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ALUMNI WEEKEND 2024



WEEKEND GUEST SPEAKERS

Lynee Stevens Hamm '74
50 Year Class



Gail Riddick Masondo '69
55 Year Class



Musical Artists: *Take 6!*

60TH ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 2024

HONOR CLASSES

50 Year Class - 1974

1944 ~ 1949	1984 ~ 1989
1954 ~ 1959	1994 ~ 1999
1964 ~ 1969	2004 ~ 2009
1974 ~ 1979	2014 ~ 2019

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

- Friday Night Afterglow Bonfire
- Inspirational Worship Services and Programs
- Alumni Banquet Luncheon - Sabbath In Gym
- Gary Raymond Memorial Basketball Game - Sat. Night.
- Sunday: Pancake Breakfast, Soccer & Volleyball Games
- Sunday Music Concert: Take 6 - 4 pm



For More Information and to Register visit UnionSpringsAcademy.org/alumni-weekend

Mark your calendars, as we are gearing up for our **60th Annual Alumni Weekend, September 20 – 22!** We will be in for a treat this year with speakers Lynee Stevens Hamm '74 (NYC Women's Ministries co-director) as well as Chaplain Gail Riddick Masondo '69 (author) coming all the way from South Africa! It is with great excitement we also announce this year's Sunday concert featuring the world renowned acapella group, *Take 6!* They hold 10+ Grammy & Dove Awards and are coming to OUR campus for alumni weekend! This weekend will be one for the books, so make arrangements to be here!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Alumni, Friends, and USA Supporters,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Alumni Weekend last fall and our chapter reunions these past few months, making them such a memorable success! A marvelous time was had by all that attended.

Last year's Alumni Weekend in September had an excellent turnout with fantastic weather! The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with the book signing and dedication ceremony for Dr. Brian Strayer's '69 new centennial history book, *Our USA We'll Ever Love Thee*. Proceeds from the sale of this book will annually benefit a student with the newly established Spirit Award Scholarship. We thank Dr. Strayer for this wonderful and generous gift of his time and effort. We also would like to thank illustrator, Gary Hunt '71, and others who worked alongside Dr. Strayer during this publication process.

We had one of the highest attended Friday night programs, with past president, Judi Bentz-Eells '65 to bless us with her personal testimony. It was nice to enjoy time with the students as alumni gathered around the afterglow bonfire.

The Sabbath guest speaker, Pastor Eric Doran, from the 50-year class of 1973, who spoke about the 2nd coming of Jesus was inspirational and very moving. His words echoed throughout the pavilion as the personal story of his life at USA rang through our own memories. After church, a delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all with honor classes having the time to visit and enjoy walking the campus throughout the afternoon. The Waymarks, featuring Dr. Sandy Nelson, Gary Steele '68, and Jeff Hunt '68, reunited after 53 years to bless us with music throughout the weekend, including a Saturday afternoon full concert. By popular demand the alumni basketball game had a strong comeback on Saturday night with a rousing crowd cheering for both teams. The alumni won by one point! The game was dedicated in memory of Gary Raymond '66 who started the alumni basketball game many years ago.



Les Chanteurs performing for the Sabbath morning worship service

On Sunday, USA blended with our Alumni Weekend the first ever, professional music concert – featuring recording artists, Selah! To say it was a success does not do it justice – it was outstanding!!!! We had over 450 guests from around New York State and from out of state in attendance. It was a joy to see like-minded adults and youth gathered to sing out their voices with songs of praise to our Lord. Our USA students and our Alumni officers organized a splendid and successful concession stand. I was merely the parking lot attendant with a fun attitude. We look forward to making this an annual tradition!

I am grateful we have the opportunity to have chapter reunions around the country, especially for those who aren't able to attend the annual reunions at USA. It was great seeing the group who came to the Florida chapter gathering in Orlando. I was pleased to hear about the awesome turnout at the Michigan and Tennessee reunions as well.

