



# Generally Speaking...

Grant High School Alumni Association / Winter 2024

## Grant High School celebrates 100 years!

Did you hear?!? U.S. Grant High School is celebrating its 100th year in operation this year!

Our historic institution first opened its doors in September 1924 as the eighth Portland high school. Since then it has been committed to providing its students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for success beyond the halls of Grant. As we celebrate our 100th year we look forward to continuing this tradition and building on our legacy of excellence while honoring the school's rich history and recognizing the countless individuals who have contributed to its success.

To commemorate this milestone, a dedicated volunteer committee consisting of GHS alumni across the last 70 years is hard at work planning a series of events that are sure to be enjoyed by alumni, current students, and members of the community. Throughout the year there will be numerous opportunities for alumni to reconnect with former classmates, including a special concert by our very own Tom Grant, Class of '64. In addition, sporting events, a theatrical production, and an open house for all to explore the new campus will be offered.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate this milestone in ways big and small that showcase the school's achievements, highlight its bright future, and bring together members of the Grant High School community.

### Mark your calendars for the following events:

**January 31st & February 1st – Amalfi's Restaurant Fundraiser for the Centennial Celebration** at Amalfi's (4703 N.E. Fremont, 97213) from 4:00 - 9:00pm. Twenty percent of your dine-in food and non-alcoholic purchases will go towards underwriting the costs of our Centennial events. Be sure to mention the Grant High School Fundraiser to your server.

**February 10th – A SENSATIONAL CENTURY OF CHAMPIONS: Double Header Basketball Game and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**, at Grant High School. Both the women's and men's basketball teams will be taking on the Franklin High School Lightning at 3:00pm and 5:00pm,

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## Fall Sports



### Girls soccer

It took overtime to produce a winner in an all-Portland Interscholastic League matchup for the Class 6A girls soccer championship.

Kate Ratanaproeaksa scored her second goal of the game with just over three minutes left in the second extra period to lift Grant to its second state title in three years, a 3-2 win over PIL rival Cleveland, which was appearing in its first girls soccer title game. [To read the rest of the story, just click here!](#)

Byline: [Scott Sepich | The Oregonian](#)



### Boys soccer

The Generals' bid for history ended as No. 2 Jesuit defeated No. 30 Grant 2-1 in the semifinals of the OSAA Class 6A boys soccer state championship tournament.

"I mean, we made history, man. No 30-seed has ever done this in the history of OSAA 6A, I think," said Grant senior goalkeeper Will Peterson. [To read the rest of the story, click here.](#)

byline: [Nick Celario for The Oregonian](#)

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respectively. Between the games there will be a Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony honoring notable athletes of the past. Concessions will be available and there will be space to gather and catch up with former classmates and friends while grabbing a snack. Admission to the game is \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for seniors and students.

**March 16th – A SENSATIONAL CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE: Open House, featuring Tom Grant,** at Grant High School. From 1:00 - 4:00pm, an open house will showcase school groups and promote connection to the school and students. In addition, visitors may tour the building and alumni can reconnect in their respective decades. The event highlight is a special concert by Tom Grant, GHS alum and acclaimed jazz musician. The concert begins at 4:00pm. The open house is free, and donations will help defray the costs of the Centennial events



**May 30th & 31st – A SENSATIONAL CENTURY OF STARDOM: Celebrating 100 Years of Performing Arts,** at Grant High School You won't want to miss this theatre, music, and dance extravaganza with performances by the Royal Blues, Jazz Ensemble, Grant Dance Collective, and guest alumni stars! Current students and alumni will join forces to delight and entertain our community. The show begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available starting in March.

**September – A SENSATIONAL CENTURY ENDS AND THE NEXT ONE BEGINS: Birthday Celebration.** Though a date has not been selected yet, you'll want to join us to sing "Happy Birthday" to Dear Ol' US Grant and enjoy more fellowship and connecting. Details forthcoming.

