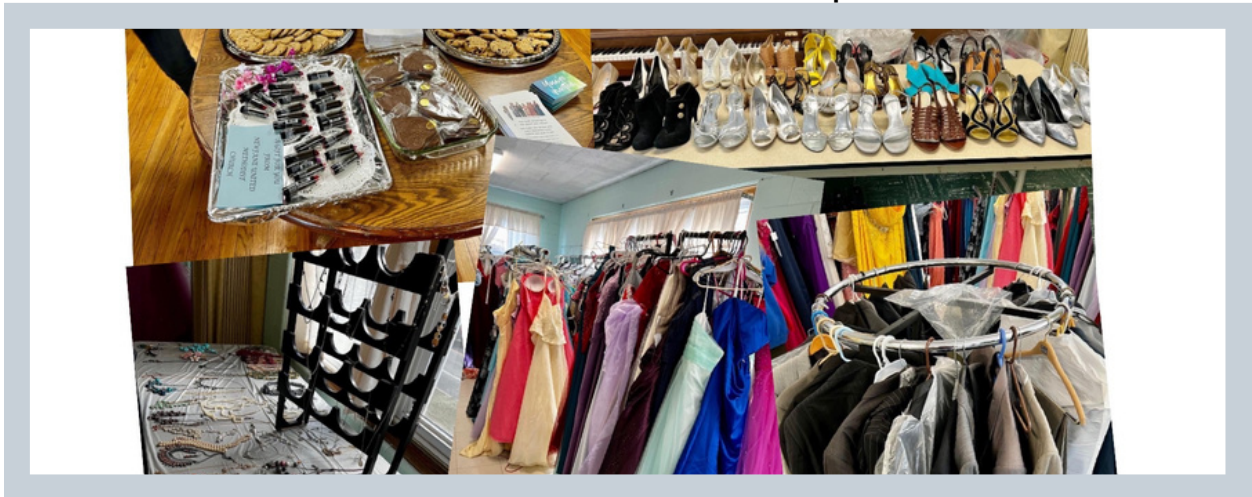


THE NEWFANE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



April 2022 Newsletter



ALUMNI SPONSORED PANTHER PRETTY

We just sponsored our second annual Panther Pretty earlier this month. 80 students from surrounding schools chose styles from a vast collection of dresses and suits generously donated from local boutiques and community members. Local salons, vendors and seamstresses took part in helping students look and feel their best by donating services time and products. If you are interested in offering your services or time next year please let us know!

**PLEASE
CONSIDER
BECOMING A
MEMBER!**

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

Or visit our website at:
newfanealumni.org

WHO ARE WE?

***The mission of the Newfane Alumni Association is to create, prompt and foster connections and relationships between alumni, district, and community.**

We are always looking for volunteers for our events! Please let us know if you are interested in becoming for involved.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Check out the attached
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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS

The Newfane Alumni Association is very excited to announce the creation of the Distinguished Alumni Award. We are looking for Newfane alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen career, through community service, or who have otherwise significantly impacted the lives of others. Nominations for the inaugural class will be accepted until August 1, 2022 and the initial inductees will be announced in October 2022.

Nominations can be made by filling out the attached [Google Form](#). Or check the website.

Alumni Giving Back

The High School has welcomed Alumni Speakers into classrooms to talk to our future generations about their career pathways. We have already featured Anthony Coulson, Addy Burns, Brett Haylett and Maureen Henderson. If you are interested in sharing your career, please send us an email!



**ROGER
AIKIN**

Please check out the next page!

If you would like to be interviewed or would like to recommend someone, please contact Lisa (Flagler) Fletcher at lisafletcher3232@gmail.com

"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. In celebration of the long awaited capital project, pathways to the future will be constructed outside the stadium, creating a walkway that will be traveled by all visitors upon entering what will become the new "panther den". Our bricks will be laser engraved and serve as a wonderful opportunities for any occasion to honor a special person or group. Don't miss your chance to be a part of Panther history. Proceeds benefit scholarships and programs for students. Applications and more information coming soon!!!