We want to thank you for your continued support of both our Association and our USA. Our campus, for some, is the starting line for their relationship with Christ, and you personally make that happen with your support and prayers. I was reminded this past week that it's been 8 years since our devastating fire at USA, and yet I remain in absolute awe of how Christ has led our academy out of the ashes into His New Academy. Our student enrollment is up, our staff is the absolute best, and God just continues to bless us bountifully.

Your Alumni Association is alive and active! I am thrilled to welcome my classmate and friend, Mitch Strong '78 as our new vice president. He joins our team of officers as we continue taking on new adventures and setting new goals. If you're interested in getting involved, please let me know.

You remain the very heart and soul of our Union Springs Academy.

In His Work (which is really FUN)
~John Cardinell, Class of '78



Jessica Cordon '24, Senior Class President presenting the class of 2024's banner to the Alumni Association's archivist, Ed Runnals '73

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023 CANDIDS AND HONOR CLASSES



Richard Wright '64, Ruthie Burdick McGregor '64, Sharon & Gerald Greene '63, Terry Greene Dickerman '61 and Terry Schermerhorn '62 at Sunday Brunch



The Waymarks: Stacy Nelson, Gary Steele '68 & Jeff Hunt '68



Pastor Eric Doran '73 ~ Sabbath Message



Dr. Brian Strayer '69 unveiling the Centennial History Book



Roll Call with Penny Gebhard Pagett '92 and Ingrid Satelmajer Pelley '88

“GOLDEN YEARS” (50+ YEARS)



L to R Back Row: Jeff Hunt '68, Eric Doran '73, Jonathan Bourne '73, Don May '73, Malcolm Meachem '73, Laurie Carr '73, Ron Slocum '71, Gary Hunt '71, David Foote '73, Bryan Anderson '74, Sheri Galutia '73, Barry Marden '73, Ed Runnals '73, Bruce King '71. 4th Row: Susan Taylor Walter '73, Diane Nudd '73, Conrad Nudd '73, Terralyn Greene Dickerman '61, Terri Kinney Dale '73, Kathy Tollerton Kuntz '73, Linda Meager Hay '73, Mary Young Quiring '73, Debra Lloyd Foote '73, Mark Shiefer '73, Mary Ellen Wielt Lewis '73, Terri Tollerton Kuntz '73, Sally Wesson Hafner '73. 3rd Row: Judi Bentz Eells '65, Colleen Young Ingersoll '65, Sharon Myers Greene '63, Gerald Greene '63, Ken Cobb '63, Robert Curran '63, Brian Strayer '69, Gary Temple '68, Paul Richards '68, Timothy Boundy '68, Jim Foote '68, Tari Tibbits Hafner '69. 2nd Row: Phyllis Caster Peck '59, Joyce Clark Cady '52, Marjorie Webber Howes '58, Ann Beard Fuller '61, Ruth Hillier Milburn '68, Phyllis Orsburn '68, Judy Landry Orsburn '68, Daniel Foote '68, Charlene Howard Blank '68, David Allen '68, Fred Parker '68, A. Raymond Halbritter '68. Front Row: Kate Luss Harris '70, Ruthie Burdick McGregor '64, Jacqueline Fuller Caster '54, Ginny Coyer Pecora '70, Lottie Curren Doughty '61, Linda Maracle '68, Mary Curren '70, Sharon King '70, Valarie Yonke Hutchinson '68, and Gail Carr Mason '70

60 Year Honor Class 1963



L to R: Sharon Myers Greene, Gerald Green, Ken Cobb and Robert Curren

45 Year Honor Class 1978



L to R Back Row: John Cardinell, Howard Taylor, Mitch Strong, Mark Cady, Harry Taylor
Front Row: Kirsten Crandall Benson, Melody Smith and Jenni "Chicky" Austin Carr

