



FHHSAA

FHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 6753 Capitol Heights, MD 20791

FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

January 2025

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER TO BE AUTOMATICALLY MAILED TO ALL ALUMNI. THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTED ON THE ALUMNI WEBSITE, finhsaainc.com. THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE EMAILED TO THOSE WE HAVE VALID EMAIL ADDRESSES. FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER VIA MAIL, YOU MUST SUBMIT IN WRITING YOUR REQUEST TO ADDRESS ABOVE, COMPLETE WITH AN ACCURATE MAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.

Message from the President and the Executive Committee Members January 2025

On behalf of Executive Committee members and myself, we wish each of you and your family a Happy New Year!

2024 was an incredible year for the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association—one filled with challenges, victories and a lot of hard work. But, every step of the way, your generosity made it possible. We are reflecting on what we've accomplished and looking ahead to 2025.

As we prepare to celebrate the promise of the new year, we pause to share our gratitude and appreciation to all our alumni, supporters and donors. The strength of our cooperative spirit grows with every new member. As we embark upon the upcoming 75th Anniversary of our beloved Alma Mater we are reaching a significant milestone with the hope of increasing membership even greater.

We are thrilled about the possibilities and opportunities the new year will bring! We ask that you continue to access the website **fhhsaainc.com** for updated information regarding all activities and upcoming events. Please consider joining a committee if you have not already done so. There is strength in numbers! Encourage your fellow alumni to join the association so that they can also become a part of preserving our school's history and the historic building.

Hornets Together Forever

Joan Kelly Crowder, President-Class of 1968 Fhhsaa.president@gmail.com



FHHSAA Officers

Joan Kelly Crowder – President '68

Gary C. Clark - 1st Vice President '69

Damita Goldsmith - 2nd Vice President '69

Diane Sharp – Secretary '76

Faye Martin Howell – Treasurer '71

Fred N. Smith, Sr. – Corresponding Secretary '63

Fred N. Smith, Sr. - Financial Secretary '63

Mickey McCloud - Parliamentarian '65

Wendy Pierce – Chaplain '69

Denise Haskins – Historian '71

Garnelle Dent - Ways & Means Committee '65

Patricia Waiters – Membership Committee '76

Chantell Gandy – Scholarship Committee '70

Denise Haskins – Historical Committee '71

Fred N. Smith, Sr. – Legacy Committee '63

John Brooks - Athletic Hall of Fame Comm. '70

MEMBERSHIP

Visit fhhsaainc.com to join or renew your membership.

Lifetime Membership - \$200

5-Year Membership - \$40

3-Year Membership - \$25

COMMUNITY DAY





FHHSAA purchases a table at Community Day for promotion and exposure purposes each year. In 2024 FHHSAA provided the funds for the prizes to be given to the winners of the 3 on 3 basketball games.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2024 the FHHSAA awarded 3 scholarships for \$3,000 each to the following FHHS graduating seniors: Somer Adair, Camron Hackett, and Naijae Swann.



In 2025, FHHSAA

plans to award five John J. Williams Scholarships to FHHS graduating seniors. The FHHSAA Legacy Scholarship Program will award a \$2,000. \$1,500, and \$1,000 to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the video competition. Both scholarship applications close March 14, 2025, for more information go to website: https://www.fhhsaainc.com

In honor of the 75th School Anniversary, FHHSAA will award one \$7,500 scholarship. Criteria on FHHSAA website.

Scholarship applications close March 15, 2025.

For more information go to website:

https://www.fhhsaainc.com

NEW ADDRESS

The new mail address for FHHSAA is

P.O. Box 6753 Capitol Heights, MD 20791

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Annual Meeting - May 20, 2025

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

FHHSAA OFFICIAL WEBSITE

FHHSAA website is 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 Alma Mater.

