

Pioneer Post

A Newsletter for Alumni & Friends of Alleman Catholic High School

Summer 2023



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Alumni: We Need Your Help!

Summer is in full swing and before we know it, our next school year will be starting!

Enrollment is more important than ever at Alleman and we want to ensure that any parent who wants to send their son or daughter to Alleman can do so. We all have a role to play in the future of Alleman Catholic High School. At this time, over 50% of our Alleman families apply for tuition assistance totaling over \$500,000. Your support is greatly needed to help meet the needs of our families and to ensure that Alleman can both sustain and grow its enrollment.

Many of you are familiar with the “Go Fund Me” and “Fund a Need” fundraising formats. Consider this your opportunity to fund and support a student at Alleman in a very special way. In doing so, you will help to grow our enrollment, and aid our mission to provide a faith-based, high-quality education to all who seek it. We encourage you to also speak with family, friends, and classmates about sharing in this opportunity together to fund a student, or students, so that they may receive the same educational experience you had at Alleman.

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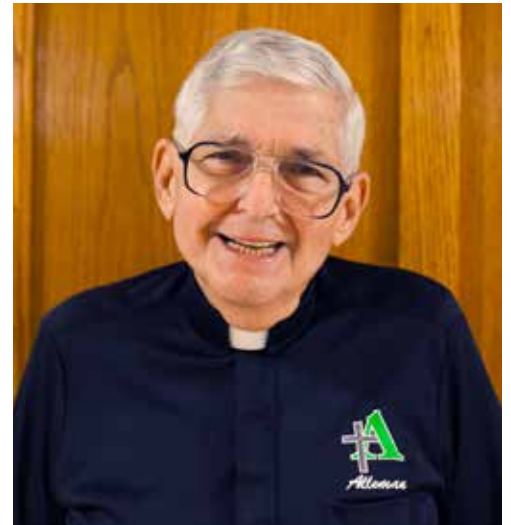
- 1 student: parish affiliated \$6,050**
- 1 student: non-parish affiliated \$7,700**

Any and all contributions help us tremendously! Your generosity, paired with that of fellow Pioneers and supporters, will help ensure that the next generation of students will succeed here at Alleman.

To support our efforts, we invite you to send your contribution to The Alumni Appeal, Alleman High School, 1103 40th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201, or to visit www.allemanhighschool.org/alumni-appeal, where you can donate online.

May you and your families have a blessed and joyful rest of your summer!

Mike Lootens, Co-Principal
Jane Barrett, Co-Principal



Fr. Mirabelli

We would like to share that Father Mirabelli tendered his resignation as the Development Director of Alleman on June 12th. We cannot thank him enough for his well over 50 years of devotion and service to Alleman. His presence will always be with us. May the Lord bless and keep him in this new chapter of his life.

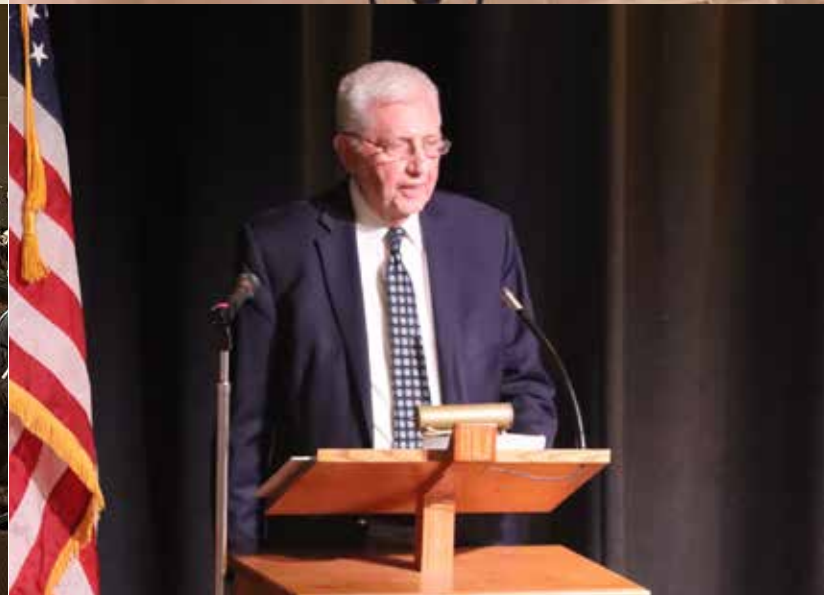
Administration News

Mrs. Jane Barrett and Mr. Mike Lootens will again be serving as Co-Principals of Alleman for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Jane also serves as Principal of Seton Catholic School and Mike is a retired Principal of Epiphany Catholic School in Normal. We thank them both for their continued dedication to Alleman as our national search for a new Principal at Alleman continues.



