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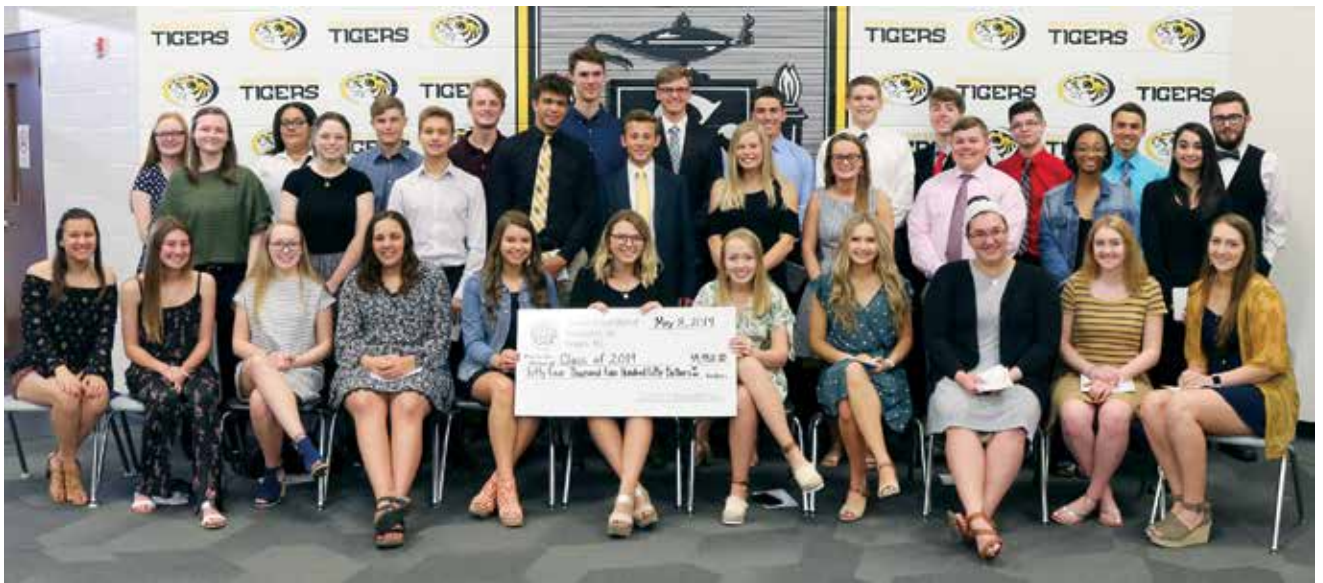
Sedalia 200 Staff

School Foundation

Scholarship awards top \$50,000 in 2019

In 2019, the Foundation awarded \$54,450 to Smith-Cotton High School seniors—the largest amount to date. Seventy individual awards were presented from twenty-eight endowed

scholarships including the first presentations from the Allen Bess Instrumental Scholarship and the Jim and Judy Holman Scholarship.



Pictured in the 2019 scholarship photo (photo courtesy of the Sedalia School District)

1st Row Left to Right (From Bottom): Isabella Bryn-Johnson, Grace Edgar, Hannah Beebe, Mackenzie Newell, Macie Curry, Reagan Braverman, Katelyn Beebe, Kaylee Bohle, Quinn Jones, Kassidy Abney, Jenna Rapp
 2nd Row Left to Right: Katelin Frame, Laura Haney, Vlad Husyev, Jonzel Washington, Alex Beard, McKenna

Perusich, Marta Treuner, Hayden Ellis, Jasmine Sims, Miriam Allen
 3rd Row Left to Right: Erika Tackett, Jessica Miller, Zachary Barnes, Colby Edgar, Will Knight, Ethan Beard, Tyler Simoncic, Nate McFail, Dylan Schilb, Drake Johnson, Edward Toderescu-Stavila, Logan Goodwin
 2019 recipients not in photo: Brandon Kindler, Sophia Honn

Alumni Scholarship awards doubled in 2019 through gift from class of 1951

Recipients of the 2019 Smith-Cotton Alumni Scholarship pose with Carolyn Morgan Hays from the Class of 1951. Members of the Class of 1951 donated funds to award two additional Alumni Scholarships in 2019. Students receiving an Alumni scholarship must have a parent or grandparent who is also a graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. In the photo from left: Reagan Braverman, Hayden Ellis, Erika Tackett, Jasmine Sims and Carolyn Hays. Photo courtesy of the Sedalia School District.



Scholarship established in memory of educator Steve Schilb

The Steve Schilb “It’s never too late to do the right thing” scholarship has been established with the Sedalia School District Foundation. Mr. Schilb was a 1970 graduate of Otterville High School. He worked for Missouri Pacific Railroad, and as a photographer. He attended Central Missouri State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and completed a Secondary Social Studies certification. He went on to earn a master’s degree in Secondary Education School Administration. He became a teacher in the Sedalia School District #200.