50 Year Class of 1973



L to R Back row: Ed Runnals, Bryan Anderson, Sally Wesson Hafner, Malcolm Meachem, Linda Meager Hay, Sheri Galutia
3rd Row: Eric Doran, Jonathan Bourne, Laurie Carr, David Foote, Don May, Barry Marden, Mary Young Quiring
2nd Row: Mark Schiefer, Terri Kinney Dale, Holly Preston Gayton, Mary Ellen Wielt Lewis, Kathy Tollerton Kuntz, Conrad Nudd
Front Row: Susan Taylor Walter, Diane Nudd, Debra Lloyd Foote

55 Year Honor Class of 1968



From L to R: Back Row: Jeff Hunt, Paul Richards & Gary Temple, Jim Foote, Fred Parker

2nd Row: Daniel Foote, Timothy Boundy, Phyllis Orsburn, Ruth Hillier Milburn, A. Raymond Halbritter, David Allen

Front Row: Judy Landry Orsburn, Charlene Howard Blank, and Linda Maracle

35 Year Class of 1988



Back L to R: Tonya Shantel Escoban, Ingrid Satelmajer Pelley, Jill Fuller Peralta and Robert Gebhard

30 Year Class of 1993



From L to R: Elaine Holdren, Orman Blenman and Sandra Walker Innamorati

25 Year Class of 1998



From L to R: Heather Solcum, Larry Hayes and Kay Duncan Lavonier

10 Year Class of 2013



K'Shaw Paw and Lille Smith Crittenden

5 Year Class of 2018



From L to R: Hsar Law Hsaw, Issac Makoma, Melanie Llanto and Brook Garlock

2023 Alumni Weekend – Alumni Tributes and Thank You's



Terry Schermerhorn '62 receiving a American flag gift in appreciation for his many years of serving as our Alumni Veteran's Coordinator.



Jeff Hunt '68 with wife, Emma, accepting a plaque of appreciation for his dedication and time serving as President. The award references *The Pathway Home* the song he wrote for the Centennial Celebration.



Elizabeth Runnals' 26 & Carol Cuoto '27 sitting on the newly dedicated bench in honor of Ed Runnals '73 for his outstanding efforts as USA's archivist.

DEVOTIONAL BY RICHARD WRIGHT CLASS OF '64

I don't know about you, my Alumni Friends of Union Springs Academy, but I am discovering that in my senior years my health is not like it was when I was a student at Union Springs Academy when then I had all kinds of energy.

Something has happened over the last 60 years. I think it is called the aging process. When you think about it, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God created us in such a way that our bodies heal themselves. I have also discovered that sometimes we need a little help from doctors and even medications. Thank God for both!

I have also learned that God is my great physician and He can heal me His way or He may choose to work through the medical community. So, I put my trust in Him. Proverbs 3:5, 6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding; In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." KJV

I have found this to be true in all aspects of my life. We all have challenges to face and some of them can be very hard, but I find that God will go through them with us so we don't have to travel alone.

I have had some serious health problems the last two years. I went through some very excruciating pain recently but God brought me through and made me stronger and better. Life will not always be free of pain and suffering. God is going to change all of that soon.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4 KJV

Praise God He loves and cares for us. Trust Him.

~Richard Wright, Class of '64

CONGRATULATIONS!



Let's give a shout-out and celebrate with RUTHE ANDERSON AMBLER from the Class of 1941. Because — DRUMROLL 🥁 — she celebrated her 100th birthday on November 9th, 2023.

To our knowledge, she is one of our oldest living USA alumni members. In honor of her special day, the Union Springs Academy Les Chanteurs choir made a recording of singing 🎵 *Happy Birthday* to her, which was played at her party. Please check out the video and photos of her special celebration. Also, to make her day extra memorable, it looks like she had 100 candles for this amazing milestone.

Mrs. Anderson lives in North Carolina, and comes from a family with several members who went to USA, including her nephew, Bryan Anderson, from the Class of '74. Her father served as pastor in the Albany district for many years and her husband Bill was pastor in Binghamton when they accepted their call to North Carolina in the 1950's.

