



GOLDEN TECHITE

A CHRONICLE OF
MCKINLEY TECH ALUMNI
CELEBRATING MORE THAN
50 YEARS SINCE GRADUATION

President's Message

Welcome to the HOT summer! Fortunately, the McKinley Tech Alumni Association (MTAA) is holding Zoom meetings at our homes until the DC libraries are available for group meetings. Our session on Saturday, June 11, dealt mainly with assessing plans to hold the annual Dinner/Dance event to raise funds for MTAA's scholarship fund and the annual cookout. MTAA has surveyed its members and believes Martin's Crosswinds will agree to a reduced percentage, with additions accepted, for full capacity use. Based on receiving further responses to the survey, MTAA will decide at the Zoom meeting on July 10th whether to hold the event and, if so, on what date.

A decision was also made on the cookout to be held on September 18th, subject to availability from the Park Authority. I encourage Golden Techite members to mark this date to join us there. It's a nice event and Tom Antonielli's wife, Dianne, will provide her famous Mac & Cheese!

Tech held a Zoom session on June 17th to announce the Scholarship awards for the 2021 graduating class. Numerous organizations funded awards of thousands of dollars with some for \$20,000. MTAA awarded 15 scholarships and the Golden Techites award 2 scholarships, along with two scholarships awarded in honor of my late wife, Barbara Wiggins Butler, a 1951 graduate, all for \$1,000 each. The Golden Techites and the Butler family will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships each in 2022.

Recently, a survey was made available on our website, www.goldentechites.org, to assess interest in a Reunion Luncheon to be held at Tech. Dr. Louise Jones, Principal, said this would be possible, depending on the timing and approval of a safety plan by the central office. We will keep you advised on the survey results in mid-July. **If you have not done so, please respond to the survey by July 10th to help us show strong interest in another grand reunion.** It will be nice to visit Tech to see how well it has been maintained. The neighborhood has also changed.

— Leadership — 2021-2022

Bill Butler, 1951
President

Evelyn Brown, 1965
1st Vice President

Tom Antonielli, 1953
Treasurer and Historian

Bill Butler, 1951
Roster Editor and
Webmaster

George Izumi, 1957
Scholarship Chairman

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As you know, we are careful in keeping your personal information protected. Our website only enables classmates to send private messages to other classmates. The messages sent do not reveal the recipient's email address. To date, I have never received any complaint or report on problems with our privacy policy. In our transition to teaming up with the MTAA, the Golden Techites will be a special program on their website which will enable MTAA's current members, who have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation, to be added to this special program. All Golden Techites do not pay annual or other membership dues.

The Golden Techites appreciate the cooperation and transparency provided by the officers and board members of MTAA. Sherry Stanard, President, and Leon Segears, Vice President, provide solid leadership in assuring the following objectives and purposes in MTAA's bylaws ARTICLE III (Objectives and Purposes) are fulfilled:

- Section 1.** Promote the general welfare and educational development of the School and students who attend and graduate there from and other DCPS high schools.
- Section 2.** Support and promote educational, cultural and social activities within and related to the School's community.
- Section 3.** Promote the interests of alumni and conduct fundraising activities in order to fund MTAA's philanthropic services. Those services include the granting of scholarships to graduates of the School and/or other DCPS high schools, as well as donations to selected community service organizations in the Washington DC area.
- Section 4.** Qualify and retain the status as a tax-exempt organization, under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

In the Spirit of Tech,

Bill Butler, Class of 1951

Recent Contacts

1947 – Harry Breitach, **Scholarship/Mask Contributor**, harryb29@yahoo.com
Richard Gross, **Scholarship/Mask Contributor**, rg12207va@gmail.com

1948 - Mimi *Allsopp* Brunskill confirmed her email, mimibrunskill@hotmail.com
Anne *Sorrell* Dent, phone number (513) 979-4070 and email address, jhdentky@gmail.com

1949 - James Kneussl has new address: 17330 Quaker Lane Apt 216, Silver Spring, MD 20860
David Shade confirmed email: dslemonade123@aol.com

1950 - Paul Altman confirmed email: pailppotomac@aol.com
Virginia "Ginny" *Carlson* Lemon, posted photo on Golden Techites website
Elaine *Grabiner* Pearl confirmed her email: egpearl32@gmail.com

