

**FRIENDS OF
LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL, INC.**

*Supporting excellence in
academics, activities, and athletics
at Lowell High School*



ANNUAL REPORT
April 10, 2023



Mission of FLHS:

Founded in 1979, the Friends of Lowell High School (FLHS) is a group of parents and community members whose purpose is to support student activities and enhance school pride and spirit. FLHS also provides a forum for communication between parents and administrators of news, accomplishments and concerns about academics, clubs, athletics, events, and anything else related to Lowell High School.

Please consider volunteering your time to this worthy organization. For more information contact us at

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The only way to have a friend is to be a friend.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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March 31, 2023

Dear Friends of Lowell High School Members,

With the 2022–2023 school year coming to an end I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Parents and LHS Staff for their continued support of the Friends of Lowell High School and the students of Lowell high school. Without these volunteers doing all that they do for the student body, many student activities would not happen. We are grateful for the time parents spend to assist the sports and clubs of this school to further their children's experience while at Lowell High School.

2022-2023 was the first full year of in-person learning, and everyone from student and teacher adjusted great. Fans and spectators of student activities enjoyed in-person viewing and supporting our students.

The FLHS were able to return to in-person meeting, which were held in our new, state of art athletic center. FLHS continues to put the students and their needs first.

I would like to thank the board for the guidance and support during this year. If not for your ideas and time volunteering, the "Friends" would not exist and for that I thank you. For those on the board that are returning, I look forward to working with you in the future. For those board members that are "retiring" know that your service to the "Friends" is greatly appreciated and there will always be room for you and your ideas here with the "Friends".

I would like to recognize the retiring FLHS Officers and Board of Directors for their outstanding service and dedication, with out their dedication and participation the Friends would not exist.

Chris Crowley- Vice President

Moira Silva- Treasurer

Ellen Geary- Assistant Treasurer

Shelagh Pickett-Board of Directors

I would also like to thank Head of Schools Michael Fiato, Interim Athletics Director Scott Ouellette and Student Activities Tom Thornton for always keeping us informed and willing to answer all questions asked of them.

The efforts of you the parents in your individual committees resulted in the awarding of over 143 scholarships totaling \$33,700 including the 15 FLHS General scholarships totaling \$11,250 to graduating seniors. Additionally, a grant was awarded for \$1,000, this grant was requested by David Slattery, the grant was used to purchase equipment and preventive maintenance for equipment for the use by students within the Lowell High School community.

It has been an honor to be part of this organization and to be its President for the last 4 years. I have had the pleasure of working with great people from the Friends of Lowell High School, Lowell High School staff, and students that represent this school.

I wish you all well in the coming year.

Daniel Finn



**FLHS Annual Meeting Agenda
April 11, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Welcome Dan Finn, President
- 2) Organizational Issues
 - a) Prior Meeting Minutes: March (Motion to accept)
- 3) Staff Updates
 - a) Michael Fiato, Head of School
 - b) Dave Lezenski, Athletic Director Budget Review
 - c) Tom Thornton, Student Activities Coordinator
- 4) Reports
 - a) Treasurer (motion to accept)
 - b) Correspondence
 - c) Committee Reports and Updates
 - d) Scholarships
 - e) Election of Board of Directors
 - f) Election of Officers
 - g) Adjournment

Next Meeting Monday, May 9, 2022 @7pm

Friends of Lowell High School 2022-2023
Officers and Board of Directors

Officers:

President: Dan Finn
Vice President: Chris Crowley
Treasurer: Moira Silva
Asst Treasurer: Ellen Geary
Clerk: Lisa Skaff
Asst Clerk: Kim Peirce

Board of Directors:

Jolynn Van Dinter
Shelagh Pickett

Friends of Lowell High School
Past Presidents

Fiscal Year end	President
2022-2023	Dan Finn
2021-2022	Dan Finn
2020-2021	Dan Finn
2018-2020	Tim Carolan
2017-2018	Tim & Carrie Carolan
2015-2017	Dan Larocque
2013-2015	Raymond J. Noel, Jr.
2012-2013	John Larocque
2011-2012	Michael Sullivan
2009-2011	Sharyn Hardy Gallagher
2007-2008	Cheryl S. Sheridan
2004-2006	Jody O'Hearn
2002-2003	Dolly King
2000-2001	Raymond Tremblay
1998-1999	James P. Rodger
1995-1997	Anne D. Malavich
1993-1994	Marjorie Riddick Miller
1991-1992	Louis & Mary Ellen Warsnip
1990	Kathleen P. Cheney
1987-1989	Donna M. Leahey
1979-1986	Robert Shepherd
	Trudy Vail Michel
	Richard Violette
	Frederick Witts
	Patricia Taupier
	Thomas Broderick