We wish Ruthe many congratulations on this special occasion, as she reflects on her full life of service and God's blessings to her! AND — we know there are other USA alumni members out there who have celebrated their 100th milestone birthday, such as this. We would love to hear about them, so we can celebrate their lives.

Click on the QR code to watch.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It has been a busy but absolutely wonderful year at the Academy with our focus as always being to encourage and help foster the growth of each student's relationship with Christ. God has continued to bless our enrollment with 92 students currently on campus, and about 10 returned as they were only one semester students from UNASP in Brazil. So, in total we hit over 100 students this year for the third year in a row! Next year we expect an even higher enrollment with many applications we have already received and the interested parents who are calling.

God has been good to the USA, and He has been very good to me personally, healing me and allowing me to continue serving Him and His children. I want to thank all of you who prayed faithfully for me during this past year.

We have two large ministries on campus which help us reach out to our community each year. I know the younger alumni carry many memories of these special events from the past 30 years. Walk Through Bethlehem started in the early 2000's and the Passion Play in the late 1990's on Easter Weekend. These two events have grown in attendance and in magnitude with the quality and growth of the productions. Passion Play sets have expanded, and the large part of Walk Through Bethlehem is located in the Skantz Pavilion with a large marketplace. As I write this, we are putting the finishing touches on this year's Passion Play and I look forward to seeing so many alumni this weekend! We count it such a blessing to introduce people to Jesus through these two powerful events.

We have been blessed to pilot the Three Angels for Kids program here at USA all the way from the USA Elementary School (formally Frontenac Elementary) up to the Academy grades. Our Bible teachers are really enjoying the creative and relative way the curriculum was designed for kids by Dr. Sandra Doran. We want our students to truly understand the beautiful message God gave us in Revelation for these end times.

As our students grow in Christ here at USA, many answer the call for baptism. Just prior to the Christmas home leave, two of our students were baptized, and now eight more are studying for baptism this spring. Our pastor and chaplain are using the Amazing Facts Bible studies with our students. We praise God for His work in the lives of these precious students.

Campus improvements continue to take place year-round thanks to our maintenance team and the many dedicated volunteers who pass through our school each year. During this school year the wooden gym floor was refinished again. It had been since 2017, and now looks shiny and amazing again! We also are planning to purchase a new bus soon as our big bus had to be retired. New

convection ovens and a stove were installed in the cafeteria. The old equipment that is no longer functioning was removed, and the cafeteria large refrigerator was repaired. Our boys' dorm bathrooms were upgraded last summer with one bathroom being completed remodeled for our students. The girls' dorm also was blessed with several improvements, including the assistant dean's apartment was remodeled from top to bottom.

We are looking forward to seeing you at several upcoming events including the NY Camp Meeting Strawberry Feed, the 11th Campus Renovations Week on July 7-14, and of course, our big Alumni Weekend in September! I am so grateful for all our alumni do to help our school stay stable, strong and secure for the future.

We hope to see you at one of our campus events soon! May God bless you all!

In His Service,

Jeremy Garlock
Union Springs Academy Principal



REGIONAL REUNIONS

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

In January, during the Newmyer Classic basketball tournament at Andrews University, the Michigan chapter of our Alumni had a get-together. This took place in the newly crafted Andreasen Center for Wellness. Tucked cozily in one of the classrooms, about forty alumni and current students joined together to talk about the past and future of our dear Union Springs Academy. I had the privilege of being one of those in attendance. Having graduated from USA in 2021, this was my first Alumni event, and I was excited to converse with those with similar memories of attending USA school.

The event began with Pastor Jonathan Baker '16 opening up the service with prayer and a welcome. We were blessed to hear the Coleman sisters (Sarah '20, Moriah '21, and Nadine '23) sing together again. While attending USA, they often sang songs for morning worship, vespers, and church. How wonderful to hear them sing together again! Other special pieces of music included senior Sophia Campoverde '24, as well as a clarinet trio of current students.

