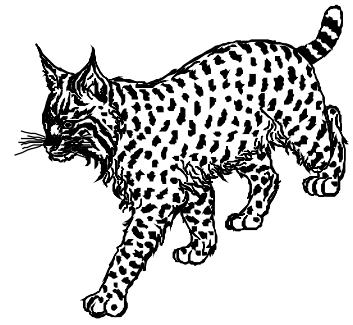


Wildcat Tales



The Official Newsletter of the **LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
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As you will see below, the LVHS Alumni Association has been busy since our first newsletter. Our membership has grown, we completed our Bylaws, we awarded two scholarships, and we built a Wildcat float and participated in the Helldorado Parade!

We are now getting ready for our first annual membership meeting and election of board members. Our immediate goals include increasing our membership, having all annual members renew their memberships by September 2009, strengthening our interaction with the students and staff at LVHS, establishing a process to accept donations and grants, holding the annual Wildcat Reunion in September, and participating with our Wildcat float in the LVHS Homecoming in October, 2009.

We are very proud of our accomplishments to date! To all of you that have joined the LVHSAA and participated in our activities - we couldn't have done it without you! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The LVHSAA currently has 211 members (covering a span of 72 years), including 162 paid annual members, 25 lifetime members, 12 2008 graduates, 10 2009 graduates, and 2 honorary lifetime members. There is a list of all members at the end of this newsletter.

If you received this newsletter and haven't yet joined the LVHSAA, please consider doing so now! New annual memberships will be good through September, 2010. A membership

application is available on our website, or give us a call at 702/876-6660 and we'll send you one.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thanks to all of you who have already sent in your renewal dues. Annual memberships expire at the end of September each year, so if you joined during 2008 or prior to June, 2009, please don't forget to send in your renewal dues! Dues are \$25 a year for individuals (or \$40 for alumni couples) or \$300 for lifetime (or \$500 for alumni couples). And remember - your dues go toward a very worthy cause - annual scholarships for deserving LVHS students!

You can send your renewal now (payable to LVHSAA and mailed to Patty Haack, 1854 Taylorville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89135-1051) or use the renewal form that you will receive with your invitation to the annual Wildcat Reunion.

LVHSAA WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out the LVHSAA website (www.lvhsaa.com). Our Webmaster, Dave Williams (1972), does a fantastic job of updating it on an almost daily basis! You'll find lots of interesting information, including interesting tales from some of our alumni, minutes of our meetings and information on upcoming meetings, bios on about 50 notable LVHS alumni, history of LVHS and photos of LVHS memorabilia, historic photos of LVHS, information on the Wildcat Reunion, lists of upcoming class reunions, photos of past class reunions, an "In Memoriam" page listing deceased classmates by class, miscellaneous information on LVHSAA activities and links to websites of various LVHS classes.

If you would like to submit stories, bios, photos, or any other information for the website, please contact our Webmaster Dave Williams: dave@lvhsaa.com.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook group too! Go to www.facebook.com and sign up or sign in. Then type "Las Vegas High School" in the upper right corner search box and hit enter. You'll find the "Las Vegas High School Alumni Association" one or two links down. Join us there and contribute to the forums, walls, and discussions which are ongoing. It is there for all of us!

LEGAL UPDATE

Our application for tax exempt status is at the IRS for approval, which we are told we should have within 60 days! Don't forget that your membership dues and any donations will be tax deductible retroactively once we get this approval. We'll keep you posted!

ANNUAL MEETING OF LVHS MEMBERS

Our first annual Membership Meeting and election of board members will be held on September 19, 2009 in the cafeteria at



the new LVHS.

Thanks to everyone that submitted nominations for board members! Details of the

meeting are included in the enclosed letter to all members.

It would really be appreciate if you could attend this meeting to assure that we have a quorum for the election. So put the date on your calendars now and please plan to attend!

SENIOR SQUARES



As you know, the Senior Squares in front of the main entrance

of the 7th Street campus were restored in 2003. Due to the extreme weather conditions in Las Vegas, it looks like this will be an on-going project, as many of the squares need to be repainted again. We had hoped the repainting would be accomplished by now, but it was delayed because of landscaping being done by the school. They replaced the grass with desert landscaping, and there was just too much dust to take a chance on painting the squares until the landscaping was completed. It is now complete, but – now the weather is a bit too hot! So don't give up hope - they will be repainted as soon as the weather allows!