He taught history and constitutional law for 17 years before his retirement. Remembered for his life motto, “It’s never too late to do the right thing,” Mr. Schilb believed in, inspired, and shaped young people to become their best. After retiring from the classroom he ran for office on the Sedalia School Board and was elected in April 2018. Mr. Schilb passed away on March 27, 2019. Gifts to the scholarship can be made to the Sedalia School District Foundation with the memo “Steve Schilb” or “Do the right thing.”

Thom Fuller Scholarship to recognize students involved in the theatre arts

The Thom Fuller Scholarship has been completely endowed and the first award is scheduled for May of 2020. The recipient must be a Sedalia School District senior who has been actively involved in the Smith-Cotton High School theatre department either on or behind the stage. Thom graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1982. He expressed his talent as an artist, musician, actor, director, and scenic and lighting designer. He worked with the Scott Joplin Ragtime Foundation, and was the host of the Missouri State Fair Idol for twelve seasons. His scenic and lighting designs graced the stages of Smith-Cotton, Westport Playhouse in St. Louis, Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre, and Liberty Center. He appeared in or directed Camelot, The Boys Next Door, I Hate Hamlet, Peter Pan, Baby, The Pirates of Penzance, Godspell, Cabaret, Steel Magnolias, and Beauty and the Beast. He passed away in 2014. Gifts to the scholarship can be made to the Sedalia School District Foundation with the memo “Thom Fuller Scholarship.”



Marian Forbes Scholarship Fund at Whittier High School

Marian (Bretall) Forbes of Sedalia passed away on June 2, 2019. In lieu of flowers and plants, Marian’s wishes were for memorial contributions go to the scholarship fund for Whittier High School students in care of the Sedalia School District Foundation. Contributions should include the memo “Marian Forbes-Whittier” and be mailed to SSDF, PO Box 2505, Sedalia MO 65302.

Thank you for your contributions:

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Save-the-Date! Annual Luncheons and Class Reunions 2019

Smith-Cotton High School Class Luncheons

Class of 1947: Sept. 27, 2019; 10:30 a.m. meet and greet, 11:30 a.m. luncheon; Best Western State Fair Motor Inn.

Class of 1953: Oct. 4, 2019; noon; Best Western State Fair Motor Inn.

Class of 1955: Sept. 20, 2019; 11:30 a.m.; Best Western State Fair Motor Inn.

Class of 1956: Oct. 18, 2018; 11:30 a.m.; Best Western State Fair Motor Inn.

Class of 1957: Oct. 16, 2019; 12:30 p.m.; Golden Corral.

Class of 1958: Sept. 19, Nov. 21, 2019. Meet for lunch the third Thursday of every other month at the Golden Corral in Sedalia at 11:30 a.m.

Class of 1961: Sept. 27, 2019; 1 p.m.; Golden Corral.

Smith-Cotton High School Class Reunions

Class of 1954-65th Reunion: Sept. 20-22, 2019.

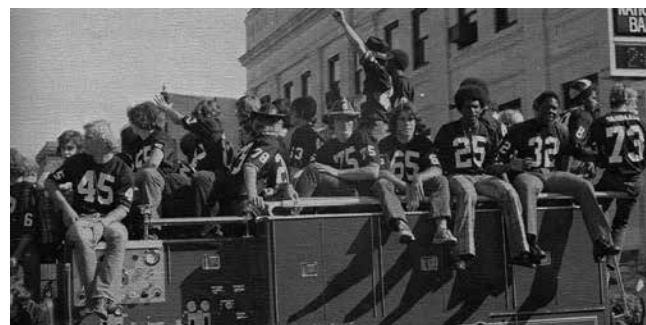
Class of 1959-60th Reunion: Sept. 13 - 15, 2019.

Class of 1964-55th Reunion: Sept. 27 and 28, 2019, Sedalia Country Club.



From the 1969 Archives: Smith-Cotton students pose for a photo at the Missouri State Fair.

Class of 1969-50th Reunion: Oct. 4, 2019, meet and greet; Oct. 5, 2019, reunion. Join the class Facebook group at "Smith Cotton Class of '69" for latest updates.



From the 1974 Archives Homecoming Activities: "The greatest football team ever..."

Class of 1974-45th Reunion: Oct. 18 and 19, 2019.

Class of 1979-40th Reunion: Oct. 19, 2019.

