



### CONGRATULATIONS TO I.H.S. CLASS OF 2019!

On Sunday, June 2nd 2019, 94 seniors proudly received diplomas from Independence High School with a class graduation rate of 100%. The Valedictorian of the class was Andre Yost and the Salutatorian was Diamanda Zizis.



Legacy Graduates of the Class of 2019

Of the 94 graduates, 28 wore legacy ribbons placed by the I.H.S.

Alumni Association members Kelly Hatfield (78) and Dale Veverka (70). Legacy ribbons denote that one or more parents of the graduate attended Independence High School. Legacy grads included Robert Artrip, Sam Belitz, Hayley Biondi, Austin Dean, Mason Fink, Hannah Fleming, Taylor Gillespie, Kylan Krupa, Amy Ksiadzka, CeCelia Leone, Bonnie Malue, Christina Meyers, Grace Mousty, Sarah Piteo, Kaitlin Richards, Tyler Sagi, Sela Sears, Maranda Sedlock, Kalli Spisak, Christopher Spoerke, Lauren St. Andrew, Kyle Streibel, Grace Tilisky, Malia

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### COACH "X" EARNS *EDUCATOR OF EXCELLENCE*



Mark Echstenkamper receives the Educator of Excellence Plaque from Dale Veverka (70).

By Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin

The Independence High School Alumni Association honored Mark Echstenkamper (Coach X) with its Educator of Excellence Award at an Induction Ceremony on March 11th. Tributes were given by many including high school principal, **Bill McGuinness**, who said Mark had always inspired him as an educator. "If there was a Mt. Rushmore of I.H.S. teachers, he would be included".

**Mayor Anthony Togliatti (95)** enjoyed having Mark as his instructor and football coach and said "He is an icon at Independence High School." He presented Mark with a Proclamation from the City of Independence and

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The Independence High School Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) organization. Quarterly meetings are held on the second Mondays of March, June, September, and November. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Independence High School Media Center on the following dates (*exception: March meeting held in the Independence High School Family and Consumer Sciences Classroom at 11:30 am*):

September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2020

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> (6 pm - 11 pm) & Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Noon - 11 pm):** Independence Home Days. Visit the Alumni Tent in front of Historic Hall (East side of Public Square)

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>: (9 - 11:30 am):** Annual Alumni Breakfast in the Park, Kiwanis Pavilion, Elmwood Park

**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Quarterly Meeting at 7:00 pm in the I.H.S. Media Center

### RECORDS UPDATE

If you have information about reunions, deaths, births, engagements, marriages, anniversaries, major birthdays, photos, story suggestions, or would like to contribute to the *Alumni Spectator*, please email the editor or contact any Alumni officer. You don't have to be a writer – just send us the specifics. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter, so be creative! Submissions may be edited and/or published at a later date.

**We are searching for people who are passionate about our Alma Mater. If you wish to contribute some news, share an idea, write an article, or join the *Alumni Spectator* staff, contact Editor Amber Veverka (07) by phone (216-408-7685) or email (spectator@ihsboosters.com).**

### EDITOR'S NOTE

*Seeing the Spring Spectator is a great sign that summer is around the corner and a season of graduation parties begins! Congratulations to the Class of 2019 - we are very proud of all of you!*

*On a more somber note, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the volunteerism of one of our former Alumni Spectator contributors, Rose (Pedal 56) Sposet, who wrote many wonderful articles for this publication and helped as a proofreader over the years. We are thankful for her service and will certainly miss her!*

**Amber Veverka (07), Editor**

### ALUMNI BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

The I.H.S. Alumni Association is again hosting the annual Breakfast in the Park which has become one of our biggest and most successful fundraisers. The event is open to all I.H.S. alumni, teachers, kids, and friends. This casual event has become a popular place to catch up with former classmates.

**Date:** Sunday, August 4th, 2019

**Time:** 9 - 11:30 am

**Ticket Price:** \$10 Adults, \$5 Children

**Menu:** Homemade Waffles, Sausage, Fruit, Coffee and Juice.

**Location:** The Kiwanis Pavilion in Elmwood Park: 6363 Selig Drive, Independence, Ohio 44131

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** Contact **Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi** at 216-410-4469 or wendymanfredi@gmail.com for tickets and more information.

