



R.S.S. ALUMNI Newsletter



Spring 2020

CLASS OF 1979 – 1980 COMPOSITE



President's Message

This past year we have accomplished a lot. One of the most exciting things is that the Principal – Jim Allison arranged with Artona to use the photos in the 1979-1980 Yearbook to replace the missing composite. We now have a complete set of all the years. We would like to "Thank" Jim and Artona.

The Alumni and the Directors helped to support the school in many ways. We are very involved at RHS, and we attended Valedictory, Remembrance Day Assembly, Winter Concert, Christmas Luncheon, and Breakfast with Santa.

Richmond High is built on traditions and this is proving to be a challenging one due to COVID-19. In the best interest of all of grads, staff and students we have decided to cancel this year's Annual Luncheon. With all of the uncertainty of all that is going on – it is too early to tell where the health of the world will be in six weeks. We will keep you as up to date as we can via the website.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Jim Allison all the best in his new position. These past 5 years have flown by and you have done so much for the school, students and staff. You will be missed.

*Yours truly,
Beth McKenzie Gibson
President*

Principal's Message

At Richmond Secondary School, we are grateful for the ongoing, dedicated and active presence of the Richmond Secondary School Alumni Association and the generous support they have provided since their inception in 1988. The RSS Alumni Association has helped sustain our school's great traditions and history, yet they have also encouraged and supported innovation to help our current students be best prepared to lead and thrive in a changing world.

The RHS Class of 2020 will be the 93rd graduating class in the very proud history of our school, and our students know that it is their responsibility to build on our school's legacy of academic and extracurricular excellence. The grads of 2020 are an exemplary group of young people and they are proud Richmond Colts.

On a personal note, I will be leaving the school in April to take on a leadership position with the Richmond School District. The new principal will be Ms. Anita Kwon - a very capable and thoughtful educator - RHS is in good hands! It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this great school as principal since 2015.

Please stay connected to your alma mater by following @richmondcolts on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or by bookmarking our website: <https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca>
Respectfully yours,

Jim Allison, Principal

Once a Colt, Always a Colt



Good Luck Jim



VALEDICTORY 2019

This past year at Valedictory the RSS Alumni presented Scholarships to the following grads:

Alex Ng Justin Chan

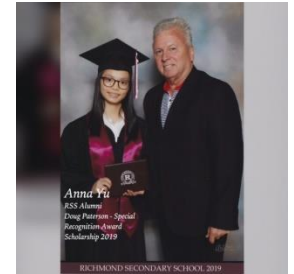
Alex Wu Senbo Jia

Cindy Yuan Tiffany Chu

William Sun - PAC Scholarship

Loujain Bilal – Ron Paterson -Special Recognition Scholarship

Anna Yu – Doug Paterson – Special Recognition Scholarship

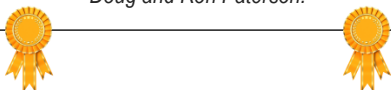


Special Recognition Award 2019



Each year at Valedictory the Alumni Association presents someone with a Special Recognition Award. Sometimes this award is presented to a staff member, sometimes to a current member of the grad class and sometimes to a past grad.

This year we recognized two past grads—actually brothers, Doug and Ron Paterson.



The extended Paterson family has lived in Richmond for years and many graduated from Richmond High. Both Doug, a grad of the class of 1971 and Ron, a grad of the class of 1974, were involved in many school activities but more importantly they were involved with community sports – specifically hockey. Doug Paterson was the first captain of the Sockeyes Hockey team, and over the years he has continued to be connected with the Sockeyes Organization - so much so that he is currently one of the owners of the team. Through his Richmond business and hockey connections, he has been able to provide hockey scholarships to numerous deserving student players.

Doug's brother Ron Paterson also played for the Sockeyes, as well as the UBC Hockey team and Team Canada at the 1980 Winter Olympics. Ron also continued to be involved with the Sockeyes organization until recently when he started his own hockey team – the White Rock Whalers. Through Ron Paterson's businesses he is able to provide ongoing fundraiser opportunities for many organizations – including the Richmond Secondary Alumni Association. In recognition of all that both Doug and Ron Paterson have done to support the students and sports in Richmond we will be giving out two scholarships today, one in each of their names.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2020 - 2021

Beth McKenzie Gibson – 1972

Donna Matheson – 1973

Jenny Gilles – 1972

John Montgomery – 1958

Lori Davis – 1975

Patti Dean – 1973

Peter Mitchell – 1975



Technology is changing quickly and last year we helped the Library purchase these collaborative tables.

