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Memories are all we really own.
— Elias Lieberman, Class of 1900



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President's Letter



Dear Graduates -

I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy some of the wonderful summer days with family and friends.

This September starts a new chapter on the road to recovery for DeWitt Clinton High School. All of us who are concerned with helping Clinton once again become a School of Excellence are encouraged by the performance of the graduating class of 2019. The success they achieve shows that with proper guidance and a dedicated staff, a well-rounded education in a large high school is still available. The alumni association continues to support the overall day-to-day activities at Clinton. We provide the funds necessary when the DOE are not available to support student activities and programs. We need your help. JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION! We would like to count on your continued support in the form of membership donations or attending alumni functions. The annual all class reunion dinner will be held on May 21, 2020 (starting at 6:30 p.m.) at the Marina Del Rey, 1 Marina Dr, Bronx, NY 10465. It is a fun evening filled with fond memories and good friends. It is a time for reminiscing with classmates and teammates and, perhaps, even a teacher or two. If you can't attend the dinner please place a personal or business ad in the journal to show your support.

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122st Annual Alumni Dinner ... May 16, 2019

Marina Del Rey Bronx, New York

The first two honorees at the May 16 dinner were Amy Melendez '90 and Gary Axelbank '71.

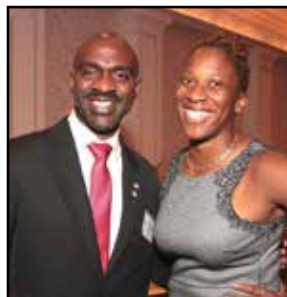
Amy has served on the Alumni Board since 2005 and held every position, including being the first female president of the Alumni Association. Her "day job" is senior network engineer at Citibank.

Gary has been the host and senior producer of the TV talk show *BronxTalk* since its debut in 1994. In 2017, he created the Web site <http://www.thisisthebronx.info/>, which explores all things Bronx.

Capt. Lawrence Dickson '38 was honored posthumously. (See page 4)



Amy Melendez '90 (left photo) and Gary Axelbanks '71 (right photo) receive their Distinguished Alumni Awards from bow-tied Alumni President John Barbarette '64 and Vice President Robert Esnard '56. Standing next to Amy is Donald Brookman, her faculty advisor when she was editor-in-chief of the *Clintonian*.



(Photos and people from left) AP Steve Deep and Principal Pierre Orbe; AFJROTC Tech. Sgt. Roger Govia, Elizabeth Reyes '00 and Arts teacher Christopher Jackson; NYS Assemblymen Michael Blake '00 and Natasha Green '00; Orlando Rao '73, John Barbarette '64 and Reginald Grier '46.



(Photos and people from left) Gary Alexbank '71 between his wife Suzanne and brother Arthur; Amy Melendez '90 and husband Daniel Melendez '89; Marc Siegel '64, Nayda Sierra-Schwartz and her husband Michael Schwartz '64; Retired faculty Gerard Pelisson with Kishan Singh '09.



(Photos and people from left) Retired faculty Robert Stahl and Martin Wasserman '48; Jose Guzman '83, Danny Galarza '81, Health Ed teacher and coach Cornel Johnson '77, Retired faculty Robert DiLorenzo and James Garvey, and Orlando Galarza '85; Graduating seniors Joel Fuentes, Tazkia Afra, Devanne Etwaroo, Liasia Turner and Alex Vega II.

Photographs: Henry Ordosgostia '77, Orlando Rao '73

Tuskegee Airman Honored Posthumously at the Alumni Dinner



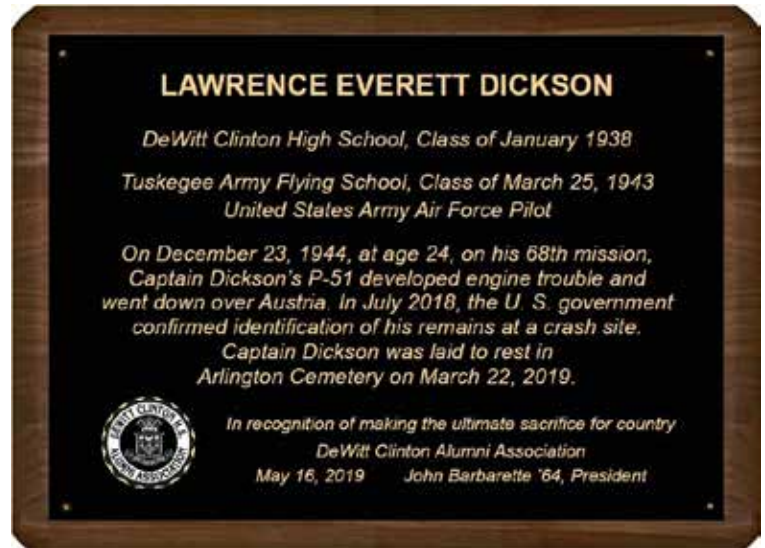
Captain Lawrence Dickson, USA
A Tribute
by Gerard J. Pelisson,
Retired Faculty, Hon.'03,
given at the 2019 Alumni Dinner

This evening we have a special alumnus to remember and honor, a man who learned science in the same classrooms you did, who ate lunch in the same cafeteria, played in the same gym, maybe sat in the same auditorium seats, but a man who also died in the service of his country.

Lawrence Everett Dickson graduated from DeWitt Clinton in January 1938. He died in December 1944 and was buried in March 2019. The gap in years are the basis of an amazing story.

In July 1941, five months before entering World War II, the United States government established the Tuskegee (Alabama) Army Flying School to train African Americans to be pilots in the Army Air Corps. Nine Clintonites signed up, among them Lawrence Dickson who had been a student at CCNY. He graduated from flight school on March 23, 1943 and headed off for the unfriendly skies of Western Europe. For the most part, the Tuskegee pilots accompanied bomber planes to their destination and return. Despite their heroic service, they were still treated as second-class citizens. For example, white pilots qualified for R&R leave after 50 missions; black pilots were permitted R&R after their 70th mission.

Captain Dickson had already earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious service when he took off on December 23, 1944 from a base in southern Italy. It would be his 68th mission...and his last. His P-51D was one of three Mustangs that were escorting a reconnaissance plane. Their destination was the Nazi-stronghold of Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia. As the four planes reached an altitude of 26,000 feet somewhere over northern Italy, Dickson radioed to the other pilots that he was having engine trouble. The other planes could only watch as Dickson's P-51D slowed down and turned around, as if to go back to the base. And then the sky was empty. No smoke or flames were visible on the snow-covered peaks and valleys below.



A pilot was missing in action, but also a husband and father. In November 1941, Dickson had married Phyllis Constance Maillard, who gave birth to their daughter Marla a year later. Though the Army searched for Captain Dickson, even after the war, in 1949 it declared that his remains were "nonrecoverable."

More than six decades later, in 2011, the U. S. government discovered a German report of a crash just over the border with Austria on that all-important date—December 23, 1944. The effort to find the remains of Captain Dickson was renewed. In August 2017, a grown-up Marla Andrews received a phone call from the Army. She was told that an archaeological team had excavated a crash site in Austria, and that it had found pieces of a P-51 and human remains.

