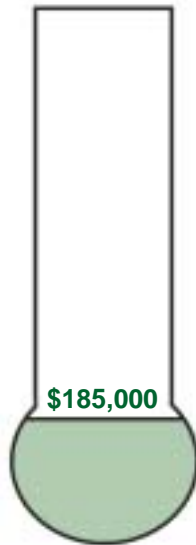


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## Scott Bartol Named Alumni Banquet Speaker

Twenty-five years ago when Scott Bartol, guest speaker for this year's Alumni Banquet, graduated from BHS, he had no idea he would one day become principal of Clay Lamberton School.

Education, however, was always his goal, and after attending UW-Oshkosh, Bartol graduated in 1987 with a degree in elementary education.

That fall he started his first job, teaching second grade at Clay Lamberton and fourth grade at Washington School, and although he did a later stint teaching seventh grade language arts at Berlin Middle School, he stepped back into elementary education this past year when he was named Clay Lamberton principal.

"I don't regret the move from the classroom to the principalship, but it certainly has been challenging. On the positive side I now have much greater influence on what happens within the school. The ability for me to make change is there," he says.

Challenges exist, though, and Bartol says, "As a teacher you spend the majority of your time trying to motivate students. Now I find myself motivating adults as well as students and have discovered there are many people demanding my time."

As a student at BHS Bartol says, "I was sort of a jack of all sports but a master at only basketball!" He recalls Conrad Falk and Phil Jerg as "outstanding basketball coaches and positive influences."

Basketball continued to be a favorite pastime, and Bartol played two years at UW-O before deciding to focus on coaching. He coached JV basketball at BHS while still in college and continued for 17 seasons.

Later, as a graduate student at UW-O, he assisted Coach Ted VanDellen, another BHS grad. Since then he has coached many summer basketball camps with VanDellen.

Regarding his academic experience at BHS, Bartol says, "I enjoyed all of my teachers. I felt that the teaching staff truly cared about the students. I particularly enjoyed social studies and English. I wrote for the Red 'n' Green and loved it. Working



Scott Bartol, Class of 1982

on the school newspaper was a great learning experience. It was what we now call authentic assessment because our final result was a school newspaper, which went out to the public to read. Fortunately I also received strong typing skills from Mr. Richmond. What I learned from these classes are skills I use nearly every day."

Bartol says the Berlin education system gave him the opportunity to choose his own life path.

"I believe that's what we want our schools to accomplish. Our students have the opportunity to develop to their full potential in Berlin if they take advantage of what we offer."

Bartol definitely enjoys being part of Berlin's school system. "One benefit of being a principal in the town I grew up in is that I understand the community and its values. I also know we have dedicated teachers in Berlin."

Now, 25 years after his own high school graduation, Bartol looks at today's graduates and

urges them to carefully consider the future.

"Career decisions are important, but I'd like to see this class also consider how they want their lives to play out. I'd like to see them determine the values they will hold dearly and let those values direct their lives."

He feels society promotes material possessions and status as a way to happiness, but says doing this weakens family values and hurts children. His advice? "Choose a job that allows you not only to make money, but also to improve society."

That philosophy guides Bartol's life. He enjoys spending time with his family, seven-year old Alyse, five-year old Olivia and wife Amy (Moldenhauer), an '86 BHS graduate who owns her own design business, Amy Bartol Interiors.

"We enjoy traveling together and camping. I also own a cabin in northern Wisconsin with fellow grad Andy Seaman and I enjoy spending time there either with my family or my buddies. I'm enjoying the benefits of being a dad."

Barol is involved in the community in a number of ways. He is a member of Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Vice-president of All Saints Holy Name Society, co-chair of All Saints Church Festival, and is a member of the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators as well as the National Education Association of Elementary School Principals.

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## Seward Memorial School Forest Board Member

Thanks to a generous donation of 18 acres next to the Mascoutin Golf Course, Berlin High School now has a newly developed school forest.

The land is a gift from BHS graduates Janet (Seward) Jaecks, '54 and her brother, Bob Seward, '57 in memory of their parents, Dr. Lynn and Gladys Seward.

"Our parents were vitally interested in education and preserving and protecting the environment, and this was a way of honoring our parents' values," said Jaecks.

The land had been part of a farm their parents owned. Choosing not to keep it after the death of their parents, the siblings decided to preserve it as a woods.

Since receiving the land, science teacher Pat Arndt and his colleagues and students have been busy clearing the area and making it usable.

Financial assistance came from a \$20,000 Wisconsin Environmental Education Board grant.

