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We exist to unite and grow our alumni family, and champion the dream and values of Father Flanagan through leadership.

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"We need those who in fulfillment of their dreams, will risk hardships and who are prepared to be jeered at, yet who will carry on in spite of everything to prove their conviction."

– Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan



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2018 Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Inducts Five

This year's Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame class has five members.

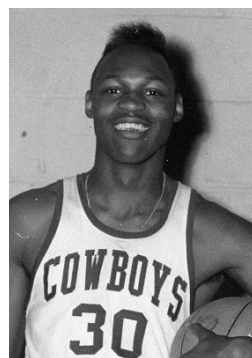
The five were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual Booster Banquet on May 1, 2018. Their performances on the field of play at Boys Town have earned them the honor of joining a long list of athletes from the school's storied athletic teams. Sports have always been a major part of the program of opportunity for Boys Town youth and these inductees represent the best of the best.

Ronald J. White, Class of 1966, arrived at Boys Town on August 5, 1959, from Omaha, Nebraska, at the age of 12. White's potential as a basketball player was immediately apparent. In addition to his prowess on the hardwood, White had an outstanding singing voice and became a member of the famed touring Boys Town Concert Choir. White was a Commissioner in his senior year in Boys Town's program of self-government.

In high school, White was a natural for the varsity basketball team and earned his first varsity letter as a freshman. He was a four-year varsity letterman on the basketball team and a member of the varsity letter club and "B" Club all four years. As a sophomore, White earned a minor letter in track and a varsity letter as a senior.

In 1965, the basketball team began the season with a win that would eventually lead to back-to-back Nebraska Class A State championships for Coach George Pfeifer, '44. The Cowboys were a force to be reckoned with on the court and White, a forward on the team, was instrumental in cementing the championship in 1965. Boys Town ended the season with a record of 22-2. For his efforts, White received honorable mention on the Omaha World-Herald All-State team. He, along with teammate Jim Hester, was named by the Lincoln Journal Star to that newspaper's All-Tournament team. White's highest scoring production came against Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson High School during the Metro Holiday tournament when he scored 37 points.

In 1966, White had an even better year as the Cowboy basketball team garnered its second State Championship. For his efforts, he was chosen by the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Associated Press for their All-State teams, and he was named a Scholastic Magazine All-American. White was also named to the All-Tournament team for the second year. White finished his basketball career with a total of 1,306 points. He was captain of the team



White, '66



McKinney, '68

during the state tournament in 1966. In his senior year, White was awarded the Munroe Trophy for outstanding performance on the basketball court and the T.H. Wolf Memorial Award for Citizenship.

After high school, White attended college briefly and worked in the Omaha area, mostly with the Omaha Public School District, until his retirement. When notified of his selection for the Alumni Sports Hall of Fame, White was humbled and excited to be recognized by his alma mater. In 2013, White was inducted into the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Bob Gibson, Johnny Rogers, Bob Boozer and Boys Town teammate Ken Geddes, '66.

Sadly, on February 28, 2018, White passed away suddenly and was subsequently memorialized at a service at Boys Town's Garden of the Bible on March 17, 2018.

Nathaniel L. McKinney, Class of 1968, arrived at Boys Town on September 12, 1963, from Fresno, California. He took to sports and was a standout athlete in his grade school years. This foretold a bright future in Boys Town athletics. In addition to his athletic achievements, McKinney sang in the school choir. He was class secretary in his freshman and sophomore years.

In high school, McKinney earned three varsity letters in football and basketball and a varsity letter in track as a sophomore, while also earning minor letters in football, basketball and track as a freshman. He was a member of the 1966 State Championship basketball and State Championship football teams, and he was a member of the varsity lettermen's club and "B" Club for three years.

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From the Executive Director

Dear Alumni,

Boys Town has had a banner year celebrating our Centennial and moving forward into our second century. As we look to the future of helping more and more children, we are aware of the significant challenges that face us in this ever-changing world in which we live. We continue to advocate at all levels for the right care at the right time for the children and families of America. Boys Town's proven Model of care continues to bolster our belief that evidenced-based results are the key to long-term success with our youth and with families we serve in communities all across the nation.

Validation of our program of care can be found in this newsletter. Read about the work of Antonio Perez, '99, now a Guidance Counselor at South Magnet High School right here in Omaha. While Boys Town helped to provide him with a foundation, Antonio's hard work and commitment were essential in achieving his success. We are proud of his recognition as Educator of the Year by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Antonio is only one of the many success stories we can look to as proof positive that what we do at Boys Town is having a long-term impact on the youth in our care.