Anxiously Marla and her mother waited for the human remains to be analyzed. Unfortunately, time ran out for Phyllis Dickson before the testing was completed. On December 28, 2017, she passed away in Nevada at the age of 96. In July 2018, the government informed Marla Andrews, herself 76 years of age, that the remains were those of her father. On March 22, 2019, Tuskegee Airman Captain Lawrence E. Dickson, DeWitt Clinton class of 1938, was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery.

Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Col. Howard V. Lee, USMC, DWC class of 1951, passed away on March 29, 2019. The DWC Alumni Association will create a plaque in honor of Lt. Col. Lee.

Homecoming Day Introduces Sign-Up Day to Many Alumni



Alumni traditionally come home to DWC the day after the Alumni Dinner. This year they came home to a new tradition: Sign-Up Day in Gym 3. Seniors sat at tables, picked up pens, and signed their intentions to attend colleges of their choice. We should be proud of them!

Graduation Day ... June 28, 2019

Graduates' Pledge

With gratitude to my school
With pride in my city, and
With devotion to my country,

I pledge:

As a graduate, to cherish
the traditions of
DeWitt Clinton High School;
As a citizen, to work both alone
and with many to improve my city;
And as an American, to obey
my country's laws and to support
and defend its Constitution.



Senior Class President Liasia Turner addresses her classmate graduates, telling them to make Clinton proud of what they do with their lives.

WEATHER: Hot, therefore...

LOCATION: Lehman College with AC

NUMBER OF GRADUATES: 212

OPENING REMARKS: Principal Pierre Orbe

SALUTATORY ADDRESSES: Joel Fuentes & Humayra Islam

VALIDICTORY ADDRESS: Tazkia Afra

KEYNOTE SPREAKER: Ms. Andrea Navedo '88

ALUMNI ADDRESS: John Barbarette '64

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT: Liasia Turner

**MUSIC AND CHORUS
FACULTY ADVISERS:** Timothy Bayless
Dawn Sotello
Christopher Jackson



Keynote speaker
Andrea Navedo '88
is an accomplished
actress of stage, film
and television.



First Game of the 1899 Football Season

(*High School Bulletin*, October 26, 1899)

Under a clear sky, and with the weather cold and crisp, before a large crowd in which many members of the fair sex were seen, the Boys' high, of Manhattan, [future DWC] met the Jersey City high in the opening game of the Metropolitan season. Although at first a heavy wind was blowing, it interfered only when Lynch kicked for goal, and it finally died out. Promptly at three, the teams appeared, and at 3:10 play began.

Jersey City won the toss and chose the goal, with the wind at her back. Winters, with a beauty kick, sent the ball to Jersey's 15-yard line, with Jersey in possession of it. Jersey, however, lost it on the 20-yard line. Walz had made a slight gain, when Manhattan again lost possession of the ball through fumbling. Walz, supported by Cluthe, made a beautiful gain of twelve yards. Lynch, trying to follow in Walz's steps, dragged Walz with the ball and the two teams hanging on to him to Jersey's 2-yard line. Immediately afterward, Walz and Lynch pushed Marshall through center for a touchdown. Lynch, as already stated, failed to kick goal.

Jersey now kicked off; Lynch fumbled, but Walz dropped on the ball on the 15-yard line. Jersey obtained possession of the ball, but Cluthe and Wallace knocked her back for a loss. Jersey fumbled and Lynch threw her back for a loss of ten yards. By end plays Jersey brought the ball to the 8-yard line, then by side plays pushed it to the 2-yardline, when suddenly Walz broke out and, with Lynch and Cluthe for interference, made a gain of twenty yards, where Jersey's full-back threw him. Again and again did Lynch throw himself through center for gains, and Manhattan was slowly but surely taking the ball to Jersey's goal, when the whistle blew and the first half ended.

After ten minutes intermission the teams again lined up, with Jersey having the kick-off. Walz got the ball and ran down the field for fifteen yards. On a fumble Jersey secured it and gained a few yards. Here again Jersey lost the ball on fumbles, and Walz made a magnificent gain. Marshall also made steady gains. Jersey was playing a desperate game now and was going to do or die. Suddenly Walz broke out from the field and, with Cluthe and Lynch for interference, made a magnificent run of thirty-five yards. Again Lynch showed his battering ram qualities by going through center for ten yards. Again Marshall went around end for a good gain. And now Manhattan commenced to tear 'em up. Faupel was so injured that he had to leave the game, and Jersey lost her best player. She got possession of the ball

LOOKING BACK



through fumbling, but after vain attempts to break through center, gave up the ball to Manhattan on downs after having lost five yards. The ball now changed hands frequently and when the whistle blew it was on Jersey's one yard line.

Taking all in all, Manhattan has a team which clearly outclasses Jersey City. Her line stands like a rock, her only weak point being her right end, where Marshall is a trifle slow. Cluthe, Walz and Lynch form a great trio. Jersey is decidedly weak at center, and her backs are poor at kicking. Had there been a kicking game, Jersey would have been away behind. Judging from Saturday's play, the Boys' high has the strongest and heaviest team in the league.

[Final Score--- B.H.S.M. 5 --- J.C.H. S. 0. Originally, touchddowns were worth 5 points. For the 1912-1913, and thereafter, touchdowns were worth 6 points.]

[In 1899, B.H.S.M. defeated M.H.S.B. (Mixed High School of the Bronx to win the Metropolitan League Championship. The Metropolitan League was replaced in the same year by the Public High Athletic League.]

LOOKING NOT SO FAR BACK

QB Jailen Nias of the "Elite Eleven"

The New York City Chapter of the National Football Foundation (NYC/NFF) held its Seventh Annual "Elite Eleven" Scholar-Athlete Award Dinner on this past May 1st, honoring the finest student-athletes from the NYC high school gridiron. The event began with a red-carpet reception, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. at the historic New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South in Manhattan. Among the "Elite Eleven" honored was Jailen Nias, DWC class of 2019.

The remaining 2019 New York City "Elite Eleven" represented Staten Island Tech, Lincoln HS, Poly Prep, St. Peter's HS, Mt. St. Michael HS, Fort Hamilton HS, Franklin K. Lane HS, Jamaica HS, Tottenville HS and Msgr. Farrell HS.

Nias is presently attending Milford Academy in New Berlin, New York, where he plans to continue playing scholastic football.



