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The Falcon Newsletter



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THE JOEL BARLOW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANS THIRD ALL-CLASS REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 10, 2017

The Joel Barlow Alumni Association has just celebrated its fifth anniversary and continues to grow its data base with many alumni coming on board and helping to plan the next All-Class Reunion Weekend that will be held on June 10, 2017 at Joel Barlow. If anyone is interested in joining the Reunion Committee they can do so by contacting Sharon Morrissey, samorrissey@charter.net or Mary Mahony, mary@reddingpress.com. If you are a parent of an alumnus and would like to get involved, we would also welcome your energy and help.

We are currently looking for sponsors for the event. As in the past, each sponsor will get a free page in our ad book and will also be mentioned in all picnic broadcasts and press releases. If you are interested in underwriting the entire event, we would welcome your support. The donation for individual sponsors is \$500 and if you are interested in becoming the main sponsor for the entire event, the donation would be \$6,000.00. We feel that it is a wonderful opportunity to give back to a high school that has given many students their legs to go on and pursue their dreams. If you happen to visit Joel Barlow High School, you will see that the accolades are hanging everywhere.

If you are a vendor and are interested in coming to Barlow to participate in the days' festivities, please use the above email addresses to contact us and discuss the possibility. For obvious reasons, we are very careful about food vendors and will require recommendations and paperwork regarding food safety.

The weekend will involve a welcoming event on Friday night, the Reunion Picnic on Saturday, from 11am to 4 pm, where you are able to rekindle old friendships and see classmates from all your years at Barlow and, in some cases, their chil-

dren. The Sunday Send-off will be a walk or run through Putnam Park with coffee, donuts, and fruit. As in the past, Saturday night is reserved for individual classes to have their milestone reunions.

The Joel Barlow Alumni Association continues to support various initiatives at Joel Barlow as well as providing scholarships to deserving seniors. Donations come from events, memorials, holiday appeals, and appreciative graduates who simply want to say thank you for the great education. Unlike colleges and private schools, we do not have a development office, but instead a very dedicated group of alumni with a lot of energy and an appreciation for their high school education. We hope you will share that energy and come on board.

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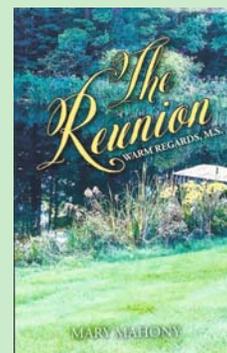
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ISBN# 9780965887977 **\$13.99 Per Copy**

Free shipping for all PRE-SALE copies purchased off her website.

How many of you remember Lillian Hull, the school nurse. How can we forget! Who is the first staff person that comes to your mind when you think back to your days at Barlow.





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Joel Barlow Athletic News

GIRLS LACROSSE SWC CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Girls Lacrosse team on winning the SWC Championship for the second year in a row! The girls defeated New Fairfield 14-9 for the win on May 26. They are now eyeing the State Championship - we wish them the best of luck!

Girls Soccer and **Girls Volleyball** each won their SWC Championship game. Girls Soccer defeated Masuk 1-0 for our first SWC Girls Soccer Championship since 2010. Girls Volleyball defeated Newtown 3-1 to win their fifth SWC Championship in a row.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL SWC CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Boys Volleyball team on winning Barlow's first ever SWC Championship! The guys battled last year's Champions, Masuk, to win 3-0 on May 27. We're really excited to add a new banner to the gym! We wish the team luck as they make a run for the State Championship this year.

TRACK & FIELD

GIRLS:

- **Grace Blackwell** won the 400m, and placed second in the 200m. State Champion!
- **Kyleigh Dumas** won the Pole Vault with a vault of 10' 6". State Champion!
- **Kyleigh Dumas** is also the Pole Vault Champion of the Glenn. D Loucks Memorial Track & Field Games (held on Saturday 5/14). This is a legitimate, very well-respected meet - one of the biggest on the East Coast! (States represented included NY, including NYC, CT, NJ, RI, ME, MA, NH, PA, VA and DC).
- **Kate DiBella** placed second in the Pole Vault with a height of 9' 0"
- The 4x400 Relay placed second with a time of 4:10.86

BOYS:

- **Milan Spisek** won the Pole Vault with a vault of 13' 6". State Champion and new Barlow Record!
- **Ben Ruffing** placed second in the 800m with a time of 1:57.06. A new Barlow Record
- **Mikey Bortolot** placed third in the 1600m with a time of 4:30.89

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

- Boys Cross Country won the CIAC Class MM State Championship! This is our first Boys XC Championship since 2002. It's always great to kick off the year with a fresh State Championship!