The Class of 2018 is now cemented in the history of Boys Town. This large class, nearly 100, was filled with boys and girls who found new hope and opportunity while at Boys Town. They excelled in academics, in sports, and in their involvement in extracurricular activities and charitable works. We are thankful for the scholarships provided by the Boys Town National Alumni Association (BTNAA) Scholarship Fund at our annual Awards Convocation and the cash awards given out by the BTNAA, the Southern California Chapter, Omaha Chapter and the BTNAA Auxiliary, during the Senior Welcome Lunch held in May. This involvement by your Alumni Association and the Scholarship Fund sends

a strong and meaningful signal to our graduating seniors that our alumni care about them.

This year's Athletic Booster Banquet was a tremendous success. We had an inspirational speaker who spoke directly to the hearts of our kids and we were pleased to induct five more alumni into the Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame. It is always good to see the turnout for this event and we appreciate the support we get from the BTNAA which sponsors a table at the banquet. The money raised at this banquet is essential in keeping our sports programs viable and well-funded so our youth have the best equipment and opportunities to excel on the field of play.

As happens every summer, we have new boys and girls arriving almost every day to begin their new lives at Boys Town. It is a new and scary venture for them... many of you can attest to that. In short order, however, they find that welcoming families and new friends begin to give them hope for a better tomorrow. I ask for your prayers as our new kids transition to their Boys Town homes and our program of care. Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have to bring healing and hope to their lives. Our founder, Servant of God Edward Flanagan, was a firm believer in the power of prayer. We know he is watching over us, so let's get those prayers flying!

I hope to see many of you in Orlando for what looks to be a great Mini-Reunion in the vacation center of the United States. Bring your families and make it an adventure of a lifetime. Travel safely.

God's blessings on you and your family for a successful summer.

Father Steven E. Boes
National Executive Director

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Alumni Profile

Robert D. Mindlin, '89

Robert Mindlin, '89, began his more than six-year tenure at Boys Town much the same as many others. With his family broken by divorce, he slowly drifted into juvenile delinquency.

"My family and the courts were fed up with my behavior and decided to take action," he said. "I had just turned 12 when my father dropped me off at Boys Town. It was March 10, 1983."

Right away, Mindlin worked hard to learn the Boys Town Social Skills Model.

"I learned to make eye contact, shake hands, fill out a point card, say OK and check back," Mindlin said. "I realized my problems were microscopic compared to others, and many of the other kids were far less fortunate than me. I understood early, we needed to learn from each other."

Mindlin found the structure of accountability suited him well.

"It was up to me to improve," he said. "And Boys Town offered plenty of tools and support to allow that to happen."

Mindlin found his primary outlet in athletics at the Palrang Field House with teammates and friends.

"We shared so much together; trophies and tears," Mindlin said. "We grew up together like a pride of lions. They are still my friends and brothers."



Mindlin, '89

Without the positive influence of coaches, like the recently deceased Dave Benedict, Mindlin and his teammates would not have excelled.

"The coaching staff through the years was exceptional and deserves the lion's share of credit for my ability to perform on the fields of competition," he said. "I give them the highest praise, and thank them for everything they did for us. My fondest memories are being part of the Cowboys and their long tradition of excellence."

Mindlin enrolled in Boys Town's vocational training program, studying Culinary Arts.

"I was privileged to serve governors, senators and first ladies," Mindlin said. "We entertained professional athletes, movie stars, religious leaders and socialites. Our boys worked at many of the local restaurants and country clubs. I still use many of the recipes I learned in class."

Mindlin worked on the Boys Town farm in the summers.

"I loved spending summer days at the horse farm, riding horses in the arena or on the trail," he said. "I personally witnessed a change in behavior and attitude of many youth after they learned farm skills."

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Perez, '99, Overcomes Adversity to Be Named Educator of the Year

Boys Town Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters, John Mollison, had a chance to interview Antonio Perez, '99, on his incredible life journey. Here is that interview.

JM: Antonio, when did you get to Boys Town and how is it that you ended up here?