Squares may be “adopted” by you or your class for only \$230. The classes of 1944, 1947, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1965, 1970 and 1972 have already adopted their squares. If you or your class would like to “adopt” your class square, please send a check for \$230, payable to **LVHS Senior Squares Project**, to Patty Haack, 1854 Taylorville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89135-1051. Or if you'd just like to contribute toward the overall restoration project, donations in any amount will be happily accepted!

WILDCAT MEMORABILIA



If you have a chance, visit the “Centennial Room” at the LVHS East Sahara campus. You'll find that the

photos, letter jackets, sweaters, Rhythmette uniforms, school pins, and various other memorabilia will bring back a lot of wonderful memories! The room also contains the Senior Squares Memorial Plaque created and donated by the Class of 1953. The school has done a wonderful job of setting up the displays. And while you are there, don't forget to

check out the trophy cases in the school cafeteria which contain LVHS trophies back to the 1920s.

The school is located at 6500 E. Sahara. Just check in at the school office and let them know that you'd like to see the memorabilia in the cafeteria and in the Centennial Room.

If any of you have memorabilia that you would like to donate, please contact Patty at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.

HISTORICAL PHOTOS & DOCUMENTS

Many thanks to those of you who sent us photos and historical documents. Most of them are now displayed on the LVHSAA website (www.lvhsaa.com).

Here's one, thanks to Dave Williams (1972), that might bring back some memories:



Blue Onion Drive-In

Maybe you have some old photos or historical LVHS or Las Vegas documents that you would like to send to us! We will be happy to copy them and return them to you if you wish. Please contact Patty at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.

LVHS YEARBOOKS

If you, or anyone you know, have any LVHS yearbooks that you would like to donate to the LVHSAA, please let us know. If there are duplicates, they will be made available to anyone making a donation to the LVHSAA Scholarship Fund.



CLASS REUNIONS

So far, we've heard from the following classes that are planning reunions this year. More detailed information is posted on the LVHSAA website.

Classes of the 1940s: Class of 1945 is inviting all classmates, friends, mates and family to a reunion luncheon on September 11, 2009. Contact Joylin Johnson Vandenberg at 702/873-2833 for details.

Class of 1949 (60th Reunion): Will have a special table at the Wildcat Reunion on September 12 so their classmates can get together. Contact MaryAnna Trinaystich Costello at 702/871-1531 for details.

Class of 1954 (55th Reunion): Will have their reunion on September 11th. Contact Yorel Hutchison Barlow at 452-4278 for details.

Class of 1959 (50th Reunion): Will have their reunion on October 17th at the new M Resort in Las Vegas. Contact Marcia Young Krause at adionsana@aol.com for details.

Class of 1979 (30th Reunion): Will have their reunion on September 11th at Sam's Town. Contact LVHS79@aol.com for details.

Class of 1989 (20th Reunion): Will have their reunion October 9-11. Contact greatreunions.com for details.

We have not heard from classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1984, 1994 or 1999. If you know who the contacts are for any of those classes, it would really be appreciated if you would let Patty know at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.

ALUMNI “TALES”



Many thanks to those of you that sent us some interesting alumni “tales” since the last newsletter. They are posted on our website. For those of you that don't have access to the web, here's one from Sister Barbara Sheahan (1950), that you'll enjoy:

During the 1947 school year, she and five other kids were riding with Bonnie Brown Grimsley (1950) in her beige Model A Ford. There were three kids in the car and three in the rumble seat. They had been to a drive-in movie and were "cruising" on their way home. Sister Barbara was sitting by the passenger door, and when Bonnie made a left turn, she went flying out the door! One of the other kids caught her just in time!

Thanks for the story Sister Barbara!