Pastor Samuel Vidal, former Assistant Boys' Dean, had a short worship talk to close the Sabbath. Pastor Vidal was the assistant boys' dean when I attended USA, and I always enjoyed his sermons. After Sabbath had come to a close, we heard updates from Janica and Darrin Caster '89, and Nick Metcalf (current history teacher). This included updates on enrollment, a glimpse into the faculty and staff, improvements to the school, events to look forward to, and more. The event ended with wonderful conversations over refreshments, snacks, and pizza.

It was beautiful to see Alumni representing many generations of graduates from Union Springs Academy, and I am proud to be part of the Union Springs Alumni!

~Alexandria 'Lexie' Dunham, Class of 2021

Prayer in the Andreasen Wellness Center at Andrews University





Dr. Frances Gibbs Faehner '72 and Conrad Demsky '55



L to R: Lah Moo Doh '20, Moriah Coleman '21, Sarah Coleman '20, Nadine Coleman '23, Danny Joy '21 and Pastor Samuel Vidal, former USA staff with his daughter, Angel



Bruce Hyde, Darrin Caster '89 and Barbara Caster Hyde '52

FLORIDA CHAPTER



It felt like a family reunion at the Orlando area USA Alumni reunion held March 2nd of this year. With the smaller size, intimate atmosphere and beautiful venue... there are no strangers if you have USA in common. Several commented on how great it was to have a local meeting with Union Springs so far away.

In a state-of-the-school address, with pictures of staff and student activities and of campus upgrades by Janica Caster, Advancement Director, and Alumni President John Cardinell, we were given a glimpse into current school life. Future plans were described by

Darrin Caster with the present most pressing need, specifically a new bus.

While we all munched away on the amply supplied party plates and blue and gold decorated cake, Jeff Hunt '68 shared his talents in an inspiring concert and led us in singing the 100th anniversary song – *The Pathway Home*. Finally, no USA alumni meeting would be complete without a heartfelt singing of "Our USA" with self-congratulatory applause and whoops!

~Timothy Boundy, Class of '68



Pastor Michael Lay, 1990's local pastor and Jeff Hunt '68, past president



Pastor Bud Schermerhorn '55, Ray Heers '70 and his mom, Dotty Heers



It's not a celebration without a cake!



**L to R Back Row: Darrin Caster '89, Janica Kaltsas Caster '90, Terry Schermerhorn '62 and wife Linda (honorary alumna), Al Battistone '65, Pastor Bud Schermerhorn '55 and former staff in 80's, Paul and Judy Greenberg Christopherson '74, Pastor Michael Lay (US Church 1977-79) and wife Marilyn Farley Lay '54, Brian Lay '80, Gordon Hudak '78, Paul Thompson '60 with son, Rick Thompson, Tim '68 and Barbara Boundy (honorary alumna), Jeff '68 and Emma Hunt (honorary alumna)
Front Row: Ray Heers '70 with mother Dottie Heers and John Cardinell '78**

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Over 70 USA alumni attended our Chapter Meeting in Collegedale on March 3rd at the Collegedale SDA Church! What a reunion it was! There were alumni present ranging from across the century with Abdiel Vargas '23, to Betty Richards Rice '48! We were thrilled to see so many from the 1950's, and the 1960's and 1970's were in close competition in outnumbering the number of alumni who came from their decades!

A breakfast brunch was served to begin the event and alumni were able to enjoy visiting together while they ate a delicious spread! After the meal, we had a morning worship program including young alumni leading in some beautiful hymns, special music by Darrin and Janica Caster, and an incredibly inspirational talk by Joseph Htoo from the Class of 2021. Joseph is currently studying at Southern to be a minister. It was exciting to hear Joseph's testimony of how his family heard the Advent message in Burma. It was his grandparents who heard Eric B. Hare and his wife in Burma. His grandparents were the first ones baptized from his missionary trip to Burma!