AP: I arrived at Boys Town from South Omaha in the summer of 1994, a week or two after turning 13 years old. I was caught up with gangs and drugs and I was basically raising my younger siblings on my own. I had two younger siblings already living at Boys Town and I was at a pivotal time in my life. My grandfather came over one day and made me pack a backpack of clothes for myself and some clothes for my two youngest siblings. He put us in his truck, took us out to the Boys Town police station, and instructed us to get out of the truck and go inside. When he left, I went inside and explained to the police officer what had happened. He placed me in an interrogation room alone for a while before returning to tell me the news: I could stay, but my siblings were too young and needed to go. I called my grandfather, who returned to Boys Town and pleaded with me to stay. Reluctantly, I relented as my grandfather took my siblings out of the police station and headed back to South Omaha.

JM: Every Boys Town alumnus has special memories. What were some of yours?

AP: My most memorable experiences centered around athletics, football in particular. I was fortunate enough to be a part of the teams that turned Boys Town's football programs around in the 1990s. We went from losing every game my ninth-grade year, to winning one game my tenth-grade year, to records of 8-4 and 10-2 my last two years, each time making the state playoffs. The bond created with those young men on those teams is something I cherish to this day. Another great experience was the class of 1999 in general. We truly were a special group. We had many individuals who were in Boys Town for four-plus years, some as long as nine years! That simply doesn't happen very often.

JM: There are special people at Boys Town who stay with you through thick and thin. Who were those people for you and how did they influence you?

AP: I was blessed to have the same Family-Teachers®, Brett and Anita Bigger, all five years at Boys Town, and my Assistant Family-Teacher®, as well, which is very rare. They were great to me and provided me with much needed stability. My biggest influences, however, were a few of my friends that I graduated with and went to college with. Coach Kevin Kush was another. Coach Kush instilled in me the value of hard work and perseverance. He gave me the first platform in my life that provided me with any type of measurable success. Success on the football field gave me the confidence and the drive to continue to pursue success beyond high school.



Boys Town alums Robert Nkogo, '00 (left) and Ismael Torres, '99 (center), join Antonio Perez at this year's Boys Town Booster Banquet.

JM: It is always hard to condense all your experiences into a single main lesson in life, but give it a try. What were the most important lessons you learned at Boys Town?

AP: Through football I learned how to be accountable, work hard, and create bonds with young men my age and how to lead others. I also learned to be thankful for the opportunities God has given.

JM: How did the skills you acquired at Boys Town contribute to helping you in your personal and professional life?

AP: Boys Town taught me how to say OK, even in times of difficulty. It is a skill I still have to use to this day. It also taught me how to be respectful at all times and how to have healthy relationships with others, to name a few. Without these skills, I wouldn't be able to serve my students at school, raise my children well or respect my wife. These skills were necessary for me to grow as an individual who, at one time, respected few people.

JM: Choosing your path in life is always difficult, but sometimes it is made more difficult by the circumstances of your life. What career did you pursue after graduation from Boys Town, and where has it led you?

AP: After Boys Town I went to college at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. After changing my major several times, I decided to pursue a degree in Education. In 2005, I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in education with endorsements in physical education (K-12), history (7-12) and coaching. I accepted a job as an elementary school PE teacher for five

years in Omaha. I started a master's program in counseling, beginning my career as an elementary school counselor. In 2012, I earned my Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and took a job at Omaha South High School, where I have been ever since.

JM: As a school counselor, I imagine you see many of the same types of problems with students today that you faced as a young boy before coming to Boys Town. What do you see as the main challenges facing the youth you are working with today?

AP: Working as a counselor with today's youth, I see many of the same challenges from when I was young. Technology has magnified problems that were already present and I believe it is the scapegoat for the human condition today. At the end of the day, the students I serve still want to be respected, cared for and loved. Kids in poverty and dealing with severe trauma grow up way too fast and deal with too much at a young age. I task myself with coming to work each day trying to make a difference in each of my student's lives, being that person who hears them, inspires them and pushes them to pursue their dreams. My goal is for them to leave my office feeling better than when they entered, even if it's simply making them smile!

JM: This past March you were honored by being named Educator of the Year by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. How were you selected for that award?

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From the BTNAA President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May was graduation time at Boys Town. We all remember those days and the joy and anticipation, along with the fear of the unknown, that graduation brings. These kids are not any different than we were.

We welcomed this year's seniors into our Association on Sunday, May 6, with a fantastic steak luncheon held at the Great Hall at Boys Town. The BTNAA presented a \$500 award to Larry Graham for outstanding achievement while at Boys Town. I also want to thank Raul Parra, '64, president of the Southern California Chapter, and all the members of that chapter, for the generous contribution of \$500 for two \$250 awards. They went to Malik Jackson and Phaylen Sieben. I also want to thank John Fox, president of the Omaha Chapter, for helping to sponsor this event and presenting two \$100 awards. Those awards went to Donte Kirstine and Joanna Canchan. John Soby, '95, owner of Mr. Cools Heating and Air, gave \$100 to William Harnage III, who made outstanding progress in a Career Center trade.

