



# Alumni Newsletter

Highland View Academy &  
Mt. Aetna Academy Alumni Association



## Alumni Weekend 2017

Our Highland View Academy/Mt. Aetna Academy Alumni weekend occurred on May 5-7, 2017. It began with Friday Vespers at the Highland View Church with the classes of 1997 and 2007 leading out. A special song service led by Mandy Corea '07 and Joey (Norwood) Tolbert '97 was enjoyed by all and Stephen Herr '97 was the evening's speaker.

Sabbath Morning, May 6, started with an alumni registration at the front of the main classroom building with refreshments and friends from many parts of the country seeing each other again since their graduation or since last alumni weekend. The Sabbath school was led by the 25<sup>th</sup> honor class of 1992 followed by the Divine Service featuring speaker, Michael Myers '67 and an alumni choir led by former music teacher, James Woods. The current bell choir, Highringers, and the traveling Highlanders choir contributed the service and special music.

After a great lunch served at the academy cafeteria, various honor classes met each other in the academy classrooms, tours of both the renovated girls' dorm rooms and Mt. Aetna school were available, and then the afternoon concluded with a haystack supper and alumni meeting.

Saturday night basketball and Sunday morning soccer games concluded the fun-filled weekend.

New alumni officers were not voted for the following year but stay tuned for a new process of electing your new alumni board.

We hope you can join us for the next alumni weekend on May 4-6, 2018 featuring honor classes 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2008, and 2013!



Class of 2007



Alumni Men's Basketball Game 2017

**Thank you for your gifts of over \$1100 during the Alumni Sabbath offering! Areas of support include Worthy Student, campus ministries, music and sports departments.**

# Alumni Weekend Highlights



Class of 1962



Class of 1967



Class of 1972



Class of 1976



Class of 1977



Class of 1992



Class of 2002



Class of 2012

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## **Alumni Updates**

**Ruth (Miller) Wright '59** was recently married to Pastor Jim Hoffer, former pastor of the Hagerstown SDA Church. They married on April 2, 2017 at the Berkeley Springs, WV church. We wish them God's blessing as they begin a new chapter in their lives

**Ron Nield '65** recently passed away in Tennessee. He is fondly remembered by his classmates as an athlete, foster father, musician, he sang with the Mt. Aetna Academy quartet, and true friend. We extend our sympathies to his wife, Kim and their family

**Ben Waller '76** lives in Bluffton, South Carolina. He is a Battalion Chief with the Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue. He has been a firefighter since 1975 and a paramedic since 1984. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Clemson University and an undergraduate Fire Administration degree. He and his wife, Janet have been married for 32 years. Their children include son Shannon, a Major and fighter pilot instructor in the US Marine Corps, daughter Laura, a US Park Ranger at Ft. Pulaski National Monument in Savannah, GA and daughter, Katy, a junior at the University of South Carolina. He has two grandchildren, Hayden and Victoria, as well.

**Tiffany Joseph Hardy '76** lives in Martinsburg, WV with his wife Gwendolyn. After graduating from Oakwood University in 1980, he served as the Youth Pastor Intern for the Market Street SDA Church in Oakwood, CA. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and then was ordained in the Northern California Conference. He was then commissioned as a Chaplain for the US Army Chaplain Corps, serving in the 44<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina for the 2/67/4/67 Army Battalion, and 334d Armored Division in West Germany. This included a combat tour during Operation Desert Storm 1991. Upon discharge from active duty he served as Lead Chaplain for the Adrian Temporary Corrections Facility in Michigan. In 1985 he was commissioned to serve as staff chaplain for VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, MI until May 2015. He most recently assigned to lead as the chief of Chaplain Service in Martinsburg, WV.

**Robin (Cowdrick) Davis '78** with her husband Donavan relocated in the fall 2016 from North Carolina to South Carolina. She is the handbell choir director at their church school and participates in ministry with her husband who serves as senior pastor for the Spartanburg SDA Church.

**Scott Green '85** and his wife Theresa live in Charlotte, North Carolina where he serves as General Counsel for a national bank. He graduated from Southern Adventist University in 1989 and Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1992. He worked as a litigator and partner in a large Washington DC law firm until 1998 when he moved to Charlotte, NC and opened his own law firm which he sold in 2006 to take his current position. He and his family are active in the Sharon SDA Church.

**Stephanie (Paden) Gehrke '01** and husband, Christopher welcomed their miracle baby Dylan Marie Gehrke on February 5, 2017. She is very excited to welcome her mini-me into the world.



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**History!**

This Mt. Aetna Academy Band patch was found by Andrew Fishell '10 in some of the old storage rooms at Mt. Aetna Academy (Elementary School).

Can you tell us more about it's history?  
Let us know at [alumni@highlandviewacademy.com](mailto:alumni@highlandviewacademy.com)