**GET CONNECTED:** To stay current with the Centennial Celebration events, visit the GHS website: [pps.net/domain/7818](https://pps.net/domain/7818) or follow us on social media [Facebook - Official U.S. Grant Alumni Association](#) or [Instagram - GHS 100th Year](#) We also want to encourage folks to complete this [Alumni and Community Contact Form](#) to make sure your information is up to date, opt to receive informational emails, volunteer, or even sponsor events. Please encourage your classmates to do so as well.

**DONATE:** Putting on events has many associated costs, and the GHS Centennial Celebration Committee would greatly appreciate your financial support! You can contribute [online at the SchoolPay site](#) or by mailing a check payable to Grant High School / 2245 NE 36th AVE, Portland 97212, with a memo "GHS 100th year celebration."

The Centennial Celebration Committee is chaired by Breanna (Probasco-Canda) Jackson, class of 2004. To reach her directly, please email [Breannapc@gmail.com](mailto:Breannapc@gmail.com) And...cheers to 100 years!

## Grant Magazine

The Grant High School news magazine. Connected.

Congratulations are in order once again! Depending on when you graduated, you might remember the weekly *Grantonian* newspaper, which morphed into the monthly *Grant Magazine* in 2012. Since then, the publication has won a prestigious Gold Crown Award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York City five times. WAIT! Make that six times...they were just awarded the honor again! *Grant Magazine* is a superior 36-page publication that Grant students research and compose. If you haven't read the magazine, do yourself a favor by visiting this website: [grantmagazine.com](https://grantmagazine.com). Would you like to help the students get to New York to receive their award? Just send your check to Grant High School / Attn: Grant Magazine / 2245 NE 36 AVE / Portland 97212.

## President's Letter

I wonder if the folks who laid the bricks framing the new US Grant High School in 1922-23 knew they were creating an institution that would launch tens of thousands of Portland youngsters into our society. Among them would be astronauts, soldiers, sailors, scientists, movie stars, musicians, authors, medical professionals, lawyers, entrepreneurs, office workers, fathers, mothers: all participants in the tapestry of America. Grant consistently produced excellence in many disciplines over decades. In the 50s, we were named the best High School in the country, and your Alumni Association exists to support that legacy with an annual Scholarship, our annual All Alumni Picnic in July, support for school programs such as the Constitution Team and the Music Departments, and our semi-annual newsletter.



Funds for scholarship and program support have been designated by donors, while the costs for the newsletter and picnic are supported by the dues you pay for membership each year. Because the costs for the picnic and newsletter have now outpaced the income from dues, we have increased them to \$25 annual and \$40 for an alum couple. To those of you paying dues each year: THANK YOU. To alums who are not yet dues-paying members, please consider including the GHS Alumni Association in your annual donations plan. As a non-profit association, donations are tax-deductible and can be done on the website:

[grantalumni.org/dues-and-donations](https://grantalumni.org/dues-and-donations)

Ahead of us is another election year, a time when we select leaders who will guide our nation and communities. Please be thoughtful and take the time to consider not only yourself but the community of which you are a part. Most importantly: please vote and be part of our democracy ... IT'S A GRANT THING!!!!

**Bob Stayton, '61, GHSAA President**

## Hall of Achievement

As we reflect on the rich history and success stories of Grant High's 100 years, we are looking to honor and celebrate achievements of outstanding alumni who've made significant contributions to their respective fields. We believe recognizing the accomplishments of our graduates not only showcases the talent in our community but also inspires current and future students to reach new heights.

This is where we need your help! We invite you to nominate fellow graduates who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and impact in their professional or personal endeavors. Your insights and recommendations play a crucial role in finding individuals whose stories should be shared and celebrated. Whether they've excelled in business, made groundbreaking contributions to science and technology, demonstrated exceptional service to their community, or achieved remarkable success in another field, we want to hear about it.

