



# THE POTTER PULSE



## From the Desk of: THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from Pottertown!

Big things are happening in East Liverpool and with the ELHSAA. The \$2.2M Thompson Building renovation is underway. True North LLC, with Drew Cooper at the helm, is renovating and moving into the old JC Penney Building, with 80 new jobs in downtown! Over the past 3 months, ELHSAA had a basement sale, drive-up dinner, pottery auction, and purse bingo to raise

funds for scholarships and activities. The "Tower" received a nice facelift with the installation of two new awnings and LED lights on the clockfaces.

As 2024 comes to a close, we encourage you to make a tax-deductible donation to the ELHSAA to preserve your Potter heritage.

Go POTTERS! – Brian Shockey (1984), President ELHSAA



### 2024 ELHSAA Pottery Auction - A Huge Success

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual East Liverpool High School Alumni Association (ELHSAA) Pottery Auction ended 10/29/24 and exceeded expectations. The auction generated \$25,000 in profit providing scholarships and operating funds. Custom Fiesta Jade Millennium I Vases, Hall China Foundry Donut Teapots, and Fiesta Sky Calendar Plates (decorated by W.C. Bunting Co.) were donated by the Fiesta Tableware Company and accounted for 86% of the profit! The remaining 14% came from consignment and donated items provided by 20 alumni supporters. A huge thank you goes to the following people who spent hours preparing for the auction, identifying and listing items, meeting buyers, and shipping items: John Aikens (1975), Diane Aikens, Brenda Damaso (1977), Rick Dieringer (1986), Teresa Emmerling (1973), Bill Shockey (1957), Brian Shockey (1984), and Janice Shockey.

## AWNINGS AND LED LIGHTS SECURED TO PRESERVE CLOCK TOWER

Thanks to the generous donations after our plea for help from our last newsletter, we were able to purchase two custom door awnings to preserve the beautiful wood of the doors. The awnings will also preserve the names of original donors on the plaques inside the corridor from sun bleaching. We are also planning to purchase another one to cover the largest of the double wooder doors.

We are asking once again for our members to give to this cause. We raised \$3,691.83 for the awnings which covered the initial two that were needed most. This third one will be the largest and therefore cost the most. We have also upgraded the lighting inside the clock face to LED. John Aikens secured a grant from Heritage Thermal to cover most of the cost, but we still have a need for donations

to cover the cost entirely. If you would like to donate to this cause, please use the QR code on the back page or send in a check to the clock tower indicating what you would like your donation to go towards.



Unfortunately, we experienced vandalism at the Tower. A globe was broken on the light that illuminates the front walk. Thanks to Francis J. Bentz (1949), for sending in a donation to cover the cost to replace the globe. It now looks better than ever! This picture also shows the large arched doorway that still needs an awning.

### Olde Guard Welcomes 1963

Nancy McKernan Evans (1983) does a wonderful job organizing the event. This year we welcomed the class of 1963 and there were 164 alumni in attendance. Next year's Olde Guard Lunch will be June 25, 2025. We look forward to seeing everyone again! Right: Members from the class of 1952 arrive early to save seats so they can sit together. All classes enjoy mingling and eating a catered L&B lunch.





# HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

## DOWNTOWN EL GETS FACELIFT

ELHS students have been taking more of an interest in all of the projects going on downtown. Some field trips have focused on the great deal of history and tourist spots available. The Museum of Ceramics, The Upper Ohio Valley Museum at the Lou Holtz Hall of Fame, Hot Dog Shoppe, Umbrella Alley, and the ELHSAA Clock Tower are some of the places they have visited this fall.

ELHS students also got to experience the Governor's visit. Governor Mike DeWine joined the mayor of East Liverpool to announce a \$4.2 million project to renovate two buildings and spark economic growth. The plan involves renovating the Thompson and BOSS buildings and the relocation of the corporate headquarters of True North LLC, a business consulting firm, from its current home in Chester, WV.

The project is getting a \$700,000 boost from JobsOhio's Vibrant Communities Grant for the \$2million project.

To get the city looking its best for the visit, Mr. Issac Davidson's junior and senior landscaping class removed debris and stumps and prepared high visibility areas with new plants and flowers. Mr. Frank Fisher's class also built large wooden planters that were placed around the diamond.

