he taught auditing and accounting information systems until he retired in 2004. He had two children and four grandchildren, and passed away in 2016.

According to both Cindy and his brother Jim, Curt loved to return to St. Augustine for KHS reunions and the Gamble Rogers Folk Festival.

A one-time scholarship was funded by the **SAHS Class of '98**. The group celebrated its 20-year reunion by collecting the award, a one-time gift of \$2,200, in an effort led by class member Sarah Sweeny Giuliani. Way to go, Class of '98!

## Meet the Outstanding Class of '18 Scholarship Recipients

- **L. Curtis Westbrook Jr. Scholarship Recipient:** Georgia Kathryn Young, who will major in actuarial science at Florida State University.
- **Class of '98 Scholarship Recipient:** Valarie Elizabeth Milton, who plans to earn dual degrees in physics and electrical engineering at Florida State University.
- **Terrell G. Davis Scholarship Recipient:** Kaylee Alyse Poirier, who will major in exercise science and physical therapy at the University of Florida.
- **Carol A. Melton Scholarship Recipient:** Alyssa Nicole Gowens, who plans to study early childhood education in the University of Florida's ProTeach program, which will enable her to earn a master's degree.
- **SA/KHS Alumni Association Scholarship of Merit Recipient:** Cameron Michael Edwards, who plans to major in mechanical engineering at the University of Central Florida.
- **SA/KHS Alumni Association Scholarship of Merit Recipient:** Cynthia Ann Kaman, who will pursue a degree in biology at Florida State University and then study optometry in graduate school.
- **SA/KHS Alumni Association Scholarship of Merit Recipient:** Holly Lauryn Dixon, who plans to complete an associate's degree at St. Johns River State College in one year, then transfer to Florida College or the University of Florida to earn a bachelor's in zoology as well as a business degree.





## SA/KHS Alumni Association Board of Directors

### Officers:

Debbie Adams, President  
Doug Wiles, Vice President  
Trevor Davis, Treasurer  
Paula Steele, Secretary  
Brad Davis, President Emeritus

### Members:

Joseph Boles  
Deltra Long  
Christopher Way

### Jackets Forever Endowment Committee:

Leonard Pellicer, Chair  
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Deborah Geanuleas  
Doug Wiles

### Membership Committee:

Dan Chitwood • Sue Chitwood  
Susan Longo Cowperthwaite  
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Allesha Schirmer  
Susan Ponder-Stansel  
David Stansel • Debbie Wiles

*Interested in serving on a committee? We'd love to have your help. Please contact any board member, or Pres. Debbie Adams at [dadams2@att.net](mailto:dadams2@att.net) or 904-540-0756.*

**Mission:** The purpose of this association is to support St. Augustine High School students and alumni through scholarship, mentorship, fellowship and community involvement, the support of such purposes to be exclusively charitable, to make and receive contributions as and for this association that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and any corresponding law of the State of Florida.

## NFL Sends SAHS Golden Football in Honor of Former Jackets Player

A Wilson Golden football was awarded to SAHS by the National Football League following the 2018 Super Bowl LII win by the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Yellow Jackets' own Caleb Sturgis (Class of '07), was a kicker for the team during its winning season, although he spent most of it on injured reserve after hurting his hip in the first game of the season.

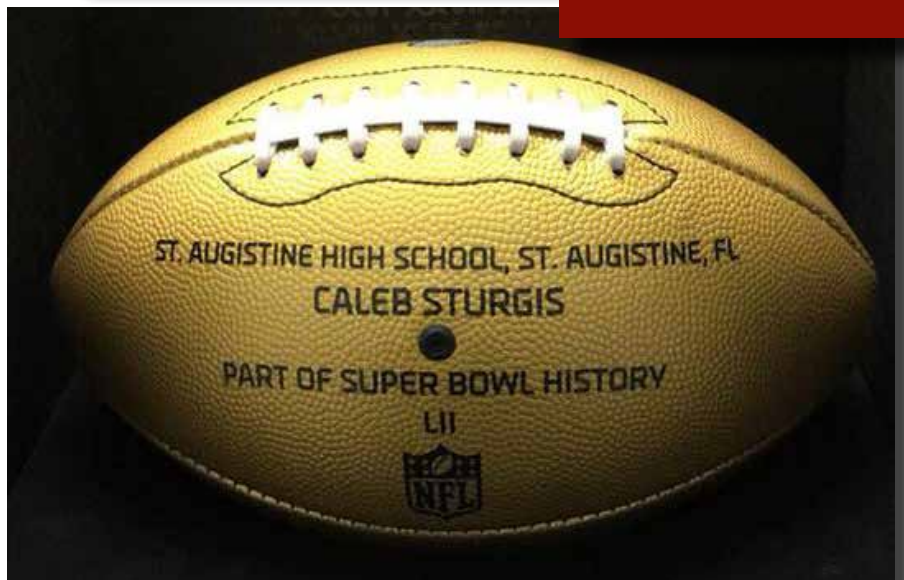
The gift is part of the NFL's Super Bowl High School Honor Roll program, which it says acknowledges schools and communities that have directly influenced Super Bowl history.

Caleb signed with the Los Angeles Chargers for next season, and Jackets will continue to take pride in his performance there.

**Go Caleb! Go Jackets!**



*NFL player and former Yellow Jacket Caleb Sturgis (Class of '07) and the Wilson Golden Football awarded to SAHS in his honor.*



## Keeping in Touch is Easier Than Ever

There are two easy ways to keep up with your alumni association.

1. Go to [mysahs.com](http://mysahs.com). You'll find everything from the history of our schools to our Hall of Fame inductees to new scholarship winners to class reunion information. You can also sign up for the email news list. See the new site for yourself today!
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## More Alumni are Supporting Jackets Forever Endowment

Five years ago, after an initial gift from the Class of '63, the SA/KHS Alumni Association established the Jackets Forever endowment fund to support academic programs at SAHS and provide the best educational opportunities for future generations of Yellow Jackets. When the fund reaches its goal of \$200,000, it will provide enough income so that students can be helped while preserving the principal for the future.

Support is in high gear under current endowment committee chair Leonard Pellicer (Class of '63). New ways to give have been established, such as designating Jackets Forever in estate plans or as a life insurance beneficiary. Pledges can be paid out over multiple years. Gifts are made in honor or memory of loved ones.

Since the SA/KHS Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) organization, your donation might be tax-deductible. See complete tax designation information at [mysahs.com](http://mysahs.com) and ask your tax professional about your individual situation.

*Thank you to the following endowment donors, who have given or pledged at the \$5,000 level and above!*

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## Save the Date! Hall of Fame 2018 is Oct. 11

The SA/KHS Alumni Association's Hall of Fame honors Jackets who have impacted our world. This year four distinguished graduates will be honored:

**Cerita J. Battles**, '86, senior vice president and head of retail diverse segments, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; **Nancy Birchall**, '63, community volunteer; **Howell W. Melton, Jr.**, '69, former managing partner, Holland & Knight Law Firm; **Jere Palmes**, '39, U.S. Army Captain posthumously awarded the Silver Star for service in World War II.

The annual induction banquet is set for:

**6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11  
First Coast Technical College**

When tickets are available, you can register at [mysahs.com](http://mysahs.com). For now, plan to attend this inspiring event, whose proceeds support SAHS and its students.

You can also participate through a business sponsorship. Your generosity will be featured with other leaders in our community in a keepsake program issued that night, as well as on [mysahs.com](http://mysahs.com). To include your business, contact Robin Burchfield at 904-501-1920 or [robinb5329@gmail.com](mailto:robinb5329@gmail.com).