Please take a moment to submit your nominations using the following criteria:

- **Name of the Alum:** Provide the full name of the alum you are nominating.
- **Class Year:** Indicate the year of graduation.
- **Achievements:** Share a brief overview of the alums accomplishments and contributions.
- **Impact:** Explain how the alum's work has made a positive impact on their community, profession, or society at large.
- **Contact Information:** If possible, provide contact details of the nominee.

Submit your nominations by emailing us at [grantalumni@aol.com](mailto:grantalumni@aol.com). Submission deadline is May 1, 2024. Selected honorees will be featured in our summer newsletter and by a letter to the honoree.

Thank you for helping us identify and honor the remarkable individuals embodying the spirit of Grant High School.

## 2024 Reunions and special events

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### Class of 1954 - 70<sup>TH</sup> Reunion

- Saturday, August 3, 2024
- 12:00 – 4:30 PM / full buffet lunch & open bar
- Portland Yacht Club / 1241 NE Marine Dr
- Questions: Pete Charlston / [pvcharlston@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcharlston@yahoo.com) / 503.282.1607

### Class of 1964 – 60<sup>TH</sup> Reunion

- Saturday, July 27, 2024
- 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- Colwood Golf Center / 7313 NE Columbia Blvd
- Questions: Christi Knutson / [granthigh1964@aol.com](mailto:granthigh1964@aol.com)
- Facebook: [Grant High Portland Class of '64](#)

### Class of 1974 – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

- Saturday, September 14, 2024
- Eastmoreland Golf Course / 2425 SE Bybee Blvd
- Questions: Virginia McMillan McCarthy / [granthighclass74@outlook.com](mailto:granthighclass74@outlook.com)
- Do we have your email or has it changed? Drop us a line and we'll make sure you're kept up to date with everything; you can even include info for classmates you're still in touch with.
- Facebook: [Grant High School Class of 1974](#)

### Class of 1975

- ALL Grantonians are invited to Rogue Eastside Brewery
- 928 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave any first Saturday of the month (7:00 pm) for ALL Grant Alumni
- Questions: Sara Wiedmaier Gonzalez / [gonzalez.sara90@gmail.com](mailto:gonzalez.sara90@gmail.com)

### Class of 1984 – 40<sup>TH</sup> Reunion

- Planning underway and details to follow
- Questions: Robby Bain / [robertwbain@gmail.com](mailto:robertwbain@gmail.com)

### Class of 1994 – 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion

- Friday, August 9, 2024
- 7:00 – 11:00 PM / \$30
- McMenamin's Kennedy School / 5736 NE 33 Ave
- Questions: Emily Engdahl / [emily@tinebristlecoastal.com](mailto:emily@tinebristlecoastal.com)
- Facebook: [Grant High Class of 1994 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion](#)

### Class of 2014 – 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion

- Planning underway
- Details to follow

### 33<sup>nd</sup> Annual MacMillan Jones Golf Tourney

- Thursday, August 22, 2024
- Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains
- 1:00 pm start
- Proceeds support the scholarship
- Questions: Steve MacMillan / 503-260-7271

### Annual Mel Krause Memorial PIL HOF Golf Tournament

- Monday, September 9, 2024
- Langdon Farms Golf Club - Aurora
- 4 Person scramble
- Details at [pilhalloffame.org/events/golf](http://pilhalloffame.org/events/golf)

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Alumni Picnic

- Sunday, July 28, 2024
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM
- Grant Park Hollywood Shelter, off 36<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Water, popcorn and cookies provided

**Is your class planning a reunion?** We'd love to post your information; just send it to [GrantHighAlumni@gmail.com](mailto:GrantHighAlumni@gmail.com). We'll add it to our website and include it in any upcoming publications.



## Alameda Class of 1957



Our class stays in touch and tries to gather each year. While it doesn't always work out, it did this year thanks to the efforts of Judi Taylor McGarvey, who came from Virginia to meet family in Portland. Pictured are some of the attendees at the [Hi-Top Tavern](#) on Fremont last July.