LVHSAA HELLDORADO FLOAT

What a great time we had! Bruce Langson (1965) designed and built the structure for our Wildcat Float. Bruce, and Rollie Gibbs (1954), spent numerous hours over a 3 month period, plus numerous alumni volunteers spent most of their weekends for over two months, creating the Wildcat. The result is a fantastic 8 ½ foot tall roaring Wildcat, weighing nearly 1200 pounds! This could not have been accomplished without the efforts and talent of Bruce and Rollie (who provided work and storage space at his Rollie Gibbs Crane Service yard, plus he provided the trailer that was used for the float). Without Bruce and Rollie and his cranes, forklift, and skip loader (and everything else we could possibly need), the Wildcat would not have materialized! We will be showing a video of the float at the Wildcat Reunion - and there is also an outside chance that we might actually have the Wildcat there too!

Everyone that participated in the building of the Wildcat, decorating of the float, and in the Helldorado Parade, thoroughly enjoyed the experience! The team effort of alumni from classes of 1954 through 2009 was fantastic! Bruce's wife, Cathy, provided snacks and beverages, and made "Wildcat Crew" aprons for those working on the float, Elizabeth Domenech (1988) made year-of-graduation sashes for everyone to wear in the parade, Jim and Alice Van Der Meer donated the wrought iron railing used on the float, and class of 1956 donated red and black shirts and hats for everyone participating in the parade. 17 volunteers got together the week before the parade and put together over 500 packets of candy (Wildcat Nip) which was handed out along the parade route. We had a total of 47 alumni (including family members) either riding or walking beside the float in the parade.

We were honored to have Federal Judge L.D. George (1948) as our "celebrity alumni" riding on the float. The LVHS marching band, over 100 students in full uniform, marched behind our float and won 2nd place for best band in the parade. The float will be used at the LVHS Homecoming this October. See photos of the float and parade at the end of this newsletter.

Many thanks to the following alumni who helped build the float and/or participated in the Helldorado Parade on May 16th:

Don Ashworth (1956)
Marcia Bishop Davenport (1956)
Barbara Dexter Clark (1957)
Elizabeth Domenech (1988)
Cecil Fredi (1957)
L. D. George (1948)
Rollie Gibbs (1954)
Patty Haack (1956)
Pat Hail (1956)
Karen Lee Haygood Gilbert (1960)
Don Helm (1956)
Mickey Hollingshead (1957)
Carole Inghram Montalto (1956)
Kae Jones Bogdanovich (1956)
Bruce Langson (and wife Cathy) (1965)
Susan Lowe Shlisky (1965)
Sharon McDonald McDaniel (1972)
Dutchy Middleton Jordan (1956)
Nancy Murray Harkess (1960)
Carol Phillips Hail (1956)
Nidia Ramirez (1987)
Gissell Ramos Moreno (1987)
Gary Romero (1956)
Laif Salvadori (1985)
Matt Shlisky (1964)
Jim Van Der Meer (and wife Alice) (1954)
Gary Vause (1956)
Barbara Wilcox Williams (1960)
David Williams (1972) (and wife Brenda and son Sean)
Gracie Wingert (2009) (and her brother and sister, future LVHS alumni)

A pot-luck BBQ, to thank everyone for their efforts, was held at the home of Donna and Rollie Gibbs on May 31st.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

We were very pleased to award our first two annual scholarships! Congratulations to LVHS 2009 graduates **Jazmin Perez** and **Rigoberto Rangel** who were awarded \$1000 scholarships by the LVHSAA. Jazmin is entering a Pre-Nursing program at UNLV. Rigoberto will be entering a Pre-Computer

Engineering program at UNLV. In addition to the scholarships, both recipients were given a free two-year membership to the LVHSAA

FUND RAISING IDEAS

Fund Raising Committee Chairperson Nancy Murray Harkess would appreciate hearing from you if you have any ideas on how the LVHSAA can raise more funds for scholarships. We'd love to be able to give more, and larger, scholarships in future years. Contact Nancy at 702/382-5330 or at harkess@unlv.nevada.edu if you have any suggestions.

