



Denfeld Alumni News

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DENFELD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION:

To sustain alumni relations and celebrate the spirit of Denfeld High School and Western Duluth.

DENFELD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION VISION:

To foster and sustain interest, support, and involvement in school and community affairs by coordinating projects and events that celebrate Denfeld High School's rich history.

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Remodeling a West Duluth Icon

The newly renovated Denfeld High School opened its doors to students on September 8th, 2011. Most have been very pleased with the combination of our traditional architecture and the new additions. The tower, panel lobby, and auditorium live on, as beautiful and cool as ever; enough said. The most talked about addition is the view of the tower as you enter the school. To keep up with the technological savvy generation of our current students, many of the classrooms have incorporated Smart Boards, a replacement for the classic black boards. These interactive, internet-compatible whiteboards project the teacher's computer screen to experience endless resources for learning.



The view off the clock tower as you enter through the new front entrance

The music rooms were updated with state of the art acoustics and sound proof

rooms, and the science labs have all new equipment, including brand new fume hoods for better safety. Students are able to enroll in Secondary Technical Center courses at Denfeld, including automotive learning in a brand new hands on garage setting. Many of the existing classrooms have been expanded to make more space for the larger class sizes. Most of the original architecture inside and outside was restored and kept to its original beauty.



Own a Piece of Denfeld History

Even though the brick chimney no longer stands alone, it was partially incorporated as a wall in the new addition. A limited number of bricks taken from the original chimney were salvaged and can now be yours to help preserve your fondest Denfeld memories. Bricks with a gold plaque, inscribed with the letter "D" and "Denfeld High School" are being sold on the Denfeld

Alumni Website for \$20, including shipping. For just \$5 more, you can have an inscription of your choice added (50 character max). Available after March 1. Visit www.denfeldalumni.com and choose "merchandise." You can also purchase a Denfeld Alumni t-shirt for \$15 or hooded sweatshirt for \$35 from the website.



**“The VIP Tour
was a moving
and memorable
experience”**



**Above: Denfeld
VIP Tour attendees**



**View of new addition of
school from Grand Ave.
& 44th Ave W.**

Denfelds and Huntings Get First Look

Saturday August 13th the Denfeld Alumni Association Board of Directors (DAA BOD) hosted a VIP private tour for the Denfeld and Hunting families, so they could be the first to officially see the newly remodeled DHS. Among the DAA BOD were Mr. & Mrs. Richard Denfeld (Robert Denfeld's grandson), Mr. & Mrs. Bill Denfeld (great-grandson), Mr. & Mrs. Dosland (Mrs. Dosland is Mary Lou Hunting, Walt Hunting's daughter), Ed Crawford (DHS Principal), Denny McDon-

ald (DHS Building Engineer), Jerry Cleveland (Bosshardt Corporation Superintendent and our tour guide), Pat Francisco (Heritage Center Tour leader), Lindsey Redenbaugh, Michelle Aubin (DHS Seniors and Executive Board of Pyramid Presidents). The DAA BOD thanks the City of Duluth and the Duluth School District for allowing this early viewing. Many DHS memories were shared.

Following the tour they visited over lunch at

local Clyde Iron Restaurant and enjoyed a tour of the Heritage Center. Richard Denfeld gave his stamp of approval on the remodeled school. “The VIP Tour was a moving and memorable experience,” said Denfeld. During a surprise moment, Joe Vukelich announced that Pat Francisco had been nominated for the Denfeld Hunters Hall of Fame.



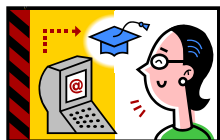
We're Counting on You

As construction took place at Denfeld, considerable time was spent contemplating what this new structure would become. It was bigger than ever before. Students would converge from more city neighborhoods. Upon completion, it would be permanently different. Yet one item stuck out - education will remain the foundation. Regardless of how many more square feet, additions of technology, new programs - learning would remain the cornerstone. Denfeld would continue preparing young men and women to meet the challenges and demands of the world.

The Denfeld Alumni Association was established to foster and promote a culture where ideas, projects and activities would evolve and perpetuate the experience we lived as youth, for generations. As a non-profit under IRS Code 501(c)(3), we are no different than any other non-profit in America. We depend upon businesses, organizations and individuals like you to continue our mission. While we support school programs, the Greater Denfeld Foundation and all things associated with the school, we do not receive any outside dollars.

In an economy where family budgets have been tightened and overall spending has decreased, adding to our income stream has become incredibly difficult. Yet without additional resources we will be limited in both continuing our work and expanding our mission. Please consider becoming a financial supporter of the Denfeld Alumni Association; via a one-time gift, a monthly pledge of \$10, \$25, \$50 or consider cost effective strategies to make charitable giving a part of your overall estate plan. Professionals are available at all levels, to handle your gift. All donations are appreciated and are an essential component for our organization to promote and honor our alumni.

