



Litton BLAST



Isaac Litton High School - Nashville, TN

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The MISSION of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association is to preserve the rich heritage of our former school, to provide support to the present Isaac Litton Middle School, and be a positive influence in the lives of ALL the children in our community. We do this with effective communication that continually reaches out to bring the Alumni and the community together to promote our programs and services.



Save this date:
All Alumni Banquet, June 27, 2026
For more details, see included articles, our
FB page, and future emails
from Class Reps and the ILAA

Please continue to show your support financially through donations and by paying your annual dues (\$15, due July 1, each year).

Thank you for your generosity!

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By Mickey Collier, Class of '65

2025 has been a tough year for many of us. We lost John D. (Johnny) Halliburton, class of 1967 and a long time ILAA board member. Johnny would be one of the first to volunteer for any project that needed attention. He is greatly missed.

We lost three men from the class of 1965 with whom I had a long relationship.

Jay Dawson was probably the most talented musician who came from the Marching 100 family. His influence on high school bands was enormous.

David Clayton was the president of the class. A successful business man, David excelled at football and track as a Litton Lion. In addition, David was Voted Best All Around and Mr. Litton.

Jimmy Andrews, one of my closest friends and partner in crime, was the point guard on the basketball team in 1965. He also excelled on the baseball team. His big personality would light up a room when he entered.

As most of you are aware, I developed a serious health issue in 2025. After months of treatment, I'm on the mend. Pat and I are grateful and humbled by the prayers, calls, cards, and support that were provided by alumni. We are proud to be involved with the alumni association again.

Our support for the Isaac Litton Stem Magnet, Backfield in Motion and the Inglewood Neighborhood Association continues to be impressive. With your support, we will continue to demonstrate the Litton spirit in the time that we have left in this life.

Thank You All!



ILAA SCHOLARSHIP

We are grateful for the incredible educational foundation we have received, and are committed to expanding that opportunity to your direct descendants. The ILAA Board has established a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity to selected descendants of our school.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of alumni with diverse backgrounds and professional experiences, including Judy Cline, Sammy Swor, Franklin Davis, Buddy Jones, Mickey Collier, and Rita Solomon. We hope this scholarship application will benefit a high school senior or undergraduate student in your family. The application is attached with specific requirements included.

Please send your submission and/or any questions to the following email address: isaaclittonalumni@gmail.com

Remember: All submissions must be received no later than **March 31, 2026.**

Litton High Forever!

**ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Deadline March 31, 2026**

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Only students in the current graduating class of a high school or undergraduate students may apply for the one thousand dollar scholarship.. This will be awarded on the basis of Student Desire, Scholastic Ability and Financial Need. Only applicants who show an appreciation of the value of an education and who are willing to strive to achieve success will be considered for this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Applicant must be a direct descendant or their legal guardian must have graduated from Isaac Litton High School, with the exception of those who attended and would have graduated in 1972. Current Isaac Litton Alumni Association (ILAA) Board Members direct descendants will not be eligible.

Ancestor's Name _____

Relationship _____ year of graduation _____

Applicant's Full Name _____

Applicant's Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Date will graduate _____ Name of Current School _____

Include the following four items with the application:

Include Academic Information:

A signed copy of your grade transcripts must accompany this application, including the applicant's cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Include household income and include additional data or unusual circumstances to show financial need:

Include an approximately 500 word Essay to describe yourself, your life and career goals, choice of college, extracurricular activities, Honors and Awards, community and other activities, work activities and Dates of Service.

Include a letter of recommendation covering character, personality and scholarship of the applicant from at least one person in authority in the school.

