



# Kennett High School Alumni

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**Kennett High School  
Alumni Association**

## FELLOW KENNETT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Our Kennett Alumni Summer Outing will not be held again this year. COVID-19 is still around, and we are uncomfortable gathering in a group. The cost of food has more than doubled, since our last outing 2 years ago. With that in mind, we would have to charge far more than \$25 and we do not want to do that.

For the Alumni who have never come for dinner it's a late afternoon/early evening event. Where we gather to visit with friends and fellow alumni and reminisce about our time at KHS and catch up on our lives today. This event is a busy couple months for the Board of Directors. With 3 days of the event being the busiest. Friday is spent setting up [all day], Saturday we enjoy the event with our Alumni [afternoon, evening], and Sunday we spend the time cleaning up and taking care of everything. As you know the Alumni Crew is getting OLDER and is in need of help and a younger crew.

On a happier note, after 2 years of not being able to present Kennett Alumni Scholarships in person because of COVID, this year, Kennett High School Awards Night was in person at KHS. Brian P. Wiggin, and I [Richie Hansen] presented 31 scholarships to graduating seniors, Saralyn Smith was also there taking pictures. The Kennett Alumni also awarded 12 Kennett Alumni college participates through letters sent in the mail. I would like to thank all of you for your donations to the Kennett Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. They are greatly appreciated.

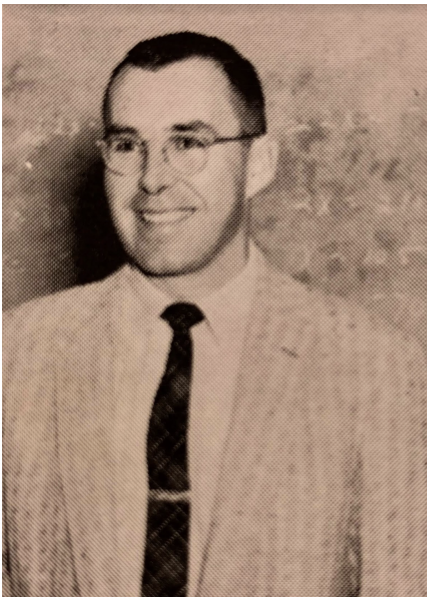
Richie Hansen  
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## WE NEED YOU!

The Alumni Association is in desperate need of new board members. We meet a couple times year and plan the July Open House. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the alumni association please email us at [kennettalumni@gmail.com](mailto:kennettalumni@gmail.com).

## ★ 100 YEARS ★

A. Crosby Kennett High School is fast approaching 100 years of service to the Mount Washington Valley. A committee has been formed and the planning has begun. Mark your calendars for a tentative date of September 2023, for a weekend full of celebrating Kennett History. Let's Go Eagles!



# A Dedication to Gordon Mann

## KHS Math Teacher & Coach

December 3, 1926 - July 1, 2021

Gordon Mann's truly remarkable career as a teacher-coach extends over a period of 33 years. As a graduate of Dartmouth College, Gordon, like his friend Karl Seindenstuecker came to Kennett as a teacher-coach directly out of college.

Gordon received his high school education in Milton Mass High School and while there he starred in three sports of football, basketball, and baseball.

He came to Conway and Kennett High School in the spring of 1950 and with the exception of a year of graduate study at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and a year as teacher-coach at Kingswood High School in Wolfeboro, Gordon's entire career had been spent at Kennett.

For many years, Gordon was the Head of the Kennett Math Department and under his leadership, he provided the staff and students with outstanding direction and motivation that gained Kennett the reputation as one of the state's finest high school math departments.

Throughout his extended career as a teacher of mathematics, Gordon taught classes in grades 7-12 in all levels of instruction. His students were most appreciative of his

efforts to provide the best in teaching math concepts and they came back from college year after year grateful for the preparation they received from Gordon and members of the school's math department.

In athletics, it is doubtful if any teacher ever was more involved than was Gordon Mann. He coached on the junior high level and he coached on the high school level. He was a coach in boys sports and coach in girls sports. He was a varsity coach and he was a junior varsity coach.

He coached junior high basketball and baseball and he coached varsity football, basketball, baseball and softball on the high school level. He also coached freshman basketball, as well as junior varsity football and basketball.

His teams were highly successful and always well-trained in the fundamentals of whatever sport he was coaching. Perhaps his greatest success was realized when he coached the junior varsity basketball team at Kennett during the Seindenstuecker era.

Gordon Mann's role as an assistant to Coach Seindenstuecker gave him the opportunity to help his friend in the all-important drive to win the coveted state championship in basketball in the years of 1959-1961.

Blessed with some of the most talented athletes in the long history of Kennett athletics, the Kennett coaches, Karl and Gordon, molded three great teams that brought home three state championships.

