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## Consider a Year-End Contribution

SHSAA is seeking financial support for our 2023 Scholarship Campaign. Consider a contribution as you approach the end of the 2022 tax year. Your contribution is tax deductible and supports our top priority.



## Connecting In-Person

We are finally returning to normal after two years of canceling in-person class reunions, cutbacks in events, and an overall reluctance to congregate due to COVID. There are several examples of South High alumni returning to in-person events.

Class reunions are back! In August, class celebrations included the 50-year reunion of the class of 1972, the 55th for the class of 1967, the 67th for the class of 1955, and a 70th birthday party for the class of 1970.

During the July 4th weekend, South High alumni led by Donnell Hughes ('86) sponsored a very successful *South High School All Class Reunion* weekend, culminating in a picnic at Schiller Park. Some of you may be familiar with this active group of alumni. Their Facebook page has over 1,200 members.

Some in-person events coming up include SHSAA-sponsored *Meet & Greets*, our 30th annual *Picnic & Car Show* on September 18th, 2022 and we are making plans to jumpstart the SHSAA *Oldies Dance*, now called the *Spring Blast*, in April 2023. Plan to attend each of these events.

Congratulations to the class of 1955 as they celebrate 67 years since graduating from South High School.



South High School Class of 1955

# President's Message

Summer/Fall of 2022

Dear Members and Friends of the South High School Alumni Association,



Larry Latta '72

Summer has finally arrived! Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and September.

Everyone remembers the great times we had for 18 years at Hoover Y-Park during the Picnic

& Car Shows. Jim Driggs put his heart and soul into that event year after year. Due to the closure and sale of Hoover Y-Park by the Central YMCA to Franklin County Metroparks, we were forced to locate a new venue after 18 glorious years. The pandemic forced the cancellation of the 2020 Picnic & Car Show, but the 19<sup>th</sup> edition, held last year at the Shamrock, proved that you "can't keep an old dawg down"!

This year's 20<sup>th</sup> edition will be held at the American Legion Southway Post (3253 S. High Street). The format will be very similar to last year's event. We have elected to go with Food Trucks again this year to give the attendees a variety of safe and healthy food. The American Legion will be responsible for drink service from their indoor "lounge," where spirits and beer will be available for purchase. Soft drinks may be purchased from the food trucks, and the Association will again have cold bottled water for all attendees. More details of the event may be found in this newsletter, on our Facebook page, and on the SHSAA website.

The monthly "Meet & Greet" have been well received the past year. I'll continue to find new locations on all four corners of Franklin County.

If you have a favorite pub or brewery that you would like to have featured, please get in touch with me. Each month is a new adventure, especially when "Dawgs" are in the house!

The SHSAA has offered to assist South High School again with football, basketball, and special event concessions. If you wish to volunteer, please get in touch with me. Head Football Coach George Yates, SHS '99, will put the team through summer conditioning soon and is anticipating another winning season.

Carol Wolfenbarger and the Scholarship Committee worked hard to make the 2022 SHSAA Scholarship Program a success. A special thanks to Ms. Annie Fletcher our contact at South who coordinated the student's applications. We are pleased to introduce you to the scholarship award winners for 2022. We distributed a total of \$19,500 in scholarship awards to five bright and talented students.

Alumni donations are deeply appreciated for this worthy cause. Your donations are tax deductible and can be made online by visiting our website: <https://www.shsaa.family/donate>.

One last thought. The *In Memoriam* section of this issue of our newsletter is lengthy. It is a stark reminder of our mortality but an even stronger message to remember your friends, stay in touch, and don't take time for granted. Be well. Stay safe.

Go Dawgs!

Larry Latta ('72)



# 2022 Scholarship Awards

SHSAA's scholarships fall into four categories.

The first category is the **William R. Davy Academic Excellence Award**. This \$10,000 competitive scholarship award is provided in memory of Bill Davy, SHS class of 1966. It goes to the SHS student who demonstrates the highest academic achievement and overall potential for success.

The second category is **Bulldog Support awards**. These scholarships each range from \$500 to \$3,000. Key award considerations include academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and well-defined plans for the future.

