

Taylor Alumni Association Newsletter

May 2025

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?? TELL US YOUR STORY!!

Don't forget to send us your story for our "Where are they now?". (We would like to make this a regular feature in our newsletter.) We would love to share your story! Email the Alumni Association: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.

Taylor Foundation of Educational Excellence Wall of Fame

The Taylor Alumni Association extends its congratulations to the recipients of the first Taylor Foundation Annual Wall of Fame. On April 25, 2025, two outstanding people received the honors of being chosen for this award. The recipients were Loren Ristovski, who was the athletic director for Taylor Schools before passing away, and John Pantalone, who was a teacher, administrator, counselor, and principal, and is still active after retiring from the Taylor Schools. He is now 96 years old and still going strong. John also is the person who started the Taylor Alumni Association in 2004. Thank you to both recipients for your dedication to Taylor Schools and students!



John Pantalone Wall of Fame Award



Loren Ristovski (deceased) Wall of Fame Award

IMPORTANT NOTICE - ALUMNI DIRECTORY UPDATE

Did you receive a postcard, email, or call from PCI, asking you to confirm your details for our upcoming directory? If you didn't get anything, no worries! You can call PCI's dedicated Taylor Alumni line at 866-441-5581 or email them at PCIservice@publishingconcepts.com, and they'll send you a personalized link. I confirmed mine. They will be asking you to purchase a directory and clothing. You are NOT obligated to purchase anything. Just let them know you want to check your information and that is it.

If you ordered a directory or package but later change your mind, you can cancel by calling PCI's customer service at 1-800-982-1590 or emailing PCIservice@publishingconcepts.com—they'll be happy to help. And if you run into any issues, reach out to us at tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.



Thanks for staying connected with the Taylor Alumni Association! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.

Taylor School District Alumni Association Board

We Asked and You Responded.



Thank You to those of you who responded to our email regarding the alumni who served in the military and thank you all for your service to our country! We received 160 names of living and deceased veterans.

The Alumni Association and Taylor Historical Society are coordinating with the Taylor Veterans Museum to honor those who have passed or are still alive that are veterans of any military branch and enlisted or served while living in

Taylor. It was overwhelming heartfelt seeing how many served our country. The Veterans Museum along with the VFW group in Taylor honor those names on Armed Forces Day. This year's ceremony will be on May 17, 2025, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Cameron Priebe center near city hall/police station on Goddard Road. If you can attend, please come. The Taylor Historical Society will continue to collect names so if you haven't sent your information to us, please do so. Send us your name, birthdate, branch, dates/years of service, where you were stationed, and if you were in any war, which one. If you send information about a loved one who has passed, please also give the death date and the cemetery name if buried.

Thank you again for the responses and God Bless America!

TAYLOR CENTER, CLASS OF '65 REUNION



The 1965 60th Class Reunion will be held Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Taylor Meadows Golf Club.

From 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Appetizers will be served at 5:00 and a cash bar.

We will have a plated dinner. This includes warm dinner rolls, fresh garden salad, Green Beans Almondine and Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes. You will have a choice of Roasted Salmon with wilted spinach or a 12 oz New York Strip or a 7 oz Airline Chicken Breast. Vegetarian option upon request. You must choose one per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30. And cake for dessert.

Tickets will be \$60 per person, due September 1, 2025, with your main course choice per person. Send checks and requested information to Carol (Stellini) Hack, 3534 Green Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48324. In the memo line 1965 Gathering. Please include (maiden name), address, email address and phone numbers.

The price is based on 50 people. I will let you know if we do not have enough participants. If you have a button with your picture, please wear it. Always fun to see our younger self.

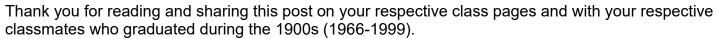
Florida Reunion for JFK 1967-1999

Hello!

The other day, we crossed paths, and we were kicking around the idea of planning an all-JFK Taylor Kennedy graduates' reunion in the Sunshine State for those of us who graduated during the 1900s! (Hope that made you giggle!) Classes 1967 through 1999.