SOFTBALL

- **Kristen Acocella** (gr. 11) had her 100th hit in our game on May 11. She also hit her 11th home run of the season, that's A LOT of HRs!

SWC LEADERSHIP BANQUET

Emmett LiCastrì (gr. 12), Grace Blackwell (gr. 12), Sam Fletcher (gr. 12) and Aidan Burke (gr. 10) enjoyed dinner with their parents and favorite coaches at the SWC Leadership Banquet on May 5 in Seymour. Emmett and Grace were honored for their leadership in Wrestling and Girls Soccer & Outdoor Track & Field, respectively. Sam and Aidan were honored for their commitment and dedication to Unified Sports.

CIAC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Katherine Waugh and Daniel Dolan, both seniors, were Barlow's recipients of this year's CIAC Scholar-Athlete Award. They enjoyed a banquet with their parents, favorite coaches, Mr. Santangeli, and Mrs. Pin at the Aqua Turf Club on May 1st. This is the highest honor that the Athletics Department can bestow. We are very proud of Katherine and Daniel and everything they've accomplished in the classroom and on the field!

- We have received the Michaels Achievement Cup Exemplary program award once again this year:
<http://ciacsports.com/site/?p=10412>

ALL-STATE TEAM

Several Barlow athletes have been named to the All-State team for their respective sports (so far):

Mikey Bortolot	(gr. 12)	Boys Cross Country
Ben Ruffing	(gr. 12)	Boys Cross Country
Tess Dougall	(gr. 9)	Girls Cross Country
Briana Marcelino	(gr. 12)	Field Hockey
Tatiana Naclerio	(gr. 12)	Field Hockey
Elizabeth Dehler	(gr. 11)	Field Hockey
Alana Foodman	(gr. 10)	Girls Diving

BARLOW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Fifteen individuals and the Varsity Football team from 1960 were inducted into the Joel Barlow Athletics Hall of Fame on Nov 5th.

Barry Kanuch	1975	Pete Mann	1961
Ted Case	1965	Kate Hirsch	1998
Joey Wright	1980	Cliff Emanuelson	Coach
Chris Polakowski	1974	Doug Bronson	1985
Marc Nizzardo	1995	Pam Arpè	Coach
Mike Distler	2004	Shaun Malay	1985
Courtney Dugan	2003	John Hichwa	Teacher/Coach
Gene Horrigan	1965	Athlete/Teacher/Coach	
Varsity Football Team 1960			

Hall of Fame Display Update

A new, permanent Hall of Fame Display Wall has been commissioned by the Alumni Association and is being built locally by Barlow grad Danny Land. It will be located in the area outside the doors to the lower gym. We will keep you posted on the progress.



The Principals Office **Gina Pin**

When you are in town visiting family and friends or when you are joining us for our June 10, 2017 Alumni Picnic, come on in and visit your school. You will find some new additions and get reacquainted with some familiar halls.

New to the school, displayed just outside of the auditorium, you will find Joel Barlow, himself! Henry Egan, an Easton resident and well-known painter, created this masterpiece in response to his young son's question, "But who is Joel Barlow?" Henry researched this, placed images in the portrait that connect our school with the historical figure, and donated the portrait to the high school. As this year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of Redding, we are planning a formal dedication with our yearlong celebration of the town's rich history.

As the current Assistant Superintendent and Head of School (the first female at the helm of Barlow!), I am honored to be carrying the torch (or at least the light candle) that represents our school. Watching the Olympics this year, I am captivated by the stories our athletes share about their hometown and upbringing. With all of the training and travel, there is a pride that pours from their depths when asked to speak about their beginnings. What I enjoy most about Alumni Reunions (besides driving the golf cart) is listening to your stories about the teachers and friends you remember as if it were yesterday. I take pride in knowing that the camaraderie you share and the school climate you cultivated is alive and well in Joel Barlow High School today.

So whether you graduated in 19-something or 2000-something get a group together and join us for the celebration. Falcon wings are made to soar and your roots will always lead you home. *Gina*

We need your contribution!

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We sincerely thank you!
We need all the help we can get!

- NO NEED TO FILL UP YOUR CALENDAR
- NO NEED TO BUY A TICKET
- NO NEED TO DRESS UP
- NO NEED TO TRAVEL
- NO NEED TO DRIVE IN BAD WEATHER

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It's that time again and if each one of us donated \$10.00 our fund would be there for those who will follow us. Please don't forget us!
THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE.