Alumni Apparel



Purchase your alumni apparel at

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



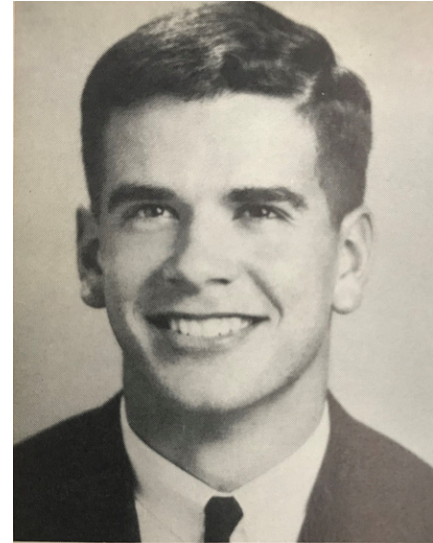
Alumni Spotlight

We are very excited to spotlight our very first Alumni Association member, Mr. Roger Aikin, Class of 1965. Unlike our more recent graduates, Roger spent all of his school years in the same building. After graduation, he returned to the building as a substitute teacher. A fun fact Roger shared was that he went to four proms (9-12)--being asked when he was a freshman and sophomore. He was even a member of the Royal Court as a senior and recalls that Dave Lovewell was crowned king.

Throughout his school years, Roger participated in many theatrical productions, was a member of chorus productions and had a stint as the Boys' Chorus President. The sports he participated in and/or held leadership roles were JV Football, Varsity Football Manager, Varsity Cross Country, JV and Varsity Basketball Manager, JV Baseball, and Varsity Track--he fondly remembers coming in second in the 100 yard dash (every time), because his teammate, John Davis, never lost!

If managing his sports teams wasn't already impressive, Roger was the Varsity Club President and Honor Society member (Senior Class Salutatorian); participated as part of the Century staff, was the Boys Chorus President, and held the position of Senior Class Treasurer. Roger was an extremely active Newfane student!

When asked, Roger offered numerous names of people he remembers fondly. Some of those people are Dave Lovewell, Lee Samson, Mark Dale, Jim Bebee, Steve Haseley, Jim Maxwell, Steve Smith, Dan Ward, Anne Carlton, Connie Beers, Donna De Lange, Sharon Harrington, Ann LeValley, Sue LaPorte, Cheri Newman, Lynne Nicholas. The teachers that made an impression on him are Mr Barnum (Social Studies), Mrs Beccue (Music), Coach Duffy (PE), Mr Haley (Science), Coach Landsheft (PE), Mr Wright (7th grade). I am sure that Roger left his own impression on many of these people!



AIKIN, ROGER

French
Mathematics
Science



After Newfane, Roger went to college (BA French major) with additional degrees in Russian Area Studies (BA), History (MA), and Law (JD). Beyond college, Roger was commissioned an officer in the US Navy (Naval Intelligence), serving active duty 1970-1972, and Naval Reserve 1972-1995. He was then recalled to active duty during the years of 1995-1998 where he served as Chief, Current Intelligence for all NATO air operations in Bosnia. During Reserve time, his significant assignments included Air Intelligence Officer for Air Squadron VA 304 and Military Attache at the US Embassy, Antananarivo, Madagascar. Also while in reserve status, had a career as General Counsel for a total of five banks (in succession) and retired from the military—a profession he loved—in 2014. Not ready to enjoy the quiet life, Roger volunteered to teach English in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (Summer 2017) and went aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt as adjunct professor of History, teaching college courses to sailors (2017). So remarkable!

Roger currently lives in Bend, Oregon. He married his beautiful wife in 1981 (a former professional ice skater, now renowned artist). He is a volunteer with Bend (Oregon) Police Department, the Shepherd's House Ministries (food distribution), and with Bend Parks & Recreation as monitor for the Deschutes River Trail.

In his free time, Roger enjoys hiking and playing tennis. When asked about his family, he stated that he adopted a sibling family of three from an orphanage in Seoul, Korea in 1989. After they all graduated college, this proud father commissioned his oldest daughter (Navy) and his son (Marines) as officers in the service. Taking after their father's impressive resume, one is an interpreter in Korea, one is with the Washington DC Metropolitan Police, and one works for the government in a "three letter agency."

Roger, thank you for your leadership at NCSD, service to our country, and devotion to making this world a better place! We are proud that you and your family continue to make a difference in the lives of others!



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