It was a great pleasure to attend my first Athletic Booster Banquet to see Boys Town youth recognized for their athletic achievements. Five of our brother alumni were inducted into the Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame. This is a special time for us as alumni and it sends a strong and positive signal to the Boys Town athletes that they may one day, years down the road, be inducted into the Hall of Fame themselves.

As an Association, our priority this year is to increase membership. As we connect with our brothers and sisters on social media, please ask: "Are you a member of the Alumni Association?" If they are not, please encourage them to join.

As an alumnus, there are many ways we can connect. There are a number of Facebook pages that Boys Town alumni can join. I really enjoy all the old Boys Town photos that are posted in the various group pages. I have seen many pictures of old friends and enjoy seeing the pictures of the homes and how they have changed over the years. You may see an old friend and want to connect with them.

There is still time to plan to join us in Orlando at the Mini-Reunion. We have special pricing for the Renaissance Hotel at SeaWorld, and there is great access to theme parks you can enjoy as a family vacation. You can register for the reunion and reserve your hotel room (deadline is June 27). Please join us for a weekend of fun in Florida as we enjoy the theme parks and visit the Boys Town Central Florida campus.

Please continue to pray for the canonization of Father Flanagan, Servant of God.

Your brother,

Phil Dauterive, D'70
BTNAA President



From the Auxiliary President

The Boys Town National Alumni Association Auxiliary is proud to announce that Boys Town High School seniors Teoviona Lewis and Deontay Davis were selected from many wonderful applicants to receive a monetary cash award and a Lifetime Membership in the Boys Town National Alumni Association. We look forward to watching them continue their education and continued involvement in the Association.

The Association remembers fondly the life of Carolyn Trevino and all of her efforts with the Auxiliary. Carolyn recently passed away. We pray for comfort for her family and friends.

Please plan to attend the next Mini-Reunion! Registration is currently available online at www.boystownalumni.org for the July 27-29 reunion in Orlando, Florida.

The Auxiliary is working on a new cookbook to hopefully be released at the 2019 reunion. If you have a recipe you would like to include, please send it to btnaaauxiliary@gmail.com.

We are always looking for more members to help us support the BTNAA. You can follow our activities at Boys Town National Alumni Association on Facebook. If you have any questions or would like to become a Lifetime Member, please contact us at btnaaauxiliary@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Curtis Fischer-Oelschlaeger
BTNAA Auxiliary President



From the Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters

Dear Brother and Sister Alumni,

Well, here it is a year later and we are approaching another reunion. The 2018 Mini-Reunion is slated for Orlando, Florida, July 27-29, and promises to be a great weekend of family fun and renewal of old acquaintances.

Boys Town Central Florida staff and youth are hosting us on July 28 for a great Saturday of learning about their mission. In turn, we are hosting a picnic for the kids and staff of that great campus. If you haven't made your reservations yet, please do so now! Time is growing short and the Renaissance Hotel at SeaWorld is filling up. Call us at the Alumni Office or go online at www.boystownalumni.org and register.

We have had a busy year at the Alumni Office preparing for the Mini-Reunion and handling an uptick in applications for lifetime memberships. Membership is the key to the future of our Alumni Association. Your BTNAA Board members are working hard, contacting as many alumni as possible, asking for memberships.

As many of you have heard or read in past newsletters, Boys Town has brought back trades to the Career Center. This, in and of itself, is a reaffirmation of Father Flanagan's plan to provide a range of career opportunities for the youth at Boys Town. Recently, one of our alumni, recognizing the value of this move, set into motion a plan to have a major auto manufacturer donate an engine to the Auto Shop. This is something we can do to help Boys Town achieve its goal of creating more

opportunity for kids. If you would like to help enhance the learning of our Boys Town youth in the trades, call us at the Alumni Office and let's talk about what is possible and how we can help you make a difference in Boys Town's growing trade programs.

The senior welcome lunch held in early May was a great event and reminded us, once more, that we were in the shoes of those graduates long in the past. What hasn't changed is the uncertainty and the excitement of moving on from Boys Town into a future filled with opportunity. We had alumni join the seniors at lunch and exchange experiences from many different generations. It was great to see the questions flying and a bond growing between today's graduates and alumni from generations past.

