



A Special Announcement to Nathan Hale Alumni

Let's help Nathan Hale High School be recognized as one of Oklahoma's most prominent high schools.

On December 1st, the Nathan Hale Foundation met to hear a proposal from the Class of '75 on reorganizing the Foundation around a concept they have launched for their class called **Rangers for Life**. The **Rangers for Life** concept has two primary goals. First it is about connecting and reconnecting with classmates and building a network of people that support each other and our beloved, Nathan Hale High School that lasts for a lifetime. The second guiding principle is to Give Back. In just a few months, the Class of '75 has donated hundreds of dollars to various needs at HHS utilizing these principles. If one class could rally classmates around a common purpose, why wouldn't it work for all classes? We believe it can and will; thus, we have embraced **Rangers for Life** as our theme for the reorganization and relaunch of the Hale Foundation.

At the December 1st meeting, I agreed to serve as President of the Foundation. Let me begin by saying that, like you, I have many questions. We will take the next few months to get reorganized to answer those questions. I'm grateful we have a structure in place thanks to the past and current Foundation members who kept the organization alive through difficult times. We want to expand and build upon what they have established, providing students, teachers, and the Administration with the help they need. It's going to take time, a lot of work, and, yes, generous donations from classes to achieve success. None of us can do this alone. We need all alumni classes to help make this a success.

Before the December 1st Foundation meeting, I, along with Lisa Knopp Lawrence, Class of '73, met with Dr. Shelia Riley, the Principal at Hale. It was a great meeting, and I look forward to working alongside Dr. Riley. One piece of great news is that beginning at the close of the school year, **Hale will be receiving over 1 million dollar upgrade to its facilities**. Dr. Riley would like some fall 2023 celebration of the reopening of the school. We intend to help her make that happen! So, stay tuned.

Let me give you another exciting piece of news we learned on December 1st. **Hilti Corporation has chosen to adopt Nathan Hale!** We will learn more about what this means for the school at our next meeting, but it is a huge first step toward securing the financial support we need through corporate sponsorships. We intend to use this first sponsorship to garner others. These two pieces of news give us great momentum to reorganize and relaunch the Foundation.

The bottom line is that our school needs us. I am calling on all alumni and friends of Hale to rally around this new **Rangers for Life** initiative. I'm asking all classes to embrace these concepts and help us build a foundation of support to ensure the future of Nathan Hale. Join this movement! Please help us ensure that current and future students have the same opportunities we had. Our parents, teachers, coaches, and counselors were there for our classes; let's be there for today's classes!

I am a Ranger for Life! Who's with me?

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