



Alumni Newsletter February 2024

We're thrilled to have you on the alumni network!

Let us know your interests by updating your profile, and by joining groups of which you want to be a part. We'll do our best to keep you connected to your classmates, informed of news, reunions, social events, Hall of Fame, and all the things that matter most to you. Be sure you have registered on the website and send us feedback at MBSHSAumni@gmail.com

[REGISTER AND UPDATE YOUR PROFILE](#)



Lori Fein '76 Elected 2024 Association President

Introduction, Goals, and New Board Officers

Dear Fellow Beach High Alumni,

As I take on the presidency of the Alumni Association this year, I do it with pride for our shared history and alma mater, and with a commitment to creating a homebase to connect, honor and celebrate our almost 100 years of alumni family.

Won't you join us?

The Alumni Association brings us together to network, support and mentor each other, support scholarships for future students and honor the superior achievements of past alumni through our Hall of Fame.

We have a lot in the works including an all-alumni class happy hour, membership drive, Hall of Fame nominations, scholarship fundraising and more.

Through our website you can find out about reunions, events, and classmate news. You also can research interesting Beach High facts and alumni, give back through scholarships and other means. Check out the maps page to see where our fellow classmates are throughout the world.

This year, we want to grow. I would like to hear from you and what you would like from your Alumni Association.

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2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Nominations for the 2023-2024 Hall of Fame Class are due by March 31st!

Cindy Lieber '83 is our HOF Chair

Each year your Miami Beach Senior High Alumni Association (MBSH AA) strives to raise money for college bound student scholarships. In this effort, our biggest event is the MBSH AA Hall of Fame. Every November we aim to hold an awards ceremony and banquet to honor some of MBSH's most accomplished alumni. Those nominated and voted into the Hall of Fame are honored by colleagues, friends and family and have a plaque added to the Wall of Fame in the Beach High Auditorium. Any dues-paying alumni is eligible to nominate a candidate to the MBSH AA Hall of Fame. The application and requirements may be found on our alumni association website. Also found on our website is information on all the past inductees as well as on how to become an alumni association member. Due to unforeseen issues, the 2023 Hall of Fame had to be postponed. Those people who were nominated in 2023 will have their applications rolled over/resubmitted for consideration in 2024. Nominations are still being accepted until March 31st, 2024. Until then, please feel free to nominate any alumni you believe belongs in Beach High's Hall of Fame!

NOMINATION FORM AND HOF

INFORMATION



Donate to our 2024 Alumni Association Scholarships

Russ Rywell '81 is our VP Scholarships

Since 1999, as college tuitions have continued to rise, we have been able to give well over \$500,000 in scholarships to help Beach High graduating seniors. Many of our recipients were able to attend prestigious institutions such as Barnard, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Dartmouth, Emory, Harvard, Princeton, Syracuse, Tufts, Yale, Washington, Wellesley, University of Florida, University of Miami, and Florida State University to name just a few. We receive dozens of applications for scholarships each year from these worthy students and, despite their need, we are only able to award a portion of them with funds. We have a large group of "named" scholarships in honor of past graduates and Hall of Fame members, graduating classes, teachers, and accomplished community leaders. You may choose to honor one of them, or simply contribute to the General Scholarship Fund. Or you may wish to start a new scholarship in honor of an individual from your class or organization. We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization (65-1113023). Contributions can be made easily and securely by using our website. Encourage your classmates and associates to support this worthy cause.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS



WHY YOUR PAID MEMBERSHIP IS SO IMPORTANT...

Stacey Hipsman '81 is our VP Membership

2024 is shaping up to be an incredibly successful year for the Miami Beach Senior High School Alumni Association. Our new website has solidified our position as the ultimate hub for all things Beach High. As we gear up for our upcoming Hall of Fame event, it's crucial to remember that one of the perks of being a member is the ability to nominate and honor the exceptional faculty and alumni who have made significant contributions to their community, profession or the greater good. We're talking about the crème de la crème here. By becoming a member, you're not only supporting scholarships and recognizing outstanding achievement, but you're also becoming part of something truly special that sets us apart from other public schools across the nation. Beach is absolutely dynamite, but we need your support and commitment to maintain our status as a leading public school alumni association in the country. You can also assist by referring new members and being recognized; we have different options and types of memberships available to you. Please join now and support the many programs your Alumni Association provides.