If you are planning a trip to Boys Town, let us know when you will be in town. We can help you with getting around the campus and getting to see many of the places where you spent your youth. Just email us or give us a call and we'll be happy to help.

I hope that many of you will be able to make it to Orlando. I look forward to seeing you there. It will be a great time.

Travel safely and God bless.

Your Boys Town brother,

John Mollison, '64
Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters

Over his career, he set Boys Town's record for most touchdowns. In his junior and senior years, McKinney was awarded the Ike Mahoney Award and the award for Outstanding Running Back. He was a football team captain as a senior and earned Athlete of the Year in 1968, while also garnering the Golden Helmet Award for his performance on the football field. At the end of the 1967 season, McKinney was named to the Class A Nebraska All-State football team by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. McKinney was selected as a member of the South Squad for the Nebraska Shrine Bowl as a running back. He received a football scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Answering the call to help his family, McKinney left college to assist them and gave up his athletic career.

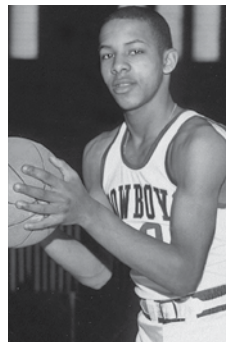
He worked in a number of different jobs prior to finding his life calling as a juvenile probation officer for Fresno County in California. He worked for 32 years making a difference in his community and constructively influencing thousands of young children before retiring in 2006. He received a number of awards, including the Fresno County Employee of the Month, and earned recognition from the United Way of Fresno for his contributions to the betterment of the community.

McKinney is the proud father of four children. He and his wife, Martha, were married in 2004. They attended the Biennial Alumni Reunion in July 2017 to help celebrate Boys Town's 100th Anniversary. McKinney is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

Thomas C. Robbins, Class of 1964, arrived at Boys Town with his younger brother, Frank, on January 20, 1960, from Council Bluffs, Iowa. Thomas Robbins enrolled in the heating and



Robbins, '64



McGuire, '65

air conditioning program at Boys Town's trade school, participated in scouting, completed the junior lifesaving course and took part in many of Boys Town's intramural sports programs. He was a Commissioner in Boys Town's program of self-government as a senior.

It was on the football field where Robbins made his mark in Boys Town athletics. He earned varsity letters as a junior and senior and was named to the Omaha All-Metro and Nebraska All-State teams during the undefeated, 10-0, 1963 season. He was selected as an All-American at the right tackle position, received the Coach Palrang Outstanding Lineman Award and was named as one of the 11 best high school football players in Nebraska. Robbins and five of his teammates were selected to play in the annual Nebraska Shrine Bowl game, and he earned a football scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. There, he earned a letter as part of the freshman football team before being drafted into the U.S. Army.

Robbins served for two years in Army Intelligence and played football for the Army while stationed in Germany. Settling in

Massachusetts after his stint in the service, Robbins worked in the building trades, was a commercial fisherman, played semi-pro football and coached youth football. After retiring, he volunteered to help provide transportation to people with physical, mental and/or cognitive disabilities.

Robbins passed away on May 2, 2008, in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

David L. McGuire, Class of 1965, arrived at Boys Town on November 2, 1960, from Henderson, Kentucky. He found sports to be a strong suit and excelled on the field of play. He studied the shoe repair trade at Boys Town's trade school and was a Councilman and Commissioner in Boys Town's program of self-government as a senior. In addition to his athletic pursuits, he sang in the Boys Town Concert Choir.

McGuire earned three varsity letters in basketball and track and a varsity letter as a senior in football, where he played quarterback. As a member of the basketball team, McGuire was a key figure in winning the Nebraska Class A State Championship in 1965. He was the leading scorer on the team and earned All-State honors from the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star, Associated Press and Scottsbluff Star-Herald. He received the Munroe Trophy for outstanding performance in basketball and was named the Outstanding Athlete of the Year for 1965. McGuire was a member of the state champion mile relay team.

McGuire passed away on December 15, 1990, at the age of 43, and is buried in Henderson, Kentucky.