**Deadline to Purchase Tickets: Sunday, July 21st.** A limited number of tickets will be available at Home Days and the day of the event.

### I.H.S. Alumni Spectator

#### Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Winter 2019 - **Sunday, November 10th, 2019**

Spring 2020 - **Sunday, May 10th, 2020**

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**I.H.S. SENIOR AWARDS****By Dale Veverka (70)**

This year's selection team had its work cut out for it. Pam (Malloy 66) Blair, Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin, Joan Mencl (70), Rita (Krobusek 56) Glow, Amber Veverka (07), Kelly Hatfield (75), and Bob Ferritto accepted the challenge to read twenty eight anonymous essays submitted by Independence High School seniors. Each reader sent a short list of their top selections to award coordinator Dale Veverka who ordered the entries by rank.

Three essays stood out among the excellent group of entries. Students responded to the prompt "How was my life influenced by my years at I.H.S.?" Senior guidance counselor Connie Aquilano helped narrowed the choices down to the final two winners. **Diamanda Zizis** and **Timothy Marcinko** were each awarded \$500 from the Alumni Association. They were recognized by Dale Veverka and Kelly Hatfield (78) at the senior awards program on Friday, May 31st at the High School. Both award recipients were invited to the June 10th Alumni meeting to share what they plan to do after graduation.

At the ceremony, Dale made all of the graduating students aware of the I.H.S. Alumni Association annual gift to the school: the large vinyl activity and club banners that are currently displayed in the cafeteria. He also told them about the individual gift each graduate receives: a one year honorary membership to the I.H.S. Alumni Association.

A gigantic **THANK YOU** goes to the Award Committee members! Alumni members are reminded of the importance to be involved in the work of our group. *PLEASE* consider helping with one or more activities that happen throughout the year. We can use help with legacy ribbons at graduation, the Educator of Excellence program, the Alumni Breakfast in the Park, hospitality at the Home Days Alumni tent, and the Diploma of Distinction ceremony among others. Contact President Dale Veverka at 216-407-8657 with the way you are willing to help.

**MEMORIAL BRICKS**

Memorial bricks from the former Independence High/Middle School will be available at Home Days. Each 1922 brick is \$15.00 and comes with a certificate of authenticity.

## COACH “X” EARNS EDUCATOR OF EXCELLENCE

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proclaimed March 11th, 2019 as Mark Echstenkamper Day.

Superintendent, **Ben Hegedish**, stated faith and family is a strong foundation in Mark’s life. The school district had built wisely in having an educator like Mark and is lucky to have him in their employ.



**Mark Echstenkamper with Superintendent Ben Hegedish**

Student, **Jordan**, said he liked having Mark as his coach of 5 years and learned from him that “homework is as important to your studies as practice is to a sport.”

**Joe DiGeronimo (01)** stated that Mark was his math teacher and baseball coach – a man of great faith. He remembers a time when he came up to bat, Coach Mark said a prayer over his bat and he hit a home run!

**Tony DiGeronimo (75)** said Joe DiGeronimo was his oldest child and he liked watching Mark interact with Joe and other kids. Mark really impacted the school system.

**Jim Crooks (97)** said Mark doesn’t need an award to know he is excellent. Mark is a mentor to his students. Jim thanked Mark for being an excellent educator and coach.



**Joe DiGeronimo (01) speaks about Coach X’s positive impact on him.**

**Dale Veverka (70)** presented Mark with a plaque with Mark’s likeness and name imprinted on it as Educator of Excellence. It will be placed in the Alumni Showcase.

**Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula** thanked Mark for everything. She claimed it is so obvious how he wraps his arms around the child.

Mark quietly said he is humbled by what people have said here. Nothing else matters than relationships with people. He said there’s a song that means so much to him and it says in part “I don’t want to leave a legacy, I’ve got only one life to live.” Indicating that Jesus Christ is his rock, he was blessed to be an advisor to many groups for 28 years. He claimed that like George Bailey, in *A Wonderful Life*, he knows now that his life meant something to many people.



