

## **SAHS Alumni Association - Last Updated 03/04/2020**

### **SAHS Alumni Association - Testing and Banquet Letter**

The following letter which entails information to be given to seniors and their parents concerning the alumni scholarship testing and banquet. The Alumni President or appointed representative should work with the high school principal or contact to inquire on the date of the exam and discuss the best way to send the letter to the parents/students.

Dates, cost information, etc. will need to be updated each year when used.

Dear Students and Parents of the Class of 2020:

The Shamokin Area High School Alumni Association would like to invite all members of the Class of 2020 to register for and take the competitive examination for the scholarships that will be awarded to the new graduates by our Association and the Coal Township Alumni Association. THERE IS NO FEE FOR TAKING THE TEST. The 16 scholarships for last year ranged from \$2,000 per year to the top award of \$4,000 per year. The award winners can expect their scholarship to be renewed for up to three additional years or as long as they are enrolled in a post-high school educational program, whichever period is shorter. Beginning last year, the R. Thomas Lynch Scholarship is awarded to the graduate with the highest score on the test who will be attending a vocational or technical school. Again, this award is for a maximum of four years depending on the length of the program in which the student is enrolled. Seniors will be advised by the Guidance Department as to the time and place for the taking of the test.

The scholarship winners will be announced at the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet of the Shamokin Area High School Alumni Association to be held May 23, 2020, at Masser's Banquet Hall in Paxinos. ALL members of the Class of 2020, regardless of whether or not they have taken the scholarship examination, are invited to attend the banquet. Student reservations will be made **at the school** at a time and place to be announced. The Class of 2020 will be the guests of the Alumni Association, but a \$5.00 deposit will be required at the time the student makes his or her reservation to attend the banquet. The \$5.00 deposit will be refunded to the student when he or she arrives at the banquet hall. This procedure is necessary since, in the past, some students made banquet reservations but did not bother to attend. On those occasions, the Alumni Association was forced to pay for extra meals for non-attendees because the caterer had prepared food for the number of persons who made reservations. If this deposit/refund process poses an undue financial hardship on any student, he or she should contact the Guidance Department and an appropriate adjustment can be made.

All parents of the Class of 2020 are also invited to attend the annual banquet on May 23rd. The cost of the banquet for parents of the Class of 2020 is \$20.00 per person. This is a discounted price from the \$25.00 being charged to attending alumni who are not parents of the Class of 2020. Parents should make their reservations by sending payment (payable to SAHS Alumni Association) to Gregory Dwulet, Treasurer, 18 Parkwood Drive, Lock haven, PA 17745-2630. Deadline for receiving payments is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Thank you!!

On behalf of the Shamokin Area Alumni Association

Jeffrey Schlader, '73, President  
Amy Rachau, '83, Vice President

As informational, the following email provides input into the process and can be used by future alumni association officers:

**From:** [JEFF SCHLADER](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 12:09 PM

**To:** [Bordell, Jamie](#); [Maxine Howerter-Harvey](#); [Callahan, Jody](#); [Bruce Clutcher](#); [Clutcher, Jeff](#); [Clutcher, John](#); [Dwulet, Gregory](#); [Haas, Susan Kropinski](#); [Katalenas, Beverly](#); [Klinger, Bonnie](#); [Klinger, John](#); [Mattis, Bob](#); [Mary Anne Pitorak Miller](#); [JEFF SCHLADER](#); [Stump, Mary Anne](#)

**Cc:** [Rachau, Amy Henninger](#); [Hockenbroch, Todd](#); [McCabe, Deserae](#); [Weller, Matt](#)

**Subject:** Update on Scholarship Exam communication

Folks,

Since we don't meet until April and we had a detailed discussion at our January meeting on the Scholarship Exam communications, I wanted to give you an update on all the activities that are taking place. The Exam is scheduled for March 26th. Todd, Matt and Deserae have a communication plan with multiple approaches to reach the seniors. Here is a list of what is being done with some items that are already completed:

Send Exam\Communication letters home: Were sent in early February

Amy & Jeff talk to the seniors: This occurred yesterday morning - 2/25

Add to the website: Currently the information is housed on the guidance page. It will be added on the main page of the school website.

Announce it daily: Announcing it daily the entire month leading up to the exam

Automated calls to seniors: Will be scheduled

Seniors graduation check off list: On their list as a reminder

This is an awesome approach to hit multiple avenues to get the information out!

Todd, Matt, Deserae,

Thanks for all your thoughts and efforts to get this to the students! I hope we have a record number of seniors that sign up this year! If I missed any, please let me know!!