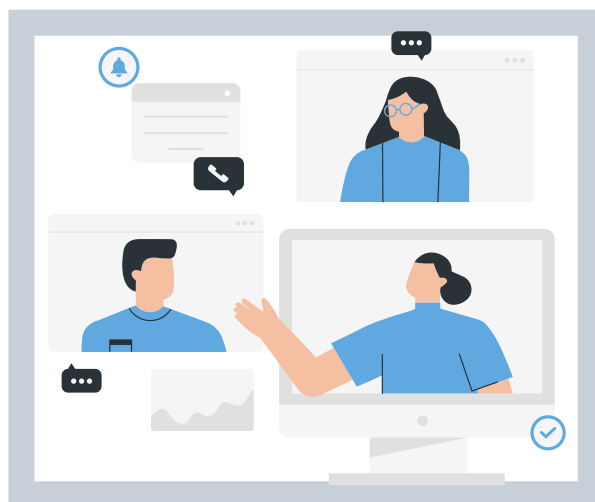


# THE NEWFANE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



August 2022 Newsletter



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kevin LaForest  
Katelyn Rakfeldt  
Corrie and Michael  
Murray  
Will Kennedy  
Jim Pembroke  
Dale Oswald

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We will be holding our Annual Membership Meeting on August 13 at 10:30am virtually on Zoom. We will hold elections for officers as well as elect term board members. All interested alumni should attend the meeting! We would love new ideas of ways to give back to the Newfane community and students.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 531 394 6242

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## PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER!

[Click here to become a member!](#)

Or visit our website at:  
[newfanealumni.org](http://newfanealumni.org)

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Newfane Alumni Association is very excited to announce that we will be celebrating the first winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony on October 20 at the Newfane High School in front of the current student body. They will then all be announced at the Homecoming football game on October 22. Come celebrate your fellow alum and enjoy the homecoming experience at the new stadium. See the important dates below for more information!



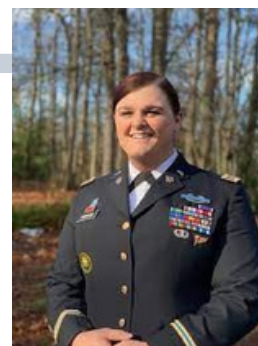
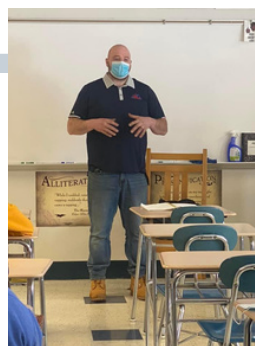
## Class Reunions

We have helped celebrate the class of '02 already this summer and are invited to attend the class of '72 this August. If you are you planning your reunion, would you like our help? Please contact us at [newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org) to find out more about how we can help you advertise, plan, and make your reunion a success!



# Alumni Giving Back

The High School has welcomed Alumni Speakers into classrooms to talk to our future generations about their career pathways. With the start of the new school year, please contact us if you are interested in sharing your career, please send us an email!



## "BUY A BRICK" CAMPAIGN

The Newfane Alumni Association presents to you a unique opportunity to be a forever part of Panther culture and history by purchasing an engraved brick to be placed outside of the brand new stadium being constructed this summer. All proceeds benefit Newfane Alumni Association scholarships and programs. Please visit [www.newfanealumni.org](http://www.newfanealumni.org) and our facebook page for updated purchase information!



Purchase your alumni apparel at



<https://newfanealumniassociation.itemorder.com/sale>

# Scholarships

This is what we are all about!!!

The Newfane Alumni Association is proud to announce that three scholarships were granted this past June to graduating students:

1. The Newfane Class of 1970 Memorial Scholarship to Abby Boyer
2. The Kevin Newton Memorial Baseball Scholarship to Brady Harrington
3. The Newfane Alumni Association Scholarship to Zoe Andrews

All scholarships boast a reward of \$500 to a college bound senior. Please visit our website if your class or family would like to offer a scholarship to graduating students. There you will find criteria and applications.