Coach Gordon Mann's success as an athletic coach earned him this election to the NH Coaches Hall of Fame and the Manchester Union Leader's Coaches Hall of Fame and elected into the Kennett Eagles Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1984, Kennett High School Alumni Association honored Gordon by naming him "Teacher of the Year" and 1985 the Alumni Association created the Gordon Mann Scholar-athlete Award which was awarded annually to a Kennett Graduate who has excelled both in the classroom and in athletics.

Gordon retired from his duties at Kennett in 1983. He resided most of his life on Main Street in Conway but he moved to Bartlett in the '90s and became a world traveler. He was employed part-time at Gayle Baker's Travel Agency. Gordon was a Tour Guide from any trips all over the world, he also traveled extensively on his own and took some magnificent pictures of his travels.

Hiking, travel and photography became his hobbies. In addition to the White Mountains, these activities led him to many places in the world on hiking and / or cultural trips. His favorite places included the Colorado Rockies, Glacier National Park, Arizona in the winter, Switzerland, New Zealand and mountains of India, Nepal, and Pakistan. Over his lifetime he traveled to 73 countries. He was thrilled to reach the top of two of Colorado's 14,000 footers at the age of 85.

The many close friends he made in education and travel meant a great deal to him. They were wonderful to share his experiences with over the years. He was always willing to share the pictures and memories of all his many travels when invited by community groups.

In Gordon's last years he lived at Meredith Bay Colony Club and enjoyed the staff and other residents. He encouraged all to go hiking with him, especially on the Castle in The Clouds trails and the conservation lands in the Lakes Region, which he enjoyed well into his nineties.

## How many State Championships has Kennett held?

Kennett High School has held 105 State Championship Titles!

With the Mount Washington Valley being a Ski Community it's no surprise that 42 of our state championships come from Alpine Skiing for Boys and Girls. Other teams that have earned the State Championship title are Girls Cross Country Running (6), Field Hockey (2), Football (7), Golf (1), Boys Basketball (5), Girls Basketball (2), Ice Hockey (5), Nordic skiing (18), Ski Jumping (4), Girls Track (2), Baseball (2), Softball (4), Boys Tennis (1) & Girls Tennis (4).

Way to go KHS Athletes!



# Five Year State Champs

## A Little History on KHS Boys Basketball



Basketball in the Mount Washington Valley has been around since before A. Crosby Kennett High School existed. With basketball starting at what was known as the North Conway High School (NCHS) before 1920. The above picture is the 1921-1922 NCHS boys Basketball team. In the *White Mountain Breeze* (1922 Yearbook) it says *"the boys have been taught to play a clean game, and it is a source of pride that the games were clean even though they were not all won."* The NCHS team was represented by William Mohoney, E. Merrill, Raymond Twombly, Fred Kenison, E. Hodgdon, C. James and captain H. Seavey with R. Sanphy as Manager and Mr. Orcutt as coach.

### 1923

The first Kennett boys basketball team (1923-1924) had seven players that played on a regular basis. These players were Bob Garland, John Chandler, Fred Kenison, Raymond Twombly, Charles Davidson, William Mahoney, and Chester Goulding. They compiled a record of thirteen wins and four losses in its first season of competition. Commenting on the team's first season, the "Kennett Kommett" publication said; *"It would be impossible to pick an individual due to the well-balanced teamwork."* However, Garland who was also captain and the star quarterback on the first Kennett Football team was singled out *"for his brilliant leadership and high scoring ability."*

It was agreed that one of the highlights of that first season had to be Kennett's 20-17 win over the Manchester West Side team, a squad that had won twenty straight games

without a defeat. The team's leading scorer for the year was forward, Bob Garland with 216 points, followed by center John Chandler with 98.

### 1939

The 1939-40 basketball team was captained by Bob Jordie. In the opening game (first game played in the new gymnasium), the Kennett men looked most impressive in posting a 42-25 victory over arch-rivals, the Plymouth High Bobcats. The Kennett defense held the Bobcats to seven baskets from the floor. Captain Bob Jordie and sophomore Bill Hawkens led the Kennett team in scoring with twelve points each. Kennett's offense was most aggressive with Bill Shea and Bob Jordie fouling out in the third and fourth periods respectively.

In early February 1940, the Kennett Boys Basketball team was one of the three teams fighting for the first place in the Pemigewasset Basketball league. Lincoln was in first place with a 5-1 record, followed by Meredith with a 6-2 record and Kennett with a 5-2 record. One of Meredith's defeats was a double-overtime loss to Kennett at Conway, 35-33.

