

MEMORIES

Hoffman Estates High School



Presents

THE
HAWKADEMY
AWARDS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.....Cash Bar

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.....Buffet

7:30 – 10:00 p.m.....Sweet Table

8:00 p.m.....Program/Presentations

MENU

Egg Rolls
Cocktail Meatballs
Fried Shrimp
Quiche de Jour
Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts
Fried Zucchini
Cold Canapés
Assorted Cheese with Crackers
Carving Station: Turkey/Ham
Sweet Table
Coffee

NEW BEGINNINGS

Each chapter that is ending
 Leads us to a new beginning.
The past that we are leaving
 Means a future we are winning.

Each change that fills the present
 Sets the stage for our tomorrows.
And how we meet each challenge
 Helps determine joy or sorrow.

In every new beginning
 Spirit plays a vital part.
We must approach tomorrow
 With a strong and steady heart.

So as we turn the corner
 Let's all apprehension shed.
And fill our hearts with confidence
 As we proceed ahead.

Here's to your new
 Beginning . . .

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Kim Cannon

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

There have been many—especially the funny moments and the touching ones: The time that an ESL student cooked something for me. I thought it was an entrée, so I decided I would have it for dinner. It turned out to be a dessert, but it was my dinner anyway. Another time a student came here from Mexico to live with his father so he could get dialysis. He spoke very little English, but was a very diligent student. A few days after he started school I asked him how his Business class was going. He replied that he didn't have a Business class. I showed him his schedule and the last period of the day said, "Intro to Bus." At that time we had an earlier bus and this young man thought he was supposed to go home that period. He was mortified! Then there was the time that a parent turned in an American Kennel Club registration instead of the student's birth certificate! I will miss my close colleagues. Sometimes they were too close! One time Cathy Daglas even introduced herself as me to a group of students! Some of the most memorable other moments are the times when students and parents have written notes thanking me for helping them and making a difference.

Miss the most?

The times like I have described above. The laughing and the connecting with students and staff.

What will you miss the least?

Bureaucracy, getting up early, and unreasonable people.

Words of wisdom?

"Do-so" is more important than "say-so." (Pete Seeger)

We only make an impact on the lives of students if we take action and work hard to make a difference. Too often in education we use the right jargon and fluff up our feathers, but don't really do things to help our students.

Retirement plans?

That's the hardest question. I may look for ways to use my law degree...I definitely want to finish writing the murder mystery I started years ago...I might even work in a coffee shop...I'll have time to spend with those I care about most...The beauty of it all is that, in retirement, you can make changes as often as you like.



Pattie Tucker

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

The incident when a student's flatulence caused the entire class to be evacuated by the school nurse and our generous maintenance staff offering the use of their emergency gas masks...!

Miss the most?

My department. Simply put, I had the wonderful opportunity of working with the most dedicated, respectful and talented fellow teachers/artists! I consider it an honor and privilege to have shared their professional expertise and most importantly, their friendship!

What will you miss the least?

The elusive snow day...

Words of wisdom?

Educational trends and administrative philosophies will come and go over the years - their impact often wearing down the spirit. However, the only thing that really matters, that you should never lose sight of, is your passion for teaching.

Retirement plans?

Now, finally! So much time - still so much to do!
The new journey begins...



Bryan Erickson

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

Being closer to home.

Miss the most?

Fellow workers.

What will you miss the least?

Cleaning bathrooms.

Words of wisdom?

Keep your chin up.

Retirement plans?

Golf and fishing.



Saroj Shah

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

Having students say "You're like a second mom to me".

Miss the most?

HEHS is like my second family; so I will miss my HEHS family members. I will also miss my students.

What will you miss the least?

Getting up early in the morning and the crowded hallways.

Words of wisdom?

Enjoy each day as a God-given gift.

Retirement plans?

Being a fulltime grandma and enjoy traveling with family and friends.



Leslie Fieldman

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

When Mr. Garber was principal a contest was held to create a school motto. My entry was chosen and I was awarded the \$100.00 prize. The motto is painted at the top of the east main hallway of the school; Promoting excellence through knowledge, confidence and achievement. Also, I assisted Laura Book in her graduate level course work during the summer of 2004 by locating specialized information which she featured in an article that was published in The Journal of Family & Consumer Science.

Miss the most?

I will miss the "thrill of the hunt" - the challenge of tracking down information for a student or staff member. There is a wonderfully satisfying sense of accomplishment you experience when you are successful in locating information that someone needs. Of course I will also miss my "HEHS family", the friends and co-workers with whom I have formed strong bonds over the years.

What will you miss the least?

I definitely won't miss waking up at 4:40 a.m.; nor will I miss dealing with recalcitrant students.

Words of wisdom?

