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Hall of Fame

April 13th, 2025

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Newsletter of the Whittier High School Alumni Association and Educational Foundation

Cardinal Chatter

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Spring
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A word from our WHSAAEF President, Rob West

Dear Cardinal Loyalty –

Thank you all for your support throughout the 25 years of our existence and please help us continue our legacy of support for Whittier High School and its students and community.

WHS is now in its 125th year of existence having been established in the year 1900. To celebrate this so-called a quasiquicentennial (pronounced "kwahskwee") we are kicking off a campaign to donate \$125 in 2025. If everyone on our mailing list donated as much, then we would nearly cover our operating budget for the previous year (about \$120k). This past year brought us many new opportunities to give back to the institution that set us on course for our adult lives. In addition to our annual Hall of Fame and Homecoming BBQ events, we hosted another Christmas Sing-A-Long featuring the spectacular Wurlitzer Organ.

We awarded 23 \$2000 scholarships to graduating seniors, jump started the Hall of Champions renovation project with a \$10k grant, kicked off the football season by welcoming our new coach with an athletic cart to support their program, funded the purchase of a new Mascot costume, facilitated the purchase of new wrestling mats with a generous contribution from the Bob Algarin Family, added support for WHS theatre productions, paid for Advanced Placement Testing and College Applications for students with need, and provided Christmas gift cards to students in foster families.

We are currently looking to expand our scholarship offerings and we rely on you our members to provide for those directly. As a scholarship donor you can name the scholarship and designate its purpose so that we can select the appropriate student to receive it. You can contribute to any one of our existing named scholarships, which are only awarded when fully funded.

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...And Always, Always Love You Whittier High!

UPCOMING CARDINAL REUNIONS

2025 Reunions All Class Reunion BBQ/Tour/Organ Concert Sun Oct 19, 2025 at noon.

Contact Janice Lanham Zolnekoff whittierhighalumni@gmail.com or 562-556-4000 to update reunion/class contact info.

1960 - 65 year reunion luncheon Sat Apr 12, 2025. More info to come. Contact Michael Goodwin 805-895-8836 mgoodwinsb01@yahoo.com or Joan Meister Everett 562-201-2927 joanmeister@mac.com

1965 - 60 year reunion Sat Oct 11, 2025. Class rep is Cathy Chandler George 562-631-5311 or cggeorge0910@gmail.com

Check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/674858959262657/>

1970 - 55 year reunion Sat Oct 18, 2025. Contact Janice Lanham Zolnekoff at 562-556-4000

or whittierhigh1970@aol.com. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/422788928513867/>

1975 - 50 year Reunion Sat Sept 20, 2025 at DoubleTree by Hilton Whittier at 5pm.

Facebook – “Whittier High — Class of 75” Contact Patti Oeh Lagrelius 310-753-4159

or WHSCardinals1975@gmail.com There will also be a WHS Tour on Sun Sept 21 at 11:15am.

1985 - 40 yr reunion? WHS will be showing *Back To The Future* on Sat June 21, 2025 for the 40th Anniversary of the film.

<https://www.whittierhighalumni.org/back-to-the-future-returns-to-whs/>

1995 - 30 yr reunion Sat June 28, 2025 at Sage Uptown Whittier at 6pm. Appetizers, soda & tea provided.

Contact: Jennifer Medrano Porras 562-501-6707 medicjenn@yahoo.com or Tina Carrillo 480-828-3933

krisvercar@outlook.com. Please check out our Facebook page for more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/whittier.classofninetyfive>

2005 - 20 yr reunion? Contact Amanda Manning: amandamanning14@yahoo.com, or on Instagram:

mandachellemanning14; or Maddie Haas Lopez Madeleinehaas1@gmail.com or

on Instagram: madeleinatown; or Senior Class President Audrianna Talavera audriannat@gmail.com

Check out <https://www.facebook.com/events/666121993521974/>

2015 - 10 yr reunion? Contact Dejah Irving at 562-639-3759 or Dejah.rai97@yahoo.com

If you are planning a reunion reach out to the WHS Alumni Association to give you some ideas and to post your event on our website.

If any of the contacts above are incorrect, please let us know. Email whittierhighalumni@gmail.com or call Janice 562-556-4000.

Give
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Donate \$125 to celebrate
our 125th Anniversary

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY AT

WHITTIERHIGHALUMNI.ORG

Go to the WHSAAEF website – www.whittierhighalumni.org
- Scroll down & click on “Join Us” - a page will drop down - on the top of that page you will see a blue button - click on a “Monthly Recurring Donation” & complete the form to support **Whittier High School** for \$20 a month = \$240 a year. Or, you can give a one-time donation of \$125 to honor the school’s 125th anniversary

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Save the Date: June 21st 2025 - 5:00 pm
Back to the Future returns to Whittier High School
Join us for an exclusive screening and fundraising event at our alma mater, and filming location.