Friends of Lowell High School General Scholarships

Last year, the Friends of LHS awarded 16 scholarships (4) \$1000, (5) \$750, (5) \$500, (1) memorial scholarship \$1000. the John F. Abraham Jr. Scholarship and (1) named scholarship \$750, the George E. McAndrews Track and Field Scholarship. Students must apply for a scholarship and meet these requirements: graduate from LHS, continue their education at an accredited school/college or serve in the armed forces, participate in school activities or sports, and have a parent who is involved in the Friends of LHS.

Over the years, some of the scholarships have been endowed to memorialize special individuals. Occasionally someone creates a scholarship for a fixed length of time. These past and present scholarships have been named after the following people:

Present Scholarships:

John F. Abraham, Jr. (1963-1980)

John was an outstanding goalie for the LHS Hockey team. His attitude and talent inspired his teammates. He was named to the All-Star team for the Commonwealth Athletic Conference at the time of his accidental death. He was a member of the LHS Class of 1981. This scholarship is endowed through the FLHS indefinitely. Donations this past year were named in his aunt Paula Abraham's memory.

George E. McAndrews Track and Field Scholarship

George, a 1951 graduate of Lowell High School, was a proud member of the Lowell High School Track and Field team. After graduation George joined the Air Force where he obtained skills that would lead him to a career as an Air Traffic Controller. Through the years, George has promoted the values of hard work, generosity, and self-improvement. It is with these values in mind that the children of George establish a five-year scholarship for a graduating senior who intends to further his/her education, whether in college or trade school. Our hope is that this scholarship will help a senior towards their career dreams and maybe one day, they too will give back. One scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 will be awarded annually for five consecutive years to a qualifying student starting with a 2022 graduate.

Past memorialized scholarships:**Gerald J. Wayne (1925-1979)**

Mr. Wayne was a member of LHS Class of 1943, served as a Navy pilot during WWII, and graduated from Northeastern University with a Civil Engineering Degree in 1950. He helped revitalize the LHS football booster club and played a leading role in creating the Friends of Lowell High School. He was an active and prominent member of several local organizations including the Sacred Heart Parish, Greater Lowell Association of Retarded Citizens, Holy Union Special School, Greater Lowell United Fund, and the Raytheon Company Management Club. He worked at Raytheon's South Lowell Plant for over 20 years.

Lawrence Wallace (1909-1982)

Mr. Wallace was a modest, quiet-spoken family man who was active in his church. He encouraged his children to serve the community to try to improve the City and its organizations.

G. Brent Leahey, Jr. (1966-1996)

Brent was a member of the LHS Class of 1984 and the LHS Basketball Teams of 1982-83 and 1983-84. The latter won the Division 1 North Basketball Championship. He graduated from Georgetown University and Georgetown Law Center and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar while undergoing cancer treatment. He loved his family and friends, who now raise funds for Cancer research in his memory.

Senator Paul Tsongas (1941-1997)

Sen. Tsongas was a member of the LHS 1958 class. He attended Dartmouth College and Yale Law School and served in the Peace Corps. He was elected to the Lowell City Council, U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. He was influential in many projects to spur the economic redevelopment of Lowell, including the Lowell National Historical Park, LeLacheur Park and the Tsongas Arena.

LHS Athletic Hall of Fame

This scholarship honors the relationship of FLHS and the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame in supporting athletics at Lowell High.

Slattery Family Scholarship

This 5-year scholarship was established by the Slattery Family in honor of their Lowell High graduates: Mary (1976), James (1980), Sean (1983), and Maura (1985).