"The money was used to build



Science teacher Pat Arndt's daughter looks out over the deck of the recently constructed Lynn Seward Education Center located in the school forest near the Mascoutin Golf Course on land donated by the children of Berlin physician Dr. Lynn Seward and his wife Gladys.

a three-sided open shelter we named the Lynn Seward Educational Center," Arndt said.

The center, constructed by students in Joel Johansen's building trades class, is an elevated, structure with a deck and storage units underneath. It features four teaching stations, a fire pit and Aldo Leopold benches.

In addition to the center, Arndt and his students developed a walking trails system. Andrew Kline, a BHS senior, spearheaded the trails development as part of his Eagle Scout project. Boy Scouts helped spread three semis full of wood chips hauled in by '84 BHS alum Rick Trampf.

"The trails are open to the public. At some point we hope to build a kiosk for trail maps," Arndt said.

The following donations were made to the Alumni Scholarship Fund from September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. Donations received after that date will appear in the next Echo.

- 1931 Ellen Kroll
- 1934 Dorothy Djupstrom
- 1935 John Crawford
- 1941 Elaine Cross, Gordon Covill
- 1943 Edwin Borth
- 1945 Susan Maxwell
- 1946 Thomas Barbola, Betty (Steinke) Posorske, Irvin Moldenhauer, Carol (Coulson) Kryzaniak, Sidney Mathers, Bert Zietlow
- 1948 Julius Marks
- 1953 Mary Kay (Leitch) Hedtke
- 1955 Darwin Wiese
- 1956 Mary Kerr, Russell Maik, Barbara Ficken
- 1957 Bonnie (Keller) Sosnoski, Donna (Gaylord) Nickolaisen, Admiral Jim Carey
- 1958 Carol (Kresal) Jones

The school forest is available for students in all classes.

"Phy ed students used it for cross country skiing and snow shoeing this past winter," Arndt said. "We have a nine station archery area also available for phy ed classes, but not to the public."

The next challenge is to clear the buckthorn underbrush that is choking new growth. "There are some old, beautiful trees in the forest, but we need to cultivate the area to allow it to develop and flourish," Arndt said.

Although that's a daunting project, Arndt is confident the work will get done, and future students, as well as the public, will continue to enjoy the gift provided by the Seward's generosity.

- 1960 Ed Sobieski
- 1961 Diane (Erdman) Bloch, Marilyn (Drews) Clausen, Dan & Evon Van Ornum
- 1963 Donald Rilling
- 1964 James Marshall
- 1966 Lucille (Bombinski) Klimke, John Thalacker, Robert Schultz, Barbara (Dressier) Himes, Joy (Miller) Pooler
- 1967 Dennis Weise
- 1970 Debra Crow
- 1971 Colleen Beaman, Gary Abel, Maria Teresa (Larenas) Melton, Mary (Marks) Jreidini, Debra Koch, Class of 1971
- 1972 Maureen Beaman
- 1974 Gloria (Pionke) Lichtfuss
- 1976 Doug Waterman, David Freimark
- 1978 Janice Dye
- 1981 Kurt Krebsbach, Cathy (Trochinski) Ellis, Robert A. Mathers, Tom Swan, Martin Weiske, Michael Wirth
- 1986 Liza (Rickert) Fritz

## Served Alumni for Many Years

Pam Brown, a 1966 BHS graduate and highly active Alumni Association member, died this past winter.

After receiving her degree in Library Science from UW-Oshkosh in 1971, she worked as a librarian in Renselaer, Indiana before returning to Berlin where she eventually became director of the Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services library program until her retirement in 1999.

Pam was instrumental in forming the Green Lake County Literacy Council, was a member of the Berlin Junior Women's Club and was president of the Berlin branch of AAUW at the time of her death.

As a long-time member of the BHS Alumni Association, Pam served in all aspects, including treasurer, secretary and president.

"She was instrumental in helping streamline the banquet and was always there to help give out scholarships. No matter what she went into she did it wholeheartedly," said Sue LaBuda, another long-time Alumni Board member.

- Memorials:
- Stanley Bean memorial—Alice Korwitz Parsons
  - Paul Rusch memorial—Sally (Schramer) Oiler
  - Ed Yankowski memorial—Ron & Marilyn Voeltner, Earle & Felicia Page, Judy Martin, Sue Yankowski, Resource Strategies, Inc.
  - Carl Wolff memorial—Patrick Flanigan
  - Walter Wilgrube memorial—Billie Wilgrube family
  - Louise Novakowski memorial—Mary Ann Brisky
  - Tom Klein memorial—Ken & Marcella Weiske
  - John Wendt memorial—Doris (Williams) Wendt
  - Leola J. Evans memorial—Mark & Rosalyn Evans, Judy Martin, Family of Leola Martin
  - Richard Cross memorial—Mary Ellen Cross
  - Russel Luethe memorial—Bob Markofski

## Garden Project a Dream Come True

Five years ago Berlin art teacher Paula (Wouts) Hanson, a 1969 BHS graduate, decided she was tired of looking at the "lifeless piece of grass covered with dandelions" on the west side of the high school.