QB Jailen Nias (center) with DWC head coach John Applebee (right) and Jailen's father, Eric Nias (left)

LOOKING AHEAD

DWC VARSITY FOOTBALL 2019 PREVIEW

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE TIME @ AWAY GAME

09/07	12:00 P	@Bayside (Bayside HS Field)
09/14	12:00 P	Tilden (DWC Field)
09/21	12:00 P	@Eagel Academy III (Springfield Gardens HS Field)
09/28	12:00 P	Flushing (DWC Field)
10/04	03:30 P	@James Madison (James Madison HS Field)
10/12	12:00 P	McKee/SI Tech (DWC Field)
10/19	12:00 P	@Thomas Jefferson (Thomas Jefferson HS Field)
10/26	11:00 A	@Evil Academy II (Old Boys & Girls HS Field)
11/02	03:30 P	East Harlem Pride (DWC Field)



John Applebee Head Coach
Mike Davis Defensive Coordinator
Nick Difato Assistant Coach
Cedric Rice Assistant Coach
Shamell Jackson Assistant Coach
Michael Hamlet Jr Varsity Head Coach

**SUPPORT THE
RED AND BLACK
BY BEING THERE**



Head Coach Applebee Previews the Season

In 2019, the Governors are a very young team with only 2 returning starters from the 2018 season. Both returners are linemen and are expected to solidify the line on both sides of the ball. Senior Chigozie Eke is returning on the defensive side of the ball at the defensive tackle position. Also joining him on the line is sophomore Jovonne Henderson Jr. Jovonne will be a starter at defensive end and left tackle. Joining Henderson, and Eke on the defensive line is junior Kyle Melhado and junior Henry Alamanzar. The defensive line across the board has a lot of size and speed to get after opposing teams.

The linebackers will be comprised of junior Denardo Smith playing inside linebacker and Jason Jones-West at outside linebacker. At the safety position, two sophomores will be lining up in the defensive backfield. The two sophomores are Raphael Class and Anthony Williams Jr. The corners will be sophomore

Messiah Irrizary and first year senior Isaac Donkor.

Offensively, the O-Line will consist of senior center Juan Ovalles, junior guard Jessiah Duncanson, junior guard Damani Davis, sophomore tackle Jovonne Henderson Jr, and junior tackle Jonathan Lausell. Their size and strength will be able to compete with any team they face.

At the tight end position, junior Aleska Ivkovic has both the ability to block and catch. The receivers will consist of 3 sophomores Jason Jones-West, Anthony Williams Jr. and Messiah Irrizary. The backfield will be composed of 2 sophomores RB Raphael Class and QB Dominic Melendez.

Clinton may have its youngest team in its history, but they expect to win and the young guns will have just as much talent as their opponents. This should be an exciting year for the Governors. Come watch us play.



LOOKING YOU STRAIGHT IN THE EYE



High School Football: Team Sport Played by Individuals



Jovonne Henderson Jr., Juan Oballes and Chigozie Eke
(from left in helmets and following practice)

**An Interview with
Three Members
of the
2019 Varsity
Football Team**

**Conducted by
Newsletter Editor
Gerard Pelisson**

One young man has read all eight Harry Potter novels. One has Paris as his first choice of a foreign city to visit. The third just wants to get away from the too-big "Big Apple." But on the football field, their only thoughts are to bring glory to the Red and Black. We would expect nothing less.

They intend to give nothing less. Seventeen-year-old senior Chigozie Eke plays defense tackle; 15-year-old sophomore Jovonne Henderson Jr. plays offensive and defensive tackle; 17-year-old senior Juan Oballes plays center. Their decision to train hard and to play hard is the way they plan to deal with everything in life.

As someone born in Nigeria, Chigozie Eke had to face the challenges of living in a new country, and that included avoiding the voices of the street that were up to no good. He chose Clinton because of its famed Macy Program. His goal is to attend the University of Buffalo or the University of Maryland to study robotic engineering. When asked what kind of music he listens to, he answered rap, but quickly added that when he studies, it's more likely to be Mozart. And where would he like to travel first? The U.K. would be his first choice because English is spoken there, but he likes the idea of going to Paris. A close friend told him that the Parisians are very stylish and fat people are far and in between. And yes, he's the one that has read the eight Harry Potter novels. So don't let the grime and the sweat on his brow after a game fool you. Under his helmet is a mind open to all things.

Given that the interviews were done separately, it was intriguing that, when asked, Jovonne Henderson's first stop abroad would also be Paris. But rather than be specific on what lures him to Paris, he was eager to talk football. He came to Clinton because of its commitment to the sport, but last year's dismal record of no wins has given him thoughts as to whether he is in the right place. At 15, he knows he can expect schools with better football records to try to "woo" him away. Still, he would rather contribute to a Clinton comeback year.

Jovonne's college hopes are focused on the University of Texas or Penn State, though he admitted that his freshman grades were not good. Then he received a bit of advice from his interviewer. Have a great academic sophomore year and colleges will notice the effort. They might even be more impressed than with a student who found academics to be no challenge.

Jovonne would like to see his future spent in the NFL, if not as a player, then in some capacity within the NFL organization. And if he does well, he can return to Paris on a regular basis.

Introducing Juan Oballes might sound like the beginning of a riddle. He plays for Clinton but does not attend DeWitt Clinton High School. The answer is simple. As a student in Bronx Collaborative High School, one of the new smaller schools on the DeWitt Clinton Campus, he has the right and the privilege to wear the Red and Black. The senior center values football because "You learn to keep your head up" and likewise "You get knocked down, you have to get right back up." He says that these are good lessons for life.

As for the rest of his life, he is applying to the University of Buffalo. He needs a break from the unending traffic of people that is New York City. He doesn't want the other extreme of living in the wild, so Buffalo is large enough and small enough to give him a city with breathing room.

On the matter of a career, his aim is to become a computer engineer. He moves to the sounds of R&B and Hip-Hop, like many his age, but when it came to choosing a first trip abroad, he did not join in with Chigozie and Jovonne and name Paris. No, his first choice is the Bahamas--for the climate, the sand and that beautiful water.

Our three football Governors know the importance of team work, but each also aims to be his own man. We would not want it any other way.

DWC All-Boys 86 Years --- Co-Ed 35 Years

How DWC “Managed” the Arrival of Girls in 1983

Excerpt: *The Castle on the Parkway*
(Pelisson & Garvey) Hutch Press, 2012

It Takes a Little Adjusting

First things first! Girls’ bathrooms did not exist at DeWitt Clinton High School. Over the years, when a dance or play or some other gathering brought young women into the building, a “girls only” sign went up on the door of a student bathroom near the event. The moment the event ended, the sign came down and the status quo was restored. Boys’ rooms 10 — Girls’ rooms 0.

The 376 girls who entered Clinton in September 1983 were allotted one bathroom to match the girl-boy ratio of approximately one to ten. Added to the inconvenience was the horror that the girls’ facility still had urinals in place, covered over with clear plastic.

Another concern was the supervision of locker room space for the girls. The assignment fell to the all-male health education department, and though the arrangement did work satisfactorily most of the time, several emergencies during the first term presented embarrassing moments for teachers and girls alike. It would take until the spring term before the arrival of female health education personnel caught up with the rush to go co-ed.

In the fall of 1985, Terry Sebastian became the first woman appointed to the health education department. She shared space with department secretary Ruth Markrow in a small closet-like room adjoining the department office, with no locker room access or shower facilities. Despite her physical separation from the men in the department, Sebastian knew she was a welcome part of the team the following January when many of her male colleagues attended her father’s funeral.