**Mayor Togliatti proclaims March 11th Mark Echstenkamper Day**

## BREAKFAST IN THE PARK DONATIONS REQUESTED

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner! Our Breakfast in the Park on Home Days Weekend gets bigger and better every year, but it takes A LOT of people working together to make it the best that it can be—and continue to raise money for awards and other programs and events we sponsor at our alma mater.

In an effort to keep our Breakfast in the Park ticket cost very affordable, (we don't really make much on the cost of the breakfast itself) we generate revenue for the association with the 50/50 and basket raffles at the event and in our Home Days tent.

That's where you can really help us make 2018 a great fundraising success. **Kelly Hatfield (78)** is already at work on the theme baskets and bundles for the basket raffle and she can use your donations. Here are some ideas:

- Browns, Indians, Cavs, or other sports items
- Tickets to sporting events or movies
- Lottery tickets for a "ticket tree"
- Crisp \$1 bills for a "money tree"
- Bottles of wine or liquor
- Gift Cards (any amount)
- Jewelry
- Any unique gift items

Other ideas are welcome, too, and your donations will make an already amazing event even better! No gift is too small...all are welcome and very much appreciated. To arrange drop-off or pickup of your donation please email Kelly at [kellyhatfieldwmc@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyhatfieldwmc@yahoo.com) or text her at 216-410-6151. Deadline: Friday, July 26th.

Thank you!

**-Your I.H.S. Alumni Association Board  
Members and Committee Chairs**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO I.H.S. CLASS OF 2019!

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Tripodi, Joseph Wisniewski, Courtney Zakraysek, Dominique Zimon, and Elisa Zumack.

Of the 94 new alumni, 84 will continue on to college or university, 9 have accepted employment or job placement, and 1 is undecided. Each graduate will receive a 1-year subscription to the I.H.S. Alumni Association as a graduation gift. We are very proud of the Class of 2019 and wish them all continued success!

## "SUNDAY NIGHT HOOPS" WITH ALUMNI

By Mike Marcinko , I.H.S. Girls Basketball Coach



We had open gym games mixing our current team members and alumni on Sunday nights in June and July of 2018, playing basketball and letting alumni and current players get to know each other and compete.

We had 3 groups involved, the current team, those who played from 2015 to 2018, and "The Mature Alumni" (those who graduated before 2015).

The 2015-2018 team: Halle Dorko (15), Nicole Ferrara (16), Megan Kuczarski (18), Anna Massey (17), Sophie Piteo (17), Julia Riley (16), Hannah Walker (18), and Hallie Zumack (16).

"The Mature Alumni" team: Jacqui Lingler (99), Christie (Shadrach 98) Maleski, Candace Pumper (06), Hallie Scharton (10), Carrie (Stretar 00) Sciano, and Hannah (Stretar 08) Wyman.

## REUNION NEWS & UPDATES

### CLASS OF 1959: 60 YEAR REUNION

I.H.S. Class of 1959 will be celebrating their 60 year reunion on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 at the Bramley House in Independence from 2 - 6 pm. Classmates can contact Irene **Sebek Zand** at [imzand@hotmail.com](mailto:imzand@hotmail.com) to be included in the class communication list to receive further information.

### CLASS OF 1963: SHOUT OUT!

**Pat Malloy** (class of 1963) of Ola, Idaho will be visiting sister Pam Blair (66) for the Independence Home Days August 2nd and 3rd and will also be at the Alumni Breakfast in the Park on August 4th. She would love to see you there! Contact her at [idahorivers88@gmail.com](mailto:idahorivers88@gmail.com)

### CLASS OF 1964: 55 YEAR REUNION

The Class of 1964 will hold a 55-Year Class Reunion June 28th - 30th, 2019. Classmates can contact **Dan Konfal** at [konfal@aol.com](mailto:konfal@aol.com) for additional information.

They would like to extend an invitation to the classes of 1963 and 1965 to attend their welcoming hors d'oeuvres and cocktails reception at Holiday Inn, Independence on June 28th.

