

Bear Tracks

The Suda East Butler High School Alumni Newsletter



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2023 Donations Exceed \$25,000

Entrance Covering and Landscaping Improvements Added

Suda E. Butler High School has benefited from over \$25,000 in donations from SEBAA in 2023. We recently donated \$9,000 to build a roof over one of the entrances to the Herbert Hatfield Gymnasium (Large Gym). This entrance has seldom been used in the past but will now be used as the main drop off for students arriving by bus.

In 2015, SEBAA donated funds for landscaping improvements. This included the island around the flagpole and the memorial honoring the alumni killed in battle. Last winter, much of the landscaping was damaged by the cold weather so we donated an additional \$5,000 to have the damaged plants replaced along with other landscaping improvements.

In addition to these improvements, SEBAA has donated over \$10,000 to student organizations that volunteer at bingo (cheer team, track and cross country, Black Student Union and the wrestling team). We also help sponsor the school's performing arts department and the JROTC.

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Walkway Covering - Large Gym



A sample of the landscaping work donated by SEBAA

"Loyal We'll Ever Be"

\$275,000

\$115,000	Alumni Hall (original gym)
\$30,000	Engineering lab
\$22,000	New bleachers – Alumni Hall
\$12,000	Landscaping
\$12,000	Scholarship
\$11,000	Keyboards
\$10,000	Alumni conference room
\$9,000	Roof over gym entrance
\$5,000	Video boards
\$5,000	War memorial
\$3,000	TVs in cafeteria
\$3,000	Library
\$38,000	Other donations

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SEBAA Transition Continues with the Election of Officers

Continuity Is Key to the Transition Process

Recently, the board of directors met to elect officers for 2024. This new slate of officers will serve throughout the year. In a previous meeting, Brittany Campbell Braun '00 was named executive director. The new officers and board of directors will work with Brittany as she carries out the day-to-day tasks of the association. Our new officers are:

Brenda Martin '70 – President/Secretary

Brenda has been very involved with SEBAA over the years and is familiar with every area of the organization. She will continue her role as secretary until a replacement can be found. She has a passion for Butler, the Golden Bear Dinner and her Class of 1970.

Larry Birkenfeld '67 – Vice President

Larry has been on the board of directors since SEBAA's inception. He too, is familiar with all areas of the organization and focuses on our website and IT issues. Prior to the start up of SEBAA, Larry was an officer in the Butler Boosters.

Carla Schoen – Treasurer

Carla has been our treasurer since 2022 and is also chairman of bingo. She graduated from PRP in 1996. Her husband, Rob, graduated from Butler in 1994. We are fortunate to have Carla as a key to SEBAA's success.

"We are fortunate to have this slate of officers. I'm convinced SEBAA is in good hands and will continue to grow. Carla has been a valuable addition to SEBAA and I can't think of anyone more loyal to Suda E. Butler than Brittany, Brenda and Larry. We are in good hands." ...Eddie Cannon, outgoing president.

Board of Directors

Set to Serve Through 2024

We don't have a traditional election to approve our board. Our process is more of a confirmation. We ask for volunteers to serve on our board and we also recruit new board members. We ask our membership to confirm our slate and send in a vote of confidence, to support our volunteer board.

This slate includes many members who have been involved since day one. We are still working on recruiting new board members, and we think we are close. This slate has agreed to serve through 2024. During this time, we will focus on attracting new board members and officers, upgrading our electronic communication capabilities, maintaining our summer picnic and the Golden Bear Dinner, growing our membership and conducting a capital campaign to support a soon-to-be-announced project.

Here is the complete slate.

Fred Wright '58

Earl Dever '59

Joan Sternberg Butler '64

Larry Birkenfeld '67

Brenda Martin '70

Diane Potts '71

Diana Bott Hellmann '72

Marc Jennings '74

Jonathan Joseph '11

Carla Schoen

Show Your Support - Vote

If you support this entire slate, please click on this [link](#) and let us know by December 8, 2023. We appreciate your support for these volunteers.

Get Involved

If you would like to get involved with SEBAA leadership activities, click [on this link](#) and let us know. Remember, you can serve remotely.

[Click to Become a Lifetime Member](#)

Suda E. Butler's Veterans to Be Honored

Yearbook to Feature Alumni That Served Our Country

This was previously announced and the response, as expected, has been overwhelming.

Our alma mater will be honoring Butler Alumni that served in the US military. There will be a special section in the 2024 yearbook dedicated to this special group. If you were in the military, or know of a Butler alumni that served, please help the school make this a special yearbook.

Please provide the following:

- Name of veteran (add current last name if different from high school)
- Affiliated with which Suda E. Butler High School class
- Branch of service
- Years served
- Optional – Picture (either military photo or senior picture)
- Send via email to gail.jones@jefferson.kyschools.us

Deadline Extended to November 27, 2023

Note: Space is limited.

SEBAA is proud of these classmates who have given their lives, at an early age, to preserve the freedom that we enjoy each day. They will always be considered the best of the best of Suda E. Butler High School.

Paul D. Carter – '61 – Captain, US Army - Died May 27, 1971

Lawrence Vick Beattys – '62 – First Lieutenant, US Army – Died January 4, 1969

Willard L. Clemons – '63 – Chief Warrant Officer, US Army – Died April 3, 1970

Harry David Huckelberry – '63 – PO 2, US Navy – Died May 22, 1968

Gary W. Hawkins – '66 – PFC, US Army – Died October 24, 1967

Randolph Duvall, Jr. – '67 – Lance Corporal, US Marines – Died October 11, 1967

Carl L. Fruechtenicht – '67 – Spec 4, US Army - Died April 2, 1970

Joseph D. Johns – '67 – Fireman, US Navy – Died April 3, 1970

Thomas W. Warren – '68 – Sergeant, US Army – Died December 2, 1971

Leonard H. Mantooth, Jr. – '70 – Sergeant, US Army – Died January 11, 1972

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Principal

William M. Allen

Butler Senior Ramiya White Signs With UK

Picks Cats Over Offers from Other Power 5 Universities



Ramiya White on Signing Day,
in Alumni Hall

Ramiya White, a 6-5 center, is the third-ranked prospect and the top-ranked center in the state of Kentucky in the class of 2024, according to Prep Girls Hoops. White is a three-year letter-winner at Suda E. Butler High School under head coach Candyce Wheeler.

Last year, the then-junior led Butler in points (8.6) and rebounds (8.0), while shooting 51.5 percent from the field and 64.2 percent from the line. She helped guide her team to a 13-13 record and its second straight 22nd District Championship win last season, before being named to The Courier Journal's All-Sixth Region First Team for her overall performance.

Read about Ramiya on UKAthletics.com



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Golden Bear Dinner Video](#)

New SEBAA Lifetime Members

1970 Gregory Rountree *
1971 Toni Schulten East
1976 Mark Pate
1981 Stephanie Kloufetos Crowhurst *
1998 Brian Gribbins
Faculty Pascal Bailey

Memorial Member *

Alumni Obituaries

1960 Rosalie Althaus Smith	1969 Harold (Kirby) Phillips
1960 Gordon Panter	1971 Nancy Woosley Lawson
1964 Peggy Coy Sharp	1972 Dennis Schueler
1965 Tommy Jeffries	2001 Matthew Decker
1968 Randall Goins	Faculty Tina Leahy

We have recently received the news of the passing of these classmates. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of these Butler Bears. If we have missed the passing of one of our friends, please let us know and we will publish it in our next newsletter.

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