



The **RED & BLACK**

SPRING 2024

Outstanding Alumnus: Jack Cera



State Representative, Jack Cera, a native of Bellaire, Ohio (Belmont County) served in the Ohio House of Representatives for twenty-three years. Most recently, he was appointed to the Ohio House of Representatives in December of 2011 to serve as the State Representative of then House District 95. After redistricting took effect prior to the 130th General Assembly, he represented House District 96 which encompasses portions of Belmont County. Cera reached his term limit in 2020.

Rep. Cera served as a Ranking Member on the powerful Finance Committee and served on Ways and Means and Agriculture and Rural Development. Rep. Cera was a member of the Controlling Board which oversees the release of taxpayers' money. He was part of the Congressional Redistricting workgroup that proposed the changes approved by the voters.

Jack's previous tenure in the Ohio General Assembly (1983-1996) included serving as the State Representative of what was then House District 99 (Belmont, Monroe, Noble, and the northern part of Washington Counties). During that time, he served on Finance, and Appropriations, Ways and Means, Public Utilities, Agriculture and Natural

Resources, and Energy and Environment Committees. He served as chairman of the development finance sub-committee. In addition to these standing committees, Cera chaired select committees on Worker's Compensation and Longwall Mining. He was a long-time member of the Coal Technical Advisory Committee and the Board on Underclaimed Strip Mined Lands.

Rep. Cera was instrumental in starting the Roadwork Development Fund which directed gas tax funding to economic development for the first time and for the expansion of the flood warning system following the deadly floods of 1990. Over the years, Cera worked to bring millions of dollars back to his district for a variety of projects. During his last term, he led the effort to bring additional highway money back to the shale area for local governments and funded the rural industrial park program. He always took a bipartisan approach to his work in the legislature.

Cera has also worked for the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services as Workforce Development Director. He served as the executive director of the Jefferson-Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Rep. Cera continues his work to help the Appalachian region at the firm Sunday Creek Horizons which provides services to businesses, government entities, and non-profit organizations throughout the region.

Rep. Cera previously volunteered in the community on the Belmont County Port Authority Board, the Belmont County Planning Commission, the Bellaire Public Library Board, the Bellaire Park District Board, the Bellaire Girls Softball Association, and the East Ohio Girls Softball Association. Cera currently is

a board member of the Appalachian Children Coalition.

Representative Cera is a 1974 graduate of Bellaire High School where he excelled in the classroom and on the football field. His 97-yard interception return for a touchdown was a school record for over twenty years. He was recruited to play football at Brown University, but his playing days ended after one year due to injury. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University in 1978.

Representative Cera is married to his wife of thirty-eight years, Becky, who is a registered nurse. They have two daughters, Jaclyn and Bethany. Jaclyn, a graduate of Waynesburg University, with both a bachelor's and a master's degree in counseling. Jaclyn is married to Airforce Major, Brent Yocum, from Smithfield. Bethany, who is a graduate of the University of Charleston and earned a master's degree from Muskingum University, is a licensed athletic trainer. Bethany has worked at Muskingum University and Hiram University. She currently works at Trinity Sports Medicine and serves as Athletic Trainer at Edison Local High School. Jack and Becky have two granddaughters, Scarlett and Lena.

Representative Cera serves as a strong voice for his district and promises to be an advocate for economic development, local governments, education, healthcare, and Ohio's working families and elderly. With the emerging Marcellus and Utica gas drilling activities in the district, Rep. Cera will work to maximize the economic benefit while protecting the local infrastructure, property rights, and environment. Previously, Rep. Cera worked with local officials on water, sewer, and road projects and will continue to advocate improving the district's infrastructure.



Message from the President

Hello BHS Alumni!

As the alumni board moves forward with plans for upcoming events, we would like to invite all of our alumni to save the date of Saturday, July 5, 2025, for a celebration of the 100th year of the current Bellaire High School building. More details will be forthcoming.

Our annual virtual reverse raffle will be Saturday, October 19, 2024. Tickets are available from any board members.

The annual alumni dues of \$10 and the many donations for our various funds are needed and greatly appreciated.

Please visit our webpage at www.bellairebigredsalumni.com or our Facebook page at Bellaire High School Alumni for more information.

GO BIG REDS!