The third category is **SHSAA Legacy Awards**. These awards are set aside for relatives of any current member of SHSAA. Qualified applicants are encouraged to



## **William R. Davy Academic Excellence Award**

**Saafa Rashada** stands out in this year's graduating class. In a very close competition, Ms. Rashada demonstrated a unique combination of academic excellence, maturity and creativity. She is enrolled at Ursuline College where she will pursue a career in nursing. Her \$10,000 award reflects the high standards Bill Davy had in mind for this scholarship.



## **SHSAA Bulldog Support Award**

**Isabella Rodriguez Ortiz** is enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan University where she will be studying astrophysics, music, and languages. We are proud to provide her a \$3,000 award to pursue her dreams.



## **SHSAA Bulldog Support Award**

**Callie Laney** pursuing a career in special education where she looks forward to teaching children with special needs. She also is an accomplished bowler and will compete on the varsity squad at Shawnee State University. Her \$2,500 award is well-deserved recognition for her work and talent.



## **SHSAA Legacy Award**

**Matthew Sailor**, grandson of Chuck Sailor ('64) is an excellent student and star athlete at Lindenwood University. His ties to the South High School run deep through his grandfather. His \$2,500 award is the second Legacy award he has earned.



## **Jim Driggs Memorial Award**

**Gracie Flores** was our unanimous pick for this \$2,000 award. She is a young woman who has excelled in spite of challenging circumstances. Her optimism, creativity and persistence serve her well. She is enrolled at Columbus State Community College.

The fourth category, the **Jim Driggs Memorial Scholarship Award**, is a scholarship provided each year in memory of Jim Driggs (class of 1968) for his unwavering support of South High School and his service to the Southside of Columbus. This scholarship is awarded to the student who best exemplifies Jim's life values. They include innovation, curiosity, loyalty, leadership, problem solving, and community involvement. This \$2,000 scholarship can be applied to any certified education, training, or skill development program that prepares the student for a career where the qualities listed above are critical for success.

# In Memoriam

Our last *Bulldog Bulletin* was released in September of 2021.

We apologize that our newsletter publication schedule was altered in 2022 but this issue highlights the activities and services we were able to continue through this transition year.

One telling feature of this issue is our section reserved for remembering the alumni friends and classmates that we have lost. This version of *IN MEMORIAM* cites more than 80 notices of South High School alumni, staff, and friends who have passed since our last publication.

As you go through the names listed here, imagine them in their teen years as they experienced growing up while attending South High School. Although the generations stretch across more than 75 years, my guess is we all shared common experiences on Anne Street in the Southend of Columbus Ohio that influenced the rest of our lives.

And then we became adults. We had careers, families, accomplishments and disappointments. Our lives were influenced by our high school years. Each name represents a *life story* that has a common chapter titled *SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL*.

SHSAA is proud to remember our friends and classmates. If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please notify us so that we can include them in our next issue.

First Name	Last Name	Class
Norma (Klinges)	Jacks	1943
Robert "Bob"	Inman	1945
Beverly Ann (Gristead)	Basler	1946
Fred William	Kreutz	1947
Ann Elizabeth "Moody" (Wright)	Higgins	1947
Paul Coleman	Thayer	1948
Patricia "Pat" (Carr)	Patterson	1949
Thomas Fredrick	Beck	1950
William Lynn "Bill"	Stickney	1952
Eileen "Neelie" (Menzer)	Theis	1954
Donald Thoma	Grcic	1954
Allen Lee	Crossley	1956
Jerry Wells	Ruby	1958
Joseph F. (Joe)	Bobo	1959
Nathaniel	Henderson, Jr.	1959
Jerry R.	Friebis	1959
Hiram Edward	Snodgrass	1960
Don Arthur	Bruton	1960
Susan	Curran	1960
Dann Allan	Ditter	1960
Barbara Ann (Farkas)	Hedrick	1960
Linda Carol (Boggs)	Rinker	1960
Joyce Kathleen (Komives)	Oakley	1960
Gerri Ann (Richards)	Pugliese	1960
Joe	Arndt	1960
Robert Franklin	Helsel	1961
Jack William	Van Gundy	1961
Robert Franklin	Helsel	1961
Gordon Darrell	Bartee	1961
Auggie (Auggie-Doggie)	Husse	1962

