

FHHSAA

FHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

February 2024

Message from the President

Greetings to All Alumni and Supporters,

Happy New Year to All! As we reflect upon the incredible support received during last year, the Executive Committee couldn't be more grateful for your unwavering generosity and belief in the mission of the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association.

Although the past years presented their share of challenges, your dedication has been a beacon of hope. Your support has played a vital role in the ongoing commitment to preserve the legacy of our alma mater, Fairmont Heights High School. We are never going to stop taking on the big fights and sticking with them until we receive all that is deserved for our alma mater. We are fortunate to have you standing beside us as we advocate for our school and its association.

We will keep you abreast of our initiatives and progress to ensure you stay informed about the impact of your support. Whether you have donated, became a member, joined a committee, or spread the word, we needed you and you were there! However, we need more alumni to become involved to further our progress. If you are not a member, we encourage you to join. Please visit the website **fhhsaa.com** and click on membership to access the electronic application; it is just that simple.

As always, we value your input and would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at fhhsaa.president@gmail.com.

Joan Kelly Crowder
President, Class of 1968

FHHSAA Officers

Joan Kelly Crowder – President ‘68
Gary C. Clark - 1st Vice President ‘69
Damita Goldsmith - 2nd Vice President ‘69
Faye Martin Howell – Treasurer ‘71
Fred Smith – Corresponding Secretary ‘65
Fred Smith - Financial Secretary ‘63
Mickey McCloud – Parliamentarian ‘65
Paula Cash – Chaplain ‘66
Denise Haskins – Historian ‘71
Pierre Crutchfield - Ways & Means Committee ‘65
Patricia Waiters – Membership Committee ‘76
Chantell Gandy – Scholarship Committee ‘70
Denise Haskins – Historical Committee ‘71
Fred Smith – Legacy Committee ‘65
John Brooks - Athletic Hall of Fame Comm. ‘70
Faye Howell – Nominations/Elections Comm ‘71

FHHSAA NEEDS

**Recording Secretary
Members for Scholarship
Committee, Membership
Committee, and Nominations
and Election Committee.**

EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you received this Newsletter by postal mail, we do not have a valid email address for you. If you have one, please submit a valid email address so we can save on the cost of postage, and keep you informed in a timelier manner.

THANK YOU

We thank those who continue to support FHHSAA. Special thanks to those who continue to support the Scholarship Fund, especially the Wilson Family. We also thank those who give donations to the band, etc. and to our general fund. Your support of our events such as the April Spring Dance, Fairmont’s Finest Awards Ceremony and the Memorial Service was most appreciated.

FAIRMONT’S FINEST AWARDS CEREMONY & MEMORIAL SERVICE 2023

These events were held respectively on November 12, 2023 and December 2, 2023
View wonderful videos and pictures of both events on our website fhhsaainc.com

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FHHSAA monthly meetings are open to all graduates. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month except for July and August, at 6:30pm

Cedar Heights Community Center
1200 Glenn Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743

MEMBERSHIP

Active members are Lifetime members and any financial members whose membership does not expire before July 1, 2024. Only active members can nominate candidates for an officer position, run for an officer position and vote in the upcoming June 2024 election. Visit fhhsaainc.com to join or renew your membership.

Lifetime Membership - \$200

5-Year Membership - \$40

3-Year Membership - \$25

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

This new committee honors individuals, teams, coaches, administrators, and community supporters who have achieved the highest honor in athletics at FHHS and/or the community. To nominate someone to receive an award or to find out more about this event, visit fhhsaainc.com. Nominations must be submitted by March 1, 2024.

75th FHHS ANNIVERSARY

In September 2025, Fairmont Heights High School will be 75 years old. A Planning Committee is now forming to begin preparations for this momentous celebration. If interested in being part of this committee, please contact us at fhhsaainc.com.