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Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

2005 George Pfeifer, '44 Lavern Bush, '47 2006 Leonard Kroll, '47 James Mitchell, '47 Charles "Deacon" Jones, '54 Wilburn Hollis, '58 2007 Ed Novotny, '43 Tom Carodine, '48 David Nelson, '51 Bill Maddux, '53 2008 Larry Kennedy, '37 Nicholas Loncarich, '40 Jerrod "Jake" Williams, '49 James Cook, '55	2009 Charles Mitchell, '43 Kenneth Morris, '46 Frank Kerns, '48 Robert Hicks, '54 2010 Leo Magers, '48 Robert Mitchell, '48 John Medlock, '54 Robert Maddux, '56 2011 Jim Swaim, '55 Glen Hepburn, '56 John Sterner, '57 Robert Cross, '58	2011-Legacy Charles Bicknell, '39 Johnny Lockmer, '41 Frank Johnson, '42 James Gunnell, '50 2012 Edward Twohey, '43 Cecil Schirtzinger, '50 Michael Sterner, '57 Duane McAndrews, '62 2012-Legacy Robert Rose, '49 Donald King, '50 John Wreath, '53 Eugene Becker, '53 2013 Richard Thomas, '45 Ernest Keahy, '44	Bill Grill, '54 Curtis Devers, '60 2013-Legacy Harold Popp, '47 Joseph Grabowski, '48 Jim Tucker, '50 Manny Fierro, '61 2014 Albert M. "Bo" Rhudy, '60 George L. Buckler, '64 Kenneth L. Geddes, '66 Robert S. Schmit, '69 2014-Legacy Marlyn "Whitey" Myers, '52 Raymond G. Broy, '54 Roy Burns, '61 James A. Johnson, '61	2015 John Slobodnik, '59 Melvin Hamilton, '65 2015-Legacy Thomas E. Render, '54 Robert D. Rutledge, '55 Larry M. Watt, '55 David H. Dirkx, '63 2016 Patrick L. Fitzgerald, '56 Kenneth B. Gilchrist, '65 2016-Legacy J. Frank Curry, '55 Richard Badillo, '56 Richard J. Girouard, '56 Gerald T. Schulte, '60	2017 H. Dean Ward, '50 Dr. Cornelius "Neal" Arnold, '61 2017-Legacy John R. Brogan, D'45 William H. Eichelberger, '61 John W. Chesire, '62 Byron E. McCane, '64 2018 Ronald J. White, '66 Nathaniel L. McKinney, '68 2018-Legacy Thomas C. Robbins, '64 David L. McGuire, '65 Percy L. Kight, '68
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IN LOVING MEMORY

LOUIS JAMES CLUPNY, D'41, passed away on December 7, 2016, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

ARTHUR W. CZERNEY, D'41, passed away on December 2, 2013, in Saginaw, Michigan. Czerney was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

WILLIAM DELOS WALTERS, D'41, passed away on January 21, 2017, in Santa Rosa, California.

RICHARD FRANCIS THOMAS, '45, passed away on April 7, 2018, in Overland Park, Kansas. Thomas was a Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Inductee.

DONALD HANSEN, D'46, passed away on May 9, 2015, in Pueblo, Colorado. Hansen was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

ROBERT LEE REINARZ, '46, passed away on December 9, 2012, in Pompano Beach, Florida. Reinarz was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

ALFRED HARRY "AL" LALONDE, '51, passed away on February 10, 2018, in Greenfield, Massachusetts. LaLonde was a former Boys Town National Alumni Association Board Member and a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

ROBERT E. BOCKMAN, D'53, passed away on February 25, 2018, in Tacoma, Washington.

DONALD H. "DON" AHLBERG, '54, passed away on March 29, 2018, in Andover, Minnesota. Ahlberg was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

DUANE CLOUD BENNETT, '56, passed away on June 26, 2017, in Des Plaines, Illinois.

DAVID PAUL HOGAN, '61, passed away on February 10, 2018, in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

JAMES ROBERT WOLFE, '62, passed away on March 18, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska. Wolfe was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

RONALD JEROME WHITE, '66, passed away on February 28, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska. White was a 2018 Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Inductee.

JAMES N. "JIM" BONAHOOM, '69, passed away on January 14, 2014, in Hastings, Nebraska.

MICHAEL DWAIN ROTZINGER, '69, passed away on March 6, 2016, in Silvis, Illinois.

STEPHEN G. SPALDING, '69, passed away on March 3, 1990, in The Dalles, Oregon.

DR. WILLIAM CLYDE THOMAS, M.D., '69, passed away on February 18, 2018, in Orange Park, Florida. Dr. Thomas was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

JAMES "JIM" WESTERBUHR, '69, passed away on August 8, 2014, in Richland, Ohio.