ANNUAL WILDCAT REUNION

The annual Wildcat Reunion will be held at Sam's Town on September 12th. If you haven't already received it, you will be receiving the invitation soon. Reservations are due by August 28th. Your Wildcat Reunion Committee, consisting of Rollie Gibbs (1954), Patty Haack (1956), Carey Burke (1955), Nancy Murray Harkess (1961), Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton (1955), Michelle Swenson (2003), Dave Williams (1972) and Alice Van Der Meer (wife of Jim Van Der Meer (1954) have been busy making plans, and have a really fun evening planned for all of you! Thanks to Bill Boyd (class of 1949), the price is the same as it has been for the last eight years!

Get your reservations in now! We hope this will be the biggest and best event ever, and hope to see all of you there!

REMEMBER US IN YOUR TRUSTS AND WILLS

Please don't forget the LVHSAA in your trusts and wills. Future scholarships can even be given in your name and memory!

Many thanks to L. D. George (1948) for his generous donation to our scholarship fund.

**Once a WILDCAT,
always a WILDCAT!!**

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of LVHS alumni that we learned have passed on since the last newsletter:

- Dorothy Dawson Morris (1947) - 03/14/09
- Kyle Evans (1989) - 05/06/09
- James Arthur Gay, IV (1968) - 04/05/09
- David Jeremiah (Jerry) Hoggard, Jr. (1962) - 03/20/09
- Bernie Hummer (1945) - 05/27/09
- Ada Vee Long Medlin (1949) - 05/03/09
- Frances Martin Donnelly (1929) - 05/20/09
- (Frances was our 2nd oldest known living alumnus. She was the daughter of George Martin who opened the first hospital in Las Vegas).
- Randy "Buck" McElhone (1955) - 07/01/09
- Harlan Dale McNair (1961) - 01/17/09
- Burl Meers (1951) - 05/13/09
- Margaret Ruth Potter (1945) - 06/05/09
- Harold Ragsdale (1939) - 05/12/09
- Joe Rivera (1949) - 05/12/09
- Dorothy Smith Leavitt - 06/05/09
- Richard Swartz (1946) - 06/01/09
- Joe Thiriot (LVHS teacher 1940 - 1967) - 03/22/09 (at the age of 102)
- Brian Underhill (1970) - 03/21/09
- Sandra Ward Cram (1949) - 06/12/09

May they rest in peace! A complete list of all deceased alumni, by class, is on the "In Memoriam" page of the LVHSAA website. Thanks to those of you that sent us updates since the last newsletter. If you know of anyone else that should be included on the lists, please let us know.

E-MAIL AND ADDRESS UPDATES

In an effort to keep our expenses at a minimum, most of our communications with you will be via e-mail. This newsletter is the exception. Since our Bylaws require us to send the Notice of Annual Meeting to all paid members via U.S. mail, we decided to include the newsletter with that mailing. It is also being posted on the LVHSAA website. Please don't forget to let us know if you get an e-mail address or if you change your mailing or e-mail address. Please contact Patty at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.

SHARE THE WILDCAT TALES

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your LVHS friends who may not

have received a copy. You can forward it via e-mail, print it or make copies, or get a copy on our website, www.lvhsaa.com.

Help us get the word out and get more members!

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF THE WILDCAT FLOAT



Bruce with the steel & wooden structure



Some of the Wildcat Crew



Rollie & Bruce moving the cat



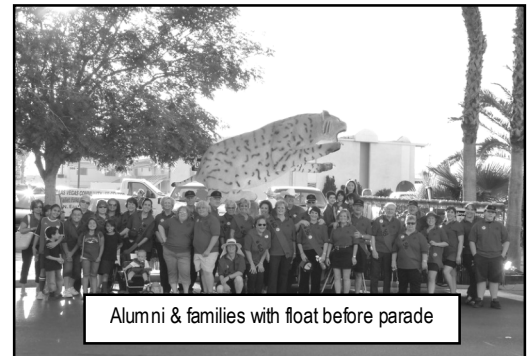
Bruce putting on the final touches



Putting the cat on the float with a crane



Off to the parade



Alumni & families with float before parade



Federal Judge L. D. George

These, and additional photos, may be viewed on the LVHSAA website.