While the administration had not secured an appointed woman gym teacher for the 1983-1984 school year, it had named an in-house woman dean of discipline. English teacher Carol Halvey became the first female dean in the school’s history. Though the girls were glad to have her, Halvey had the occasion that first year to meet a girl of a different mind. The student came into the dean’s office, and when Halvey asked to help her, the girl said, “For this one, I need a man.” She quickly disappeared into the hall.

The girls who entered in September 1983 were programmed for ninth and tenth grade classes. The sophomores among them imagined that in 1986 they would be the first female graduates. That distinction, however, went to Bessie McCarthy and Gabriella McCraw in 1984. Both girls had transferred to Clinton as seniors. In 1985, the 170 boys graduating were also joined by a few girls in receiving their diplomas.

Among the first group of girls to enter Clinton in September 1983 and graduate in June 1986 was Claudia Obas, who would be elected the first female senior class president in 1985. In a 2005 testimonial, she recalled it was her junior high school counselor who suggested applying to Clinton instead of Evander Childs, her neighborhood high school. As for Obas’s early experiences at Clinton, she said:

(Continued on page 22)



Principal Dr. David Fuchs welcomed the first girls to DeWitt Clinton High School.



One woman and six of the seventeen male members of the health education department. (From left) seated: Martin Wasserman, Terry Sebastian, Howard Schoenholtz; standing: Lestroy George, Howard Richter, David Collins, Steven Paseltiner.



Dean's Office. (From left) seated: Howard Leibster, William Palace, Samuel Blank, Richard Jones; standing: Carol Halvey, Robert DiLorenzo, Paul Pitluk, Robert Finkelstein, Stanley Sprung.

Honoring faculty members with twenty years or more of service to DeWitt Clinton High School, and thankful to every faculty member who created and advanced the Clinton spirit since 1897.

DEWITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY HALL OF HONOR

We mingled dreams with drab realities,
Our teen-age shacks with palaces of time
Rejecting easy doubt and doubtful ease
When guides, beloved teachers, bade us climb
Envisioned heights from which at their command
With joyous eyes we glimpsed the promised land.

— Excerpt from Salute to DeWitt Clinton (1897 to the Present), a poem by Elias Lieberman, who had been a student on opening day in 1897 and a member of the first graduating class of 1900. Lieberman became a New York City Public Schools teacher, the first principal of Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, and a world-renowned poet, whose most celebrated work is "I am American," written in 1916 and set to music in 2001. The poem quoted above, written in 1968, reflects on the importance of the Clinton faculty in Lieberman's education and life. His first faculty was the Opening Day Faculty on September 12, 1897.

The Faculty Hall of Honor, inaugurated on October 25, 2018. Pierre Orbe, Principal, DeWitt Clinton High School; John Barbarette '64, President, DeWitt Clinton Alumni Association; Jose "Pepe" Figueroa '68, Major Contributor

Above is a representation of the Wall. The Wall is up for anyone to visit, but the raised acrylic panels of text cast shadows of the text and do not photograph well.

The DeWitt Clinton High School Faculty Hall of Honor Second Induction Ceremony – October 25, 2019

By "Faculty" is meant principals, administrators, supervisors, teachers, counselors and librarians. Inductees must have held one or more of the above positions at DeWitt Clinton High School beginning by 1983 for a total of 20 years of full-time employment and be retired from the New York City Public School System at the time of induction. Medical leaves, maternity leaves and sabbaticals are considered time served. Only service rendered to DeWitt Clinton High School qualifies for induction. The Faculty Hall of Honor was proposed by the DeWitt Clinton Alumni Association, which has funded its creation and governs its rules and regulations in accordance with the principal's authority as chief administrator of DeWitt Clinton High School. The second annual induction ceremony will honor "living" inductees, with preference given to age and health.

Class of 2019 (Individual plates are 1" H X 3" W allowing more information than below)

Robert Amlin English Teacher 1977-2002	Elizabeth Daly Business Teacher 1977-2007	James A. Garvey III Social Studies Teacher 1967-2004	George Kanganis Social Studies Teacher 1967-2004	Rose McTague English Dept. A.P. 1969-2008
Arthur Backman Health Education Teacher 1958-1991	Robert DiLorenzo Social Studies Teacher 1970-76, 78-80, 80-2004	Audrey Greenblatt Librarian 1973-1993	Fred Kelly Music Teacher 1977-2001	William Palace English Teacher 1965-1994
John Bergmann Social Studies Teacher 1975-2007	Deborah Eiseman Special Education Teacher 1983-2002	Neil Harrow Guidance Counselor 1968-1994	Iris Levine English Teacher 1983-2004, 2007-2008	Harry Pottok Business Teacher 1966-1982, 1986-1997
Noriberto Blanco Social Studies Teacher 1983-2011	David Feder Mathematics Teacher 1975-2002	Charles Horowitz Social Studies Teacher 1967-2002	Ronald Maas Mathematics Teacher 1969-2002	Stanley Sprung Mathematics Teacher 1969-2003
Dennis Brennan Health Education Teacher 1975-1999	Robert Finkelstein Health Education Teacher 1983-2017	Murray Hyman Science Teacher 1966-1983, 1984-2004	Phyllis McCabe Guidance Counselor 1983-2007	Eugene Weissman Mathematics Teacher 1969-1997

Did we miss someone?

If you are or know a (living) retired DWC faculty member who deserves to be on the list above, please email GJPelisson@aol.com ASAP. The basic requirements are in the first paragraph above. In addition, an inductee for October 2019 must meet one of the following criteria: (a) began full-time employment at DWC by 1983 or (b) be 80 years or older by October 25, 2018, or (c) has a serious health condition.

***Your Invitation to Attend the Second Induction into the
DeWitt Clinton High School Faculty Hall of Honor
October 25, 2019 — 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
School Auditorium***

Pierre Orbe, Principal

John Barbarette '64, Alumni President

Please Print

NAME _____

DWC CONNECTION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME/CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

YOUR GUESTS _____



YOUR THOUGHTS ON ONE OR MORE OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS BEING INDUCTED ON OCTOBER 25, 2019.
(WHAT YOU WRITE MAY BE READ AT THE INDUCTION AND/OR PUBLISHED IN A COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET.)

THERE IS ***NO FEE*** TO ATTEND THE INDUCTION, BUT CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION IN TRIBUTE TO AN INDUCTEE.

Name of the Inductee receiving your tribute _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____. Checks MUST be payable to "DeWitt Clinton Alumni Assn, Inc."

Mail the check along with this completed form.

OR

Charge my credit card \$ _____ to be given to "DeWitt Clinton Alumni Assn, Inc."

☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Discover Card # _____

Card Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Your credit card information becomes part of this completed form.

DEADLINE TO RESPOND: ***OCTOBER 16, 2019***. SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE DEWITT CLINTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BY EMAIL ***DWCALUMNI@AOL.COM*** OR BY REGULAR MAIL TO ***DEWITT CLINTON ALUMNI ASSN, INC., P.O. BOX 566, ELMSFORD, NY 10523*** TO ENSURE THE INCLUSION OF YOUR NAME/COMMENT IN THE CEREMONY PROGRAM. THE ALUMNI OFFICE PHONE NUMBER IS 914-961-3003.