Give 110% effort to whatever you are doing. Don't be afraid to "stretch out of your comfort zone". Always be honest and trustworthy.

Retirement plans?

I'm planning on redecorating some rooms in my home, trying my hand at decorative painting of children's furniture, and researching my family tree.



Gerald Scolire

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

I've had many memorable moments teaching teenagers how to drive safely, some I would prefer to forget. If I find the time, maybe I'll write a book about my experiences teaching Driver Education. However, I do take great pride in being part of a Driver Education staff that encourages and promotes safe driving habits.

Miss the most?

I'll miss the student drivers who always kept my teaching exciting, and of course the great people at HEHS.

What will you miss the least?

The student drivers who made my day the most exciting, especially during the winter months.

Words of wisdom?

When you're feeling down remember the words of Thomas Edison: "I have not failed. I have successfully discovered 1,200 ideas that don't work".

Retirement plans?

I am looking forward to more time with my family, traveling, playing golf and possibly a new career if I can find the time.



Roger Kalisiak

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

Every day has had memorable moments – each time a student grasps a concept, an athlete returns to play healthy and does well, a colleague has success. I have enjoyed each and every day, no matter what.

Miss the most?

Contact with students and staff, both the certified as well as the professional staff.

What will you miss the least?

I think that with the advent of technology, we have had to do more paperwork and have less face-to-face contact.

Words of wisdom?

Strive to do the best you can. Nobody can fault you for working hard. It is only when one does not give the best effort that your colleagues and students suffer.

Retirement plans?

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Alice Schmitz

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

Pinpointing one thing is a struggle. There are a lot of memories here at Hoffman. One that stands out is the first day of Project Link. Pam Skinner, Dan Davis, Matt Gruszka and I spent hours planning during the summer. The day was finally here! That day resulted in a lot of memories—curriculum work, parent conferences, lunches to “plan” lessons, statistics to gather, speaking sessions at conferences, stories, laughter, and close friendships. At that time, we didn’t fully grasp that the day would change us as teachers and turn four individuals into a team.

Miss the most?

Walking in the door daily and hearing a little voice in my head exclaiming, “You’re On!” Whether it was as a classroom teacher, as a department chair or as the technology coordinator, I always wanted to “hit the ground running” with a positive attitude in order to meet daily challenges. The fact that I was surrounded by an incredible group of people here at HEHS made that a possibility. I will miss the daily challenges and the people who helped me meet them. Oh, yes . . . and I will miss the opportunity to do the planning involved with the new addition and assuring that all of the technology equipment will be up and running . . . honest, I will!

What will you miss the least?

Higgins Road at 5:30 p.m. on a snowy night! There were some I-o-n-g rides home.

Words of wisdom?

Be a player. Some of the best times I’ve had at HEHS have been “team” times. From Project Link to Staff Development to Late Start Proposals to Technology Plans to the Awards Committee to Discipline Committees to curriculum committees, getting involved has been extremely rewarding.

Retirement plans?

I’ve been blessed by a wonderful family and a lot of friends on whom I’ve depended a great deal through the years. It is time to give back. Exactly how that will be framed, I’m not sure at this time. Get involved! Be interested in the success of “all” students.



Maureen Kirchhoefer

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

Too hard to pick one, but being asked to speak at the NHS induction in 2006 and being asked to teach AP come to mind first.

Miss the most?

My students and my incredible department of hardworking professionals.

What will you miss the least?

Grading so many essays!

Words of wisdom?

Remember to put aside differences and always do what is best for the student.

Retirement plans?

After overcoming sleep deprivation: Travels, spending time with my hubby relaxing on our porch, spending time with my newly married son and his wife, and visiting our daughter whenever I want to.



Pat Schlender

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

Witnessing the looks of joy on the faces of the SWEP students as they participated in the Amy Rudolph basketball tournament.

Miss the most?

Observing the emotional, social and academic growth of students during their tenure at HEHS.

What will you miss the least?

Driving to school in horrendous winter weather hoping that my students and I will arrive safely.

Words of wisdom?

Be true to yourself and trust your judgment.

Retirement plans?

Enjoying my grandchildren, traveling, reading and quilting.



Marti Payne

Most memorable moment at HEHS?

Thirty six years in Nursing has been a long and rewarding career - 21 years in District 211. It is now time to take care of myself.

Miss the most?

Finishing the last seven years here at Hoffman has been a challenging end. One with lots of good memories, especially working with our students with Downs Syndrome.

What will you miss the least?

Most important: No alarm clock!

Words of wisdom?

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Retirement plans?

My retirement plans are wide open - whatever peaks my interest: Working in my flower beds and garden, working out, walking my chocolate lab, reading: books of interest and doing all sorts of crafts.