First Name	Last Name	Class
Louise (Whitacre)	Middendorf	1962
Walter	Dupler	1962
Guyla Lea (Huckerford)	Prince	1962
William G.	Zealler	1962
Charlene Tina C.	Lewis	1962
Beverly (Jones)	Westphal	1963
Paul	Haag	1963
Rudolph "Rudy"	Seidlertz	1963
William "Bill"	Howard	1964
William "Bill"	Sims	1964
Cheryl Ann (Kirby)	Crivea	1964
Alan	Mettle	1964
Carolyn (Johnson)	Williams	1965
Robert (Bob)	Cloud	1966
Paul Warren	Lee	1966
David	Douglas	1966
Sharon Lyn (Jones)	Gleason	1967
Kenneth	Latham	1967
William Raymond	Schneider	1968
Spencer	Barton	1969
Thomas "Tommy"	Bendure	1969
Rita J. (Toles)	Ghee	1969
Linda (Fauris Parker)	Rivelli	1969
Frank M.	Yenichek	1971
Susan Bell	Wallace	1973
Debbie (Flewellen)	Hunnicuttt	1974
William Jones	Watkins, Jr.	1974
Jeanette Marie	Santee	1974
Kevin V.	Darthard	1975

First Name	Last Name	Class
Katie	Specie	1975
Ricky	Hunter	1976
David Wayne	Stotts	1977
Victoria	Hughes	1980
Dolisa	Hillman	1980
Ted	Nixon, Sr.	1981
Bennett "Ben"	Assmann	1981
Rhonda Michele (Price)	Okolo	1983
Wesley F.	Pullen	1983
James Sherman	Griffith	1985
Susan (Deering)	Likens	1992
Tina Marie (Akers)	Weston	1992
Antwni O. "Pee-Wee"	Richardson	1992
Misti Ann	Hatfield	2006
Joseph Albert	Wells	

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# 1972 - 50th Reunion



# 2022 All Class Picnic

# Alumni Donations



In addition to our Scholarship Fund, SHSAA is proud to offer tax deductible opportunities for you to support other projects and initiatives.

For example, SHSAA accepts proposals from South High faculty and staff for educational trips, activities, and events that otherwise would not be possible. We also purchase equipment for groups such as the band, choir, and other clubs.

Please consider a gift to SHSAA in any amount. Our members suggested several unique ways your gift can be provided.

**A Designated Gift:** SHSAA is able to direct donations to support specific purposes at South (the band, choir, art projects, etc.).

**In Lieu of Flowers:** Some members arrange to have SHSAA designated as a recipient of memorial donations in lieu of flowers at funerals of loved-ones who are alumni.

**Estate Planning Gift:** Some alumni consider including SHSAA as a beneficiary in their will or insurance policies.

**Sustaining Gift:** These gifts are made with a designated payment automatically made from your credit card each month. This type of gift can be directed to our Scholarship Fund or to Member Services. Donate online. Select the DONATE button on the Main Menu.

[www.SHSAA.Family](http://www.SHSAA.Family)

Contact **Jerry Driggs** for more information. 412.680.1602

# Spotlight On South High Alumni

Tiffany Lawson - (2001)

## Visual arts: Columbus native uses common items in extraordinary art “assemblages”

Reprinted from the *Columbus Dispatch*

**Nancy Gilson:** April 2, 2022

From humble materials such as brown paper bags, plastic onion sacks, pillow stuffing, twigs and newspaper and magazine clippings, Tiffany Lawson creates collage works that tell stories.

One piece pays homage to the south Columbus neighborhood where she grew up. One retells the Exodus story. And another pays tribute to her mother as well as a dozen other strong women.

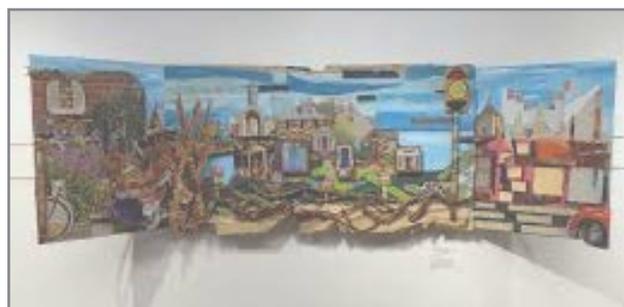


Tiffany Lawson

All are on view in “Contemporary Coloured: Paintings, Mixed Media Art and Assemblages,” Lawson’s solo exhibit of 28 works at Ohio State University’s Faculty Club. The exhibit is curated by Art Coordinator Lisa Craig Morton, who has been following the young artist’s works for about 10 years.