**Left to right:** Steve Young, Mary Ann Buck, Karyl Loback, Judi Taylor, Carolyn Woodward, Bob Weaver, Karen Patterson, Paul Ashton and Trudi Schnitzer

## Class of 1963

The Class of 1963 celebrated their 60th reunion at July's all-alumni picnic. Attendance was smaller than expected but everyone had a good time and enjoyed seeing former classmates.



## Class of 1961



The GHS Class of 1961 gathered to celebrate their 80th birthdays in September at the [Moon & Sixpence](#) in the Hollywood district.

**Attendees included:** Jack Cain, Mary Cain, Phil Ancheta, Wally Foster, Doug Neeley, Trudi Schnitzer, Paul Ashton, Carolyn Woodward, Kay Hickman, Mary Ann Hamnett, Cary Ann Connor, Bob Amend, Loretta Clark, Dennis King, Bill Scott, Doug Capps, Bob Stayton, and Gerry Coffey.

## Class of 2000



The Class of 2000 celebrated their Covid delayed 20th reunion on Friday, September 8th. The 99 people who turned out to cheer their 23rd gathering at the Alberta Street Pub had a great time. The fun continued with a low-key afternoon at Wilshire Park the following Sunday. Classmates can stay in touch via [grantclassof2000@gmail.com](mailto:grantclassof2000@gmail.com)



## Class of 1973

The GHS Class of '73 had our 50th Reunion last summer and we scheduled our event to coincide with the GHS All-Alumni annual picnic. On Friday night we had elementary school "prefunction" gatherings (These were well attended at several different locations; Amalfi's, Fire on the Mountain, etc) Our HS reunion was at Noho's Hawaiian Grill and was attended by over 130 graduates and 25 supportive spouses.

Here is our recipe for a Hawaiian Luau Reunion:

1. Start about 18 months in advance to form a planning committee 2. Add 10-12 dedicated alumni volunteers | 3. Agree to attend about 50 Zoom calls 3. Sprinkle in a variety of talents (decor, tech support, survey making, reconnaissance, etc) 4. Select the ripest date you can find and locate and secure a suitably large venue with a warm, cozy patio, cool vibe "Board Room," and tasty appetizers and drinks 5. Start searching for just the right combination of classmates to spice up the mix (this was a tricky step, involving many attempts on Facebook groups, LinkedIn, friends of friends, local news releases, etc, etc.) 6. Delegate the elementary school "prefunction" gatherings to sous-chefs (Friday night Happy-Happier Hours) 7. Mix in all the assorted details you couldn't imagine would be important (this is why a robust committee is essential) 8. Bake in a preheated patio at 85° Fahrenheit for 3-4 hours. Don't rush it; some ingredients need more time! **Chef's notes:** The resulting concoction is delicious! It will be something that will be remembered for years. Very fulfilling.

Thoughtfully submitted by the Class of '73 Reunion Planning Committee

PS: MANY thanks go to the talented and dedicated members of our planning committee: **Casey Crookham, Cheryl Kvanvig Proctor, Colin Stout, Donna Lee Moore Stout, Judee Moonbeam, Karla Nachtwey Gjertsen, Karoline Columbini, Kathy French Srofe, Kirk Soule', Lisa Sinner Heltzer, Mary Helling, Michael Murnin, Steve Payne, and Wendy Baird**



**Above:** Committee Chair Steve Payne and wife Laurie.



**Above:** Randy Larson and Brooks Bromley enjoy a gorgeous summer afternoon on Noho's tropical patio.



**Above:** Planning Committee members at the "check-in" table on Noho's patio



**Far left:** Bill Haley, Wilber Warren, Tracy and Joanne



**Left:** So many reconnections between high school buddies such as with **Brian Strayer** and **Bill Haley**.



## Class of 1988



We are so happy that Grant High School's Class of 1988 35th reunion was a rollicking success! Saturday, July 15, 2023 brought over 80 of our classmates, along with spouses, partners and children. There were cameo appearances by Grantonians from other graduating classes, parents of Grantonians, as well as friends from Harriett Tubman Middle School. And it was meaningful to be joined by ten of our teachers—some with their spouses—throughout the day.