Incidentally, when I was 10 years old, I met Elder Hare when visiting a relative in California.

Janica Caster '90, the Advancement Director and our Alumni Liaison at the academy gave an update on the school, alumni association, and the upcoming alumni weekend plans. Her husband, Darrin Caster '89, Maintenance Director at USA, gave an update on how the academy plant is doing and the positive impact that Renovations Week has had on the campus the last ten years.

One highlight of the chapter gathering was Keith Attle '59 receiving his long overdue high school diploma. He had a serious illness while in academy during his junior year and was hospitalized. This affected his studies during his senior year which made him ineligible to graduate with his senior class.

Now over 60 years later, the academy presented him with an honorary diploma. He was so surprised and expressed his great appreciation for the gesture from the school he proudly calls his alma mater.

We hope to see this TN chapter reunion grow even more as the years go by.

~Terralyn Greene-Dickerman, Class of '61

Tennessee Chapter Reunion Candid Pictures



Janica Caster presenting Keith Attle '59 with a USA Honorary Graduation Diploma



Prayer of healing for Ron Doane '72 with Pastors Dick Tibbits '68, Brian Burgess '85, Joseph Htoo '21 and Rolland Ruf '43



Joseph Htoo '21 giving morning devotional talk at Collegedale Church



Jenni Austin Carr '78 and Carolyn Fox Sullenberger '67



Erik Roshak '92, Michael Robbins '92 and Orest Roshak, Jr. '90



Eric Polino '01 and Scott Kabel '03

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ALUMNI WEEKEND NEWS

ALUMNI WEEKEND -PLAN TO ATTEND!

We have been planning a fantastic fall Alumni Weekend for you and we hope you will make arrangements to come 'home' and be a part of the celebration and fellowship! More information will be updated regularly on the USA Alumni Facebook group. Join today if you are not already in the group. Lodging information, meal reservations, and other details are also on the school website on the Alumni tab.

MEMORABILIA WANTED!

If you have any USA memorabilia or old yearbooks that you would like to donate, please bring them to alumni weekend for the USA Museum. We are especially looking for years 1936, 1937 and 1938. Please contact USA's archivist Ed Runnals at vtrunnals@gmail.com to communicate any donations.

TREASURER VACANCY

Our current treasurer's term is up, but Netta Blakes '84 is graciously filling in until a new one is appointed. If you are interested in this important position, please reach out to our president John Cardinell, Jr. by emailing him at USCGHighseassailor@gmail.com.

TAKE 6! CONCERT – SEPTEMBER 22

Tickets to the *Take 6!* concert at Alumni Weekend will be on sale online first to our USA alumni at a discounted price beginning in July and then to the general public. Stay tuned for more information on how to get yours!

USA Alumni Association Financial Report Alumni Trust Fund as of Feb. 2024

Accounts	Current Balance
General Expenses Fund	\$23.20
Campus Projects Fund	\$ 1,456.20
Communications Fund	\$ 534.15

CENTENNIAL BOOKS FOR SALE

The centennial history book, *Our USA We'll Ever Love Thee* by Dr. Brian Strayer is only \$25. You can purchase your copy at camp meeting, alumni weekend, or order through the website and we will ship it to you!



Visit the website unionspringsacademy.org and click **Donate Here** to order from the Alumni Association tab. There are also copies available of the *Centennial Memoria Yearbook* for \$25.

RENOVATIONS WEEK CAMPAIGN

Please consider giving a gift for our annual Renovations Week coming up July 7-14. We are thankful for an amazing gift opportunity again this year! All donations up to \$40,000 will be **matched dollar for dollar** until July 5th. You can give on USA's website or by mailing a check to the academy. Please indicate that your gift is for the Renovations Fund. Thank you!