### CLASS OF 1969: 50 YEAR REUNION

The Class of 1969 will celebrate it's 50th class reunion during Home Days weekend, August 2nd and 3rd. We will meet informally at 8:30 pm on Friday night at the Tavern of Independence, march in the Parade at Noon on Saturday, followed by a tour of the old high school (now the middle school) at 2 pm. We will have our official banquet Saturday night at 6 pm at Harry's Steakhouse. Details can be found at our reunion website: [reunionihs1969.wixsite.com/mysite](http://reunionihs1969.wixsite.com/mysite) or on Facebook at: *IHS class of 7525 - independence oh*.

### CLASS OF 1970: 50 YEAR REUNION IN 2020

Several members of the class of 1970 who were in attendance at the Alumni Breakfast in the Park proposed a challenge to the rest of their class of 1970 to be involved in the I.H.S. Alumni Association. They said, "Our 50 year class reunion is just two short years away!" Planning is now underway! If any classmates are interested in more information, please contact Dale Veverka at 216-524-5977.

### CONGRATS SOPHIA TROMBETTA!

Congratulations to recent graduate, Sophia Trombetta (**18**) coming in 8th place at the Porter Cup at the Niagara Falls Country Club earlier this month. She shot a one over par at the three-day golfing tournament. Sophia attends the University at Michigan.

### DONATIONS AND MEMORABILIA



We are always looking for memorabilia from your high school years. If you have rings, class photos, yearbooks, or related items you would like to donate to the Alumni Association, please email **Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka** at [elainekukawka@gmail.com](mailto:elainekukawka@gmail.com).

As many items as possible are placed in the Alumni showcase in the high school front lobby along with your donation recognition.

We are currently in need of yearbooks, especially the years we are missing in our archives: **1926 - 1928, 1931 - 1944, 1946 - 1951, 1992, and 1994**. If you have a yearbook from these years that you are willing to part with, please contact us.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible.



## CLASS OF 1975 SENIOR TRIP DESTINATION REVISITED

By Margaret (Grande 75) Bierman

It was a step back in time for members of the I.H.S. Class of '75 who embarked on a nostalgic trip this past August. Linda Benes, Paula (Mathews) Jagelewski, Nancy (Johnson) McCormick, Kris (Skwarski) Heinrich, Rhonee (Trakas) Iula, Margaret (Grande) Bierman, and Grace Szubski - along with three classmates' spouses - traveled by charter bus to Fallingwater in Bear Run, Pennsylvania. The trip brought back memories of their Senior Class Trip to Fallingwater in May 1975.

The trip began with a stop at the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. Visitors relived the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, including the crash of Flight 93 which occurred when the passengers stormed the cockpit to thwart hijackers from redirecting the plane to Washington, D.C. They strolled the Memorial Plaza, a serene walkway which followed the flight path, and viewed the 17-ton boulder marking the impact site. At the Visitor Center, they studied a



structure from which 40 wind chimes are suspended, one for each of the 40 Americans aboard Flight 93 who perished that day.

"It really was a somber reminder of what the passengers went through and what we were all doing that day," recalled Nancy McCormick.



"To actually see the visuals and to hear the voices of the passengers were something to remember," added Grace Szubski. "I didn't expect that much of a display. If anyone can, they really should visit."

A buffet lunch followed at the Oakhurst Grille in Somerset, PA. Made famous during America's Prohibition Era, the Oakhurst was a popular destination among the time's businessmen who enjoyed "tea" with their meals. For the classmates, the setting triggered fond memories of fun times in Fred Schuld's American History class.

The final stop was Fallingwater, one of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright's most widely acclaimed works. Designed in 1935 for Pittsburgh department store owner Edgar J. Kaufmann Sr., the home is renowned for its integration of architecture and nature. Built over a waterfall, the home's furnishings (also designed by Wright), family photos, and artwork remain largely intact. Despite corner windows that bring the outdoors inside, classmates enjoyed reliving their initial visit to the estate by touring the grounds, navigating meandering hallways paved with rocks and taking a long walk through the woods in a light rain.

"It was such fun to see Fallingwater again and to appreciate it in a new way," remarked one of the classmates. "I loved it. I had a great time!"