- 1953** – Tom Antonielli, **Scholarship/Mask Contributor**, tomantonielli@icloud.com
 Carol **Jones** Coggin confirmed email: cjcoggin35@aol.com
 Joseph Holden, , joseph_holden3@aol.com
- 1954** - Bill Embrey confirmed email: william.embrey1@verizon.net
 Mary **Jew** Yuen confirmed email: tomimary@hotmail.com
- 1955** - Robert Folstein confirmed email: rlfolstein@aol.com
- 1959** - Clarence Dendy confirmed email: cdendey1034@aol.com
- 1964** - Phyllis Berry, dreamydreamer846@gmail.com
 Ingrid Johnson, new mail: redemptivelove@aol.com
- 1966** - Betty **Barnette** Butler confirmed class and email, butler1231@verizon.net,
 Renee **Joyner** Pitts confirmed her listing, renee.d.joyner@gmail.com
- 1981** - Brian Sloan (MTAA Board Member), Briansloan2@aol.com

In Memory Additions

- 1922** – Donald Houser, 6/27/1988, no burial information
- 1930** - Mary **Talman** Patterson, 11/29/2002, Sanford, NC – Obituary update
- 1937** - Jeanne **Coakley** Bolen, 2/9/2199, Hamilton, VA
 Dorothea A. DiTrapani, 11/19/1995, Hyattsville, MD
- 1940** - William Ferris, Jr., 8/6/2020, Charlotte, NC
 Lois **Warder** Todd, 5/24/202, Fort Myers, FL
- 1942** - Sylvia **Borak** Cherrnay, 6/18/2000, Silver Spring, MD
- 1945** - Catherine “Kitty” **Hottel** Van Sickler, 4/15/2021, Wilton Manors, FL
- 1948** - Virginia **Sturgis** Sullivan, 5/6/2020, Rockville, MD – Class Correction
 C. Lawrence Wiser, 5/15/1021, Kensington, MD
- 1949** - Charles Beckett, 12/7/2018, Victoria, VA
 Robert L. Kardaras, 7/1/1999, Springfield, VA
- 1951** - Natalie **Turpin** Barrand, 4/11/2021, Vienna, VA
 Mary Ann **Zevely** Powell, 1/21/2021, Hagerstown, MD
- 1953** - Ralph Truett Duckett, Jr., 1/12/2017, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- 1968** - Valloire Dishman wanted her classmates to know that her son, Derrick, was killed in Rocky Mount, NC involving a robbery attempt on him. Two individuals have been arrested. Condolences may be sent to Valloire at vallorie0423@yahoo.com.

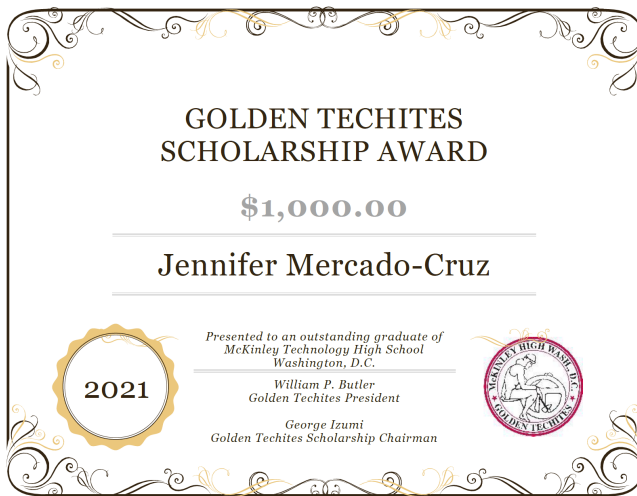
Golden Techites Scholarship Awards

Remarks on Zoom for 2021 Recipients

Good evening, I am Bill Butler, a 1951 graduate and President of the Golden Techites, representing some 6,000 members who have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Tech. I am here tonight to honor not only the highly qualified graduates, but also to congratulate the administrative and academic staff of Tech for continuing the traditions and principles in existence for almost a century.

Based on the recommendation of our Scholarship Chairman, George Izumi, a 1957 graduate, we are pleased to award scholarships of \$1,000 to Jennifer Mercado-Cruz and Darlyn Lool-Acabal to assist them financially in the 2021-2022 academic year.

Jennifer will be attending Lafayette College in Easton, PA and Darlyn will be attending Brigham Young University in Provo, UT. We wish them well in their pursuit of excellence in this next phase of their life.



Barbara Wiggins Scholarship Awards

Remarks by Bill Butler on Zoom for 2021 Recipients

Two other scholarships were awarded this year in honor of Barbara Wiggins Butler, a 1951 graduate and past president of the Golden Techites. Barbara, who passed away in 2016, was an active student at Tech. She would be pleased that the Butler family will be providing these and more scholarships in the years to come.

It should also be noted that the 1951 class will be celebrating its 70th graduation anniversary this year. I hope the 2021 graduates will celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2071 with the same pride as I have today.

This year, the \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Martin Johnson and Jennifer Mercado-Cruz. Martin will be attending the Harrisburg University of Science & Technology in Harrisburg, PA and Jennifer will be attending Lafayette College in Easton, PA. I know both will do well with the education Tech has given them. Congratulations!