Alumni News

David Finn '38 deserves to be honored for reaching his 98th birthday on August 21, but also for his many achievements. With fellow Clintonite Bill Ruder '38, he founded the public relations firm Ruder-Finn in 1948. Its first client was singer Perry Como, but in time it dealt with consumer products companies and government agencies. Finn's daughter Kathy Bloomgarden is the company's present CEO.

Along with being involved in many educational and charitable causes, Finn has published over 80 books of photography and commentary of sculpture.



David Hubler '59 recently placed the photo to the right on his Facebook page. He is standing next to Buzz Aldrin, the second human to walk on the moon. July 2019 was the 50th anniversary of that first moon landing, with much of the world celebrating the historic event.



As for Hubler's many accomplishments after 40 years in journalism, let us take note of his great work, co-authored by Joshua Drazen, *The Nats and the Grays: How Baseball in the Nation's Capital Survived WWII and Changed the Game*, first published in 2015 but now in paperback.

Ralph Lauren '57 was the recipient of Britain's highest honor on June 19, 2019. In a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace, His Royal Highness Prince Charles presented the fashion designer and philanthropist with the medal signifying his new title: Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.



Michael Blake '00 is shown with Principal Orbe at a recent meeting dealing with key Bronx-wide issues. Blake has his 2020 eyes on New York's 15th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. That has not stopped him from vigorously representing the 79th District (Bronx) in the NYS Assembly. He was first elected to that office in 2014 and re-elected in 2016 and 2018. In 2004, Blake graduated from the prestigious Medill Journalism School at Northwestern University.

After working for Barack Obama's successful 2008 presidential campaign, Blake was appointed White House associate deputy director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. In 2013, he left that post to become a senior advisor at Operation Hope, a nonprofit that teaches sound financial practices to families in the Bronx. The Fall (Nov.) Newsletter will detail his congressional aspirations.

Sayed Ali '09 is an urban planner with a newly created Web site: Urban Planning for Socio-Spatial Equity (<https://syedagmalali.com/>) On his site, he avows his determination to "employ urban planning and public policy to help grow communities that are better connected and defy the socio-spatial determinants of health and wealth." Ali graduated from Wesleyan in 2013 with a B.S. in English and government and from Harvard in 2019 with an M.S. in urban planning.



Andrew Ackerman '71 stepped down at the end of June as the executive director of the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), a position he held for 29 years. He will serve as senior advisor to the museum's board, and will be honored at CMOM's gala on Oct. 29, 2019. During Ackerman's tenure, CMOM's annual attendance grew to 350,000 people, becoming a leading family destination and a citywide resource. Yearly, some 50,000 underserved people from all boroughs enjoy free or reduced admission and tens of thousands more benefit from the museum's outreach programs at schools, libraries and hospitals.

Sarina Moralez '04 took Horace Greeley's advice in May 2018 and went out west to become a team reporter



for the Los Angeles Rams. The former ESPN correspondent knows her sports and can be seen on many podcasts, television interviews, and serving as moderator of panel discussions featuring today's major sports personalities.



Kishan Singh '09 celebrated his tenth year of graduating from DWC by matching his 2009 photo with one taken in 2019. He teaches at an elementary school in Brooklyn.

The Joy of Having a DWC Diploma

Ron dePass left Clinton early to fight in World War II.
His diploma finally catches up with him.



Here follows an account of Ron dePass's military service and his high school graduation ceremony as provided by his grandson Michael Contoir.

Ron dePass, 92, celebrated the thrill of his lifetime in finally receiving his diploma from DeWitt Clinton High School after over 70 years. The former Bronx resident, now living outside of Sacramento, California, was surprised by over 40 family members gathering on April 6, 2019 for a special graduation ceremony.

Mr. dePass left DeWitt Clinton early to join the Navy and fight in World War II in the Philippines, Hong Kong, and southeast Asia aboard the *USS John W. Weeks*. He also served heroically on the ship during the final assault on the Empire Islands, engaging in radar picket duty, shore bombardment, rescue missions and the anti-shipping sweep off Tokyo Bay. Following the end of the conflict, the ship headed into Tokyo Bay & helped with the escort operations with the occupation forces.

Mr. dePass served his country again during the Korean War in the Navy for multiple years. He went on to a successful communications career with Pacific Bell in Southern California, and then retired in the Sierra Nevada mountain area with his wife and children nearby.

Mr. dePass is in good health, and was in utter shock at the tremendous outpouring of support from his family and his cherished alma mater, DeWitt Clinton High School. The school always represented a special place in his heart, but leaving early to defend his country always left a hole in his heart for a mission unfulfilled. At the ceremony, Mr. dePass expressed his gratitude to the school, Mr. Gerard Pelisson, who facilitated getting his diploma, and to his family for the wonderful occasion to celebrate his graduation. He went on to praise all those who made the day possible and he sincerely appreciated all the trouble that many went through to make this day possible. "It was the most surprising day in his life, and the most remarkable one in his lifetime." He held back some tears in saying that he has been blessed with a wonderful family, and his life would never have been the same without them.



Ron DePass, on the right, aboard the *USS John W. Weeks* in the Pacific during World War II

Photo: Ron DePass

A special thank you to former principal Geraldine Ambrosio, former assistant principal Mary Ann Mola, Principal Pierre Orbe and his assistant principal Felicia Bray for their assistance in helping Mr. DePass receive his diploma, as the law permits schools to give diplomas to students who left before graduation to serve in World War II. The present year is always put on such diplomas. GJP

Clinton Photo Momentos

The Great/Not-So-Great Late 1960s



MLB Hall of Famer **Jackie Robinson** visited DWCHS May 8, 1968, as shown in this *Clinton News* photo. He came to warn students about illegal drugs. His visit was one month after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and one month before the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.



Principal **Walter Degnan** spent a few nights in jail in February 1969. Upon his return to school, he was greeted by a giant cake, a cake knife and a supportive faculty. Why the jail time? As president of the Council of Supervisors and Administrators, he had joined with the United Federation of Teachers to support a strike opposing hiring/firing policies in a Brooklyn district. The strike lasted from early September to late November 1968 until the 16 removed teachers were given back their jobs.



Famed photographer **Ralph Morse**, DWC class of 1935, captured the lift-off of Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969. He used remote control to take the shot because the heat from the blast would have been too intense for him to be with the camera.



Marine Corps enlistee **Rafael A. Candelario**, DWC class of 1964, began his second tour of duty in Vietnam in May 1968. The following year he received the Silver Star Medal. His commendation reads (in part): "On 9 May 1969...informed that three Marines in the point element were seriously wounded, Sergeant Candelario completely disregarded his own safety as he ran across the fire-swept terrain to reorganize and direct the fire of the point squad.... Sergeant Candelario, although painfully wounded by enemy fire, refused medical attention and evacuation as he resolutely made three trips across the hazardous terrain to obtain ammunition and distribute it among his men.... His heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in successfully engaging and defeating the enemy." His obituary appears on page 21 of this newsletter.