Your President,
Dan Angus '74

Spotlight on a Big Red

In the spring of 2023, Bellaire High School graduate, Anna Pramik, enlisted into the United States Marine Corp. Anna entered Parris Island, North Carolina as 1st Battalion Delta Company. This was only the second time in Marine recruit history that a female recruiting class was ranked as 1st Battalion Delta Co. Anna spent the summer months in the grueling heat on the Atlantic coast, training to become a member of this elite sector of the United States military. The final test on Parris Island, was to complete a 54 - hour obstacle course which challenged recruits' physical and mental strengths. This challenge simulated realistic, combat training in which recruits are placed in stressful situations while being supplied with limited food, deprived of sleep, carried 45lbs of gear, hiked over 48 miles, and subjected to problem solving exercises – all under extreme pressure. Anna completed this arduous challenge and graduated on August 25th. Private Anna Pramik is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton just outside San Diego, California. Here, she will continue to represent our country and defend our freedoms as a member of the United States Marine Corporation. Hoorah!



Spring Banquet 2024

The 2024 Bellaire Alumni Association Spring banquet will be on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Wheeling Country Club 906 Oglebay Dr. Wheeling, WV 26003. We encourage all Alumni to attend and celebrate together for our 119th gathering.

We will be honoring the 2024 Outstanding Alumnus in addition to the following past graduates for their achievements: Andrea D. Shallcross Trio, Education, Class of 2000. Amy Taylor Sheldon, Sports, Class of 1992. Troy Johnson, Civics, Class of 1992.

Additionally, the Class of 1974 will be recognized for celebrating their 50th year.

Social and cocktail hour begins at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and must be purchased in advance either by mail or on our website at www.bellairebigredsalumni.com. This year's menu includes creamy boursin cheese chicken served with salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls and dessert. Coffee and iced tea are also included. A bar serving additional drink options will be located steps away but accepts ONLY credit cards, NO cash.

Please make plans to attend this annual event. Several accommodations near this venue include the Hampton Inn – Wheeling, Wilson Lodge, and Springhill Suites.

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After another successful year in 2023, the Alumni Association Board of Directors has again decided to host the event at the Wheeling Country Club, located at 906 Oglebay Drive. The 2024 Banquet will be honoring the fifty-year class of 1974.

The alumni board is continually working to provide an event that is memorable and worthwhile for all classes to attend. Please plan on attending to gather with the BIG REDS family!

There are several accommodations near this venue including the Hampton Inn – Wheeling, Wilson Lodge, and Springhill Suites

ADVERTISE CLASS REUNIONS IN THE RED & BLACK NEWSLETTER

Any class planning a reunion can send information to Greg Mehlman at gregmehlman@hotmail.com. Any summer reunions (June, July, August, Beginning of September) we would need the information sent by March 1st of the current year. Any reunions between the months of middle September, October, November, December, January, February, March, or April need to have information sent to Greg Mehlman by July 31 of the current year.

Asking for Membership Help

It is the job of the Alumni Trustees to keep the association membership active for years to come. We need the help from you in doing that. After reading this, you may encounter another alumnus of BHS who is not a member. PLEASE ask if they would like to join the Bellaire High School Alumni Association by paying their dues. The purpose of forming the BHS Alumni Association was to promote the interests of the Bellaire Local School District and all alumni of BHS.

Seeking Nominations

We need Nominations for 2025 Outstanding Alumnus Award. If you know of a past graduate that you feel is worthy of this award, send a cover letter including the person's name, the year he or she graduated, their chosen career field, reason you are nominating this person along with their resume. Send paperwork to Bellaire Alumni Association, Attn: Outstanding Alumnus Committee P.O. Box 307 Bellaire, OH, 43906. Deadline is December 31, 2024

CLASS REUNIONS

1974

The class of 1974 will celebrate their 50th reunion this year! An update for 2024... Letters have been sent out. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Dan Angus at (740) 312-8016. Hope to see all of you there.

2015

The class of 2015 will celebrate their 10-year class reunion in conjunction with the 100th year All Class Reunion on Saturday, July 5, 2025. We have booked The Sons of Italy as our venue for the day. More information will be sent out soon. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page. Please reach out to Greg Mehlman at (740) 359-4135 with any questions.

2014

The class of 2014 will celebrate their 10-year class reunion on June 29th, 2024 at the Hidden Hills event center. The time of the event should be 4pm – 8pm. If you have any questions, please contact Amy (Mehlman) Strobe at amymehlman@gmail.com.

Please send all class reunion information to Greg Mehlman at gregmehlman@hotmail.com

ALL CLASS REUNION – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Saturday, July 5, 2025

We will celebrate ALL CLASSES and the 100th year Anniversary of the present Bellaire High School! Order t-shirts on our website!!!

Please spread the word about this event!!!

More information to come.