This post is simply asking if you'd be interested in getting together in March or April in 2026. The one-day, mid-day event would take place during the week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday). We would find a central location, handicap accessible, after we learn more about the number of people interested. If it's 20 ppl it may be a restaurant; if it's 100+ it may be a park with a pavilion.

We realize this is a vague post, but it's the first attempt to begin planning for 2026, if indeed there is enough interest.



To determine if there is interest please send a friend request to this Facebook site: JFK Taylor Kennedy 2026 FL Reunion.

We will then be asking you to provide us with three pieces of info:

- 1. Your name
- 2. Your graduation class year
- 3. The city in Florida you will be coming from

Please let us know by July 1, 2025, if you're seriously interested.

We'll keep you posted through this Facebook site:

JFK Taylor Kennedy 2026 FL Reunion

Thanks,

Chuck Bonner JFK '67

Laura Scaturro JFK '77



JFK Class of 1973 "70th Birthday Bash"

Date: Saturday May 17, 2025

Location: Whiskey on the Water

2903 Biddle Ave

Wyandotte MI 48192

Time Open at 6pm

Dinner at 7pm

Cost: \$40 per person

With a Cash Bar

Due to some individuals having hearing issues, we plan to have 1970's music playing softly from 6-9pm. After this the tables will be removed, and a DJ will set up to dance. At 9pm the area will be open to the general public BUT if the room is full of 70-year-olds and we talk with the DJ to keep playing music for us, the room may still be ours.

Currently, dinner will be a buffet with Whiskey Glazed Salmon, Chicken Piccata, Angus Roast Beef, Sides of Caesar Salad, Garlic Red Skin Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus.

Dessert of Birthday Cake. Coffee, Tea and Soft drinks included.

Checks for the number of individuals in your group can be sent to:

Diana Vinco at 5036 Bullard Road Fenton, MI 48430 or

Karen Salomone at 5333 Sylvan Point RD, Honor, MI 49640

or Venmo payment can be sent to @Karen-Salomone

Please include the names of the people so we can make name tags for all.

Questions can be posted here or at Kennedy1973reunion@gmail.com

Taylor Center and Truman, Class of 1975 reunion

50th Class Reunion for Taylor Truman and Taylor Center High Schools.

From the class of 75 Reunion Committee:

Save the date Saturday, October 18, 2025 @ Lakes of Taylor Golf Club Banquet Center. Also planning to meet at Pia's Pizzeria on Friday, October 17, 2025, for a little get together.

More information to follow soon. Please pass this information on to any classmates of Truman and TC you may still be in contact with. Include your maiden name and high school you attended.

We are also trying to get an idea of how many people are interested in attending this event on October 18, 2025. Please list how many people will be attending.

Respond to: classof75taylormi@gmail.com

John F. Kennedy Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion



PLEASE REGISTER YOUR NAME, HOME ADDRESS, AND EMAIL FOR UPDATES: JEKSOTHREUNION@YAHOO.COM WE NEED YOUR HELP - WE WILL BE POSTING CLASSMATES THAT WE CAN'T FIND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, PLEASE FORWARD THE PAGE TO THEM OR LET THEM KNOW TO CONTACT US AT: JEKSOTHREUNION@YAHOO.COM WE NEED YOUR HELP - WE WILL BE POSTING CLASSMATES THAT WE CAN'T FIND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, PLEASE FORWARD THE PAGE TO THEM OR LET THEM KNOW TO CONTACT US AT: JEKSOTHREUNION@YAHOO.COM EVENTS CITY WIDE GOLF GET TOGETHER - THURSDAY OCT 16TH CLASS OF 75 - ALL 3 SCHOOLS! TAYLOR MEADOWS TEE TIME: IPM COST: TBD CONTACT PETE ZUKOWSKI OR JANE SHOWLER GOAD FOR MORE DETAILS PZUKOWSKIOI@COMCAST.NET - JANEGOADP&@GMAIL.COM WE NEED MENYLADIES FOURSOMES TO REPRESENT JFK! MEET AND ORRET - FRIDAY OCT 17TH CLASS 75, CITY WIDE - ALL 3 SCHOOLS WILL BE PRESENT PIA'S RISTORANTE ANY TIME AFTER 7PM (ON YOUR OWN FOR PIZZA AND BEVERAGES) 21142 ECORSE RD - TAYLOR 50TH REUNION CELEBRATION - SATURDAY OCT 18TH THE SAND TRAP VENUE BREAKFAST OODDBYE - SUNDAY OCT 19TH BIERKELER TAVERN + EATERY ANY TIME AFTER 10AM (ON YOUR OWN FOR BREAKFAST) 20085 GODDARD RD - TAYLOR

THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME WE WILL GET TOGETHER LET'S MAKE IT THE BEST EVENT YET!

HOTEL INFORMATION BEST WESTERN HOTEL \$110/NIGHT 21700 WEST RD. WOODHAVEN, MI 48183 (734) 676-8000 AVAILABLE DATES 10/17 - 10/20, 2025 SPECIAL RATE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2025 CALL HOTEL AND ASK FOR JFK CLASS OF 1975 RATE FOR BOOKING HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON \$129/NIGHT 16400 SOUTHFIELD RD. ALLEN PARK, MI 48101 (313) 383-9730 AVAILABLE DATES 10/17 - 10/20, 2025 SPECIAL RATE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING UNTIL 9/17/2025 ONLINE BOOKING: GO TO HILTON.COM ENTER DATES/ENTER SPECIAL RATE GROUP CODE THS OR YOU CAN CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AND MENTION "TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION" FOR RATE. HILTON HOME 2 SUITES 14300 PARDER RD. TAYLOR, MI 48180 (734)486-7200 KING STUDIO SUITE S158 / NIGHT TWO QUEEN STUDIO SUITE S158 / NIGHT TWO GUEEN STUDIO SUITE S158 / NIGHT TWO GUEEN STUDIO SUITE S160/NIGHT SPECIAL RATE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING UNTIL 9/26/2025 ONLINE BOOKING: GO TO HILTON.COM ENTER DATES/ENTER SPECIAL RATE GROUP CODE CHIBET FAIRFIELD INN BY HILTON \$113/NIGHT 20779 EUREKA RD. TAYLOR, MI 48180 (313) 788-285 CHECK FOR SENIOR RATE

ALUMNI LIFETIME MEMBERS

Want to become a lifetime member? It is only \$25. See the form at the end of this newsletter.

DONATIONS FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to Greg Pitoniak and Mary Ann Stephens for their donations toward our scholarship this year. We were able to give out two \$1000 awards. The recipients will be announced in the June newsletter.



OBITUARIES

The Alumni Association members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the former classmates mentioned below. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. Please Note: If you know of a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website, please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing.

Taylor Center

Doug Kargel – Class of 1968 (4-29-2025) Teresa Fulton Knick – Class of 1989 (4-15-2025)

Kennedy

Patricia Williams Woliver - Class of 1980 (3-27-2025)

Hugh Hauser - Class of 1976 (4-7-2025)

Frances Haines Moore – Class of 1981 (4-27-2025)

Sam Hankins – Class of 1970 (3-26-2025)

Truman

Rebekah Mertz Nash - Class of 1998 (3-24-2025)

Staff/Faculty

Andrew Zulewski -Attendance Agent at TVLA (4-16-2025)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit tayloralumni.org In Memoriam

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Taylor School District

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Alumni Association Purpose

To enhance the educational atmosphere of the Taylor School District by developing an active alumni association for the common good of both the graduates and the school district.

Taylor School District Alumni Association Application for Membership

Alumni lifetime membership: \$25 per person.

Please print clearly:
Last Name
First Name
Maiden
School Attended
Graduation year
Street Address
City
State
Zip
Phone
email

Make checks payable to:

Taylor School District Alumni Association

Mail this form along with your payment to: Taylor School District Alumni Association 11501 Beech Daly, Taylor, MI 48180

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