This application and four supporting documents listed must be submitted by email: isaacittonalumni@gmail.com

In addition to submitting the required Information, we **require** the following:

- 1) Upon being selected as a candidate you must be able to **attend a personal interview** before the scholarship committee or be available for a phone or ZOOM interview.
- 2) All scholarships are conditional upon the enrollment of the applicant in an undergraduate course in an accredited American College or University. Upon receipt of notice by the recipient, an ILAA Scholarship check will be forwarded to the College or University to establish a credit for the student. Students who become eligible for full scholarship funds will be withdrawn from consideration for the ILAA Alumni Scholarship.
- 3) An Acceptance letter from the College or University must be forwarded to the email: isaacittonalumni@gmail.com **prior to any monies being sent:**

The Committee reserves the right to publish recipients' names and awards on the ILAA website and in the Litton Blast.

Date _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature of Principal or Academic Advisor _____

Veterans Day Breakfast

November 11th, 2025

By Don Clark Class of 1970

On November 11th we held a breakfast for our Litton Alumni and Guests who served in the military. We were treated to a full Pancake Breakfast by Uselton Catering who only charged us for the cost of the food in Honor of our Veterans.

We were entertained by the Middle School Band led by Tessa Berger, their director. Tessa and I would like to make this a yearly part of our breakfast event.

Hal Gibbs ('71) gave a talk on the **Wreaths Across America** program that places wreaths at the National Cemeteries each December. This year, the McCrory Lane location placed 14,200 wreaths to honor all those buried there. Thanks to all who helped make this happen. We took time to honor all those who served to help provide the freedom we all cherish.

Thanks to all the members of our Board who helped with the setup, serving and cleaning up for this event. We hope to host this again in 2026, on November 11th.



Seated L-R – Gerry Green ('67), Scott Dorris ('66), Mark Billingsley ('60), Marjorie Hewelyn ('59), Ronnie Reed ('61), Mickey Collier ('65), Jack Benz ('51), Wil Clouse ('55), John Case ('66)

2nd Row L-R – David Dorris ('62), Mike Pulley ('67), Don Clark ('70), Bob Jarrett ('64), Durward Fugua ('65), Phil Taylor ('67), Sonny Richardson ('67), John Demerich ('59), Larry Wilson ('60)

Back Row L-R – Donnie Vaughn ('67), James Brent ('66), Phillip Brown ('67), Labon Tatum ('63), Paul Billingham ('66), Steve Nickens (Guest), Stanley Fish ('63), Sandy Baggott ('61), Charlie Bryant ('71), Don Witherspoon ('60)



Isaac Litton Middle School Band 2025 With Board Members



The official sports drink when I was a kid..





Isaac Litton All-Alumni Banquet
(Reservations required.)
Saturday, June 27, 2026
Times to be announced
Lions Hall, Old Litton Gym Building
4500 Gallatin Pike
Nashville, TN 37216



On Saturday, June 27, 2026, we'll be celebrating our annual banquet in your Alumni Association's Lions Hall with opportunities to visit with your former classmates at the location of many of our exploits and adventures and **spend time touring our Lions' collection of memorabilia.**

We will have a delicious banquet catered by Uselton's Catering and Special Events.

The reservation form with more details will be sent in the April Blast, it will be posted on Facebook, and separate emails for your class reps and the ILAA email address will provide you with all you need to know! So be on the lookout and don't miss the deadline.

Included with the reservation form will be a nomination form for Alumnus of the Year, so be thinking about who has contributed to our organization in an outstanding way this year.

See you there!

Christmas Donation, Backfield in Motion

Once again, our Alumni provided funds to bring Christmas cheer to the young men that are enrolled with BIM. This fine educational and activity driven organization is changing the lives of so many young people in our area. They are preparing these children to be contributing members of our society as they grow into adulthood. They help these kids to develop the confidence to set and achieve goals.

Isaac Litton High School Alumni donated a total of \$6,000 for this Christmas season. Thank you for helping us to continue our support of this fine organization!



Pictured are Dr. Todd Campbell, BIM CEO, Mickey Collier President ILAA, Don Clark, President Elect ILAA and Micah Kimble, BIM COO.

Here is part of the Christmas letter from Todd Campbell's Backfield in Motion describing other contributions.