Bellaire High School Alumni 100th Year All Class Reunion Shirt Sale

The Bellaire High School Association 100th year All Class reunion is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. This momentous event is a century of friendships, memories and a tangible reminder of the enduring bonds made while attending Bellaire High School. As we prepare to reunite with classmates from across the decades there is no better way to commemorate this milestone than with apparel designed especially for the event!

From the class of 1925 to the class of 2025 and beyond Bellaire High School has portrayed pride, spirit and tradition along with a century of academic excellence and camaraderie. Our design pays tribute to the rich history and enduring legacy of our alma mater. Whether you are a recent graduate or proud alumna, our celebratory apparel was designed to unite generations of graduates.



To order your apparel today go to our Facebook page, our website [Belliarebigredsalumni.com](http://belliarebigredsalumni.com) or simply put this link in your browser [HTTPS://bbsalumni100allclassreunion.itemorder.com](https://bbsalumni100allclassreunion.itemorder.com)

Order your items today and Vivid Graphics will ship any item on the link right to your door. We hope you are as excited as we are about our 2025 celebration and look forward to seeing you

Saturday, July 5, 2025. Here's to another century of excellence, friendship and cherished memories of our Faithful and Truehearted Bellaire High!

2024 Senior Service Award Candidates



The following students have been chosen as contenders for 2024 senior service award. Top left to right: Allie Ault and Drew White. Bottom left to right: Sidney Rowson, Abigail LaRoche, Luca D'Aquila, and McRay Pettigrew

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

2024 SPRING BANQUET
Saturday, May 18, 2024

VIRTUAL REVERSE RAFFLE
Saturday, October 19, 2024

ALL CLASS REUNION
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
Saturday, July 5, 2025

DONORS FROM FALL OF 2023 & SPRING OF 2024

Alumni members that have generously made donations to one of the many funds which helps the alumni association give back to Bellaire Local Schools and students.

GENERAL FUND

Joanne Forte Wise, Class of '74
Stephanie Shimble Sarcheck, Class of '84
Georgia Bruce Hamilton, Class of '74
William & Elizabeth Prisner Gasbarre, Class of '62
John Redpath, Class of '87
Robert Hubbard, Class of '72
Barbara Derry Hubbard, Class of '72
Mary Ann Carpino DeBlasis, Class of '57
Linda Zacchini & John Mike Marinacci, Classes of '68 & '65
Richard Regoli, Class of '59
Robert Michael Marshall
Dan Angus
Steve Sorvalis, Class of '59
Kim Mokros, Class of '81
Lois Palicka
Paul Toxie, Class of '51
Al Vaglianti, Class of '68
Charlotte Vaglianti, Class of '68
Tom & Marie Costanzo Olexa, Class of '60
Tony Piehowicz, Class of '66
Wilda Trigg Cain, Class of '55
Jerry Buti, Class of '73
Sharon Putinsky, Class of '74
Jebb Linch – In memory of Gary Hudson '66 & Louis Beltrondo '66
Ed Pollock, Class of '70
Elaine Mendelson Rorris, Class of '58
Richard and Kim Mlynek Frizzi, Classes of '72 & '74
Joan Roy Hazard
Clarence Fulton, Class of '58
CJ LaRoche
Pete Woods
Don Marik
Rich Jones, Class of '72
Tracy Maxwell Ghoris, Class of '81
Cindy Wheeler, Class of '64
Diana Gorshe Arigoni, Class of '71

Trey Paul Duffy, Class of '81
Connie Crozier Bobo, Class of '68
Barbara Tomlinson Bradford, Class of '65
Douglas Allen, Class of '71
Harold Brown
Frank & Arleen Brunori Sabatino, Class of '73 & '76
Andrew Sabatino, Class of '09

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Claudia Lyon
Stephanie Shimble Sarcheck, Class of '84
Georgia Bruce Hamilton, Class of '74
William & Elizabeth Prisner Gasbarre, Class of '62
Dolores Burda Derry, Class of '46
Linda Zacchini & John Mike Marinacci, Classes of '68 & '65
Wayne Travnicsek, Class of '65
Robert Michael Marshall
Dan Angus
Lois Palicka
Norman & Mary Ann Camsky Balsei, Class of '59
Marian Corbett Clark, Class of '49
Alice Peek Chirpas, Class of '50
Wilda Trigg Cain, Class of '55
Elaine Mendelson Rorris, Class of '58
Richard and Kim Mlynek Frizzi, Classes of '72 & '74
Joan Roy Hazard
Clarence Fulton, Class of '58
CJ LaRoche
Tom and Linda Kahl Rataiczak, Class of '64
Dennis Burech, Class of '64
Betty Wallace Busack
Rich Jones, Class of '72
Roberta Bragan
William & Susan (Badia) West, Class of '71
Frank & Arleen Brunori Sabatino, Class of '73 & '76
Andrew Sabatino, Class of '09

