

Dear BFA Alumni:

It has been some time since I last updated our alumni website. The BFA Auditorium project has been completed to rave reviews. The auditorium was completely renovated with new lighting, new seating, an expanded stage area, and air conditioning along with additional dressing and storage areas.

This past summer the BFA gymnasium was completely upgraded with new bleachers, new flooring and lighting to bring the facility up to code for safety and handicap accessibility. The new seating replaced the original bleachers that date back to 1977 when the gymnasium was built to accommodate the increased enrollment from the closing of Central Catholic and Alburg High School. The new seating provides a more safe environment and ample space for wheelchairs. The gymnasium looks great and is much appreciated by the students.

For those who are not aware, BFA is now a totally public high school. In 2005 the communities of St. Albans City and St. Albans Town voted to change the status of the Academy to a public school and BFA is now part of the Franklin Central Supervisory Union District including the Northwest Technical Center. Many staff members lament the change has taken place.

Your Executive Committee is focusing on our scholarship program. We provide three scholarships annually of \$1,000 each for students continuing their education after high school graduation. Our biggest challenge is finding investments that provide interest income to support the program. Currently, we are working on investment opportunities that have higher interest income return. We do not want to use any of our principal investment to support the program. At our next meeting we will review options to increase our interest income to maintain current scholarship awards.

Our major objective is growing our scholarship fund. We look to our alumni for support to substantially increase our scholarship endowment to increase the amount of our scholarship program. Our modest goal is to grow the fund to \$500,000.00. If you are interested in helping us grow our investment fund, send your contribution to Curt Swan, Alumni Treasurer to Bellows Free Academy, Attention Shirley Raymond, BFA's Administrative Assistant.

For your information, your Alumni Executive Committee consists of:

Larry Bouchard,	'60	Vice Chairman
Curt Swan,	'88	Treasurer
Louise (Luneau) Haynes,	'65	
Sally (Smith) Tarr	'72	
Sally (Smith) Sargent	'77	
Donna (Anderson) Corrigan	'80	

You can help us keep your address and email information current by forwarding changes to: Bellows Free Academy, Attn.: Shirley Raymond, 71 South Main Street, St. Albans VT 05478. We encourage alumni reunion classes to help us maintain accurate alumni list by forwarding updated information to the Principal's Office. You may use our current alumni list to each your classmates.

As I indicated above, we are interested in growing our scholarship and accept graciously any charitable contribution to support our ability to offer larger and more scholarships to deserving graduates.

Yours truly,

Reginald Godin, '56 Chairperson  
BFA Alumni Executive Committee