I just wanted to share with you the wonderful blessings our students and their families have received so far. We are always so very appreciative of the individuals, groups, and organizations that give their time, effort, and love to our kids to ensure that they are celebrated and encouraged to know that they are truly cared about.

With that being said, I would like to highlight the United Talent Agency, as well as Tennessee Titan Sebastian Joseph-Day for their engagement with approximately 200 of our students and families during this Thanksgiving season.



canned goods to be used for a wonderful Thanksgiving Day meal. Sebastian and Rachel also helped the kids make ice cream, played PlayStation games, and worked with the kids on math problems their academic session. He also brought along several members of the Titans Organization to celebrate the event with the students and families.

The employees of UTA came to our Litton program site and gave our kids a great night of activities that included making Thanksgiving arts and crafts, a glow in the dark Turkey Bowl flag football game, with it all concluding with a great dinner of turkey, chicken, green beans, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, and cupcakes. Several employees stayed after the dinner and participated in other games such as Pacman dodgeball and sign making.

Tennessee Titan Sebastian Joseph-Day, and his wife Rachel, joined our kids at our Rose Park program site for an evening of celebrating the kids and their families beginning with supplying each family with a whole turkey and



and

during



ILAA fully funded the Middle School Thanksgiving Basket program this year.

ILAA Donates to ILMS Angel Tree



This Christmas the Alumni Association Board voted to help the Middle School PTSO with their Angel Tree Program to help make a special Christmas for those in need. The Board voted to make a \$1000.00 donation to this cause. The picture is our Treasurer, Buddy Jones ('68), handing a check over to Christine Pulle, PTSO President, for this year's gift. This is another example of how our Annual Dues are used to help promote what we do in the Inglewood area that keeps the Litton High School name alive!



Roger Patton, class of '61. This is somewhat difficult as there were several but here is my submission. Mr. Jacques (no photo available) was my 10th grade Biology teacher and he made learning fun. We typed blood, took field trips and participated in the science fair. He didn't stay at Litton long but was well liked. Another teacher was Mr. Finch. I had him for American Government/Civics and he created in me a lifelong interest in politics and the importance of voting.



Mr. Finch.



Mr. Long



Ms. Spurlock

Mrs. Long and Ms. Spurlock were excellent English teachers and had us prepared for college.



Mike Henderson, class of '69. Harvey Lackey was comical and kept us interested in his class at the same time. Coach Boyd was a very good history teacher-and I always enjoyed history in both HS & College.



Coach Boyd



Mr. Lackey

Tilly Moore was a very good English teacher and



Ms. Tilly

she was good looking too!!

From Freda Stone, class of '61. Mrs. Spurlock. She loved Perry Mason. I thought that was so cute I really loved many of my teachers at Litton.





Lions Out and About

Classes meet for meals

If you'd like us to share photos of your get-togethers, email shehane64@gmail.com



Ladies from the class of '61



Class of '71

Mostly class of '65 😊



Kittens '64





Some Jokes to Make Old Lions Laugh

My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect And for that I am eternally grapefruit.



"I replace forgotten memories with stuff I make up."

One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.

**MOST PEOPLE
DON'T THINK I'M
AS OLD AS I AM
UNTIL THEY HEAR
ME STAND UP**

Why I Donate to the Isaac Litton Alumni Association and Why You Should Too

By Roy (Buddy) Jones, Class of '68



If you are reading this article, likely you are an alumnus of Isaac Litton High School who graduated sometime between the opening of the school in 1930 and its closing in 1971. Whether you were the king or queen of homecoming, a member of the Marching 100+ band, a nerd, a jock, or just a student, you have memories and experiences by just attending Litton. And, I would venture to say that what you became later in life after graduating is partly a result of what you learned and experienced at Litton. Therefore, you should take advantage of the opportunity to donate to the Isaac Litton Alumni Association in a way to positively impact the current Litton community (STEM Magnet Middle School) and help the Inglewood community of which you were, at one time at least, part of.