FLHS 2022 Scholarship Awards

\$1000.00

Kyle Frechette, (John F. Abraham Jr. Scholarship)

Amelia Halloran, Joe Auger, Casey Mitchell and Dylan Kuczek

\$750.00

*Travis Van Dinter, Kaitlyn Doughty, Nora Funaro, Riasey Evan
Seng and Carleigh Ahern*

\$500.00

*Michael Pickett, Steven Betty, Athena Cote, Benjamin Kotsifas
and Cindy Sriprai*

FLHS 2021 \$750.00 Scholarship Awards

*2021 Isabella Marsden, Abigail Savoie, Declan Sullivan, Abigail
Mitchell, Sarah Ames, Kyle Shanahan*

Erin McCabe, Aidan Finn, Jacqueline Floro

*Jacob Heartquist, Nathan Gere, Kaithlene Perez-Flores, Alexa
Carolan, Adam Betty, Brendan Allen
Krystabelle Grimaldi*

FLHS 2020 \$750.00 Scholarship Awards

*2020 Keara Page, Lucas Petruzzello, Emily Martin,
Annie Chase, Lily Diamantopoulos, David Schechter
Matthew Asselin, Maura Gillis, Owen Goulette*

John F. Abraham \$750.00 Memorial Scholarship

2021 Jake Vieira

2020 Emily Sousa

2019 Max Halloran

2018 Liam Gilligan

Recipients of Previous years Memorialized Scholarships

(Each recipient received \$750.00)

Senator Paul Tsongas Scholarship

2020 Ava Carolan and Luke Silva

2019 Katherine Crabtree and David Savoie

Lawrence Wallace Memorial Scholarship

2020 Thomas Carolan

2019 Sean Doughty

Gerald Wayne Memorial Scholarship

2020 Molly McAnespie

2019 Sarah Larned

G. Brent Leahey Memorial Scholarship

2020 Patrick Coughlin

2019 Elizabeth Burgess

LHS Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship

2020 Samantha Veiga

2019 Benjamin Asselin

The Slaterry Family Scholarship

2020 Tyler Hoey

2019 Hannah McAnespie

**Friends of Lowell High Inc.
Committee Balance Report
All Transactions**

April 10, 2023

Band & Flags	1,284.01
Baseball	5,778.04
Basketball boys	2,197.98
Basketball girls	7,542.69
Cheerleading	13,245.99
Choral Arts	2,874.14
Crew	8,278.20
Cross Country	2,631.05
Field Hockey	7,556.51
Football	15,337.61
George E. McAndrews Scholarship Fund	3,000.00
Golf	2,957.08
Gymnastics	434.66
Hockey	7,384.65
John F. Abraham Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund	1,135.00
Lacrosse boys	8,712.85
Lacrosse girls	2,428.17
Latin Lyceum	2,878.96
Operating account	17,556.11
Skiing	0.00
Soccer boys	7,248.30
Soccer girls	2,556.26
Softball	5,320.95
Swimming boys	2,667.95
Swimming girls	6,818.26
Tennis boys	46.08
Tennis girls	1,364.56
Theater	3,646.02
Track	4,416.54
Volleyball boys	3,035.54
Volleyball girls	7,894.14
Wrestling	9,423.60
Total	167,651.90