Education has been and will continue to be the foundation at Denfeld. Moving forward together as alumni, we have similarities to the construction project. We do not know how our funding will look in the future. But we do know its foundation. Please help us continue our work. To make a single donation or become a monthly supporter, simply fill out and return the form on the back of the newsletter along with your donation. For assistance with charitable giving, please contact Andrew Ensign (DHS Class of 1991) at (218)628-3135.



Upcoming Reunions

2002: 10-year reunion, June 9-10, 2012. Contact Brittany Johnson at (218) 310-3840 for more info.

1992: 20-year reunion on the weekend of Spirit Valley Days, August 3-4, 2012. The location has yet to be determined.

1962: 50 year reunion July 2012. A school tour, brunch, and dinner are planned. Contact Richard Warner at rawbanks@yahoo.com for more details.

1960: 70th Birthday Party on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 at Northland Country Club in Duluth. There will also be a tour of Denfeld with breakfast at the school.

1957: 55th Reunion will be held Sep 28-30, 2012.

1952: 60th Reunion will be held Aug 24, 2012 from 10am—12pm.



Denfeld Now!

Highlights from the 2011 Fall Semester

Cross Country:
4 athletes made the All-Conference Team - Matt Lepisto, Nate Lafond, D Hanka and Jessica Kero.

Speech:
Hailey Woolverton - placed 8th in San Antonio at the Tournament of Champions and placed 8th again in Dallas at the National Forensic League Nationals in the category of Humor. She automatically qualifies to compete again this season at both tournaments.

The Theatre group put on a production of "A Christmas Carol." The last production for Mark Overland, Denfeld's Choir Director for the last 20 years. He will retire at the end of the school year.

Fall Sports Standings	W	L	T
Football	2	6	0
Boys Soccer	6	11	1
Girls Soccer	11	4	3
Girls Swimming	6	5	2
Girls Tennis	2	15	0
Girls Volleyball	8	14	0



Nate Bealieu,
Senior RB

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Tom Skull (2000)
Kristine Baird (Watkins, 2004)



Brett Larson (left) and Andy Ensign (right), class of 1991

Alumni Reach Out to Fellow Hunters

If you, a family member, or a friend are currently living in a nursing home, assisted living environment, or are homebound, and would like to stay connected, contact Kristine Baird at (218)591-9453 or Dr. Amber Erickson at (218)269-1131. Or perhaps you work in one of these environments and know of Denfeld Alumni that could use some Denfeld Hunter company. We are hoping to reach out to those that are unable to come to us, and continue to share Denfeld tradition. Our goal is to accumulate a group of alumni that we routinely visit, throughout the year, to share memories about our Denfeld experience and to keep them updated as to what is going on in the Denfeld community. For example, for those who are unable to tour the newly remodeled school, we will bring a video tour and pictures of the new additions and updates to the beautiful building.

Hall Of Fame 2012

On July 28th, 2012, the Denfeld Hunters Hall of Fame will induct a new class of Hall of Famers. This class is an eclectic mix of people. Marguerite Gilmore (1924) who became an English teacher that gave away millions and Joyce Lamant (1938) who was on WCCO radio for 50 years. Three great Denfeld teachers: Janet "Mrs. Pete" Petersen, Edgar "Father" Felten and Doug MacIver and three TV and press figures: Roger Grimsby (1946), Jack McKenna (1940) and Dick Palmer (1948). Two former Denfeld principals, G. Dell Daedo and Bill Westholm. Lawyer Ty Bujold (1955) and Judge Mark Munger (1973). Former athletes: Pat Francisco(1963), Scott Gernander (1965), Gary Harker (1962), Roger Kerin (1965), Pete Bergman (1959), and Robb Stauber (1986). Local civic Leader, M. George Downs (1946) and drag racer, Greg Anderson (1979). The ceremony is free to attend.

Hunters in the News

Class of 1942: Al Amatuzio was named Business Person of the Year at the annual Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards.

Class of 1979: Greg Anderson won the Pro Stock final in the NHRA Four-Wide Nationals at zMAX Dragway in Concord, N.C. also posted his fifth win of the season, and 70th overall, as he claimed the Pro Stock title at the NHRA U.S. Nationals in Clermont, Ind.

Class of 1987: Bill Gronseth was named Duluth Public Schools Superintendent in January 2012.

Class of 1991: As the assistant coach for the University of MN-Duluth men's hockey team, Brett Larson helped the team win its first ever NCAA Division I Men's Hockey National Championship Title on April 9, 2011.

Class of 2000: Tom Skull, our own DAA BOD member, was awarded the FUSE Duluth Young Professional of the Year Award, for his work as a Chamber Ambassador for the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce.

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