Alleman's summer hours:

- Monday: 8 AM - 12 PM
- Tuesday: 8 AM - 12 PM
- Wednesday: 8 AM - 12 PM
- Thursday: 8 AM - 12 PM
- Friday-Sunday: CLOSED



Alleman Students Raise Over \$30,000 at Dance Marathon!

Alleman students hosted Dance Marathon 10 this past Spring and raised over \$30,000 for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. They were supported by our administration, staff, partner schools, parishes, alumni, community, AHS families, dancers and most importantly our DM10 families. In 10 years AHS students have raised over a quarter of a million dollars in support of the kids and their families!

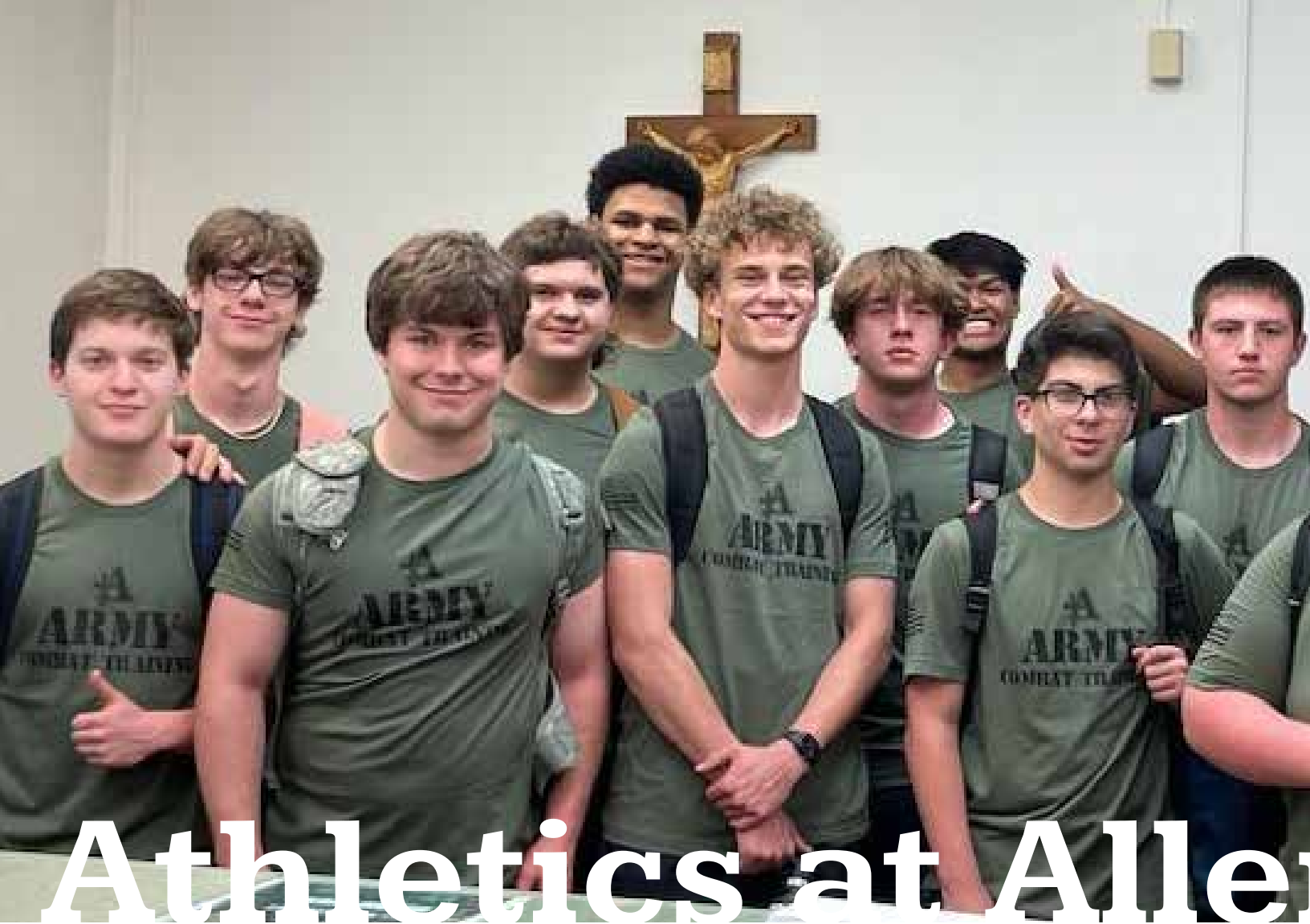
Eucharistic Conference

Most of our student body attended a Eucharistic Conference in the Spring with other high schoolers from throughout the Diocese. It was amazing experience that culminated with Mass with Bishop Lou Tylka.