Superintendent Jonathan Ludwig worked alongside the student saying, "I thoroughly enjoyed today's experience, especially given my 20 years of landscaping and horticulture background. The hard work and teamwork displayed by these students were truly impressive."



Students visit various historical landmarks downtown, including the ceramic museum. Students from Mr. Davidson's landscaping class beautify the diamond with new plants and mums.

## Breaking Records and Making Memories



Senior Blake Adkins catches a pass from Gavin Wright for a Potter Touchdown and breaks the single-season reception record! The Potters went on to win the game and secure a playoff spot for the second year in a row. The seniors were able to have their tradition of a senior banquet on Patterson field before the game.



## Potters Making a Difference in the Community

The East Liverpool Community Partnership for Revitalization scored a big win! They were awarded a \$650,000 grant, paving the way for a new business and innovation hub dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship. A huge shoutout to The Gateway Group, and Tom Chema for their support. Gratitude expressed to Senator Sherrod Brown and his team for believing in East Liverpool's potential, and to the SBA for administering this grant.



Senior class gifts are a time-honored tradition at ELHS, and the Class of 2020's contribution is no exception! Their thoughtful gift, totaling \$3,031, is a tribute to the school and community that shaped them - a lasting memorial to their final days as students to their first steps as alumni.



Sunday Fun Day After Prom at Kennywood Park





# 2024 ELHS Foundation Scholars

## Endowed Scholarships: Total = \$38,472

The ELHSAA - *Mark Antonio*  
 ELCS Foundation Fund - *Jasmine Middlebrook*  
 The Class of 1952 - *Chloe Timmons*  
 Ralph L. Hutchinson Memorial - *Dacianelle Andrews*  
 John Miller Memorial - *Leah Williams*  
 Potter Pride - *Lukas Harrington & Preston Kerr*  
 Midland / United Steelworkers Union - *Jamie Armstrong*  
 Frank Moss / Robert McNea - *Austin Allen*  
 Muccia / Harker - *Olivia David*  
 Joseph M. Wells Jr. - *Kyia White*  
 Harry W.B. Spore - *Trinity Hill*  
 Dan Aldrich Memorial - *Allyson Furman*  
 Eva J. Beaver / Raymond A. Beaver / Raymond D. Beaver / Alvin R. Jacobs - *Jonathan Milliron*  
 Emily Bickerton Memorial - *Zackary Gillespie*  
 Paul H. Blair - *Madison Plumley*  
 Bill Booth / Richard Booth Memorial - *Trenton Davis*  
 Class of 1951 - *Paige Grimes*  
 Anne Tychonievich Holtz - *Caden Schneidmiller*  
 Lou Holtz / Sherwin-Williams - *Zackary Gillespie*  
 East Liverpool Rotary - *Jacob Smith*  
 Andy Petrick - *Peyton Wolfe*  
 Matt Salsberry Memorial - *Makyah Walters Newlun*  
 William O'Neil Trust - *Brittany Stewart*  
 Sarah and Ashleigh Drosos - *Marquise Glenn*  
 Helen Clendenning-Yanni - *Paityn Maze*  
 Marie P. Graham Memorial - *Allyson Furman*  
 Pottertown Foundation - *Allyson Furman*  
 Fraser Dreier Memorial - *Aaron Lara*  
 Richard F. Crable Memorial - *Preston Dawson*  
 Nelle Kaufman Heer, Class of 1933, Memorial - *Jacob Smith*  
 Amanda Marie DeSarro - *Makenzie Walker*  
 Corporal Tyler Butler Veterans Memorial - *Peyton Butler*  
 Poole Family - *Dorian Burchett*  
 Class of 1973 - *Jordan Wolf*  
 Ray Trevelline - *Abigail Spears*  
 Justin D. Knapp Memorial - *Georgia Bzinak*  
 Martha Bentz Memorial - *Liam Campbell*  
 Richard K. & Mary J. Wolf - *Caleah Maple*