Operating Account Budget
FY 4/1/2022-3/31/23

	4/1/21-3/31/22 Actual 2021-2022	10% Increase Budget 2022-2023	4/1/22-3/13/23 Actual 2022-2023
INCOME			
Membership Dues	\$395.89	\$435.48	\$345.85
15% Committee transfer	\$14,969.44	\$16,466.38	\$14,518.60
Donations	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$140.00
Banking Interest	\$58.55	\$64.41	\$72.43
Amazon Smile	\$83.69	\$92.06	\$116.26
GLCF Endowment Disbursement	\$6,122.00	\$6,734.20	\$6,843.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,659.57	\$23,825.53	\$22,036.14
EXPENSES OPERATING FUND			
Organization Fees (Annual Budget \$5,000)			
Accountant	\$2,775.00	\$3,052.50	\$2,775.00
Annual Report Filing	\$15.00	\$16.50	\$15.00
Certificate of Solicitation Filing	\$35.00	\$38.50	\$70.00
Raffle Permit	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$10.00
Insurance	\$671.00	\$738.10	\$696.00
Bond Fee	\$300.00	\$330.00	\$300.00
Treasurer /Asst.Treasurer Supplies	\$385.11	\$423.62	\$595.47
P.O Box Rental	\$229.00	\$251.90	\$232.00
Quickbooks renewal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$371.86
Scholarship Forms Printing	\$366.86	\$403.55	\$0.00
Total Organization Fees	\$4,786.97	\$5,265.67	\$5,065.33
Event Expenses and Sponsorships (Annual Budget \$5000)			
Teacher Grants	\$1,600.00	\$1,760.00	\$1,000.00
LHS Hall of Fame Dinner Ceremony (2) Tables	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$500.00
Fall Sports Medals	\$165.88	\$182.47	\$0.00
Winter Sports Medals	\$227.24	\$249.96	\$0.00
Spring Sports Medals	\$119.52	\$131.47	\$143.42
LHS Senior Athletic Awards Night	\$446.49	\$491.14	\$729.10
Jostens Blank Cardstock/ Varsity & Participant Awards	\$1,348.20	\$1,483.02	\$890.24
Total Event Expenses and Sponsorships	\$4,407.33	\$4,848.06	\$3,262.76
Scholarships (Annual Budget \$11,250) As of 5/22			
General Scholarships 9 @ \$750.00	\$6,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorial Scholarships 7@ \$750.00	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Scholarships 14 totaling (\$10,250.00) as of 5/22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,250.00
John F. Abraham Jr. Memorial Scholarship (\$750-\$1000) as of 5/22	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Total Scholarships	\$12,750.00	\$0.00	\$11,250.00
Miscellaneous (As Budget will allow)			
Flowers/ sympathy/ gifts /BOD Retirement gifts	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
First Day of School Teacher Refreshments	\$463.50	\$0.00	\$400.00
Science Dept. Grant	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committee 55% transfer back	\$9,872.69	\$0.00	\$0.00
Car wash supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182.87
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	\$12,586.19	\$0.00	\$782.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34,530.49	\$10,113.73	\$20,360.96
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$12,870.92	\$13,711.80	\$1,675.18

Committee Annual Report

Term of Review: March 2022 through November 2022

Name of Committee: Finance Committee

Chairperson: Moira Silva

Members of Committee

Dan Finn, Moira Silva, Lisa Skaff, Kim Peirce, Jolynn Van Dinter, Shelagh Pickett and Chris Crowley

Charter of Committee:

The Finance committee oversees financial matters and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning financial matters affecting the Organization as may be necessary from time to time.

Overall Committee Goals, Topics Discussed, Accomplishments and Recommendations: *Date of Meeting November 14, 2022*

The committee oversees investments, and reviews and monitors the overall financial operation of the organization in conjunction with the president, treasurer, and assistant treasurer.

The finance committee reviewed and accepted the financial statements for the year from 10/2021- 11/2022. The first portion of the meeting treasurer, Moira Silva discussed and explained the past years expenditures including sponsorships to the LHS athletic dept for award certificates, medals, and trophies., Hall of Fame dinner and first day of school refreshments for faculty. There was a discussion regarding who would take over managing teacher grants. We also discussed creating three tiers of awards for the FLHS Scholarship recipients. The top tier being awarded more than the middle and bottom tier based on involvement All executive and BOD members were present at this meeting to explain the complete process of accounting practice and the audit process, this was done to benefit the new members of the FLHS. The committee reviewed the current budget, individual committee balances, and a summary of all accounts. The discussion of the budget showed that the FLHS accounts are in good shape for maintaining daily operations, without excessive discretionary funds; the current 15% transfer of fundraising monies will stay in place. The committee will continue to analyze the state of the finances with the intention of returning a portion of committee funds paid to the Friends of Lowell High School during the current year.

The Treasurer will prepare an operating budget for the Friends of Lowell High School operating account and recommend a budget to the Board of Directors for the upcoming fiscal year. The committee will furnish reports as needed.