All proceeds will go towards our

HALL OF CHAMPIONS

\$40 per ticket

- Dinner provided by Brickhouse Pizza

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25th Annual Hall of Fame call to action for the Nixon Scholarship.

We will be giving **25**, \$2000 scholarships this year to deserving Whittier High School Seniors.

We Need a donor (or donors) to match the \$1000 generously given by our Whittier Mayor, Joe Vinatieri

To donate towards the Nixon Scholarship, you can make a donation at our website, www.whittierhighalumni.org/donate

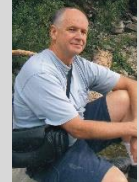
SAVE THE DATE!!!

April 13th 2025

Hall of Fame 2025 & 125th Anniversary Gala

Honoring:

Carl Devore MD '71, Sean Curran PhD '95, "Bud" Hurlbut '36, Bill Cole '66, William C. Rempel '65, John "Jack" Hales Jr. '60.



Video and Museum Exhibit to Commemorate 125th



The 125th Anniversary Gala will be the premiere of the video **Cardinal Legacy: 2025 Edition**. The video is produced by cinematographer L.T. Martinez '12, written by Alumni Historian Charles Bennett '07, and features interviews from prominent alumni and faculty. This fall, the video and other memorabilia from the history of Whittier High School will be on display at the Whittier Museum. If you have items of interest, contact WhittierHighAlumni@gmail.com



Judy Jansen 1946–2024

The Whittier High School Alumni Association mourns the loss of artist and activist Judy Jansen, Class of 1964, who passed away on November 23 following a series of strokes.



Jansen attended Whittier High School and served as Girls' League Vice-President. She earned a degree from Chapman University, and studied sculpture and glassblowing. By 1976, she had become enough of a regionally-acclaimed artist that her work was mentioned in the book *New Glass*. Her field of "new glass" focused on contemporary abstract designs for large homes and public spaces, some of which could be hung on walls much as you



would a picture frame, as opposed to the traditional stained glass you associate with churches. Judy maintained a studio adjacent to the family home in Uptown Whittier for over 50 years. Among other places, her stained glass appears in the chapels of Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Jansen was also an important force in the Whittier community. She served as the coordinator of exhibitions for the Whittier Art Gallery for many years, and was also responsible for doing many of the miscellaneous odd jobs to keep the gallery maintained. When it came time to celebrate the centennial of the founding of Whittier, Jansen was a major advocate for the erection of the John Greenleaf Whittier statue in Central Park, promenading a Styrofoam mockup of the statue around the city in the back of her VW truck. Jansen was active in both the Whittier Conservancy and the Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association.

Jansen is survived by her brother Jim, also a Whittier High graduate, and several nieces and nephews.



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You can urge your friends to contribute in your stead. You can support us with your membership donations to assure you receive our seasonal newsletter. You can attend our events such as this summer's Back To The Future Film Screening and Campus Tour to benefit the Hall of Champions. Bring your friends and family to reminisce about your days here and imagine how today's students feel about inheriting the legacy we continue to build with your support. We also welcome new members to our board of directors, who give tirelessly of their own time without compensation so that all our proceeds benefit WHS students and programs. Give \$125 in 2025 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of WHS and the 25th of WHSAAEF.

Gratefully Yours,
WHSAAEF President, Rob West '78

Principal's Message

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from our recent WUHSD board meeting! The evening was a resounding success, thanks in large part to the fantastic performance by Mr. Mijarez and the WHS Jazz Band. We were also incredibly proud to witness Wendy Carcamo, a shining example of our Puente and Cardinal Academy of Technology programs, receive the prestigious Award of Merit. Wendy's heartfelt gratitude to the Whittier High staff for their unwavering support as she prepares to embark on her journey to Cal Poly Pomona for civil engineering studies was truly inspiring.

Adding to the school's achievements, we want to acknowledge the remarkable success of our boys' basketball team. They clinched the Del Rio League championship title and advanced to the quarter-finals of the CIF Southern Section playoffs. I would also like to recognize our amazing wrestling program. Carter Henley (10th Grade) took 7th place in the 175lbs division at the CIF Southern Section Individual Championships, and Nathan Galindo (12th Grade) qualified for the finals but did not place in the 144lbs division. Both weight classes are two of the most competitive in CIF Wrestling. Their dedication and hard work have brought immense pride to our school community. We are so proud of the continued excellence displayed by our students and staff!

-Andres Favela, WHS Principal