## Pass-Through Scholarships: Total = \$54,746

Kreefer Family Memorial - *Christian Alvarez*  
 EL Firefighters Local 24 - *Madison Plumley*  
 Nancy Vodrey Dahl Memorial - *Lillian Miller*  
 Vermal McComas - *Olivia David*  
 Darrell & Marlene Walsh Smith, Class of 1960, Family - *Preston Dawson & Trent Davis*  
 Thomas C. Martin Memorial - *Aaron Lars*  
 William Daniel Southall Memorial - *Trinity Hill*  
 Dr. Robert W. Beatty Outstanding Male Athlete - *Preston Kerr*  
 Dominic F. & Josephine Amedeo Memorial - *Cory Sluss*  
 Jean & Marion Perkins / Rotary - *Makyah Walters Newlun*  
 Hamilton & Price Leadership - *Charles (Evan) Tice*  
 Kristen Kay (Potts) Smith Memorial - *Kaylee Klausner*  
 Kaden Davis Memorial - *Gracie Murray*  
 J.R. Walker Memorial - *Makenzie Walker*  
 Pennybaker Family - *Faith Haney*  
 Matt Salsberry Memorial, Wrestling - *Makyah Walters Newlun*  
 Sterling "Bud" Hanselman (Class of '65) - *Jordan Wolf*  
 Karson Elizabeth & Amelia Marie Kreefer - *Peyton Wolfe*  
 ELHS Athletic Hall of Fame - *Jacob Smith*  
 Steve Dawson 44 Memorial - *Charles (Evan) Tice*  
 Martha "Marty" Rose Allman Nursing - *Peyton Vulgamore*  
 Eva Smith, Centenarian, Birthday - *Madison Fitch, Faith Grafton, Lillian Miller, & Alexander Sine*  
**Endowed Scholarships / Not Managed by the Foundation: Total = \$109,000**  
 Carrie Metz Harper Memorial - *Allyson Furman, Gabrielle Garcia, Ava Watkins, Ava Collins, Peyton Vulgamore, Monica Andrus, Gracie Murray, Lukas Harrington, Georgia Bzinak, & Rylee Handley*  
 Theodore A. Gregory Memorial - *Leah Williams, Sara Mouse, Katelyn Reinhart, Caleigh Reed, Ayden Wright, Cheyann Andrus, & Alannah Detillion*

## Grand Total \$202,218.00

ELHSAA launched a massive fundraising campaign, under the leadership of Coach Lou Holtz '54, and by 1992 the Clock Tower was completed. By that time, the scholarship fund contribution policy was established. In 2006, the name was changed to the East Liverpool City Schools Education and Scholarship Fund. The class of 2024 is shown participating in the tradition of throwing caps.



Commencement took place in the Potter Fieldhouse May 26, 2024. The alumni speaker was Adam Reuter a 2000 graduate. Below he is pictured with his family and ELHS staff and ELHSAA board members at the Clock Tower reception.



Oldest Living Graduate Passes at age 106



Mary Alice Pugh, class of 1935, passed away Sept. 20, 2024. At the age of 104 in 2022, she completed her memoir, How I Lived So Long: Advice from Someone Born Before You Were. She was the daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Crawford Mick, born in East Liverpool on Jan. 15, 1918.

VOLUNTEER UPDATES

- A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who brought in donations for the basement sale and to all the volunteers that helped make it a huge success.
THANK YOU to all the volunteers for the help in making the meatball sub sale a success and to all the customers that purchased dinners. THANK YOU to Jimmy Allmon for donating all the chips!
THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have been opening the clock tower for visitors on Tuesdays & Fridays.
The clock tower will be closed for visitors Nov. 26 - January 3. We will open back up January 7. If anyone is in town for the holidays and would like to come in, please call Cindy Waggle for an appointment at 330-383-2802.



Summer Reunions

QR CODES FOR CONVENIENCE

Use your phone camera to scan these codes and access links.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DONATE TO ELHSAA



STUDENT OUTREACH

This will be my last Potter Pulse, as Alumni Relations Director. I have decided to step away from this position after the first of the year. It has been such a rewarding experience over the past two years, and I encourage all alumni to get more involved with the association. My most fond experiences have been getting to know so many of you. Even though I will not be serving the ELHSAA in this capacity, I still plan on being around as a volunteer. Thank you for reading the newsletters and giving such overwhelmingly positive feedback and responses.

Jennifer Shockey Molish (1994)



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In Memory Of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Clock Tower Door Awnings \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email Newsletter Only? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