Grant Principal James McGee led three hour-long tours of the remodeled school in the afternoon. Faculty members Sam Ma-

con, Japanese/Global Studies/Government, Economics teacher Bill Cromley (and his wife, Chipper) and math teacher Mark Cotton and his wife Jane Cotton (who worked in the Grant office) were there. Ice cream was generously provided by Salt & Straw. Mr. Cromley and Thomas Lauderdale surreptitiously drank mescal.

## Athletes AND scholars



It's hard being a high school athlete, especially that whole "you still have to graduate" thing. So three cheers for our GHS athletes and their great GPAs.

Here's a rundown of team GPAs for fall sports:

- 3.48 Boys soccer
- 3.89 Girls soccer (finished in 1st in the PIL)
- 3.09 Football
- 3.89 Volleyball (finished in 1st in the PIL)
- 3.82 Boys cross country
- 3.94 Girls cross country

Three Grant High School Marketing students were recognized by the Oregon Department of Transportation and community partners as winners of the Work Zone Safety Billboard Design Contest. Congratulations to **Ava Petrillo, Poppy Yue, and Emiko Gillam** for being selected. They created a billboard design with the purpose of educating drivers – especially young drivers – about the dangers of work zones and to encourage safe driving. They were awarded scholarship money and will have the honor of having their design placed on two billboards in our community!



## Your dues in action!

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Your Grant High Alumni Association is excited to update you on how your support through alumni dues is making a significant impact on our alma mater. Your dues play a crucial role in sustaining and enhancing various initiatives that contribute to the vibrancy of Grant High School.

Here's a snapshot of how the annual dues of thoughtful alumni and friends have made a difference in 2023:

1. **Annual All Alum Picnic:** your dues contributed to the organization of our popular picnic
2. **Scholarship:** your dues helped Ben McDonald, Class of '23, enroll at Willamette university
3. **Hallway photos:** your dues helped with the installation of the historic hallway photos
4. **Music departments:** your dues helped maintain a vibrant musical culture.
5. **Constitution team:** your dues helped the team take 2nd place in a national contest
6. **All night party:** your dues helped make the party a safe celebration for seniors
7. **Generally Speaking newsletter:** your dues helped with the twice yearly publication
8. **Band t-shirts:** your dues helped purchase 100th celebration t-shirts for 160 band members.

If you haven't already, please renew your membership to continue strengthening the Grant community; you can contribute easily by paying online here: [grantalumni.org/dues-and-donations](http://grantalumni.org/dues-and-donations). And thank you for being an integral part of the Grant High Alumni Association. Together our impact is immeasurable.

## Become a member of your Alumni Association

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Your Board of Directors meets monthly devoting volunteer time to keep the association moving. PLEASE SUPPORT US by sending your \$25 dues by mail or online at [grantalumni.org/dues-and-donations](http://grantalumni.org/dues-and-donations). We are a recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization. The association offers a Lifetime Membership, and **NEW THIS YEAR: a Supporters Membership** for those who champion our efforts and goals.

- **Annual Individual Dues:** \$25/year
- **Annual Couple Dues:** \$40/year (when both are Grant alums)
- **Lifetime Memberships:** \$250

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**Please fill out and enclose the form below with your annual dues and mail to:**

US Grant Alumni Association / PO Box 13291 / Portland OR 97213-0291.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Dues: \$25 Single \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Couple (both GHS alums) \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT US! Are you a supporter of Grant High School?** Show your support with a donation, and we'll make sure you receive our newsletter and any special announcements. Fill out the form above and check this box: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there a special area you'd like to support even more?** Additional donations can also be made to these funds:

Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Centennial Celebration Wrap-up \_\_\_\_\_



## Upcoming events



**AMALFI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT**  
4703 NE Fremont St, PDX 97213

**WED., JAN 31ST & THURS., FEB 1ST**  
**4PM-9PM**

20% of sale for all pasta, pizza & soft drinks will be donated to the Grant High School Centennial Planning Committee  
WHEN YOU MENTION GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

**DINE IN ONLY**

 Grant High School is celebrating its Centennial Year in 2024 and we're kicking things off in style this fall during Homecoming 2023. We're planning several action-packed celebratory events and fundraising dollars will support our efforts. Visit [www.gps.net/grant](http://www.gps.net/grant) or scan the QR code for more details.




**CELEBRATING**

**GRANT'S 100TH YEAR**

**DOUBLE HEADER**  
**VARSITY B-BALL GAMES**

**GRANT H.S. VS FRANKLIN H.S.**

Tip-off Schedule

Game	Time	Event
SAT. FEB. 10TH	2:30PM	CONCESSION OPEN - LOWER COMMONS
GHS GYMNASIUM	3PM	WOMEN'S GAME
	4:30PM	HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
	5PM	MEN'S GAME

\$6 - adults // \$2 - seniors, students

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**GRANT GIVES WINTER SOCIAL**

Saturday February 3rd, 2024 | 6:30pm - 9:30pm

 **at EASTBURN**  
1800 E. Burnside St.

**Food Drinks Music**  
**A Fundraiser for GrantGives**

**SILENT AUCTION**  
**including a Moda Center Private Suite**  
With a special performance by  
**THE GRANT JAZZ COMBO 1**

**GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**  
**\$75 PER PERSON**  
Includes one drink ticket, food, and bid number  
For tickets, Scan the QR code or visit [www.GrantGives.com](http://www.GrantGives.com)



GrantGives is a parent-led non-profit organization that supports kids in clubs, extracurriculars and sports teams at Grant High School.



### Officers

**President:** Bob Stayton, '61

**Vice President:** Jack Cain, '61

**Secretary:** Karyl (Loback) Whelan, '61

**Treasurer:** Christi (Rollwage) Knutson, '64

### Board Members

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Colleen (White) Scholz, '63

Fatimah Steffanoff, '82

Kathi (Stipe) Swanson, '61

Jennifer (Sonk) McNassar, '82

Bruce McDonald, honorary member

James McGee, GHS Principal, ex officio

*We currently have five vacancies on the Board. If you are interested, contact us at [GrantHighAlumni@gmail.com](mailto:GrantHighAlumni@gmail.com)*

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## All Alumni Picnic

We've been very lucky to always have warm sunshine on picnic day! The 86° weather we had last year was very pleasant and we hope for the same on Sunday, July 28 for this year's gathering. We had a good crowd with the Class of '63 joining us to celebrate their 60th reunion. GrantGives volunteers were in attendance with their popular hot dogs, and the decade photos were taken again.



We hope to see more new faces this year on Sunday, July 28. Remember, too, that we are always willing to have extra tables/chairs for any class that would like to hold their reunion with us!

**Save the date for the 2024 Annual All Alumni Picnic:** Sunday, July 28 from 1-4:00pm at the Grant Park Hollywood Shelter off 36th. Water, popcorn and cookies will be provided. Come and join us!



The Centennial Celebration Committee has been hard at work preparing events to commemorate the 100th year of Grant High School. Please see the attached flyers on Pfw 9 for two upcoming events: Amalfi's Fundraiser (January 31-February 1) and Double Header Basketball Game/Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on February 10. Be sure to invite your classmates and friends.

Volunteers are needed for all events, so if you are interested in learning more about the volunteer opportunities for a specific event, please respond to Breanna Jackson / [breannapc@gmail.com](mailto:breannapc@gmail.com). Most urgently, they are looking for a handful of volunteers for the basketball game for some light support.

Cheers to 100 years, Generals!!!