ROBERT "ROB" S. KRASIENKO, '72, passed away on February 27, 2018, in Lorain, Ohio.

JACK WAYNE CUYAR, '76, passed away on March 7, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska. Cuyar was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

CATHERINE ANNE (RASSMUSSEN) HUGHES, '93, passed away on March 23, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska.

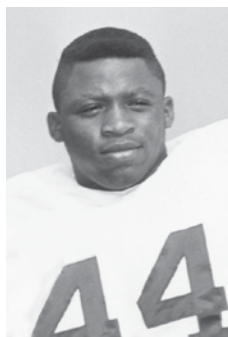
ZACHARY ROLLEN PARKER, D'17, passed away on February 25, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska.

DAVID "DAVE" BENEDICT, former coach and teacher, passed away on April 24, 2018, in Carrollton, Texas.

KENNETH KIYOTO KAWAMI, former staff member, passed away on January 26, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska.

CAROLYN A. (CAROL) TREVINO, wife of Mike Trevino, '58, passed away on April 5, 2018, in Gladstone, Missouri. Carol was past President and a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town Alumni Auxiliary.

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Kight, '68

Percy L. Kight, Class of 1968, arrived at Boys Town at the age of 14 on August 13, 1963, from Chicago, Illinois. He was involved in Boys Town's program of self-government as City Clerk and Commissioner in his senior year. He was class vice president as a junior and class secretary as a sophomore.

As a newly arrived freshman, Kight found sports a good fit. He earned three varsity letters in football, basketball and track. It was on the football field where he really excelled. He was a member of the first State Championship football team after Boys Town's entry into the Omaha Metro League. He was also a member of the 1966 State Championship team in basketball. Kight served as captain for both the football and basketball teams. He was selected to play in the 1968

Nebraska Shrine Bowl and attended Fairbury Junior College prior to going to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to play football. Kight earned honorable mention honors on the Nebraska All-State College football team in 1969 while at Fairbury Junior College. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kight tried out for the Chicago Bears of the National Football League and ultimately pursued a teaching career at Omaha Technical High School. He later worked for the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha and then transferred to North Platte.

He passed away on January 16, 2006, at the age of 56. He and his wife, Mary Lou, were the proud parents of three daughters.

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and received a wage for their hard work. We had our gardens at the farm as well. Father Flanagan was wise when he picked such fertile ground because we grew some amazing varieties of garden fruits and vegetables. The practical skills, work ethic and lessons learned in agriculture have served me well in my life. No wonder the Bible uses shepherding and farming in so many stories and parables."

"The most impressive trait of Boys Town is how we put God first in our priority list."

— Robert Mindlin, '89

Mindlin cites religion at Boys Town as a significant influence in his life.

"The most impressive trait of Boys Town is how we put God first in our priority list," he said. "I loved to go to religion class and was proud that we could have prayer in school. We actually learned to study the Bible, not just read it. We learned tolerance for all religions and studied theology. Before and after every game in sports, we said our prayers. Every meal in the house was preceded with prayer. God is still my number one priority."

He gives much credit to the Family-Teachers® and their assistants for being there for him.

"They never gave up on me, and allowed me to be myself," Mindlin said. "They taught us to cook, do laundry and properly clean house. We learned to budget, make weekly menus and shop frugally. Family-Teachers are the heart and soul of Boys Town's program."

After graduating, Mindlin moved to Austin, Texas. He worked in the construction industry in and around Austin and is now semi-retired.

"I love to hunt, fish and play golf," he said. "I have other interests like riding motorcycles, scuba diving, snorkeling and traveling."

Mindlin has coached youth athletics and shares the lessons he learned at Boys Town with his teams. He is also a caregiver for his widowed, aging mother. Trying a new venture, Mindlin said he also loves to write scripts and has been learning to film, edit and produce small independent films.

"Boys Town gave me many things," Mindlin said. "Some things I could never really repay in full. In hindsight, I wish I would have taken advantage of more the Home had to offer. Boys Town instilled in me the ability to accept myself for who I was, caring for and giving to others less fortunate, even when they are not always thankful."

"I feel I can pay Boys Town back indirectly by helping those who are less fortunate in a humble way. It is in this practice I understand Father Flanagan's dream. For his dream is inspired by, and is actually the work of God. Father Flanagan's work can be practiced at anytime and anywhere. I have traveled far and wide; there is no other place like the City of Little Men... and it is my home."