Clinton DNA Photos

They Did Not Attend DWC, But Their DNA Did

Have a descendant of prominence?
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Harold Efron '46



Zac Efron is an actor and one of Hollywood's biggest stars. His 2019 film *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile* tells the story of mass killer Ted Bundy. His grandfather Harold is a retired structural engineer living in Oregon.



Danny Schechter '60



Sarah Schechter is the executive producer of many successful TV series: *Titans*, *DC's Legends of Tomorrow*, *Supergirl*, *Riverdale* and *The Flash*. Her father Danny was editor of the *Clinton News* and later an Emmy-winning journalist and social activist.



Milton Williams '50



Dari Alexander co-anchors the *FOX 5 News At 5 p.m.* and the *FOX 5 News at 10 p.m.* Trained in French cuisine, she is the author of *The Quick and Clean Diet*. Her father Milton is a former chief judge of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court.



Marlon Mattis '81



Sam Mattis won his first USATF Outdoor title in the discus on July 25, 2019 with a throw of 66.69m. He is a 2016 graduate of the Wharton Sch. of Business. Father Marlon was the first African-American captain of the T&F team at William and Mary.


Great American Hotel Architects (Volume 1)

– by Stanley Turkel '41, CMHS

The twelve architects featured in this book designed ninety-four hotels from 1878 to 1948. Many of them worked as apprentices in architect's offices. Some were lucky enough to study in an architectural college, and some were wealthy enough to attend the École des Beaux-Arts (School of Fine Arts) in Paris. This school has a history of more than 350 years in training many of the great artists of Europe. Beaux-Arts's style was modeled on classical antiquities. The origins of the school were drawn from 1648—when the Académie des Beaux-Arts was founded to educate the most talented students in drawing, painting, sculpting, engraving, and architecture. Women were admitted beginning in 1897.

Stanley Turkel was designated as the 2014 and the 2015 Historian of the Year by Historic Hotels of America, the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This award is presented to an individual for making a unique contribution in the research and presentation of hotel history and whose work has encouraged a wide discussion and a greater understanding and enthusiasm for American History.

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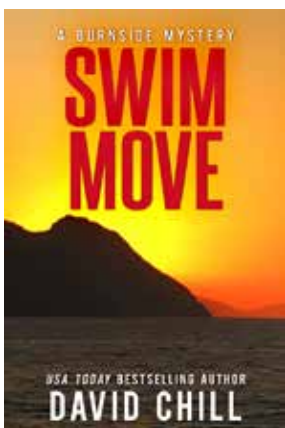

Managing Organizational Conflict

– by Sam Blank '65

Conflict in business and personal relationships is inevitable—much of the success of companies depends on how well they respond to it. Developing rapport, collaboration and cooperation hinges on positive conflict management strategies that stimulate innovation and growth where companies can look for solutions to common issues and needs. Conflict management can address dysfunctional outcomes that result in job stress, less effective communication and a climate of distrust, where working relationships are damaged and job performance reduced. At a time when the business world and the economy are ever-changing, organizations must minimize and resolve internal and external conflicts to remain vibrant and profitable. Drawing on examples from a wide range of corporate experiences, this volume provides role-playing scenarios, checklists, tables and research studies to help employees, managers and owners better comprehend the dynamics of conflict in every interaction.

Sam Blank is a member of the faculty of the American Management Association. His primary teaching emphasis is in the areas of mediation, crisis management, conflict resolution, leadership skill development and organizational behavior. He is also certified as an Alternative Dispute Resolution specialist by the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution and the State of New York. Additionally, he is certified as a violence prevention SAVE provider by the New York State Education Department. He lives in New York, New York.

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Swim Move (Burnside Series Book 10) Kindle Edition

– by David Chill '73

The latest novel from a USA TODAY bestselling author! It was a random crime on a dark Beverly Hills street. Or were the victims targeted? When an old friend from high school shows up in P.I. Burnside's office for help, neither has any idea that this case will spiral into fraud, kidnapping and murder. But as Burnside begins looking into his friend's beautiful celebrity daughter, he uncovers more and more people who have a dispute with her – and a reason to inflict harm. Once again, Burnside's investigation takes readers on a harrowing journey through the best and worst of Los Angeles. Burnside navigates his way with a little help from some pro football players and is forced to work around detectives from multiple police departments, who would prefer this case would just go away. And as he unravels the mystery, he and his wife Gail must make a critical decision on their future. The series reaches uncharted territory when Burnside gets a legendary meeting with the LAPD's Chief of Police – an interaction the Chief would like to forget! The 10th book in the Burnside Mystery series is smoothly written and is a joy to read. The story builds to a pulsating climax and will leave the reader hungry for more!

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"No matter the amount, I always give to DWC."

The DeWitt Clinton Alumni Association created the Barrese Society in 2016 to recognize donors who have given to the Association consistently over the years. The Society is named for the late Anthony J. Barrese '34, whose donations were basic dues given regularly over many decades until his death in 2014. To qualify for membership in the Barrese Society, you must have paid dues (currently \$35.00) every year for at least 10 years. You can make up for two donations missed over the 10 year period. As a member, you will receive the Barrese pin (shown on page 16. Your name will appear perpetually on the Barrese Society page in the September DWC Alumni Newsletter. A star will be added to your name for each additional ten years of consistent giving. If your name was left off the list, let us know. If your name was mistakenly placed on the list, we will leave it up to you to know what to do.

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In Memoriam

Arthur Grossman '33 (April 30, 2019)
Nathan Miller '36 (January 5, 2019)
Seymour Gage '37 (May 27, 2019)
J. Robert Birnhak '39 (July 14, 2019)
Jesse Fierstein '39 (May 19, 2018)
Edwin Kaufman '42 (June 1, 2019)
Norman Seiden '42 (June 26, 2019)
Frank John Annunziata, Sr. '42 (Feb 14, 2019)
Joseph Russo '45 (February 2019)

Domenick Iorio '47 (June 2019)
Alfred Perlmutter '48 (July 2019)
Gabriel Varrone '48 (July 21, 2019)
Stuart Evans (Goldberg) '49 (August 29, 2019)
Howard V. Lee '51 (March 23, 2019)
Richard J. Goldstein '52 (March 8, 2019)
Kenneth Camelo '57 (May 8, 2019)
Robert Newberg '57 (June 11, 2019)
John Grimes '58 (May 17, 2019)
Thomas Haynes, Jr. '59 (January 17, 2019)

Robert W. Noble '61 (February 21, 2019)
Elliot Roberts '61 (June 21, 2019)
Rafael A. Candelario '64 (June 3, 2019)
Paul Hozdala '64 (September 3, 2018)
Edwin R. Shipp '65 (February 16, 2019)
Robert Cooper '68 (March 03, 2019)
Lawrence Long '79 (April 28, 2019)
Dexter Young '79 (July 21, 2019)
Mary Montes, Ret. Para (July 17, 2019)



Arthur Grossman '33, as stated in a print obituary, "surprised his family by dying Tuesday (April 30) at the age of 103. He had convinced them he would live forever." After attending City College, Grossman worked in his family's haberdashery business, outfitting the Big Bands of the swing era -- Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw and the Dorsey Brothers. He served in World War II in the tech squadron of the Army Air Force 9th Division under Gen. Hap Arnold in England, France and Germany. He became a specialist in Pratt-Whitney aircraft engines damaged in battle. For many years, Grossman was an elected Dade County Committeeman, retiring at age 99.