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND

PROGRAMS BY BECOMING A PAYING MEMBER



REUNIONS, NEWS, LIVE FEEDS

*David Guthrie (Faculty Ret.) is our VP
Public Relations*

Our website keeps you informed of alumni and school news, upcoming class reunions, and dates of scheduled events. You may purchase tickets to HOF and social gatherings and interact on social media. We have also created a special page for each class in the "Communities" section, where you may post news, pictures, and other announcements, once you register. You may even subscribe to a live feed from your class page. If your class page has yet to be created, contact David Guthrie at the website and he will set it up right away! Also inform him of any upcoming reunions or other news you may have.

CLASS REUNIONS

CLASS COMMUNITIES



UPCOMING ANNUAL "SPRING FLING"

*Cindy Jacobs '79 is our Social
Chair*

Our annual Spring Fling and social gathering for all alumni is in the planning stages and will occur later this Spring. We hope you will plan to attend this annual party, enjoy food and drinks, and reconnect with friends and classmates. Date, location, and ticket information will be available on the website as we approach the date. And remember, paid alumni members receive discounted tickets for this event.

PICTURES FROM PAST

EVENTS



"PATHWAY TO SUCCESS" BRICKS

*Maria Sahwell (Faculty Ret.) is our
Bricks Chair*

Purchasing a brick etched with your message is an ideal way to acknowledge that the lessons learned at Beach High provide the foundation for each student's future. Many alumni are ordering small 4' x 8' (\$100) and/or large 8' x 8' (\$250) wall bricks. They honor new graduates or alumni, signify family names, milestones, celebrations, or memorials. It's also an excellent way for you to support the only public high school in our Miami Beach community.

Proceeds are used to fund scholarships and other projects. We invite you to become a permanent part of our school's rich history and give future students our legacy of excellence. Your words will remain as a part of the school for generations to come.

BUY A BRICK



We are deeply saddened by the loss of our immediate Past President and friend, Cornelia Turk Philipson '58.

Cornelia lost her courageous battle with cancer this past Monday, Feb. 12th. She will be remembered as a loving friend and tireless supporter of Miami Beach, of our school and Alumni Association as well as of dozens of other causes and organizations. She was dedicated to serving others and worked diligently on the Board for these past many years. We will miss her warm smile, kind spirit, sincere advice and enthusiastic perseverance. Rest in Peace!

Finally, our entire Board of Directors is working hard on many projects to benefit our school and students, as well as make you proud to be a graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School. We hope you will join us by registering on the website, updating your profile, and becoming a paying member in support of our scholarships and other projects.

Executive Committee: (* denotes deceased)

President: Lori Fein '76

Immediate Past President: Cornelia Turk Philipson* '58

Vice President Membership: Stacey Spector Hipsman '81

Vice President Scholarship: Russell Rywell '81

Vice President Publicity: David Guthrie, Faculty (retired)

Secretary: Dr. Lawrence Feldman '68

Treasurer: Eric Golomb '81

Board of Directors:

Bricks Chairperson: Maria Sahwell, Faculty (retired)

Legacy Chairperson: Jeffrey Rynor '74

Hall of Fame Chairperson: Cindy Lieber '83

Social Chairperson: Cindy Jacobs '79

PTSA/School Liaison: Aimee Heller '88

General Members: Dr. Arlene Amarant '63, Steven Baldizon '14, Norman Brooks '63, Robert "Bobby" Flam '63, Adrian Gonzalez '92, Doug Jacobs '73, Judith Steinbook Katzen '63, James Orłowsky '92, Gwendolyn Villoch '92

Emeritus Members: Becky Spector Herrup '73, Rosalind Merritt '66, Alexa Weiss Rossy '62, Linda Widrich Weitz, '58, Linda Brown Zilber '56

Past Presidents: Steve "Bubba" Cohen '70, James Hauser '62, Louie Hayes* '58, Becky Spector Herrup '73, Stacey Spector Hipsman '81, Stuart Jacobs* '47, Doug Jacobs '73, Scott R. Jay* '70, Rosalind Merritt '66, Cornelia Turk Philipson* '58, Diana Mazel Pittarelli '69, Paul Ruthfield* '56, Jeffrey Rynor '74, Russ Rywell '81, Bruce Singer '69



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