50 New Students Join National Honor Society

On Thursday, May 4, Alleman welcomed 50 new members into its National Honor Society chapter. Also recognized were 26 new provisional candidates who will enter NHS membership next year as juniors.

We were honored to welcome home Mr. Robert Noe, Alleman Class of 1959, who was also a member of NHS. He shared how the pillars of Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service impacted his life. After graduating Alleman, Mr. Noe attended St. Ambrose and later Notre Dame Law School. He has served the Quad Cities for over 50 years in his legal career and in his many volunteer efforts.



Alleman Football Partners with First Army on Rock Island Arsenal

The Alleman football team and our feeder schools joined forces with the First Army on the Rock Island Arsenal for an afternoon of team building on Monday, May 8th. The coaches wanted to motivate, re-brand, and unite the program with an afternoon modeled after the Army's boot camp. Outgoing Alleman senior Charles Jagusah is taking his talents to South Bend next year, playing for college football powerhouse Notre Dame. He and a few of his older Pioneer teammates guided the underclassmen and junior high schoolers through four different drills.

"We're leading them through these drills and kind of the camaraderie that Alleman has," Jagusah said. "I feel like it'll kind of open their eyes to that because I definitely didn't know about it before I came to Alleman." Before the practice, the kids heard from veterans about their experiences in the military. Once on the island, they received instructions from active personnel through four

boot-camp-themed drills; crawling under wires, sled pulling, stretcher carries, and simulated grenade throwing. Recruiters with the Army and representatives with the ROTC at the University of Iowa were also present. The team-building event ended with a 1.2-mile run, chanting in cadence. Army Captain Kyle Merritt said it's important to build these relationships within the community. "You need your squad to work together for that common goal, through adversity, you're going to have an opponent on the other end, that's exactly what football does." Merritt said. "That's exactly what the Army does. So it goes hand in hand, same mission." The program is already seeing increasing numbers. Enough 7th and 8th graders have joined that they will make up two teams this season. A first for the program in a while. - *KWQC*, 2023

Alleman Welcomes Five New Head Coaches

Alleman is excited to announce the hiring of five new head coaches for its storied athletic programs. Our new head coaches include:



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- **Jeff Schmulbach**, Head Football Coach: Since 2013, Coach Schmulbach has been on the Rock Island High School football coaching staff. He also served at Rockridge High School from 2010-2013, at Galva High School from 2005-2009, and at Prophetstown High School from 2001-2005.

- **Scott Morel**, Head Men's Basketball Coach: Coach Morel is an Alleman graduate from the Class of 1992 and has previously served as an assistant coach for the women's basketball program at Black Hawk College and an assistant coach for the men's program at Black Hawk from 1999-2009. Scott was also the Head Football Coach at Highland High School in Riverside, Iowa from 2016-2021.

- **Taylor Love**, Head Men's Golf Coach: Coach Love is a 2009 Alleman graduate. While at Alleman he played all four years for the men's golf team.

- **Thomas Smith**, Head Baseball Coach: Coach Smith is a former Alleman PE/Health Teacher from 2020-2021. He was an assistant coach for the Alleman Baseball program from 2019-2020. For the last three years Coach Smith was the Head Baseball Coach at Orion High School. Highlights during his tenure at Orion High School include:

Pioneers Compete at State

May 27 was a busy day for our Pioneers as they competed for three State Championships! Our girls soccer team took 2nd place at State in the Class 1A State Title Game, the best finish to date for our girls soccer program. Junior Noah Britton took 2nd at State in the 800 with a time of 1:54:87 and our boys 4x800 relay track team of Danny Darrow, Noah Verscha, Ben Milner, and Britton finished at State with a time of 8:17.26. Sophomore phenom Nicholas Patrick repeated as the Class 1A State Tennis Champion!