Here are some reasons why you should not only renew your alumni dues (\$15.00 per year, due July 1st of each year) but also make a donation to the alumni association:

1. Your donation helps others – Your donation helps support the *Blast*, our quarterly newsletter which keeps you informed on various alumni, activities of the alumni association, upcoming events (like our annual all-alumni banquet, the annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations held at the school, the current Isaac Litton STEM Magnet Middle Activities as well as Backfield in Motion, a non-profit and after-school program that focuses on education through mastery of literacy and numeracy skills of high-risk students.
2. You will feel good – Donating money will make you feel good because you know you're supporting an important cause.

3. You'll promote your passion and create a sense of personal fulfillment – Supporting an organization that makes a difference in an area that matters to you.
4. You will encourage others to follow your example by encouraging a culture of generosity.
5. Your nonprofit donations might be tax deductible.

Every act of giving, regardless of size, contributes to a collective effort that strengthens community and creates positive change. Although Isaac Litton has not had a graduating class in 54 years, its graduates still make a difference in the Inglewood/Nashville community and even in other parts of the world. Please consider donating to the Isaac Litton Alumni Association at your earliest convenience.

Your donations can be sent to one of the following addresses –

1. P. O. Box 752, Madison, Tennessee 37116, or to our treasurer,
2. Roy (Buddy) Jones, 100 Windham Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075

Thank you for your consideration in the matter.

Litton High Forever!

Roy (Buddy) Jones, Treasurer
100 Windham Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075



GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Reported October 31, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Class	FULL_NAME	Death Reported - Age
43	KENNETH HARDING BROWN	2025-10-19 Age 100
47	MARGARET JAMES WRIGHT	2025-11-30 Age 95
53	JOE THOMAS COOKE	2025-10-20 Age 90
54	JUDY JAMISON RICHMOND	2025-10-6 Age 88
58	MARTHA LOUISE WEST FREDERICK	2025-11-26 Age 85
59	KENNETH LOYD HENRY	2024-03-02 Age 82
59	MARY VIRGINIA IRWIN RIDINGS	2025-12-05 Age 84
59	PRICE WAYNE LACROIX	2025-10-29 Age 85
59	GWEN VARDELL HIX	2025-09-12 Age Unknown
61	JERRIE LEE ENGLAND	2025-11-04 Age 82
61	JAMES RUSSELL (JIMMY) HAMPTON	2025-10-28 Age 82
61	GENEVA SUZANNE TERRY HOLDERFIELD	2025-11-01 Age 82
62	MOLLIE PATRICIA LAFEVOR FOWLKES	2025-11-23 Age 80
63	MARY KATHERINE HINES CRANE	2023 -11 Age Unknown
65	JAMES VAUGHN ANDREWS	2025-11-16 Age 77
65	RALPH DAVID CLAYTON	2025-11-07 Age 79
67	HAROLD WILLIAM PATTERSON	2025-12-17 Age 77
68	JOHN DAVID HALLIBURTON	2025-11-14 Age 75
68	JOHN PAUL WALL	2025-12-18 Age 76
70	CONNIE MILLER RUSSELL	2025-11-29 Age 73

NOTE: Due to the publication deadlines for each quarterly issue of the BLAST, the names of those departed alumni received after the 25th of the quarter will be included in the next issue.

Please send your class representative, as listed on the ILAA website, any notices, as soon as possible. Thank you.



*Those of us on the Board of Directors for your ILAA have been excited to spend time with several members of the Middle School Band, directed by Tessa Burger. Tessa shared some of the poems and lyrics they wrote. The maturity and depth of feelings in their work will touch your heart and make you remember what it was like to be young! The grammar is theirs, as creativity flows. Put your **red pencils** down and simply enjoy!*



Isaac J. “I Remember”

I remember when i was in Mexico
playing soccer in a street with my friends
when my dad show me the team America

I remember when i was in Mexico
it was Christmas in the house of my grandmother
All of my family when i was in Mexico

I remember when i was in Mexico
Playing ball with my cousin
other cousin throw the ball when I was in Mexico

I remember when i was in Mexico
playing soccer in a street with my friends
when my dad show me the team America

Elvis M. “To My Sister:”

*I remember when you came home for the first time
you made my life happier every morning
you’re my sunshine
you’re my happiness.*

*I remember when you walked for the first time
or when you pronounced my name,
for the first time that day you made me proud.*

*I remember when you came home for the first time
you made my life happier every morning
you’re my sunshine*

you're my happiness.