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

Membership – Application, Payment Methods, Scholarships – Criteria, Applications, April Spring

Dance, Athletic Hall of Fame Information, 75th Anniversary Celebration,

Historic FHHS Information, New FHHS Information

HORNET HONORS

Each year FHHSAA supports this program honoring FHHS students by providing funds for the reception. FHHS also honors a member of FHHSAA each year at the Hornet Honors program. For 2024, this honor went to an outstanding supporter and contributor.

Ms. Lucretia Black '69



THANK YOU

Thanks to those who continue to support FHHSAA, and the Scholarship programs, especially the Wilson Family. We also thank those who give donations to our general fund. Your support of our events such as the April Spring Dance, Past to Present program, Athletic Hall of Fame induction, and the Memorial Service is most appreciated.

BOYS BASKETBALL



For the 2nd time (2022 & 2024), FHHSAA has sponsored the Boys Basketball team in the Governors Challenge over the winter break. They not only participated, but they also won each time. Congratulations to the players, coaches and supporters of the Boys Basketball team at FHHS.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Historical Committee has been diligently working for you. We are having our Second Annual Past to Present on Saturday, February 22, 2025, 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Cedar Heights Community Center. The event is free so please come out and help us honor our alumni veterans in a timely program, learn about what the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association (FHHSAA) is doing, view some of the Fairmont Heights School memorabilia, learn about the school's history, reconnect with alumni/classmates, and enjoy in a light snack. Please visit our website for more information at www.fhhsaainc.com and go to Historical Committee. You are welcome to get a class table and share your precious memorabilia and stories. For more information and to register, 240-222-2237, Denise Haskins.

The committee is working on the newly approved FHHSAA Intern Program for our Baby Hornets. This is a trailblazing endeavor that we have created to assist our students in having more knowledge of different career paths with the Maryland State Archive and assist in keeping the FHHS legacy going. Please come out to hear more about it or visit our website.

We look forward in seeing you at the Past and Present, please read our flyer enclosed in this newsletter for even more information.

Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association Historical Committee Presents

2nd ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE "PAST TO PRESENT"

February 22, 2025, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Cedar Heights Community Center 1200 Glen Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, MD









Displays

Memorabilia

Vendors

Please pre-register at email <u>historicalcommittee@fhhsaainc.com</u> or call (240) 222-2237

MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 7, 2024, FHHSAA held its annual Memorial Service at the New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, Maryland. Seventy-seven (77) alums and staff were memorialized with a video presentation. Pastor Wayne Mitchell, class of 1969 was the speaker. Messengers of Zion Youth Choir from New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church provided the musical selections. Dr. Lonice Priester represented the faculty and gave remarks.

"I would like to thank and recognize the Memorial Committee for a job well done during the planning and execution of our Memorial Service held on December 7, 2024." ----- Mickey McCleod, Chairman













SCOREBOARDS

The Football, Baseball and Softball scoreboards are now fully functional.







ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The FHHSAA Hall of Fame committee is proud to announce its 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Class. In its second year of existence the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is excited to announce that it will be conducting its athletic 2nd Hall of Fame ceremony June 7, 2025.

Any Fairmont graduate is eligible for nomination consideration. Graduates must be ten years removed from high school, play a varsity sport for at least two years, and achieve all conference status or better. Nominees in the coach's category must be 5 years removed from FHHS.

The deadline for nominations is **March 1, 2025**. For more information visit the FHHSAA Website.

From the First Induction Ceremony









UPCOMING HORNETS' EVENTS

Open House – February 22, 2024, 2-5pm

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

Hornet Honors – March 14, 2025, 6-7pm Student Awards Program

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

33rd Spring Dance - TBD

FHHSAA Annual Meeting – May 20, 2025, 6:30pm

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

Community Day – Friday, May 30, 2025, 2:30-6pm

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

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – June 7, 2025, 1-5pm

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

75th Fairmont Heights High School Celebration – October 18, 2025, 7:30-11:30pm

Martins Crosswinds 7400 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Memorial Service – December 6, 2025, 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 updated information on these events

https://fhhsaainc.com