## Alumni Speaker for 2022 Newfane Graduation

The Newfane Alumni Association was asked to select the alumni speaker for graduation. As we worked through many amazing and talented alum, one stuck out to all of us as being the first NAA selected speaker, Maureen Langston-Henderson. Maureen is a 1997 graduate of Newfane. After graduation, she entered St. Bonaventure University to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and a Masters of Business Administration. She currently works with the Niagara County Community College Small Business Development Center and has since been honored with the Buffalo Region SBA's Women in Business Champion Award in 2012 and was selected as one of Buffalo's 40 Under 40. We were excited and blown away by her presence at graduation. She made all Newfane alumni proud.



# Homecoming



Come join us at the Homecoming Football game on October 22!!! We will be celebrating the alumni being honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the new stadium! Be sure to put this one on your calendars because it will be something to be a part of! Come celebrate YOU!



## Mark your calendars!

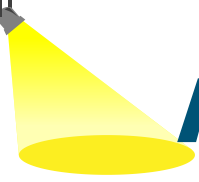
**August 13 at 10:30am:** The Newfane Alumni Association's Annual Membership Meeting. The link is on the first page.

### Homecoming Festivities

**October 20:** The Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony during the school day.

**October 21:** (3:30pm) A tour of the new facilities and capital project. All alumni are welcome to attend. (5:00pm-7:00pm) An Alumni Mixer with a location to be determined. All alumni are welcome!

**October 22:** (11:00am at Lakeside Beach State Park) Newfane Cross Country All-League Meet. (4:00pm at the high school) BBQ Chicken dinners will be available for purchase. (7:00pm at the new stadium) Newfane Football game against Wilson! Our first Distinguished Alumni Award winners will also be recognized during this time along with the first inductees of the Newfane Athletic Hall of Fame!



# Alumni Spotlight

It is my pleasure to spotlight Bryan Zafrano, graduating class of 2004. Bryan has taken an active role in the Alumni Association. As our Fundraising Chair, he will help us raise the funds necessary to support current students, alum, teachers, and our Newfane community!

In high school, Bryan created friendships that have lasted. Ashlee Centner (Miller) is one of his best friends. The two talk nearly every day! Bryan also speaks to former classmates on social media which he finds as a nice way to keep up with everyone. It's impressive that while he doesn't remember his locker number, he does remember the location and the combination! As a part of the Student Council, he's proud of his work planning the dances and helping to bring back the tradition of the Homecoming Bonfire—an event this writer always found to be a highlight of the school year!

As some of his favorite teachers, Bryan fondly remembers Moose Erbacher, Phillip Quinn, and Judy Peterson during the Newfane production of *The Music Man* (Bryan portrayed Tommy Djilas) and in *On the Town* (During which the power went out during a performance, and Bryan was said to have shown "great professionalism and nerve" as he continued his scene without skipping a beat! (That's a difficult situation for even the most seasoned of actors!))

Bryan also remembers Roger Marchione (a beloved English teacher who recently passed) as tough and always pushed to improve Bryan's writing. He feels his teaching set him up for success as a copywriter and also as a social media coordinator for the Alumni Association. After NHS, Bryan studied Communications at NCCC, and currently works in health insurance. In his free time, he enjoys reading, playing video games, and singing karaoke in Lockport—not a surprise based on his musical talents!

Here's an interesting fact about Bryan: he worked at Disney World! He claims that this opportunity taught him a lot about customer service (Obviously, it's a quality that our Association will learn to greatly appreciate while he serves our members and community!)

Bryan is proud to mention his family. First of all, he mentioned his adopted kitten, Wiccan (named for the Marvel character, not the religion); his father—a retired corrections officer; his step-mother—a teacher at Niagara BOCES; his mother—a nurse's aide at Hospice; his sister—who lives in Nashville with her fiancé and works with Autistic children; and his younger sister—who is a professional hair stylist.

Thank you, Bryan! I know that I can speak on behalf of the group in thanking you for your countless hours of volunteer time for the Alumni Association. We are looking forward to the future with you!