Girls Soccer Team: 2nd Place at State



Nicholas Patrick: 2-time State Tennis Champion



Noah Britton: 2nd Place at State in the 800

- Back-to-Back 20-win seasons (45 wins in 2 years)
- Back-to-Back TRAC West Conference Champs
- 9 First Team All-Conference Players
- 3 players moving on to play college baseball



In The Halls of A

Living Lands & Waters: Million Trees Project

Our students were busy last semester participating in the Living Lands & Waters Million Trees Project. Thanks to the efforts of science teacher Jenna Adams (Physics, Engineering, and Environmental Science teacher) and Alleman Alum Andrew Layer, we had members of the Peace Corps on hand assisting with this project and they presented to our students as well.

Andrew shared he gets requests from schools from all over the nation, but made it a priority to come to Alleman because of his ties to Alleman and all that Jenna did to make arrangements for them to come. Andrew also met with Becky Hatlestad, our Key Club Moderator, to further talk about ways students could continue to volunteer and be a part of Living Lands & Water projects. Students were excited for the hands-on opportunity to make a difference, learn applications of what they are doing in the classroom, and to find out more about future career and service opportunities!

This project was initiated by Living Lands & Waters in 2007 to help further the mission to protect, preserve, and restore the natural environment of our nation's major rivers and their watersheds. The mission is to not only clean up the riverways but to also enhance the watershed by planting native trees and removing invasive plants.

Congressional Art Contest

Alleman students Leilani Ferreyra, Olivia Gusse, Kellsey McGuire, and Topie Martinez entered art in the Congressional Art Contest in May. They attended the Art Competition Showcase that was held at the Western Illinois University Quad Cities Campus where our students had the opportunity to show their work. We're proud of these talented artists from Alleman and they represented us well!



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Welcome, Fr. Patrick!

Fr. Patrick Wille is our new chaplain at Alleman, beginning this Fall. He was just ordained in the 2023 Class of Ordinations for the Diocese of Peoria and will also be Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Moline. He is pictured here with Seminarian Jacob Martini (left) and Fr. Antonio Dittmer, pastor of St. Mary's in Moline, and Vicar Forane of the Rock Island Vicariate.



Lillyana Mitchell Wins Cash for Class Scholarship

Congratulations to our very own Lillyana Mitchell, winner of IHMVCU's \$10,000 Cash for Class Scholarship! This award was given in honor of Lillyana's academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, and determination!



S.O.A.R. Scholarship for Miracle Martensen

Ms. Erica Salmonson and Mrs. Andrea Thompson celebrated with Senior Miracle Martensen in honor of her \$5,000 S.O.A.R. Scholarship Award from the Sedona Group. The Sedona Group awards three exceptional high school seniors each year who exemplify the four attributes of S.O.A.R. (Strength, Optimism, Achievement, and Resolve).



Alleman Welcomes 67 New Alumni

On Sunday, May 29, 67 graduates crossed the stage of Augustana's Centennial Hall to receive their diplomas and join the long history of Alleman Alumni. Each year, our Alleman students continue to excel in academics and that was demonstrated again by the recognition of our many Illinois State Scholars and members of the National Honor Society.

Members of our ACES team were also recognized. ACES is an academic competition for high school students to compete in Math, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Programming, and Engineering Graphics. At Regionals Kate Rector placed 2nd in Math and 3rd in English. Three seniors represented Alleman at the state level contest: Emily Gonzalez, Olivia Gusse, and Liana Tillberg. At state, Liana placed 5th in Computer Science and 6th in English.

Our students in the ICTM academic competition were also honored. Students competed against other high school students as individuals as well as on teams in math contests ranging from Algebra - Precalculus. At regionals the seniors placed 1st in the Precalculus team event. Individually, at Regionals, Kate Rector placed 2nd and Quentin Fonseca placed 3rd. This group of seniors have contributed to a historic five-year run of 1st place finishes at regionals.

Our Alleman Catholic High School students from the Class of 2023 have furthered distinguished Alleman as a respected, College-Preparatory high school in the Quad City Community. This year, we are excited to announce that this class has earned an amazing combined total of over \$6.1 million in scholarship award money.

Our Christian Service Honor Cord was awarded to students at graduation who have shown exemplary commitment of 90 or more service hours over the last four years. The colors of green and white on the cords represent service to our school, parishes, our Alleman families, and our community, and the gold represents their love for Jesus Christ.

Several graduates plan to serve our country in the armed forces. Emma Sottos received her certificate of appointment from the United States Military Academy at West Point and will be attending the service academy this fall. Lincoln Dorsey will be serving in the United States Air Force National Guard and Landyn McMeekan will join the United States Army National Guard.