You make me feel better every time I'm feeling sad.

I remember when you came home for the first time

you made my life happier every morning

you're my sunshine

you're my happiness.

Wilmer A. Rogers

“Fishing with Dad”

When I was in fifth grade

me and my dad went fishing on a hot sunny day,

when we got there it was colorful and full of life,

there were insects of all kinds and many fish on sight

I could hear the water hitting and splashing rocks,

It was a nice day, but really hot,

I wasn't with my friends, but enjoyed every second,

It wasn't wild, but I liked fishing with dad.

After that my dad gave me a fishing rod,

It was black with red shiny dots,

It felt like carbon fiber on my hands,

Smooth and hard from end to end

I could hear the water hitting and splashing rocks,

It was a nice day, but really hot

I wasn't with my friends, but enjoyed every second,

It wasn't wild, but I liked fishing with dad.

My dad helped me catch some fish in the end

I felt proud of myself for it,

On that day I realized it wasn't so bad

I'm starting to like fishing with dad.

Billy C. “I Can’t Wait to Get the Ball Again”

*Have you scored a first ever point?
I go in the game with a minute left
I take a deep breath and I take my steps
Then I pass to Terrell, but they’re too quick
We get a turnover and we’re back on defense.
They shoot the ball and I hear it go swish.
I can’t wait to get the ball again
We’re hustling back and get down the court
One of us shoots the ball and we score!
I get a rebound and I go for the shot
Get fouled and now I’m at the line,
I shoot the ball and my heart starts to pound
I hear the swish—you know I like that sound
I can’t wait to get the ball again
I can’t wait to get the ball again
I can’t wait to get the ball again
I can’t wait to get the ball again*

Cogan C. Donaldson “Big Brick Building”

*Walkin' in here, I see a lion head
Now that I'm here, don't know how to feel
So tired, (just) want to get back in bed
But that would mean walkin' back up that hill
First time here, don't know how to feel*

Big Brick Building, loud but it's fine
Didn't know what was the deal
Middle school, (It's) everyone's first time
Find my class, just 3 kids I know
I sit near them, I make new friends
Pretty soon, I'm gettin' the flow
Too bad I couldn't be in their plans
 Too bad, all good things come to an end
 Got pulled out, put in honors class
 Couldn't see any of my friends
 Just dealt with it, (said) it's all in the past
First time here, don't know how to feel
Big Brick Building, loud but it's fine
Didn't know what was the deal
Middle school, (It's) everyone's first time
New in honors class, guess I'm smart
Made new friends, still keeping the rest
Goin' home, told dad I like it here
Comin' back, feelin' pretty bold
(Note: Music should sound country rock-ish)

Sybil L. Donaldson "The Old Times"

I remember the days

When I would ride in the back of the pickup truck

I remember the days

When I would sit on Daddy's lap to drive the car

Bring me back, Bring me back, Bring me back

To the old times

Where I felt loved

Where I felt safe

Where I felt free

And nothing could hurt me

I remember the times

Playing in the rain with my brother

I remember the times

Jumping over the sprinkler in the front yard

Now I'm feeling lonely

Now I'm feeling sad

But I still got my family

So, it's not all that bad

Bring me back, Bring me back, Bring me back

To the old times

Where I felt loved

Where I felt safe

Where I felt free

And nothing could hurt me

No, nothing could hurt me

(Notes: Music should be medium speed, Pop/country mix, In a chill tone, not happy and excited and not sad, right in the middle)

In the future, there will be Litton Poets in the world!

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