SPECIAL GIFT FUND (SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS)

Gary Gill
James Gooch
Stephanie Shimble Sarcheck, Class of '84
Georgia Bruce Hamilton, Class of '74
Donna Goormastic Kocher-Burns, Class of '62
Patricia Willerton Shimble, Class of '55
Rosemary Derry Durant, Class of '66
Mary Ann Carpino DeBlasis, Class of '57
Linda Zacchini & John Mike Marinacci, Classes of '68 & '65
Norman & Diane Papola
Norman & Mary Ann Camsky Balsei, Class of '59
Alice Peck Chirpas, Class of '50
Jebb Linch and Kathy Linch Wagner – In memory of Mike Zavatsky '66
Richard and Kim Mlynek Frizzi, Classes of '72 & '74
Tom and Linda Kahl Rataiczak, Class of '64
Clarence Fulton, Class of '58
CJ LaRoche
Dennis Pogany, Class of '65
Janet Heil Gosnell, Class of '59
James Gooch JR
Don Marik
Rich Jones, Class of '72
Daniel Velt
Trey Paul Duffy, Class of '81
Bill and Julia Clifford Kerr '59, '60 – In Memory of a dear friend Joyce Gianangeli Lancione '60
Connie Crozier Bobo 1968 – In Memory of Duane Trigg, Class of '68
Connie Crozier Bobo 1968 – In Memory of David Hudson, Class of '68
Frank & Arleen Brunori Sabatino, Class of '73 & '76
Andrew Sabatino, Class of '09

Gary & Toni Sechrest in Memory of Steve Sorvalis

BELL TOWER

ARTS & THEATER

Georgia Bruce Hamilton, Class of '74
Shawn Ann Bolon, Class of '82
Linda Zacchini & John Mike Marinacci, Classes of '68 & '65
Joe Buti, Class of '75
Robert Michael Marshall
Dan Angus
Lois Palicka
Toni Sechrest
Martha Crozier Johnson, Class of '62
Nancy Kasarda Carroll, Class of '49
Bill & Julia Clifford Kerr, Classes of '59 & '60
Richard and Kim Mlynek Frizzi, Classes of '72 & '74
Clarence Fulton, Class of '58
CJ LaRoche
Rich Jones, Class of '72
Dale Tschappat, Class of '84
William and Susan Badia West, Class of '71
Frank & Arleen Brunori Sabatino, Class of '73 & '76
Andrew Sabatino, Class of '09

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Ben Doyle and Family – Thank you for your annual monetary contribution to the alumni association for the use of our website domain.

Donations received on or before February 29, 2024, are printed in this newsletter. Any donation received after February 29, 2024, will be printed in the Fall 2024 newsletter

GRAND TOTAL (of all items marked)

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www.bellairebigredsalumni.com

To complete any of the above transactions or
send a check to Bellaire Alumni Association
PO Box 307 Bellaire, Ohio 43906

SPRING BANQUET

MAY 18, 2024

WHEELING COUNTRY CLUB, WHEELING, WV

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS MAY 10th

_____ # Attending @ \$35.00 per person

_____ Total amount due for reservations

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1974

In 2024 you will be celebrating 50 years!! In order for you
dinner at the May 2024 Spring Banquet to be free, your
2023 dues MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31, 2023.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1975

In 2025 you will be Celebrating 50 years!! In order for you
dinner at the May 2025 Spring Banquet to be free, your
2024 dues MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31, 2024

ANNUAL DUES

_____ Dues \$10.00

_____ Associate Member Dues \$10.00

LIFETIME DUES

_____ \$50.00 - Class of 1974 & before

_____ \$100.00 - 1975 - 1994

_____ \$150.00 - 1995 - 2014

_____ \$200.00 - 2015 - 2024

Total amount for Dues

VIRTUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

SATURDAY, OCT 19, 2024

_____ # of \$15.00 Tickets

Total amount for Reverse Raffle

DONATIONS

_____ Education Assistance Fund

_____ Special Gift Fund (Scholarships)

_____ Theatre and Arts Fund

_____ General Fund

_____ 2025 All Class Reunion

_____ Total amount for Donations

GRAND TOTAL (of all items marked)

ENTER PAYMENT INFORMATION ON REVERSE