Class of 1984-35th Reunion: Oct. 19, 2019. For more details email: smithcotton84@gmail.com

Class of 1989-30th Reunion: Oct. 19, 2019, Fox Theater, 6 to 11:30 p.m., \$30 per person. Send RSVP and payment to Smith Cotton 1989, PO Box 544, Adrian MO 64720 or pay electronically at: Paypal.Me/SC1989. For more information visit the class Facebook page "Smith Cotton Class of 1989"

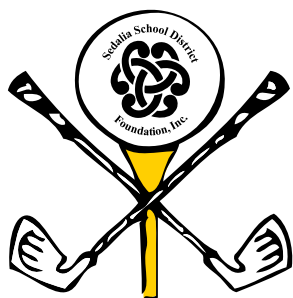
Class of 1994-25th Reunion: Oct. 19, 2019. Check the Facebook page "Smith-Cotton High School Class of 1994" to keep up with reunion details.

Class of 2009-10th Reunion: Oct. 19, 2019.



Smith-Cotton High School alumni met for lunch this past summer. From left to right in the photo: 1947 Rosalee Cramer, 1948 Ralph Waters, 1948 Pete Brown, 1949 Bob Cahill, 1949 Larry Vilmer, 1947 Gene Cramer, and 1948 Ernest Crews. Photo courtesy of Gene Cramer.

Thirteenth Annual Foundation Golf Tournament



It was a beautiful day on the golf course. Many individual alumni, friends, and business sponsors contribute to the success of the golf tournament—the Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year. The Foundation Board of Directors thanks Dugan's Paint & Flooring for their continuing support as our tournament sponsor, and thank you to Tyson Foods Inc.

who sponsored the drink cart and appetizers. The list of additional sponsors, donors, and volunteers can be found on the Foundation website at www.SedaliaSchoolDistrictFoundation.org.

Where are you? What are you doing?

1948 Ken Reed retired in 2005. He has been a Smith-Cotton High School Lifetime Alumni member since 2007, but joined the Foundation again as an annual Alumni and Friend of the Foundation member. He lists his personal accomplishment to share as “Survival!”

1948 Margie Ghosen Wagenknecht has lived in Sedalia her whole life. She was married to John C. Wagenknecht, who passed away in 2017, for 65 years. She had three children, Seth (1955-2013), Janie (husband David) Dunn-Rankin of Venice, Fl., and Drew Wagenknecht of Smithton, Mo. Their children also graduated from Smith-Cotton. She has two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Margie attended Stephens College, the University of Missouri, and graduated from Central Missouri State with a teaching degree. Her family has been in the movie theatre business her whole life and continues to own and operate Galaxy Cinemas.

1953 Mary Jo Case Browne is a new Lifetime Alumni and Friend of the Foundation member. She wrote the following on her life after Smith-Cotton, “At 84 years of age, I can share that in my days as a student (Broadway Grade School and Smith-Cotton High School with teachers mostly pleasant, sometimes crabby, always strict but enlightening), I was taught a love for music, poetry, history, visual arts and theatre. I was likewise given examples for sharing personal talent and caring for others that offered my life great satisfaction, whatever

the challenge and/or opportunity. Couple my lessons in the halls of S-C with Grandma Case’s philosophy – ‘keep fresh flowers on the graves and never let any weeds grow in the brick walk...’ well, I have simply had a lifetime endowed with Sedalia Values. Gratitude is the summary word for my ‘life after Smith-Cotton.’”

1955 Richard Rodick played football at Smith-Cotton High School. In 2002 he retired from Sherwin-Williams. He and his wife, Betty Clemons Rodick also from the class of 1955, live in Florida.

1971 Charlotte Curry was involved in education throughout her career either through teaching or at the textbook publisher Houghton Mifflin Co. of Boston. She wrote, “My fondest memories in education were the summers I spent at Notre Dame conducting educational workshops, and, of course, all of my students.”

1977 Bruce Kerr is a new Lifetime Alumni member. At Smith-Cotton High School he played the trombone and bass guitar and was involved in band, orchestra, and jazz band earning Outstanding Musicianship awards. He excelled on the track and field team setting the school record for the 110 high hurdles. He earned an athletic scholarship to Northeast Missouri State University. In February 2018, he was inducted into the Smith-Cotton High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He has retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after a 34-year career.