S.T.R.E.A.M FAIR

Union Springs Academy held their 5th S.T.R.E.A.M Fair on March 10, 2024, in conjunction with Academy Days. This year's theme was Aviation. Dr. Elisoa Andrian, our STEM Director, invited several professionals to be speakers and judges from the aviation field, including many of our alumni. They included Bryan Anderson '74, Patrick Bonin '95, Bill Boyd '80, Jerry Hamm '70, Pastor Giovanni Esposito and Fred Burghardt, both former staff. A big thank you to all for their involvement to help make the event a great success!



BONANZA REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Inviting all attendees and graduates of USA from 1972-1976, era faculty and staff, called the “Bonanza Group” to a reunion during the second weekend of the New York Conference Camp Meeting.

The dates will be **June 28-30, 2024**. For more information go to “Linda Nord Bonanza” on Facebook for more details or contact Linda Nord Ulrich '75 at joenlindau@yahoo.com or call 814-706-9949!

We hope to see you there!

ALWAYS REMEMBERED – NEVER FORGOTTEN

This list includes all who passed away since the summer of 2022. If alumni are missing from this list, please email the full name and date of death to alumnimembership@unionspirngsacademy.org.

1961	Kay Hancock Rizzo	06/22/22	1953	Barbara Secor Prest	05/ ??/23
1966	Clarence “Chuck” Gable	06/29/22	1975	Virginia (Jenny) Tolley Ryan	09/19/23
1970	Jim Nord	08/05/23	1979	William Goransson	09/23/24
Staff	Harold Knox	08/07/22	1948	Jean McGraw Bramen	10/06/23
1966	Gary Raymond	08/17/22	1966	Larry Robbins	10/?? /23
Staff	Judy Hodder	11/04/22	1958	Florence Gibbous-Cook	02/06/23
1957	Marilyn Miller	01/13/23	1975	James J. Williams	11/30/23
1968	David Allen	11/07/23	1943	Harold Marsh	12/07/23
1949	David Prest, Sr.	02/13/23	1945	Lillian Mills Thomas	12/19/23
1957	David Kneller	02/23/23	1970	Peggy Parker Blackmon	01/01/24
1956	Brandstatter (Martyn) Brooks	03/04/23	1972	Sylvia Thrasher	01/03/24
Staff	Julie Hunt	03/28/23	1958	Louis (Louie) Fleming	01/09/24
1980	Kim Wolfe Lamb	04/17/23	1988	Bonnie Kimble	01/11/24
1953	Hazel Parker Armstrong	05/14/23	1952	June Gebhard DeWind	01/13/24
1971	Ellen Bradsted Freville	06/22/23	1958	Carol Groom Edmister	02/20/24
1955	Edna Rider Bradt	07/16/23	1952	Nancy Conibear Whitens	03/27/24
1946	Edward Roche Sr.	08/02/23			

Union Springs Academy Calendar

April 20: USA Student Baptisms at the Union Springs SDA Church

April 20: USA Junior Benefit Talent Show & Auction

April 28: Massachusetts Chapter Reunion

May 31 – June 2: Graduation Weekend

June 21 – 29: NY Conference Camp meeting

June 22: 8th Annual Strawberry Shortcake Feed

June 23: 11th Annual USA Eagle Run

June 28 – 30: Bonanza Reunion for Alumni ‘72-‘76

July 7–14: 11th Campus Renovations Week with Maranatha

July 21–27: Skills Week – Grades 8-12

September 20 – 22: 60th Annual Alumni Weekend

September 22: **Take 6!** in Concert at USA (close of alumni weekend)

**For more information on these events please email jcaster@unionspirngsacademy.org.*

Announcing...

**8th Annual USA Alumni
Strawberry
Shortcake Feed!**



NEW YORK CAMP MEETING

Saturday, June 22, 2024

5:00 pm

USA Cafeteria

Union Springs Academy

All Alumni and immediate families welcome!

