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## **ALUMNI NEWS**

### **Nominations now open for the Annual Alumni Honour Award!**

The Pinelands High School Honour Award springs from the desire to recognise alumni who have made a significant contribution to society. The award is about the recognition of excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship or service, and our vision is to use the award to continue to build an aspirational environment in our school, where our young people can see what is possible through creative thought, hard work, sound values and courage.

#### **Previous Awardees:**

- Dr Vic McKinney (Matric 1986 - who despite an accident which paralysed him shortly after leaving school, has gone on to become an advocate for the rights of disabled members of our society);
- Dr Heather Tuffin (Matric 1994 - a medical doctor and improvement scientist who has focussed her energies on improving patient flow and systems in Cape public hospitals);
- Ms Nandipha Mntambo (Matric 2000 - an artist and sculptor who is making a significant contribution to art nationally and internationally).
- Mr Austin Smith (Matric 2002 - a professional hockey player who, at the time of receiving the award in 2019, had over 175 international caps for South Africa. He is an exceptional role model to those around him through his sportsmanship and strong values).

We would like to ask you, the alumni body, to nominate candidates for this prestigious award. Please use the form below to nominate any past learner that you believe has made, or continues to make, a valuable contribution to society:

- [Nomination form for Pinelands High School Alumni Honour Award](#)

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## **Pinelands High School Celebration Day (Founder's Day)**

Pinelands High School Celebration Day (formerly Founder's Day) will take place on **10 March 2023**. Further details to follow, but please save the date as we would love to see you all there!



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## Reunion Update

The names listed below are the liaisons for each reunion year group - please click on their name to email them, should you wish to send them your updated details.

### 2022:

- **40th Reunion: Class of 1982** - [Tracey Burke](#)  
Venue: Camps Bay Bowling Club  
Date: Tuesday 13th December 2002  
Contact: Tracey on 0832641805 to join the whatsapp group or follow the [Facebook page here](#)
- **10th Reunion: Class of 2012** - [Liyya Landsberg](#)  
Date: TBA (December 2022)

### 2023:

The following reunions are currently in the planning stages for next year but there are still a few year groups without coordinators - please email the alumni office at [alumni@phs.org.za](mailto:alumni@phs.org.za) if you are able to assist with organising your class reunion.

- **65th Reunion: Class of 1958** - [June Milburn-Pyle \(nee Caldwell\)](#)
- **60th Reunion: Class of 1963** - [Derek Wiild](#)
- **55th Reunion: Class of 1968** - no coordinator yet
- **50th Reunion: Class of 1973** - [Pat Rose-Matthew](#)
- **45th reunion: Class of 1978** - no coordinator yet
- **40th Reunion: Class of 1983** - no coordinator yet
- **30th Reunion: Class of 1993** - [Michael Ribaudó](#)

- **25th reunion: Class of 1998** - [Kirsty Marsh](#)
  - **20th Reunion: Class of 2003** - [Nicole Nel \(nee Matthee\)](#)
  - **10th Reunion: Class of 2013** - [Rachelle Pretorius \(nee Le Grange\)](#)
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## 20 Year Reunion: Class of 2002 - 8th October 2022

by [Sanjeeva Reddy](#)

Our matric reunion is something that happens every 10 years and so far we have had it at 2 different venues. Our first reunion in 2012 we had closer to school at the Pinelands club. This gave us some nostalgia and brought back some old school memories throughout the evening.

This year for our 20 year reunion we decided to try something different that was more vibrant and made us feel young at heart again. We decided on having our reunion at the Radisson RED V&A waterfront rooftop OUIBar. The Venue was amazing and suited the event perfectly.

By moving away from our Facebook page and using our new WhatsApp group in order to keep in contact with everyone it made arranging this event much easier. With many of the students from our year living overseas and some away for business, we managed to get at least 37 attendees to join the event on Saturday evening.

We had a slow start to the evening with most of our guests arriving from 6pm onwards, however as more of us arrived, so did the vibe. Throughout the evening memories were captured by Ryan Rooza (who has now become our resident photographer for future events) and displayed the camaraderie felt by everyone who attended.

Saturday night was an exciting and eventful evening to remember that brought the group closer together. Needless to say everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout the evening and there will definitely be more gatherings to follow.

Some of us are in discussions to create more events to keep us in contact with each other, rather than only every 10 years.

A thank you to our organizers: Melissa Gabriel, Ryan Rooza, Wessel Mathee and Sanjeeva Reddy for making the Matric class of 2002 20 year reunion a reality and an event to remember.



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## Condolences

Our thoughts go out to the families and friends of the following PHS alumni who have recently passed away - they hold a special place in many of our hearts, and will be remembered fondly:

- **Glenda Stephen (Nee Edwards)** - Class of 1974
- **Patrick Grant** - Class of 1975
- **Janine Gibbons (Nee Harris)** - Left PHS in 1962
- **Steven Culligan** - Class of 1985

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## News From Around the Globe

- **Jade Aspeling** (Class of 2009): I'm based in Cape Town where I previously practiced in criminal law with William Booth Attorneys. I am currently in a season of transition and am completing pupillage at the Cape Bar where I will take on membership as an advocate at the commencement of the 2023 year.
- **Brian Cox** (Class of 1985): I left South Africa back in early 2016 after the company I worked for shut shop in mid 2015. It's been a challenging process lasting six and a half years, but I have finally worked through all the visa steps and received my New Zealand citizenship in May 2022. Mission accomplished!
- **Ros Riach Dalrymple** (Left PHS at the end of 1978): I played tennis for PHS and SA, and eventually attended the University of Miami on a tennis scholarship. After graduation, I worked the WTA tour for two years and then became the Head Women's Tennis coach at UM. I moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1989, married and had four children. I am now a grandmother to two boys. I am currently the assistant women's tennis coach at Stetson University.
- **Peter du Plooy** (Class of 1977): I have retired to the Malaga region of southern Spain and now live in Benalmadena costa on the Costa del Sol where we have over 300 sunny days a year, wonderful long seafront promenades and a casual lifestyle!





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