J. Robert Birnhak '39 was a World War II veteran, who served in the Philippines and Australia with the Army Signal Intelligence Corps. He was an attorney and member of the New York State Assembly. Then in 1964 with his wife, Marilyn, he created Weight Watchers of Philadelphia, Inc., that presently has 20,000 members and 450 meetings weekly. Over the years, he was a generous philanthropist helping many causes.

J. Robert Birnhak passed away on July 14, 2019 at his home in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.



Norman Seiden '42 was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, raised in the Bronx, and graduated from Purdue University with a BS in mechanical engineering.

With his father and uncle, Seiden founded Melnor Industries in 1945, producing sprinklers and hoses that many Clintonites have owned over the years. In 1966, the company was acquired by Beatrice Foods. Seiden assumed responsibility for a group of their companies. In 1976, he retired to dedicate his time to the care of his wife as well as local and international philanthropies. He was a driving force in many organizations such as the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and the Russell Berrie Foundation.

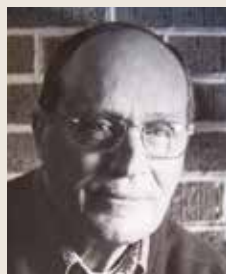
Norman Seiden passed away at home in Tenafly, New Jersey, at age 94 on June 26, 2019.

Medal of Honor Recipient Lt. Col. Howard V. Lee USMC, DWC class of 1951 August 1, 1933—March 23, 2019

DWC senior photo—His mother a homemaker, his father NYPD—Pace College—Commissioned second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve—His plan, "go in and do my duty and then get out." Fell in love with the Marines, transferred to active duty.



President Lyndon Johnson presented the Medal of Honor to Howard V. Lee (October 25, 1967) While deep in enemy territory in Vietnam, "Maj. (then Capt.) Lee's actions saved his men from capture, minimized the loss of lives, and dealt the enemy a severe defeat."



Major Lee, after a second Vietnam tour (1970—1975), found adjustment to civilian work difficult—His wife of 50 years, Jean Daniels, died in 2006—Four children, Edward, Linda, Michael and Laura.



Following his death on March 23, 2019, Lt. Col. Lee was given a funeral with full military honors at Colonial Grove Memorial Park, Virginia Beach, Va., on March 30, 2019.

In Memoriam



Thomas Haynes Jr. '59 served the public as a NYC transit police officer, a correctional officer for the New York State Department of Corrections and supervisor of security for the Edgemont/Scarsdale (NY) School District. He earned his master's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College. A talented boxer, he was a three-time Golden Glove victor: 1959, 1960, and 1961.

In 1993, Haynes was ordained a deacon of the Resurrection Life Ministry in Bridgeport, Connecticut. His volunteerism included serving over 6,000 hours at the Pocono Medical Center.

Thomas Haynes Jr. passed away on January 17, 2019.



Elliot Roberts '61 belonged to that long list of New York City youngsters, many of them Clintonites, who began their Hollywood careers in the "mailroom" of the William Morris Agency. As the story goes, they got noticed and rose high in the entertainment business. Elliot Roberts, whose

last name at DWC was Rabinowitz, took the route that led to becoming a music manager and record executive. In the late 1960s and the 1970s, he represented many singer-songwriters, in particular, Neil Young and Joni Mitchell. In 1967, Roberts started Look-out Manager, and three years later helped to create David Geffen's Asylum Records, later becoming Elektra/Asylum Records.

Elliot Roberts passed away in Los Angeles on June 21, 2019.

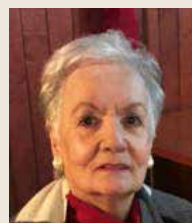
Sgt. Maj. Rafael A. Candelario USMC, DWC class of 1964 ***December 16, 1945—June 3, 2019***

Born in Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico, Rafael A. Candelario enlisted in the United States Marine Corps immediately following his graduation from DWC. In 1984, he was promoted to sergeant major, a rank he held until his retirement from active duty in 1994. After thirty years of service, his decorations included: Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. (8th Award). In 1995, he accepted a position as an Associate Naval Science instructor with the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Leto High School (Tampa, Florida) where he served for 16 years. He resided in Plant City, Florida, at the time of his passing. Please refer to page 16 in this newsletter to read the story of his Silver Star Medal.



Dexter Young '79 could run fast, but even though he was born in Kingston, Jamaica, he did not choose track as his passion. He let it all out on the basketball court and was part of the last Clinton team (1977) to win the city championship. His place is secure in the history of DWC champions. As classmate Cornel Johnson said of Dexter, "He was and always will be a true Governor, always kind, always with a smile, was always encouraging me to keep our DWC legacy."

Champion Dexter Young passed away in Springfield, Illinois, on July 21, 2019.



Mary Montes was a retired para-professional who worked at DeWitt Clinton High School for many years, with part of that time spent as the president of the DWC Football Club. One has only to look at her photos in the *Clintonian* over the years to see the joy she continually expressed.

Mary Montes passed away on July 17, 2019 at her home in Highland Mills, NY. She was the mother-in-law of Ronald Watson '71, lieutenant colonel, USMC (ret.)

Lest We Forget Their Service to Country

Nathan Miller '36 USA Intelligence, WWII, Bronze Star
Seymour Gage '37 USA, WWII, France
Jesse Fierstein '39 USA, WWII, Normandy, Rhineland, Bronze Star
Edwin Kaufman '42 USN, lieutenant, World War II, Okinawa
Frank J. Annunziata, Sr. '42 USA Air Corps, flight officer, 1943-1946
Joseph Russo '45 USN, WWII, Pacific
Domenick Iorio '47 USA, six years
Alfred Perlmutter '48 USAF, Perrin Air Force Base in Texas

Gabriel Varrone '48 USN, patternmaker first class, Korean War
Stuart Evans (Goldberg) '49 USAF, 28 years, AFJROTC teacher
Richard J. Goldstein '52 New York National Guard, specialist
John Grimes '58 USN, 1958-1962, aircraft carrier *USS Wasp*
Paul Hozdala '64 USA, sergeant, military reservation, Pennsylvania
Edwin R. Shipp '65 USA, 1965-1967
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DWC MAGAZINE introduces prospective students and their families to today's DeWitt Clinton High School. The 16-page color booklet will be distributed at PTA meetings throughout the Bronx and at open-school days.

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THE **PROMISE** OF DEWITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

rigorous academic studies, a wide range of student activities, and championship-winning athletic programs. Its graduates attend the finest colleges in the nation, though remaining forever proud to be part of the history and traditions of a high school that has had an extraordinary influence on American life.

As a comprehensive high school, DeWitt Clinton is proof that a good education doesn't take place just in the classroom. That is why Clinton offers many extracurricular activities where you can express your individual talents, learn to be a leader and decision maker, and make friends with students from many different backgrounds. In other words, you do not have to decide before entering high school what you want to do with your life.