Coach Seidenstuecker led the 1940 Kennett Boys Basketball Team to a seasonal record of eight wins and five losses. The Kennett men stayed close in all five of their losses with the exception of a 14 point loss to Pemigewasset champions, Lincoln High School. Ruby Lorraine led the scores with a total of 131 points in thirteen games, closely followed by Bill Hawkes with 124 and Bill Shea with 107 points.

### 1942

Kennett's very first state championship basketball team was one of Coach Seidenstuecker's best. Led by Mohawk Native American, Ruby Lorraine and Captain Bill Hawkens, Kennett's sharp shooting forward and ably supported by Ken Warren, Jim Berry, and Chauncey Smith, this squad came back from first-half deficits twice to pin down the state title at the UNH Fieldhouse in Durham.



KHS 1942 Basketball Team

Playing Class "B" competition at the time, similar to Class "M" later, the Eagles won 6 games and lost none. The Eagles lost to a strong Class "A" team from New London High School, Connecticut and twice in one point defeats at the hands of the Berlin High Mountaineers, at that time a Class "A" power.

In another out-of-class competition in 1942, Kennett posted wins over Portland "Y" Juniors, Portland Emeralds and the Portland Boy's Club.

In the Class "B" tourney at Durham, Kennett produced wins over Conant of Jaffery, Meredith, and Hillsboro High School in the finals. Some clutch outside shooting by Ruby Lorraine sparked the Eagles to a comeback and win in the finals.

Squad members were Bill Hawkens, James Berry, Ruby Lorraine, Chauncey Smith, Ken Warren, George Fuller, Bob Lorraine, Harrison Randall, Bob Saunders and Harold Vincent with the team's manager, John Potter, guardian of the trophy emblematic of Kennett's first state championship team.

The team coach was Karl Seidenstuecker, assisted by George Davidson.

## 1950

Kennett's second state championship in basketball was given only an outside chance of winning the coveted title in 1950. However, the team fooled the experts and the team endeared themselves to basketball fans all over the state *"for their fighting spirit and excellent team play."*

Given the nickname of the "Black Knights" by the state sportswriter, the team was forced to come from behind time and again, and they refused to give up.



KHS 1950 Basketball Team

The 1950 Kennett Yearbook, "The Eagle" said of this team; *"They blended the ability to profit from sound coaching and a fighting spirit that produced the victories when the pressure was the greatest. This team of 1950 will long be remembered when the great teams of Kennett are recalled."*

The team record was 16 wins and 3 losses, including a first-round upset victory over previously undefeated Groveton High, a 41-40 tournament win over arch-rival, St. John's High of Concord and a thrilling climatic 37-35 win over Somersworth Hilltopper to bring home the championship to Kennett.

Team members were: Felix Acosta, Roger Berry, Richard "PeeWee" French, Fred Hall, Arnie Quint, Danny Quint, Davis Reny and Drew Webster with Perley Irish as the capable team manager.

Once again it was Kennett's highly respected coach, Karl Seidenstuecker who piloted this squad to the school's second State basketball title.



KHS 1959 Basketball Team

## 1959

The 1959 boys' varsity basketball team will be remembered as the team which started Kennett's three-year destiny as state champions in Class "M" competition.



Coached by Karl Seindenstuecker, assisted by Coach Gordon Mann, the Eagles defeated St. Pat's High of Berlin, Alvirne High of Hudson, Colebrook Academy and Charlestown High School to notch the Class "M" State Championship.

Kennett was invited to play in the Class "L" State Tournament and the team earned a thrilling 41-40 win over Stevens High School of Claremont, only to lose to a powerhouse, Keene High School by a score of 51-41 in the second round of play. Kennett's overall record was 20 wins and 5 losses.

Kennett fans were treated to some terrific outside shooting by Sut Marshall, some aggressive rebounding by Bob "Beake" Sweeney, and the amazing long-distance shots of Bob Francoeur.

Members of the 1959 team consisted of Robert Abbott, Charles Birch, Roland Conner, David Eldridge, Robert Francoeur, David Gosselin, Conrad Hitchins, Jerry Labbee, Pit Marshall, Sut Marshall and Robert Sweeney with Steve Potter as Team Manager.



## 1960

The 1960 State Championship team was a young team. There was not a single senior on the team and Kennett's dynamic backcourt play-maker was Hugh Farrington, a Freshman. Captained by Pit Marshall, this team was one of Kennett's finest ever.

The overall team record was 21-6, including four tournament victories over Pembroke, Plymouth, Pinkerton Academy, and Woodsville in Class "M" Competition. Invited to compete in the Class "L" tournament the Eagles defeated Spaulding High School of Rochester and lost to Nashua High School in the second round of play.

It is to be noted that in this period of time New Hampshire High School Basketball teams

were divided into only three classes, "L", "M", and "S."