Jared Hernandez has been accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Peoria and will be attending Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary of Minnesota this Fall.

The Salutatorian from the Class of 2023 was Katherine (Kate) Rector. She is an Illinois State Scholar and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the ACES & ICTM Teams, IHSA All-State Academic Team Nominee, and WB6 All-Academic for the Fall. Her awards include the President's Education Outstanding Academic Excellence, Excellence in Science Awards along with Recognition from Alleman Faculty in Literature, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish. She received acceptances to Texas Christian University, St. Louis University, University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and University of Notre Dame. She received the Moline Foundation D.A.R.E. Scholarship along with being offered St. Louis University SLU Higher Purpose, SLU Vice President Tuition Scholarships, and SLU Catholic High School Award. She was recognized as a Faculty Scholar at TCU and received the First Year Generations Award at Iowa State. The Rock Island Rotary also acknowledged Kate with the RI Rotary Award for Academic Achievement. In the fall she will be attending the University of Notre Dame and majoring in Preprofessional Health Studies.

Our 2023 Valedictorian was Quentin Fonseca. Quentin is an Illinois State Scholar, and a member of the National Honor Society. He is a member of ICTM, received IHSA All-State Academic Team Nominee, and Fall and Spring WB6 All-Academic Awards. He received the President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award, Excellence in Foreign Language - Spanish Studies, and Recognition from Alleman Faculty for Theology, Literature, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish. He is also the recipient of the Moline Foundation D.A.R.E and University of Illinois Presidential Scholarships as well as the Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter Daughter's of American Revolution Award. The Rock Island Rotary also acknowledged Quentin with the RI Rotary Award for Academic Achievement. He received acceptances to The United States Air Force Academy, University of Notre Dame, University of Illinois, Cornell University, and Yale. His future plans include attending Yale and majoring in Global Affairs. He was also presented the Huiskamp Family Valedictorian Scholarship by Mr. Gerard Huiskamp.

Our commencement speaker was Mrs. Betsy (Mack) Rinke, Class of 2006, who is Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility for Hornets Sports & Entertainment (HSE) and Executive Director of the



Charlotte Hornets Foundation. Just recently, she was awarded the Charlotte Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award. In 2018, she received the prestigious Volunteer of the Year award for United Way of Central Carolinas. She was also one of Elevate Lifestyle Magazine's 30 Under 30 in 2016 and was recognized as Newcomer of the Year by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals.

Congratulations, Class of 2023 – we welcome you as Alumni and remember, you always have a home at Alleman!

Class of 2023

Ian Adam
 Elise Aunan
 Greta Baker
 Daisy Blunt
 Jason Bowker
 Jake Casel
 Madeline Coleman
 Allison Constant
 Sasha Cornillaud
 Charles Cudworth
 Brooke Cunningham

Jennifer Dehm
 John Dopler
 Lincoln Dorsey
 Deangelo Ferrari
 Quentin Fonseca
 Nicholas Forgie
 Ethan Georlett
 Emily Gonzalez
 Cecelia Graf
 Olivia Gusse

Brianna Guzman
 Jared Hernandez
 Joshua Hughes
 Jane Hunter
 Gunner Jacks
 Charles Jagusah
 Alejandra Ortiz
 Brendon Johannes
 Isabelle Klauer
 Andrew Lofgren
 Peter McLaughlin
 Landyn McMeekan
 Miracle Martensen
 Topacio Martinez
 Emma Palasi-Melgar
 Noalani Mendoza
 Henry Mihm
 Jackson Mihm
 Lillyana Mitchell
 Amelia Murga-Baker
 Carina Ortiz
 Brendan Pasmore
 Mariana Perez
 Colin Phares
 Araceli Romero
 Sarah Pickett-Miller

Kellen Purcell
 Katherine Rector
 Claire Reger
 Christopher Reyes
 Genesis Reyes-Granados
 Iris Reynolds
 Francisco Rodriguez
 Gonzalez
 Anne Rouse
 Jackson Schmid
 Andrew Schuck
 Audrey Siwajek
 Kaleb Skeffington
 Emma Sottos
 Tyla Thomas
 Liana Tillberg
 Andrew Torres
 Rebekah VanHoe
 Saray Vazquez
 Jonah Verschoore
 Julian Villalobos



Pioneer Class Reunions

Class of 1961:

- July 22 & 23, 2023
- Hyatt Regency Hotel, East Moline
- Mixer night on Friday, July 22
- Contact Elaine Kauzlarich Declerck for reservations or details. Soldamillion@att.net or (309) 762-9184.