Having a Clinton full high school experience gives you the opportunity to explore a wide range of career choices.

While Clinton today enjoys a 21 acre campus in the Bronx, its story begins in Manhattan. Before subways ran beneath New York City streets and riding a horse was still the fastest way to get around town—before there was a Bronx Zoo—before the first airplane took flight and talking movies were invented—there was DeWitt Clinton High School. In 1897, its opening-day classes were held on the top floor of a grammar school on 13th Street in Manhattan. With enrollment rapidly increasing every year, the school moved in 1906 to its own, new building at 59th Street and Tenth Avenue. In 1929 when an even larger building was needed, DeWitt Clinton traveled to its present site on Moshulu Parkway in the Bronx.



The
Governors

John Barbarette '64, President DWC Alumni Association



Great things are happening at DeWitt Clinton High School and I invite you to be part of them – if the time is coming for you to apply to high school.

Let me start by introducing our Alumni Association. Founded in 1901, the Association is dedicated to preserving the heritage and rich tradition of DWC High School. That dedication includes funding programs that provide today's Clinton students a well-rounded education with life-enriching experiences. It includes support for all athletic programs, art and music, the ROTC and many other activities. In the past ten years, the Association has also provided over \$445,000 in scholarship grants to graduating seniors. Few high schools have such a committed alumni association. It is a good feeling to know that you will always be part of a caring Clinton community. To quote the great African-American poet Countee Cullen, DWC class of 1922, "Once a Clintonite, always a Clintonite."

On the academic front, on pages 4/5, Principal Pierre Orbe explains the requirements to gain a DWC diploma. You will have a choice of majors to make your high school experience meaningful and enjoyable, and counseling services will be available to support your growth as a person and a student.

Yes, great things are happening at DWC. This 16-page magazine is your invitation to see the real DeWitt Clinton High School.



DeWitt Clinton

March 2, 1769 - February 11, 1828

United States Senator,
New York City Mayor,
New York State Governor,
Established the New York City
Public School System

Thirty counties and municipalities
are named for DeWitt Clinton

DeWitt C-L-I-N-T-O-N Boom!

Clinton, oh Clinton, ever to thee,
Fairest of high schools
Give her three times three, oh classmates!
Long may we cherish thee,
Faithful we'll be,
Clin—ton, oh Clin—ton,
For you and me!



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2019 FALL DWC SPORTS SCHEDULE

The Alumni Association encourages alumni to attend Clinton games, meets and competitions.

SOCCER BOYS VARSITY



DATE TIME @ AWAY GAME

09/05 04:00 P @Morris (Randall's Island Field 80)
 09/08 12:00 P Herbert H. Lehman (DWC Field)
 09/13 04:00 P Bronx HS of Science (DWC Field)
 09/16 04:00 P JFK (DWC Field)
 09/20 04:00 P @Harry S. Truman (Truman Field)
 09/25 04:00 P James Monroe (DWC Field)
 10/04 04:00 P @Christopher Columbus (Columbus HS Field)
 10/06 04:00 P @ Walton (DWC Field)
 10/11 04:00 P @Evander Childs (Evander Childs HS Field)
 10/16 04:00 P Mount Haven (DWC Field)
 10/21 04:00 P Health Opportunities (DWC Field)

Coach: Mathew Keller

SOCCER GIRLS VARSITY



DATE TIME @ AWAY GAME

09/10 04:00 P @Herbert H. Lehman (Lehman Field)
 09/12 04:00 P @Christopher Columbus (Columbus Field)
 09/17 04:00 P Harry S. Truman (DWC Field)
 09/26 04:00 P Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy (DWC Field)
 09/29 02:30 P Morrisania (DWC Field)
 10/03 04:00 P Herbert H. Lehman (DWC Field)
 10/08 04:00 P Columbus (DWC Field)
 10/10 04:00 P @Harry S. Truman (Truman Field)
 10/14 02:00 P Hyde Leadership (DWC Field)
 10/22 04:00 P @Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy
 (Van Cortlandt Stadium)

Coach: Omar Osorio '87

SWIMMING GIRLS VARSITY



DATE TIME @ AWAY GAME

09/18 04:30 P @George Washington (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 09/20 04:30 P Evander Childs (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 09/23 04:30 P @A Philip Randolph (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 09/25 04:30 P @Harry S. Truman (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 09/27 04:30 P @Walton (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 10/02 04:30 P George Washington (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 10/04 04:30 P @Evander Childs (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 10/07 04:30 P A. Philip Randolph (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 10/16 04:30 P Harry S. Truman (C.C.N.Y. Pool)
 10/21 04:30 P Walton (C.C.N.Y. Pool)

Coach: John Maguire

VOLLEYBALL GIRLS VARSITY



DATE TIME @ AWAY GAME

09/23 05:30 P Roosevelt (Mott Haven Gym)
 09/25 04:30 P @Bronx HS of Science (Bx Science Gym)
 09/26 05:30 P @Mott Haven (Roosevelt Gym)
 10/03 04:30 P @JFK (JFK Gym)
 10/07 04:30 P Herbert H. Lehman (DWC Field)
 10/10 05:30 P Columbus (Bx Science Gym)
 10/15 05:30 P @Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy (Columbus Gym)
 10/16 05:30 P South Bronx (Bx Science Gym)
 10/18 05:30 P @ Walton (Bx Science Gym)
 10/21 05:30 P @Roosevelt ((Bx Science Gym)
 10/22 04:30 P Bx HS of Science (DWC Gym)
 10/24 05:30 P Mott Haven (JFK Gym)
 10/28 04:30 P JFK (DWC Gym)

Coach: Emmanuel Palatulan

Updated schedules at www.psal.org.

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"[All the girls] were walked around by security and not allowed out of the classroom alone. We would be in class and there would be boys staring at us as if we were famous.

What a great situation for a shy, self-conscious young woman to be in."

Some of the teachers, especially the men, had to be concerned with more than boys gawking through classroom door windows. They had their words to guard. In prior days, male teachers could push the sexual innuendo envelope, usually to the enjoyment of their male students. Such *bon mots* was a no-no after September 1983.

Teachers—both male and female—also had to adjust to the reality that a girl's tongue could be as vulgar as a boy's. Curse words from a boy's mouth had little shock value, but when they came from a girl's, it took a little getting used to.

Most importantly, the girls brought life back to the building. The enrollment that had been 2,565 in October 1982 would be more than 5,200 by 1987. The age-old claim that girls were better students than boys was also proving true. As the female enrollment increased—reaching 50 percent of the total student body by the late 1980s—, so did academic performance, so did the variety and quality of extracurricular programs. Clinton became the school of choice in the Bronx, as 1,000 new students entered each year and eight times as many were turned away. Clinton was back to worrying about being overcrowded and it felt wonderful.

As for the bathrooms—by 1987 the ten student facilities were evenly divided by gender, and not a urinal was to be found in the wrong place.



Claudia Obas '86, future guidance counselor in the Westhill (CT) school system