By day, Lawson works as a judicial assistant in the Franklin County Municipal Court but at night in her East Side home, the self-taught 39-year-old makes art.

When she was a child, Lawson’s mother ran an art program for children at the Ohio Avenue United Methodist Church, bringing in African American artists such as Aminah Robinson, Queen Brooks, Richard Duarte Brown and Gilda Edwards – all of whom, Lawson said, inspired her.



The same sort of color, vibrancy and storytelling qualities that are prominent in the works of those artists can be seen in Lawson’s pieces, especially her large, three-panel collage, “Around the Way, USA.”

This lively street scene captures the neighborhood where she grew up with a variety of materials — magazine clippings, doll fabrics, tree twigs, acrylic paint and a base of brown paper bags whose handles can be seen at each end.

## Highlights from Published Interviews

### Where did you grow-up?

I was born and raised on the Southside of Columbus, Ohio, east of German Village. I'm a graduate of South High School class of 2001 and The Ohio State University. The neighborhood that I grew up in is very different from what exists now.

As a child, the pharmacy on the corner sold penny candy, next to the barber shop, up the street from a thriving economy that included laundromats, restaurants, clothing stores, and plenty of churches.

South High School had a homecoming parade that marched from Schiller Park to Mahaffey stadium, with very diverse spectators that I savored.

### Early Influences?

The Columbus Metropolitan Library, Parsons Avenue Branch and Main Branch were safe havens of imagination and information for me. I was also a *Planet Preserver* through a program with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and the Columbus Foundation that made reuse important as well as affording me the privilege of local amusement.

The colorful history of Grandpa Smokey Brown, Aminah Robinson, Gilda Edwards, Richard Duarte Brown, Elijah Pierce and Queen Brooks also peppered my formative years though programs that enriched my life and affinity for creativity. These Black talents served as role models and inspirations.

### Mentors?

As a teenager I was mentored by Gilda Edwards. It gave me an opportunity to witness the life of an artist, how a process is developed and perfected, and how a voice/viewpoint is conveyed through visual art. It was through her that I discovered that creativity was a positive outlet for change and freedom. My work has been shown at galleries and art centers in Ohio and nationally juried by renowned curators.

### Inspiration?

I was the first artist chosen for the Columbus Cultural Arts Center residency where I worked for several months in 2021. These days, I continue to work at my home studio, using found and recycled items that include, of course, the brown paper bags.

Such materials, "Enliven my work with a sense of practicality" and help me "capture the spirit of black life."



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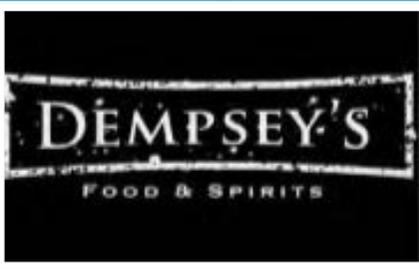
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 SHS Class of 1975



# South High School Alumni Association

## Summer Picnic and Car Show

**Buy Tickets Now - Only \$5!**

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**12:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Fun. Friends. Food.**

This will be the 21st annual summer picnic sponsored by SHSAA. The picnic and car show are at the American Legion Post 144 Hall, at 3253 South High Street near Williams Road - a perfect location for the annual Car Show and Picnic. **Tickets are only \$5 per person** which covers your admission and complimentary bottled water, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and music by '89 SHS graduate DJ Aaron Werner. **Food is available from food trucks that will offer you a variety of ala carte choices at reasonable prices.** The American Legion will host a cash bar for beer and soft drinks. The Alumni Association will furnish complimentary bottled water.



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## South High School Alumni Association Save the Dates

### Annual Picnic and Car Show

Sunday, September 18, 2022 - 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

American Legion Post 144 Hall

3253 South High Street

Columbus 43207

### Annual Membership Meeting

The SHSAA annual membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022. In an effort to ensure the highest likelihood that we will be able to meet in person, we ask that everyone observe the health and safety protocols at place at the time of our event. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM and end around 11:00. Our program will include a year end report, a Q&A session, and the election of SHSAA directors.



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