FHHS MEMORABILIA

We have obtained a storage unit and we are collecting memorabilia i.e. documents, meeting minutes, certificates, newspaper articles and clippings and various items for display at a planned future museum. We can also photograph and copy items you want to contribute but keep. If you have any items to preserve or donate, please contact us.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2023, the FHHSAA awarded 11 scholarships for \$1,000 each to the following FHHS seniors:

Alexis Dunbar
Deanna Harrington
De'Ja Cypress
Donnell Allen
Halimat Abiodun
Ka'Brie Brianka Coe
LaKayla Chapman
Macbeth Deguzman
Nyla Thomas
Saniya McBride
Tiffany Sampson

The John J. Williams Scholarship amount has increased to \$3,000 for each recipient in 2024. The FHHSAA plans to award five scholarships to FHHS graduating seniors. In 2024, the Legacy Scholarship Program will award \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the video competition.

Scholarship applications close March 15, 2024.

For more information go to website:
<https://www.fhhsaainc.com>

**FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH
SCHOOL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION (FHHSAA)**

“PAST TO FUTURE”

**1ST ANNUAL OPEN
HOUSE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024



2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1200 Glen Willow Dr., Seat Pleasant, MD

Bring your memorabilia, pictures, family, and friends to the Open House. Pre-register your memorabilia and artifacts at email:

historicalcommittee@fhhsaainc.com. Call (240) 222-2238 to reserve a table to exhibit your photos, artifacts, documents, etc.



You will hear about what is happening in the FHHSAA committees, the importance of preserving FHHS history, meet and talk with the committees members.

View videotaped interviews of the first 15 years of graduates presenting their story of the beginning days at FHHS.

**Denise Haskins, Chairperson
Historical Committee**

REVAMPED FHHSAA WEBSITE

The Alumni Association recently updated and moved the Official FHHSAA website to <https://fhhsaainc.com/>. This is the place where you will find news, services, programs, and events for all Fairmont Heights High School alums. We exist to keep all past and future graduates connected to one another and to our beloved high school.

We promote many events to alumni each year, including upcoming meetings, reunion information, social events, fundraisers, student opportunities, and school information. Our goal is to engage YOU through continued communication and meaningful programs. To submit comments, concerns, or upcoming events go to Contact Us on the website. The website is updated at least once a month. Please visit our new website at: <https://fhhsaainc.com>

Please view the website (Events and Committees Tabs) for details about the following:

Membership – Application, Payment Methods
Scholarships – Criteria, Applications
April Spring Dance & Raffle Fundraiser
Athletic Hall of Fame Information
Elections Information
Historic FHHS Information
New FHHS Information

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

In 2023, we collaborated routinely with the Prince George's County School Board to transfer the Historic Fairmont Heights High School on Nye Street, to Prince George's County, Office of the County Executive. Historic FHHS is finally under the ownership of Prince George's County Government. This was a yearlong effort, starting in 2022 with many meetings and phone calls to get the school in the hands of the county. We're working with our state and local elected officials and the community to ensure that Historic FHHS will be revitalized and reused to benefit the community. We vetted a couple of organizations interested in reusing and revitalizing the historic school. The community has expressed a desire to reuse Historic FHHS to provide jobs, training, and education to the residents of the county and state. We're also collecting memorabilia and hoping to find space in the historic school for a museum.

Unfortunately, there was a fire at the Historic Fairmont Heights High School on February 13, 2024. We don't know the extent of the damage yet but will keep you informed as we learn more about the fire.

UPCOMING HORNETS' EVENTS



Open House – March 23, 2024, 2-5pm

Cedar Heights Community Center
1200 Glenn Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, Md 20743

Hornet Honors – March 15, 2024, 6-7pm

Fairmont Heights High School
6501 Columbia Park Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785

32nd Spring Dance & Raffle Fundraiser – April 26, 2024, 7-11pm

Raffle Drawing will be held at the Spring Dance
Winners Need Not Be Present
SPX Building
3611 Stewart Rd, Forestville, MD 20747

Community Day – Friday, May 31, 2024, 2:30-6pm

Fairmont Heights High School
6501 Columbia Park Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – June 1, 2024, 1-5pm

Fairmont Heights High School
6501 Columbia Park Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785

FHHSAA Annual Meeting and Elections – June 18, 2024, 6:30pm

Cedar Heights Community Center
1200 Glenn Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, Md 20743

Memorial Service – December 7, 2024, 11am

The New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
7501 Walker Mill Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743
(Just off Shady Glen Drive)
Rev. Robert R. Johnson Jr., Pastor

Visit the website for information on these events <https://fhhsaainc.com>