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Michael Hollingshead (1957)

Carole Inghram Montalto (1956)

Kae Jones Bogdanovich (1956)

Nancy Murray Harkess (1960)

Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton (1955)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Class Reunions Patty Haack (1956)

Fund Raising Nancy Murray

Harkess (1960)

Grants Bruce Langson (1965)

Membership Open

Scholarship Alice Van Der Meer

Senior Squares Sarah Butler Walker
(1970)

Wildcat Reunion Rollie Gibbs (1954)

Patty Haack (1956)

Historian Gary Dillingham
(1957)

Legal Counsel Richard Bryan (1955)

FOUNDING LIFETIME MEMBERS

Richard Bryan (1955)

Maynard Chambers (1960)

Rollie Gibbs (1954)

Patty Haack (1956)

Anne Hodgdon Goldberg (1964)

Michael Hollingshead (1957)

Georgia Houghton Ward (1947)

Yorel Hutchinson Barlow (1954)

Allan Kelly (1949)

Jack Milligan (1951)

Charlotte Mugleston Kelly (1954)

Nancy Murray Harkess (1960)

Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton (1955)

John Petricciani (1954)

George Pinjuv (1943)

Jim Rogers (1956)

Jim Van Der Meer (1954)

Alice Van Der Meer

Gary Vause (1956)

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Bill Bowser (1953)

William S. Boyd (1949)

Mahlon Brown (1957)

Kenneth Gragson (1954)

Barbara Meek Bawden (1957)

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Joe Thomson, Historian

Lynn Zook, Historian

FOUNDING ANNUAL MEMBERS

Glenn Alleman (Teacher)

Lawrence Allin (1950)

Gail Andress (1944)

Charles Aplin (1946)

Donna Arnfelt Bemier (1950)

Don Ashworth (1956)

Barbara Bailey Baker (1968)

Jerry Belt (1952)

Terry Berkemeyer Henry (1977)

Dennis Berry (1976)

Laura Beverlin Chadburn (1970)

Bob Beville (1953)

James Bilbray (1956)

George Bogdanovich (1953)

Myram Borders (1954)

Marilyn Brewer White (1950)

James J. Brown (1959)

Kenneth Brown (1957)

Laura Brown Brown (1963)

Gene Burditt (1950)

Carey Burke (1955)

William Chadburn (1970)

Charisse Ciambrone Stewart (1976)

Melvin Close (1952)

Eleanor Connell Ahern (1957)

Sandy Cripe Benbow (1967)

Alan B. Davis (1932)

George K. Davis (1952)

John Detra (1943)

Kevin Diamond (1986)

Gary Dillingham (1957)

Marthe Dunne Covic (1967)

Ted Eckert (1967)

Ivan Eisenberg (1948)

Nancy Empey Helm (1958)

Royce Feour (1957)

Jordan Fields (1967)

Bailey Fightlin Rubenstein (1955)

Kenneth Flippin (1960)

Rana Gee Goodman (1959)

Patsy George Leavitt (1956)

Jerrie Germain Marson (1954)

Gail Gibson (1953)

Jennilee Gibson Thayer

(1949/Teacher)

George Gilbert (1949)

Shirley Gilmore Goldstrom (1954)

Art Goldstrom (1953)

Donald Graham (1955)

Pat Hail (1956)

Bill Hamilton (1953)

Donna Hanley Andress (1943)

Madelyn Hardy Schneider (1955)

Martin Hardy (1945)

Mary Ann Hart (1967)

Jeanne Hartmans Hartmanszberbiec

(1967)

LaThair Hawley (1954)

Don Helm (1956)

Arlene Henson Oakes (1955)

Merrilee Hill Becker (1954)

John Holland (1953)

Michael G. Hollingshead (1957)

Kathleen Horden Close (1959)

Rodney "Pete" Imming (1950)

Carole Inghram Montalto (1956)

Brenda Jenkins Sadberu (1972)

Beverly Johnson (1945)

Joylin Johnson Vanderberg (1945)

James M. Jones (1950)

Kae Jones Bogdanovich (1956)

William (Allen) Kaercher (1968)

Paul Kellogg (1959)

Richard King (1952)

Clarel Komer Krpan (1960)

Larry Landingham (1954)

Bruce Langson (1965)

