

Vic's message: Dear members of the Class of 1959,

For the last 3 years I have represented our class on the IHS Alumni Scholarship Committee. As such I have attended Class Day at Irvington High School, usually the first Friday in June, for the presentation of two \$ 1,000 scholarships to two deserving seniors as they embark on a college career.

While not knowing what to expect on my first attendance, I was pleasantly surprised of the warm welcome our Committee received from faculty, administrators and students alike. This has continued to be the case on subsequent Class Day events.

The recipients were bright, enthusiastic and very appreciative of the support our alumni group provides for them. Their parents as well expressed their gratitude. Very frequently the recipients were the first to go to college in their families, something that I and, I am sure, many of you can appreciate.

Four years ago, at our 50th reunion, our class made a remarkable response to the class of 1960 who asked us to consider supporting this new initiative of theirs to establish and maintain this great scholarship effort. Other classes have followed and the fund continues to grow. I am proud of our response as a class and it strengthens the belief that I have always had of the quality individuals we were then and what we continue to be. Please consider supporting this Scholarship Fund if you haven't already done so.

The building is the same, the people have changed, but the mission of the School remains to provide education and guidance to the children of the community as they pass through the halls of Irvington High School and prepare for the life they have before them. This is a great legacy that has begun and it is rewarding to be a small part of it. I hope you all can experience it.

Warm wishes to all,

Vic Petriella, June 8, 2013