Gaming Disbursements

This year the following departments received funds:

Scholarships – Alumni

Scholarship - PAC

Art Club

Dry After Grad

Dragon Boating

First Responders

Math Contests

Science Competitions

Grade 8 Camp

Colt Carnival

Breakfast with Santa

Colt Daycare

Computer Lab Replacement

CONTACT INFORMATION

Instagram: rssalumniassoc

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Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Richmond-Secondary-Alumni-Association-101445736606895/?ref=bookmarks>

Email: rss.alumniassoc@gmail.com

Webpage: rhsalumni.weebly.com

Where you can find updated information & events



A huge "Thank You" to the RSS Alumni Board of Directors, your hard work and dedication is appreciated by the students and staff at RHS.

thank you!



NEW DIRECTOR'S

We invite you to become a Director with the RSS Alumni Association.

We meet 7 -8 times a year and attend events at the school as well as Valedictory. If you would like to be a part of the Colt Community and give back – please email us at: rss.alumniassoc@gmail.com

REUNIONS

At this time we have only been made aware of a couple of upcoming reunions.

We have had inquiries for the following years:

1950 – 70th Reunion

1960 – 60th Reunion

1970 – 50th Reunion – Fall 2020

Contact Gail McRae – pipermcrae2@gmail.com

1980 – 40th Reunion – Fall 2020

Email: richmondhigh1980@yahoo.ca

1990 – 30th Reunion

2000 – 20th Reunion

2010 – 10th Reunion

Our suggestion is to reach out to the people that organized your previous reunion. Please let us know if a reunion is coming up and we can share the information on social media. Our webpage and let the school know.



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Visit the Website

Please check out the website for more information as it become available.
rhsalumni.weebly.com

FAST FACTS

\$730,000.00

The total amount donated by the Alumni over the past 32 years

4,500

We now have over 4,500 members

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN

Please visit the website and fill out a Membership form

HAS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED – PLEASE LET US KNOW TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS.

Email

For More Information

To all of the Richmond High Grads past and present and staff –

Message from the Board of Directors

We know that these are challenging times and difficult days for many, but in order to beat COVID-19 we need to follow all of the guidelines put in place. The only way we can beat this is by –Staying Home and reducing human contact, washing our hands, self-isolating and social distancing.

Please reach out to other Grads that might need assistance.

Together we can overcome this.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19

gov.bc.ca/covid19

For more information please visit:
School District No. 38 –
www.sd38.bc.ca

Richmond Secondary School –
<https://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/>

B.C. Government –
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/home>

CBC - <https://www.cbc.ca/>

Feed-U-Cate 38 is a Richmond School District program that helps provide funding to schools that run breakfast and lunch programs for students. Currently we have identified over 240 vulnerable students who require this service. As schools are now closed to students, these vulnerable students still have the need for food at home. We are using these funds to help purchase groceries that these families will pick up at their home schools.

This is where we need your support!
To donate please contact: contact Glenn Kishi at gkishi@shaw.ca

CANCELLED

32ND ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 14th, 2020
Time: 12 (Noon)

We will try to hold the AGM later this year. Our bylaws state that we have up to 15 months after our previous AGM – so that takes us to Oct 2020

We appreciate your patience and understanding during these challenging times. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

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AGM 2020

AGM AGENDA - 2020

We will try and hold the AGM in the Fall.

We are unsure of how long the current situation going on in the world will continue.

Welcome to the 32nd RSS ALUMNI AGM

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**
Motion: 2nd:
2. **Financial Report – prepared by Donna Matheson – Treasurer - Please see attachment**
Motion: 2nd:
3. **Election of the 2020/21 Directors**
Jenny Gilles John Montgomery
Patti Dean Donna Matheson
Lori Davis Peter Mitchell
Beth McKenzie Gibson
New Directors:
Motion: 2nd:



“All the best Jim”



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