## SCHOLASTICALLY SPEAKING

By Jack Katzenmeyer (57)

### Volume II: Movies the Old Fashioned Way

In the late 1940s and 50s, before the old Willow Theater and the Cloverleaf Drive-In Theater were built, the only movie theaters close to Independence were the Parma Theater, close to the intersection of Ridge and Snow Roads, or the Mapletown Theater in Maple Heights. Somewhat later, there was also the Yorktown Theater on Brookpark Road. They are all long gone now and



but a memory. The more impressive theaters were downtown on Euclid Avenue...The Palace, Loew's Ohio, Loew's Stillman, Loew's State, the Allen, and the Hippodrome. These theaters were built for live theatre, but later were used as movie houses.

Few knew that Independence, in fact, had a facility where you could watch full-length feature films on a big screen in the gymnasium in our old Brecksville Road school. When the gym/auditorium and cafeteria addition was built, it contained a projection room with two large Arc projection machines. As I recall, you needed a minimum of two machines. Feature films were somewhere between four and six reels long including shorts and a cartoon. As you were loading and playing reel one on projector one, you would be setting up reel two on projector two so that when reel one was done, you would switch to two. While reel two was playing, you would rewind reel one and then set up projector



one with reel three and so on and so on.

When we were in grade school back in the 40s, we were shown full-length feature films in the gym at lunchtime one reel a day. The cost was 2 or 3 cents per reel. In other words, we paid 10 - 15 cents a week to see a full-length feature film. This was like a memory test to remember what took place on the previous reels. These films were generally shown in inclement winter weather months when it was too cold to play outside at lunchtime. Back then, there was no film rating system, but as I recall, they were mostly comedies. We sat on the hard gym floor in small groups to watch the movie. Actually, I think we talked more than we watched.

During the summer months, the school showed feature-length films in the gym on Friday evenings for the residents of Independence. We saw a lot of Bob Hope and Bing Crosby movies and a few Esther Williams films - *Bathing Beauty* (1944) and *Neptune's Daughter*



(1949). I don't remember the storyline, but I have a vivid memory of Esther looking quite sexy in her light-colored, one-piece bathing suit. Wow! Most of the movies were in black and white in those days.

Members of the school's Projection Club ran the equipment that showed the movies. Sometimes there were unscheduled technical breaks (e.g. the film would break and had to be spliced together or the Arc light burned a hole in the film and it had to be cut out and then spliced together). Those were the days before technology changed the motion picture industry forever, and it all happened in our old, beloved Brecksville Road School.

# *Educator of Excellence Award*

## *2020 Nomination Form*



**PURPOSE:** To recognize former Independence Local School District educators and administrators who exemplified the true meaning of an educator/administrator through their dedication and devotion to the students of our school district.

**GUIDELINES:** Nominees selected must be able to attend all induction activities which are held at the Independence High School on March 9th, 2020 at 11:30 am This person must have been an Independence educator/administrator for at least 5 years.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the form below and submit it by **February 11th, 2020**. You may print or type your nomination form. Additional pages may be appended, if necessary. Mail your form to the Independence Alumni Association, 6001 Archwood Road, Independence, Ohio 44131. Or, email your electronic form to [webmaster@ihsboosters.com](mailto:webmaster@ihsboosters.com). The review committee will send acknowledgement of your nomination letter. Questions? Call 216-642-5882.

**Candidate Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position(s) Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Contact information (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

This person is worthy of consideration because: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Information:**

I would be willing to speak at or assist in the presentation (circle one): Yes No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time of day to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this Independence educator/administrator? \_\_\_\_\_



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
6001 ARCHWOOD, INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131

A 501(c) (3) organization.

Annual Dues cover the period from June 1<sup>ST</sup> to May 31<sup>ST</sup> of the following year.

