



## "SEAL BARKER" VOLUME 36"

Welcome to 2025 and the 12<sup>th</sup> year for the SAHS Alumni Association. We all know the winter weather has been pretty cold, windy, and dreary, but it hasn't prevented the Alumni Association committee from working on plans for another full year of activities intended to promote the accomplishments of our graduates and increase the awareness of our organization, the school, and community.

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First item to report are the proceeds from our 4th Annual Golf Tournament. Due to our generous cart, meal, friend, and hole sponsors as well as participants, we were able to deposit over \$14,000 into the Seals Legacy Fund. The addition of the 2024 proceeds brings our total available resources for giving back to the school at approximately \$30,000. We are currently working with the administration in order to determine the best use of these funds to benefit the District this year.

Proceeds donated to the school from our first three golf tournaments through the Seals Legacy Fund have also exceeded \$30,000. These proceeds were used to purchase grades K-2 additional playground space fencing, grades 3-5 Phys-Ed Department mats, grades 6-8 new Art Department Kiln, grades 9-12 blast gates for the Wood Technology Shop and upgrade kits for the Briggs & Stratton small engine Ag-Department curriculum.

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### 2025 SAHS Athletic Hall of Fame

The SAHS Sports Hall of Fame was created in 2023 in order to recognize and acknowledge fellow graduates who excelled as student athletes, coaches, and athletic program supporters during their time at SAHS or post high school. Eligibility for the Athletic Hall of Fame also includes non-alumni who were involved with and supported Seals Athletics to include coaches, boosters, teachers, etc.

2025 marks the third class to be inducted into the SAHS Athletics Hall of Fame. The selection committee has been working throughout the fall and winter advertising the timeline and process for submitting nominations for inductees this year. March 1 was the target date for nominations to be submitted to the committee so by the time you read this newsletter, the committee will have begun reviewing and selecting the Hall of Fame inductees for 2025. After the selection process occurs, the group of inductees will be notified of their recognition in time for the induction ceremony to be held in the Selinsgrove Area Middle School Auditorium on **Saturday, May 17**. Doors will open at 5:00 PM with a reception and light refreshments in the lobby, followed the ceremony beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets for the Induction Ceremony will be available at the High School office, from selection committee members or on-line by going to <https://cur8.com/projects/Selinsgrove>.

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### Distinguished Alumni and Recognition Banquet

The Alumni Association through its Distinguished Alumni Recognition and Annual Banquet has selected the theme for 2025 to be a Celebration of Alumni who have excelled in "**Community Impact and Service**". The target date for submission of nominations for the SAHS Distinguished Alumni recognition is **June 1, 2025**. Nomination forms are available on our website [selinsgrovealumni.org](http://selinsgrovealumni.org), contacting the high school or Eric Rowe at [start@ptd.net](mailto:start@ptd.net) or (570) 765-8355.

The banquet and celebratory recognition of our 2025 Distinguished Alumni is scheduled for **Saturday, October 25** in the High School cafeteria. We are hopeful and anticipate that the alumni recognized for 2025 will represent what it means to be "A Seal for Life" in the same manner as previous recipients.

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

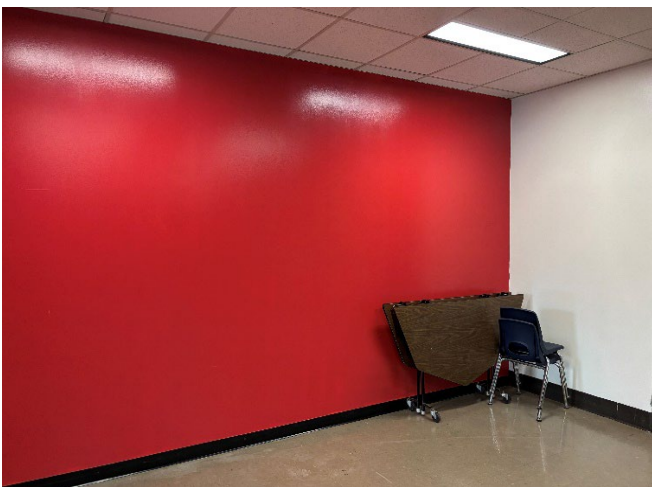
The 5<sup>h</sup> Annual SAHS Alumni Association Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Friday, October 10** at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. The format for this years' tournament will be a 4-Man Scramble with a Shotgun Start at 10:00 AM. Also as in previous years, the date of the tournament coincides with the Homecoming Football Game which features a contest with the Hollidaysburg Golden Tigers. We hope you will consider playing in our golf outing again this year in order to enjoy a wonderful day connecting and reminiscing with old and not so old friends, a great day on the links and an opportunity to watch the Seals trounce the Golden Tigers on the gridiron. The form to enter the tournament is available on our website [selinsgrovealumni.org](http://selinsgrovealumni.org), by contacting the high school office or Eric Rowe at [start@ptd.net](mailto:start@ptd.net). Hope to see you in the fall.

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The Alumni Association is thrilled to announce the creation of three permanent sites in the High School designated to put on public display for students, the public, and staff the results of our work through the years which is designed to acknowledge the excellence of our graduates as well as preserve our storied past through the collection and display of SHS and Seals memorabilia.

For long time members and readers of "The Seal Barker" discussion and construction of this type of display area has been going on for a number of years without any visible results to publicly showcase the efforts of our group. The impetus for the final go ahead came about as a result of the Athletic Hall of Fame committee who wanted to emulate Hall of Fame presentations in various other high schools and universities. This type of space was something the Alumni Association has also been considering through the years as well. Through discussions and planning with both groups, remodeling of the designated area which will be located on the left wall as people enter the building through the rear entrance will begin soon.

The third portion of this project will be to enclose a number of alcoves located in the walls outside of the Media Center in the High School. The alcoves to be modified will be areas designated as spaces exhibiting memorabilia and keepsakes donated to the alumni association and held by the District. These alcoves are also located near the rear entrance of the high school enabling students, the public, and staff the opportunity to see a bit of the past which has made up the storied history of Selinsgrove High School and Selinsgrove Area High School.



Left walls at entrance to be HOF and Distinguished Alumni



Media Center alcove for memorabilia and keepsakes

**Hope to see everyone at one of our events this year. Please spread the word!**