Advisory Committee Annual Report

Term of Review: April 2022 to March 2023

Name of Committee: Nominating Committee

Members of Committee:

Moira Silva

Charter of Committee:

The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for the nomination of fifteen (15) Directors, including six officers, for election at the next Annual Meeting. The President shall notify the Members of the organization of the names of the Members of the Nominating Committee. At the February meeting of each year, the Nominating Committee chairperson shall provide a form by which any member of the Organization who is not delinquent in payment of dues and in good standing may submit his or her application for membership on the Board of Directors. All applications for membership on the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominating committee on or before February 28 of each year. Thereafter the Nominating Committee shall nominate fifteen (15) persons to be Directors and shall submit the names of its fifteen (15) nominees to the President and the Clerk of the Organization at the March meeting of each year.

Dates of Meetings: February 13, 2023

Overall Committee Goals, Topics Discussed, Accomplishments and Recommendations:

The Committee will review the applications and determine if all criteria is met (zip code of residence, gender, team committee representation, race, profession, etc.)

This year the FLHS experienced very little interest in volunteerism with the FLHS itself and Committee involvement. I stressed the need for a new treasurer, assistant treasurer, Vice President, and Board Members. If there is no one taking over these positions especially the Treasurer, the FLHS will have to change how it operates. If taxes are not filed they will lose their non-profit status. There was no new interest generated for the FLHS this year. An email was sent out to current officers and BOD members.

Returning members are Dan Finn, Lisa Skaff, and Kim Peirce

Retiring members are Moira Silva, Chris Crowley, Ellen Geary, and Shelagh Pickett.

Committee Annual Report

Term of Review: April 2021 through March 2022

Name of Committee: Scholarship Committee

Chairperson: Moira Silva

Members of Committee

All committee and Board members in attendance.

Charter of Committee:

Review scholarship applications, confirm eligibility, score applications, match scholarship to awardee, and review scholarship criteria and make recommendations to the FLHS Board for any proposed changes.

Dates of Meetings: 1/11/22 and 5/2/2022

Overall Committee Goals, Topics Discussed, Accomplishments and Recommendations:

The committee will meet during the month of May. We will review all applications from the 2022 graduating class and select the 15 awardees and determine which scholarship they would receive.

The committee approved three tiers of five with the top tier being \$1,000.00 scholarships and the second tier being \$750.00 scholarships. The bottom tier being \$500.00 scholarships for a total of fifteen. This was due to a vast difference in volunteerism and participation between the top and bottom scholarship applicants. There was no change requested to the eligibility process to the FLHS Board.

Committee Annual Report

Term of Review: April 2022 – March 2023

Name of Committee: Auditing Committee

Chairperson: Moira Silva

Members of Committee: Dan Finn, Chris Crowley, Moira Silva, Lisa Skaff, Kim Peirce, Shelagh Pickett and Jolynn Van Dinter

Charter of Committee:

To review Quick Books account system used for financial management of FLHS funds and confirm expense accounts, deposits and payments. The Audit Committee was appointed by the FLHS/BOD at its March 2023 meeting. All current officers and BOD members were required to attend to understand the Audit process.

Date of Audit: 03/13/23

Overall Committee Goals, Topics Discussed, and Accomplishments/Recommendations:

The following account Income/Expense ledgers were reviewed for this audit:

Baseball, Girl's Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Ice Hockey, Girl's Lacrosse and Boy's Lacrosse.

Expenses/Disbursements for the previous twelve (12) months were randomly reviewed for the above referenced accounts. The treasurer confirmed the back-up receipts/vendor bills in hard copy format for the disbursement of payment.

All of the audited committee documents were readily available from the treasurer and the required signatures and paperwork were in place. The Committee found the audit to be favorable and that the Treasurer was extremely well organized and proficient. The audited committees had their YTD Income/Expense statements presented to confirm the history and the current balances of each of their respective accounts. All committees who were contacted responded favorably. The Committee will report its findings of this Audit to the BOD at the next meeting.

Recommendations: As with any non-profit, volunteer organization the role of the treasurer requires an individual who exhibits diligence and is extremely trustworthy and organized. The FLHS has been very fortunate to have had individuals in this role who have had these qualities and more, as is the case with the current individual who holds the Treasurer position. Per the FLHS bylaws no one person can hold any Board position for more than three (3) years; the FLHS needs a new person to take on this very important Board position or move towards having outside management for the tasks required to maintain this association.