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**SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:**

1 year membership (\$10)  5 year membership (\$40)

**FILL OUT THE APPLICABLE INFORMATION BELOW:**

Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Spouse's Name (Include Maiden Name, if applicable):*

*Is your spouse an IHS graduate?*  Yes  No *Year Spouse Graduated:* \_\_\_\_\_

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I  Approve  Do Not Approve of publishing my information. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please check the appropriate box(es) below:

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 Class Representative  Historical  Nominating  Public Relations  
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Are Any of Your Relatives IHS Graduates?  Yes  No

Name(s)/Graduation Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US GIVE BACK TO OUR ALMA MATER!**



# In Memoriam



Roy Barry	May 2019	Husband of Jane Chuha (60).
Donald Beal	Dec. 2018	Class of 1940.
Nancy Bontempo	Jan. 2019	Mother of Roseann, Nancy, and Vicki (77).
Daniel Bronza	June 2019	Class of 1968. Brother of Donna (66) and David (73).
Rudolph Cigary	March 2019	Father of Patricia (65), Michael (65), Lawrence (72), Maryann (74), and the late Joseph (79).
Edward Englehart	March 2019	Former Independence Math Teacher.
David Haynes	April 2019	Class of 1952. Brother of Robert (55).
Rev. Robert Hendrix	March 2019	Father of Jon (03), Tim (05), and Christopher (07).
John Ignatowski	Feb. 2019	Father of Mark (97) and Matthew (04).
Esther Laskowski	March 2019	Mother of Jackie (61), Sharon (65), and Karen (73).
Gregory Lusk	Feb. 2019	Class of 1968. Brother of Pam (73), Bill (77), and Ed (79). Father of Brady (04) and Robbie (06).
John Jurcago	March 2019	Father of Jan (82), John (85), and Kathy (89).
Ronald Kuczmariski	March 2019	Class of 1966. Brother of Kathleen (68), Daniel (72), and Richard (78).
Dorothy McCampbell	Jan. 2019	Mother of Craig, Kathy, and Bruce (73).
Robert Ornas	March 2019	Husband of the late Dorothy Topolski (61). Father of Kurt (88).
Ethel Pechman	Jan. 2019	Mother of Deborah (65), John (68), and Jennifer (70).
Richard Putka	Jan. 2019	Father of Majorie (75), Christine (76), Michael (77), Roseann (79), and Jack (82).
Constance Romanchik	June 2019	Mother of Mary Ann (74), John III, Richard (76), James (77), and Judy (79).
Michael Schneider III	May 2019	Husband of Barbara Steyskal (59), Father of Michael (84), Mark (86), and Bradford (88).
Rose (Pedal) Sposet	Jan. 2019	Class of 1956. Sister of Janet (61) and Carol.
Theodore Togliatti	Feb. 2019	Father of Kimberly, Theodore (88), Robert (91), and Anthony (95).
Robert Tubero	March 2019	Class of 1977. Husband of Beth (Bryll 77). Father of Norman (07) and Joy (10).
Mary Kay (Hruby) Wisnieski	Jan. 2019	Wife of the late Robert (38). Sister-in-law of Miriam (42) and the late Joyce (39).
Attilio Vincenti, Jr	Jan. 2019	Father of Richard (73), Linda (75), Norman (77), Marlene (80), and Brian (94).
Evelyn (Wisnieski) Zmijewski	Feb. 2019	Mother of Allen (73), Susan (74), Mary (77), and James. Sister of Elmer (40), Dorothy (41), and Edna (45).

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of these lost loved ones.*



**INDEPENDENCE  
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class at a time"*

**Next Meeting:  
Monday, September  
9th, 2019 at the  
Independence High  
School Media Center**

*See you there!*

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**Bonnie (Jorasch 69)  
Pandin and Pat  
(Czarniak 60) Stephan  
help prepare the  
luncheon at the  
Educator of Excellence  
program on March  
11th, 2019**



**L to R: Principal Bill McGuinness,  
Mark Echstenkamper, & Karl Schuld  
at the Educator of Excellence program**



**2019 Alumni Award Winners Timothy  
Marcinko and Diamanda Zizis**



**Vinyl banners signifying the clubs and organizations at Independence High School hang in the cafeteria. The banners measure 2 x 3' and represent the 70% of students who are involved in a club or organization at I.H.S. The Alumni Association donated \$1,592 toward the banners as the 2019 annual school gift.**