Class of 1973 - 50th Year Reunion:

- Friday, July 28, 2023 - Happy Hour
- Saturday, July 29, 2023 - Old Oaks Winery, 10814 1st Street West Milan, IL

Class of 1983:

- Friday, August 4, 2023: Kavanaugh's Hilltop - 1228 30th Street, Rock Island, IL, 5 pm - Close
- Saturday, August 5, 2023: Golf outing on Saturday at Saukie Golf course starting at 11 a.m.
- For more info contact Chris Meyers at (309) 269-9218 or join our Alleman High School 1983 Class Reunion Facebook page

Class of 2003:

- Saturday, August 12, 2023
- Armored Gardens in Davenport, Iowa

Class of 1963 - 60th Year Reunion:

- Saturday, August 26, 2023
- RiverFront Grille, 4619 34th St, Rock Island, IL 61201 (Blackhawk Road)
- Gather at 5:30 pm with buffet dinner at 6:00 pm.
- Cost is \$25.00 per person. Checks payable to Jean McAdam, mailed to Jean at 2422 8th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201
- RSVP by e-mail: jean.mcadam@mchsi.com

Class of 1978:

- September 2, 2023
- Riverfront Grille, 4619 34th Street, Rock Island IL 61201
- Contact Kelly Tady for more information. (309) 235-5556

Class of 1958 - 65th Year Reunion:

- September 9, 2023
- Riverfront Grille, 4619 34th Street, Rock Island IL 61201
- 5 pm-6 pm Social Hour
- 6:15 pm Buffet, cash bar
- \$40.00 cash, per person, at door
- RSVP: muffin003@aol.com

Will your class be celebrating a reunion soon?

Make sure to send all of the details to the Alleman High School Development Office to be included in the Pioneer Post and added to the Alleman website! developmentoffice@allemanhighschool.org or (309) 786-8661.

Class Notes

Dr. Norman Pastorek '56, has retired after 53 years from his private practice of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Dr Pastorek is a Clinical Professor, Facial Plastic Surgery, New York Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and a Clinical Professor, New York University, School of Medicine. He is the author of two textbooks on Facial Plastic Surgery, numerous book chapters, and hundreds of presentations on the subject. He has operated and lectured around the world. Dr Pastorek is a Past President of the American Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery. In 2017 he was awarded the Joseph Medal by the European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery for lifetime achievement in the field. Dr. Pastorek was a Director of the Facial Plastic Fellowship program at NYU. He is a Lieut. Commander, Retired, United States Navy. Dr. Pastorek looks forward to enjoying his time at his

residences in Manhattan and Madison, Connecticut on the Long Island shore. He is serving as Medical Director of his wife, Janice's, Medical Skin Care practice at their office on Park Avenue.

Dennis Schlindwein, '65 has just authored an autobiography that includes his 25-year career in the U.S. Secret Service. This book also includes his years as a student at Alleman, and as a teacher (1972-1974)! It is currently available for purchase on Amazon.



Can't Find Your Old Yearbook?

Longing for a blast from the past? Contact our Business Manager Mrs. Emily Roach at eroach@allemanhighschool.org to get your hands on one of the surplus yearbooks we've got on hand. Yes - we can even mail it to you!

"In Loving Memory" Will Return

Our section in the Pioneer Post dedicated to departed alumni and friends of Alleman will return after we complete an update to our alumni database. Please continue to send obituary notices to developmentoffice@allemanhighschool.org.



Vietnam Veterans Support Alleman

At the conclusion of the school year the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 66, led by Frank Perez, presented Alleman with a check for \$5,732.20 from their poppy fundraiser. We appreciate Frank and the Veterans choosing to support Alleman High School with their fundraising efforts!



Join Our Teaching Team at Alleman!

We are now hiring for the following teaching positions at Alleman for the 2023-2024 School Year:

- Math (Geometry) Teacher
- Physics Teacher

Contact Co-Principal Jane Barrett at janebarrett@allemanhighschool.org to apply or learn more.



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29TH ANNUAL

Booster Boy Football Outing



Saturday, July 29
1 p.m. Shotgun Start

Golfmohr Golf Course
HAMPTON, IL



Register Here:
www.allemanhighschool.org/booster-boy-outing