Joel Barlow **Class of 1977** will celebrate its **40th** High School Reunion in June 2017 ... spread the word!

- **Friday, June 9:** Evening get-together at the bar at Ethan Allen Inn (Danbury, CT)
- **Saturday, June 10,** 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Joel Barlow 2017 Tri-Annual All-Class Reunion Picnic at JBHS ... check alumni website for more details (www.joelbarlowalumni.com).
- 6:30 p.m. Class of 1977 Reunion at the Ethan Allen Inn with dinner and dancing.
- **Sunday, June 11:** Ethan Allen Inn has a brunch available to those who wish (pay at door).

Please be sure to reserve your room(s) early at the Ethan Allen Inn so you can stay on-property. Mention "Joel Barlow Class of '77 Reunion" as a block of rooms are reserved at a special rate.

Ethan Allen Inn, 21 Lake Ave Ext., Danbury, CT 06811, (203) 744-1776

New England Reunions will be handing the 40th reunion and will reach out to the class of '77. Invitations will be mailed, however you can now check out the electronic invitation where you can update your contact info and purchase tickets: <http://tinyurl.com/j3nrz27>

If you prefer, you can update your contact information in the JBHS alumni database (<http://jbhsaa.weebly.com/joel-barlow-high-school-alumni-update-your-information.html>).

The '77 reunion committee is working hard to make this 40th reunion fun and memorable!

Lisa (Schneeberger) Tatroe, Reunion Committee Chairperson
Lucas Adler, Carolyn (Fritz) Anderson, Joan (Kelly) Howe, David Klein, Anne (Paulsen) Lipkovich, Leslie (McSherry) Sterry, Suzy (Candee) Tartaglia, Kathy (Vars) Yalof



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BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

The Joel Barlow Alumni Association would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Barbara Valzania and Linda Jowdy for serving on our board and working so hard on our last All-Class reunion. We hope that they will stay in touch and keep us updated.

We are continuing to grow our membership with the hope of staying connected to an even larger number of Barlow graduates. Please reach out to your friends and share their email addresses with us so that we can keep them in the loop.

Do follow Joel Barlow online and see all the exciting things that are happening from winning teams to fabulous theatre productions. It continues to be an amazing high school.

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JORDAN WRIGHT - '94

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Jordan Wright, Class of 1994. Jordan moved to Redding as a one year old and at some point after graduation he left Redding, but returned sometime later. In a 2011 interview, Jordan shared that his favorite place was under the football lights at Barlow. The owner of the Redding Ridge Market and the Road House Café, Jordan also coached football at Barlow. Jordan was married and leaves behind his wife and a six month old daughter, Autumn Wright.



Anyone who has ever been a student at Barlow has enjoyed a trip to the Redding Ridge Market. When Jordan took it over some years ago, it became a gathering spot for students as he embraced them and even hired some of them. On behalf of the Joel Barlow High School Alumni Association, we are very grateful for all that Jordan contributed to the spirit of Joel Barlow High School and we express our deepest sympathy to all who knew and loved Jordan, most especially his parents and sibling, his wife, Kate, and his daughter, Autumn.

The Joel Barlow High School Alumni Association

OBITUARIES

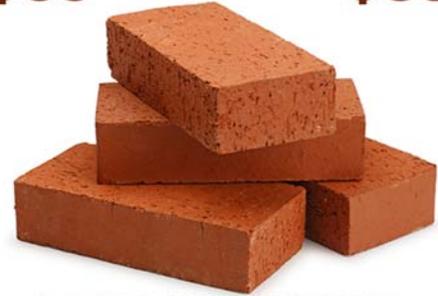
Here's the list of those individuals, who have passed away in 2015-2016 ... that we know of.

- 1961 Hjalmar "Chip" Warren Anderson (2015)
- 1963 Walter E Davenport (2015)
- 1963 Gail Marsh Tallardy (2015)
- 1969 Peter Hallstrom (2015)
- 1970 Cynthia Lawren Heustis Gilbane (2015)
- 1970 Robert Small, MD (2015)
- 1971 Geoffrey Lindmark Miller (2015)
- 1973 Linda Novitsky Christiani (2015)
- 1974 Lenny Quatrella (2015)
- 1988 Justin Oller (2016)
- 1994 Jordan Wright (2016)

Carl Nimitz (10/31/2015) (age 90)

Nelson W. Quinby (January 27, 2016)

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The JBHS Alumni Association would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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