Smith-Cotton family of graduates

Dr. Herbert Kitchen provided a recent family portrait of he and his siblings who are all Smith-Cotton High School graduates. From left to right: Douglas M. Kitchen - Class of 1963 (He was one of the first group of African American students from Sedalia to integrate S-C in 1959); Milton L. Kitchen - Class of 1970; Sharon R. Kitchen - Class of 1964 (She attended Hubbard High School, however, Sedalia School District #200 had all Hubbard graduates march in the S-C graduation ceremony); Wayne L. Kitchen - Class of 1966; Barbara J. Kitchen-Mitchell - Class of 1967; Edgar R. Kitchen, Jr. - Class of 1978; Carla A. Kitchen-Halane - Class of 1980; and Dr. Herbert J. Kitchen - Class of 1983. “Our parents were Edgar and Imogene(Nurse) Kitchen. Our mother attended Lincoln High School (Hubbard School) in Sedalia, and our father graduated in the



Class of 1944, and then attended Lincoln University, in Jefferson City. Six siblings attended and graduated from our father’s alma mater, Lincoln University.”



New and Renewed Annual Alumni and Friends of the Foundation Members

New LIFETIME Alumni Members



1948
Margie Ghosen
Wagenknecht



1953
Mary Jo Case
Browne



1977
Bruce Kerr



2001
Angela Kreisel
Adams



2003
Megan Kreisel

New Lifetime Friend of the FOUNDATION Members

Mary Jo Case Browne

New or Renewed ALUMNI Memberships

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| 1946 Irvin Williams | 1962 Jill Ragland Cross |
| 1948 Janice McMurdo Cornwall | 1968 Marvin Burkhalter |
| 1948 Jeanne Gregory Heerman | 1969 Tom Brown |
| 1948 Ken Reed | 1971 Charlotte Curry |
| 1949 Robert Malone | 1973 Rick Longie |
| 1950 Sibyl Shy Ruffing | 1974 Nancy Kasak Burkhalter |
| 1951 Erma Goff Woolery | 1975 Cliff Callis |
| 1952 C.H. Williams, Jr. | 1977 Sandy Monsees Davis |
| 1953 John "JC" Wilken | 1979 Chuck Allcorn |
| 1954 Chester O'Bannon | 1980 Robin Schluckebier |
| 1955 Lucy Kirby Brewer | Baldwin |
| 1955 Richard Rodick | 1980 Carla Zimmerschied |
| 1958 Kenneth Keele | Jackson |
| 1959 Bill Kreisel | 1984 Dana Rowland Goings |
| 1960 John Hausam | 1998 Jennifer Hornbostel Emo |

New and Renewed Friends of the FOUNDATION Members

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| Alan and Linda Allmon | An extra special thank |
| Lucy Kirby Brewer | you to Smith-Cotton |
| Jill Ragland Cross | alumni who join as both an |
| Charlotte Curry | Alumni and Friend of the |
| Bill Griffith | Foundation member. |
| Judi Moore | |
| Ken Reed | |
| John "JC" Wilken | |

Colors of Canada and New England cruise

Travel with the Sedalia School District Foundation to Canada and New England from September 27 to October 7, 2020, on the "Colors of Canada and New England" Cruise aboard the Holland America ship Zuiderdam. Fully escorted by Smith-Cotton alum Terry Steele. Look for additional cruise details on our website, Facebook page, and upcoming newsletters.

A champion for student success

Year after year we receive generous support from the community. It's clear to see from our member's tradition of giving back that we have true partners in Keeping Education a Priority. We invite new alumni and friends to join us in providing additional educational resources for the Sedalia School District. Be a students' champion by opening doors to innovative opportunities in the classroom. For only \$20 in annual dues you can join the Foundation as an Alumni or Friend of the Foundation member. Connect with us online at <https://tinyurl.com/y267u95a> or mail in the membership form in this newsletter.



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Smith-Cotton Homecoming Weekend



Members of Smith-Cotton Class of 1993 ride in the 2018 Homecoming Parade. The parade, hosted by Smith-Cotton High School Student Council, will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2019 through downtown Sedalia. If your class is celebrating a reunion this year and would like to participate in this annual tradition, please contact the Sedalia School District Foundation office by Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

The Smith-Cotton Football Tigers take on the Clinton Cardinals on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in Tiger Stadium. Additional events on Friday include the homecoming parade on The Avenues (downtown Sedalia) at 3 p.m. and the Foundation tailgate party in the high school gym from 5 to 7 p.m.

Events on Saturday, October 19 include a pancake breakfast, Future Alumni performances, and open house from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Smith-Cotton Junior High; and tours of Smith-Cotton High School from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Homecoming Weekend Color Run

The Horace Mann Elementary PTA will hold a Tiger “Color Run” on Saturday, October 18, 2019, at the Sedalia Middle School Track, 2205 S. Ingram Ave. Check-in will begin at 10 a.m. and the run begins at 11 a.m. Registration is \$25 per person and is open to the public and all ages. The Tiger Color Run is non-competitive and untimed—no experience required. Participants of all ages will walk, jog, or run the designated course and are doused with color along the way. Bounce house, concession stands and other activities will be available. More details at the Horace Mann PTA Facebook page.