Tiki Lebowtiz Axelrod (1956)

James Robert B. Lim (2008)

Susan Lowe Shlisky (1965)

Sharon Marshall Rather (1954)

Ben Bradley Maze (1975)

Dutchy Middleton Jordan (1956)

Penelope Mitchell Popp (1957)

Pat Mugleston Thompson (1953)

Charles Musser (1955)

Jean Nash Clemens (1946)

Kay Neyman Cromeenes (1958)

Phyllis Nickel Hoggatt (1943)

Jack Oakes (1952)

Warren Okelberry (Teacher/Coach)

Violet Oppedyk Tracht (1928)

Diane Pahor Belt (1956)

Carol Phillips Hail (1956)

John Pinjuv (1941)

Darlene Pinter (1956)

Nancy Pracejus Craft (1955)

James Priest (1943)

Linda Rankin Givens (1958)

Douglas Rather (1953)

Sandra Records Brown (1953)

Bobbie Reed Poole (1959)

Marilyn Riggs Schouten (1950)

Stephen J. Rimel (1958)

Gary Ritner (1954)

Thomas E. Robuck (1952)

Neil Romero (1949)

Donna Sackett Scallin (1944)

Deborah Saiger Palladino (1964)

Adele Salton Baratz (1944)

Donna Sanford Lage (1959)

Marian Schlapp Goldstein (1944)

Albert Schouten (1946)

Richard Scott (1956)

Barbara Sexsmith Taylor (1950)

Larry Sheeler (1959)

Matt Shlisky (1965)

Ron Silverman (1954)

William T. Soard (1972)

Lois Sprague Hannig (1947)

Louise Sprague Patterson (1947)

Arlene Stanley Landingham (1956)

Natalie Stevenson Rittenhouse (1944)

Elizabeth "B.J." Stevenson (1941)
J. Todd Stewart (1972)
Judith Stiborek Gibson (1976)
Paul Stokes (1945)
Elizabeth Stutz Marnier-Brooks (1961)
Deette Tilley Szydoski (1961)
John Ullom (1951)
Joan Underhill Huff (1948)
Ronnie Vause (1965)
Lynn Von Tesmar Thomas (1956)
JoAnn Ward Ryan (1954)
Lois Wentz Durkee (1953)
Frank White (1950)
George Wilkinson (1953)
David Williams (1972)
Gene Winn (1956)
Kelly Wittwer (1979)
Wendy Wittwer Webster (1973)
Fred Wright (1967)
Ron Zimmerman (1965)

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Kriisty Ayon (1979)
Donna Arnfelt Bemier (1950)
Edward Beecher (1954)
Donald Berry (1979)
Judy Burke Keck (1955)
Joyce Churchfield Borgna (1957)

Barbara Dexter Clark (1957)
Karen Eaquinta Sharkey (1966)
Robert D. Faiss (1954)
Kathryn Keate Mills (1970)
Mike Neighbors (1964)
Rae Odell Chavez (1979)
F. Mike Pinjuv (1942)
Gary Ritner (1954)
Joan Seaman Perry (1959)
Jared Shafer (1961)
Bill Sharkey (1964)
Michelle Swenson (2003)
Roosevelt Toston (1961)
Rayola Tumbow Bagwell (1956)
Linda Young Madsen (1959)
Sarah Butler Walker (1970)

IM MEMORIAM DONATIONS

Georgia Ward, in memory of
Harry Ward (Teacher)
Natalie Stevenson Rittenhouse, in
memory of Gerald Snider (1944)

2008 GRADUATE MEMBERS

Lauren Brown
Alyssia Cordova
Sharon Lacangan
James Robert B. Lim
Rebecca Lewis
Cristina Lopez
Aileen Mae C. Magsino
Derrick D. McDowell
Rocio Maybeth Moncada
Christopher Pullen
Jared Ramirez
Simon Tan
Justin Yee

2009 GRADUATE MEMBERS

Ilse Coronado
Jazmin Perez
Rogoberto Rangel
Micheal Roberts
Austin Schneider
Ahmad Shahin
Matini Sinirath
Tyler Turner
Ryan Whitehead
Lisa Yee