Established Alumni Scholarships with Union Springs Academy

Name of Scholarship	Current Balance	Description
Class of '55 Scholarship:	\$450.00	A financial need-based scholarship for USA students
Class of '61 ~Lombard & Puebla Scholarship:	\$2,435.00	For USA graduates going into ministry/music
Lucille Cardinell Nursing Scholarship:	\$2,100.00	For USA graduates going into nursing career
John B. Foote Memorial Scholarship:	\$30,000.00	For selected 10 th grade boys from Capman Hall
Alumni Generational Scholarship:	\$738.24	For USA students who is an alumni child or grandchild
Gary Raymond Memorial Scholarship:	\$500.00	For USA 11 th graders who excel in athletics and sportsmanship
Spirit Award Scholarship:	\$1,157.62	This scholarship is for 11 th graders who show a significant interest and ability in either history or writing, or the student has played a major role in supporting the institution. From the proceeds from Dr. Strayer's Centennial book, <i>Our USA We'll Ever Love Thee</i> .
Gail Riddick Loress Masondo Scholarship:	\$8,350.00	For African American female students who show leadership potential in school, church, community or civic spheres of service. *This new scholarship will be presented to a student for the first time at the 2024 Alumni Weekend.

Your support to the Alumni Association is greatly needed and appreciated for operating events such as Alumni Weekend, chapter reunions, providing the *ReEchoes* newsletter, and much more. Your donations to these scholarships help students to receive a Christian education! In our next issue, we will be doing a spotlight on each scholarship to share more their history and the impact they are making. Thank you for giving a gift to the area that you are most passionate about at by clicking the "Donate Here" button at unionspringsacademy.org.

2024 Honor Classes List with Class Representatives and Alumni Officer Liaisons

Class Year	Class Representatives	Alumni Officer Liaison
75 Years – 1949	Dr. Edward and Addy Sheldon	Jeff Hunt
70 Years – 1954	Beatrice Horner Genet	Janica Kaltsas Caster
65 Years – 1959	Retha Wells Rempher	Terry Greene Dickerman
60 Years – 1964	Richard Wright	Judi Bentz Eells
55 Years – 1969	Dr. Brian Strayer & Tari Hafner Tibbits	Janica Kaltsas Caster
50 Years – 1974	JoAnn Cooley & Lori Whitens Caraccicolo	Penny Gebhard Pagett
45 Years – 1979	Virginia Bourne Trecartin & Nancy Hudak Clayburn	John Cardinell, Jr.
40 Years – 1984	Rob Raney	Bill Boyd, Jr.
35 Years – 1989	Darrin Caster	Ingrid Satelmajer Pelley
30 Years – 1994	BJ Conable & Jessica Closson Cobb	Penny Gebhard Pagett
25 Years – 1999	Stefanie Adams Fraker & Brent Runnals	Gerald Greene
20 Years – 2004	Danae Caster Tallini	John Cardinell, Jr.
15 Years – 2009	Ross Trecartin & Tim and Stephanie Moore	Mitch Strong
10 Years – 2014	Johnathan Ryan	Jeremy Garlock
5 Years – 2019	Mary Htoo	Netta Smith Blakes

Where Are These Alumni?

Below is a list of some honor class alumni who we have lost touch with. We would like to reconnect with them and let them know about the fall reunion. Please let us know if you have any information on the below alumni by emailing Gerald Greene, our Membership Secretary at alumnimembership@unionspringsacademy.org. Thank you!

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Genevieve Genovese Gish
Virginia Wells Dygert

Class of 1949:

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Joyce Menhennett
Margaret Prescott
Delores Smith Thorton

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Loretta Kysar Armistead
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Wilma Thomas
Loretta Wade
Paul Whittiker, Jr.

Class of 1959:

Raymond Goodness

Class of 1964:

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Cheryl "Cherry" Gregory
Thomas McCumber
Bonnie Randall
Roger VanOrnum
John Wallraff
Beverly Wethey
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Dave Wright
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Class of 1969:

James Christianson
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Cindy Sumner

Class of 1974:

Melita Johnson

Class of 1979:

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John Pearsall
Frank Sheldon

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Class of 2009:

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Nathaniel Wolfe

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