Mindlin is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

Boys Town Central Florida/Orlando Set to Host 2018 Mini-Reunion, July 27-29, in Land of Theme Parks

Be sure to get your reservations in now before the deadline and join your fellow alumni for an exciting BTNAA Mini-Family Reunion in Orlando, July 27-29, 2018.

We will gather at the Renaissance Hotel-SeaWorld in Orlando for registration at 2 p.m., Friday afternoon, July 27. We have been able to get a great rate of \$119/night at the Renaissance. The hotel has generously allowed us to extend and guarantee our rate for the three days before and the three days after the reunion, once you are registered for the reunion weekend. You need to make your reservations by June 27 to get this rate. Don't hesitate in making your reservation. This is a busy time of the year in Orlando and rooms go very fast.

Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., we will gather for dinner at the Tradewinds Restaurant in the hotel. The welcome dinner will be served by the hotel staff.

On Saturday morning we will gather and head out to the campus of Boys Town Central Florida where we will have a tour of the campus and individual home tours led by the youth and their Family-Teachers® that will be sure to be a hit.

After the tours, we will host a picnic on the grounds of the campus for the youth and staff. Saturday afternoon and evening will be yours to enjoy the many attractions of Orlando's theme parks. On Sunday morning we will gather in the hotel for a no-host breakfast before heading home after another exciting and fulfilling BTNAA Mini-Reunion.

You will find your registration form in this envelope with the Alumni News. Just fill it out and mail, fax or email it to the Alumni Office or call Gail at 402-498-1151 or 800-345-0458 and register over the phone. You can also register safely and securely online at www.boystownalumni.org. Just look at the events column on the left side of the front page and click on the link to register.

The Board of Directors and the staff and youth of Boys Town Central Florida look forward to welcoming you for a great weekend of reunion and fun. If you need detailed information, don't hesitate to call us at the Alumni Office at the numbers shown above or email us at alumni@boystown.org. You can also go to the website at www.boystownalumni.org.

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Perez, '99

inspirational speakers. Minority students have an opportunity to see a vision for their future with other individuals who look like them. Each year, the committee meets to determine which educator they view as making a strong impact

AP: Each year the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the University of Nebraska-Kearney hosts a conference called the Nebraska Cultural Unity Conference (NCUC). Students from all over Nebraska and Kansas attend the conference loaded with

amongst minority students. This year, I was selected unanimously as the 2017-18 Nebraska Educator of the Year.

JM: Looking to the future what do you see for yourself and for your career?

AP: I believe being a counselor is my calling for now, but I also believe that in order to shape young lives, I need to have a strong relationship with my students. I coached basketball for a few years at South, and the last few years I have been coaching football. I plan on continuing to coach so I can have a continuous influence on young athlete's lives. Recently, I have been considering pursuing a Doctoral Degree, possibly surrounding my work with DACA and undocumented youth attending college.

JM: With all this work you are committed to, you still have some spare time. What do you enjoy doing when you are not at work?

AP: I spend my spare time with my lovely wife, Shelli, and my beautiful kids, Gabriella (8) and Ethan (5). We love to travel, play sports, swim and be absolutely as silly as possible.

JM: Thank you, Antonio, for sharing your story with your brother and sister alumni. Your hard work, commitment to helping others and caring life is making a positive difference in the lives of your students and in your family. The Boys Town National Alumni Association wishes you the best for your future and we are proud of you and your success.



Boys Town Student-Athletes Receive Athletic Scholarships

It was an outstanding year for Boys Town High School athletics. The Boys Town Booster Banquet was held Tuesday, May 1, at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Papillion. Cowboy student-athletes received awards in their respective sports and were honored by the large crowd in attendance.

Several Boys Town student-athletes have been rewarded with athletic scholarships and have chosen their respective schools to continue their athletic careers. A total of nine student-athletes signed athletic scholarship letters of intent this past school. The scholarship recipients are:

GIRLS

Jessy Walton – Southeast CC (Volleyball)

Hannah Terry – Doane University (Volleyball)

BOYS

Tony Chol – Bellevue University (Cross Country)

Jason Landin – Bellevue University (Cross Country)

Dashawn Bates – Central Missouri (Football)

TiJaih Davis – South Dakota State (Football)

Larry Graham – Minnesota State Moorhead (Football)

Gerald Smith – Minnesota State Moorhead (Football)

Will Vanderheiden – Hastings College (Football)



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