"That would be a perfect place to put a sculpture garden," she thought. Now, five years later, that budding idea has grown to encompass six areas: A native Wisconsin arboretum featuring 34 different species of trees, an urban garden, a garden of native grasses, a wetlands restoration area, a rose garden, and a soon-to-be-planted prairie area.

The project was funded initially by the high school art club. However, as the garden grew, it received much needed help from donors, grants, discounts, and assistance from local companies and businesses.

"In doing the work, students have learned valuable citizenship skills and have developed self-esteem by feeling good about their accomplishments. Because they have ownership they want to protect it," Hanson said.

The garden is much more than a place of beauty. It is a functional learning tool utilized by just about every academic area.

"There are so many student projects available," Hanson said. The wetlands restoration, for example, has led to a significant



A student-constructed arbor serves as the entry into the wetland restoration project of the sculpture garden developed by BHS art teacher and 1969 alumna Paula Hanson.

change in the garden, attracting mallard ducks and an increase in many other kinds of insects and birds, thus leading students to new project possibilities.

"The garden is giving students an opportunity to develop a respect for and a sensitivity to ecosystems and creatures that live in them," Hanson said.

A current project is the development of a dual compost bin to provide natural fertilizer. Students will also be demonstrating the use of solar and wind power.

The garden has become a model for other schools said Hanson, who said she presented the project at an environmental education conference this past fall.

Pat Arndt, BHS science teacher who has helped extensively with the project, refers to this unique garden as "Paula's Dream Child."

Lucky for BHS students, the garden has become more than a dream; it's a beautiful blend of art and science, an educational gift for everyone.

## Stellmacher Ends Successful Gridiron Career

By Eric Sponholtz ('01)

Although his football days as a defensive back at UW-Madison are now over, 2002 BHS graduate Joe Stellmacher has great memories of his five-year Badger experience, first as a walk-on and then as a two-year starter.

"My college football career surpassed even my highest goals," Stellmacher says. "Coming to Madison from a small town like Berlin, I didn't know what to expect. I expected to work my hardest to get a chance to step on the field."

Stellmacher got more than he expected, finishing his senior year as one of the team captains.

Perhaps his favorite memory of his time playing for "Bucky" could be his first interception, or his first victory as a member of the team. However, while those memories stand out, Stellmacher

says the best memories start with the people he was able to meet.

"The relationships I've built with my teammates and coaches are irreplaceable and lifelong. Going to battle every Saturday with a group of guys I was around all the time will be one of my fondest memories," Stellmacher remarked.

Of course, he can't forget the people who helped him along the way either.

"The support my parents, family, and friends gave me will stay with me forever," he said. "Seeing the whole Berlin contingency who came to watch me is something I'll never forget."

Stellmacher also won't forget getting a new coach during his time at Wisconsin, as longtime head coach Barry Alvarez stepped down to concentrate on his job as Athletic Director,

which opened the door for former defensive coordinator Bret Bielema, one of the youngest coaches in college football. However, while some players would be concerned about the lack of consistency with a new head coach, Stellmacher assures that it was a seamless transition.

"Coach 'B' kept everything pretty much the same as far as routines and practice schedules. He brought in a few new coaches, but everything transitioned well and I think our 12-1 record indicates that."

Despite his football success, Stellmacher doesn't plan to pursue an NFL career.

"Coaching or teaching could be in the cards, but for now, I just think it is time to move on from football," he said.

Stellmacher credits his dad and other BHS coaches who prepared

him for playing at Madison.

"Being surrounded by coaches like my dad, Coach Mork, Coach Prellwitz, Coach Bednarek, Coach Kramer, Coach Hermanson, and Coach Bartol, still has a profound impact on me," he said. "They are quality individuals, they showed me what hard work and leadership are all about, and they always did things the right way. I hope that one day I will be able to have the impact on a student's life as they had on me."

With his stellar background, it's highly probable this former Badger will be successful in influencing future students.

And, with all the help and guidance he's received from BHS, any transition he makes will be as easy as Bret Bielema taking over as head coach for Wisconsin...seamless.