This teams was coached by the Kennett Brain Trust, Karl Seindenstuecker and Gordon Mann.



## 1961

Most of the games between Kennett and St. John were always close, decided by one or two points. Kennett in the 1961 Class "M" Championship game played at the University of New Hampshire Fieldhouse, knocked out St. Johns High to win the coveted state title for the third year in a row.

The 1961 team posted a record of 24 wins and two defeats; at the hands of St. John's in the regular season and the second in the Boston Garden when the Eagles lost to Main High School, Oriono by a score of 57-47.

The members of this championship squad were Charles Birch, Roland Connor, Hugh Farrington, Bert George, David Gosselin, Jerry Labbe, Pit Marshall, Dwight McLellan, Donald Reny, Paul Richardson, Lyford Smith, John Stuart and Oliver Turcotte with Bob Philbrick, as the teams very efficient manager.

Basketball has always been a part of the Kennett Community, the bleachers are always packed and fans cheer and support. Win or loose basketball is apart of Kennett and those eagles will soar to their highest heights.



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# 2022 Kennett High School Alumni Association Scholarship Awards

To date, your donations have allowed us to award \$1,299,000 to KHS seniors and alumni. Any contribution is most welcomed to continue these efforts! This year the alumni awarded \$49,000 to alumni and seniors. We would like to congratulate them and wish them luck in their endeavors.

## KHS SENIORS

**Tytus Snow**  
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KENNETT HIGH SCHOOL

## KHS ALUMNI

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**Callum Hawkes**  
**Braedan Bailey**  
**Rachelle Cassidy**

**Danielle Soloman**  
**Jack Wheeler**  
**Amiah Johnson**  
**Katie Colvard**

**Kathryn Hawkes**  
**Jaelin Cummings**  
**Matthew Nordwick**  
**Sara Tetreault**

*The Kennett Alumni Association accepts scholarship applications from any and all Kennett Alumni. If you are continuing your education and would like the chance to earn a scholarship please fill out the application available on our website ([www.kennettalumni.com](http://www.kennettalumni.com)). The applications are due May 1, are awarded in June and the scholarship money will be sent to your school upon the arrival of your Fall Semester Transcripts with a 2.5 or higher GPA. If you have any questions please reach out to us at [KennettAlumni@gmail.com](mailto:KennettAlumni@gmail.com).*

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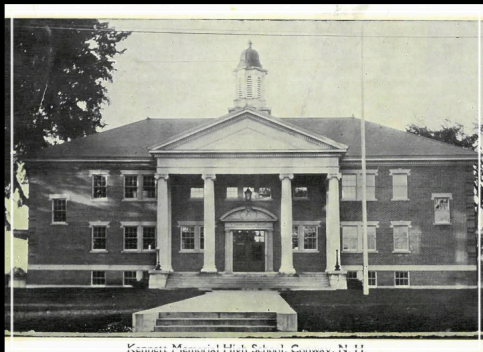
### 1,000 POINT CLUB

1970	ROGGER BLANCHARD	1989	DEBBIE RUSSELL
1982	LARRY DAY	1994	ERIN RUSSELL
1990	JEFF PERRY	1994	ALISON MacDONALD
1995	ABE WROBLESKI	1999	KISTEN UMLAH
1998	TREVOR MacDONALD	2011	ALISON WAGNER
		2011	MELISSA FRASE
		2019	ISABEL WROBLESKI

Did you know KHS has a 1,000 Point Club? This club recognizes Basketball Athletes who score 1000 points or more during their 4 years of playing basketball at KHS.

Congratulations to Rogger Blanchard, Larry Day, Jeff Perry, Abe Wroblewski, Trevor MacDonald, Debbie Russell, Erin Russell, Alison MacDonald, Kristen Umlah, Alison Wagner, Melissa Frase & Isabel Wroblewski





Kennett Memorial High School, Gurnee, N. H.



# THANK YOU

## Here are some warm thank you's we have received from scholarship recipients

"I would not be where I am without your support."  
- Cassidy, Class of 2017

"College is a very expensive endeavor and your financial assistance is not only extremely generous but also highly appreciated."  
- Jordanna, Class of 2019

"Thank you so much for awarding me your generous scholarship and investing in my future."  
- Anna, Class of 2019

"I am forever grateful to be supported by wonderful community members like you!"  
- Ashton, Class of 2019

"Thank you for selecting me to receive the Kennett Alumni Scholarship. I am very excited and very thankful for the financial help."  
-Braeden, Class of 2020

"With your help, I now have a Master of Arts in History. Thank you so much for your support and your hard work to continue providing our alumni with such great opportunities. It's always a great day to be an Eagle!"  
- Noah, Class of 2008

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# Kennett Alumni

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