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In the narrative section of this work, most of the construction projects, particularly the largest undertakings, were discussed in some detail—or mentioned at least. But in order to present a clearer picture of the ongoing construction projects that took so much of the time and commanded so much of the resources of the district, I have included sections of data sheets prepared by the Strategic Planning Committee in 1994-1995. These pages included much more information than I have chosen to present here—such things as overall size, acreage currently utilized, state guidelines, gross square footage, and the like. From the information included I have simply extracted the construction dates for each of the schools.

SCHOOL	CONSTRUCTION DATES/PROJECT
Beauvoir Elementary School	1959 – Original Facility 1970 – Additions C 1976 – Hollis Field and Field House
DuKate Elementary School	1928 – Auditorium 1942 – Two-Story Classroom/Administrative Building 1962 – Two-Story Classroom Building With Multi-Purpose Room (around 1928 Auditorium) 1986 – General Renovation - Wing AC 1986 – Cafeteria 1991 – Office Machine Repair Shop 2003 – Closed as Elementary School
Gorenflo Elementary School	1924 – Original Construction 1943 – Building E 1961 – Building FGKIJ 1968 – Building H 1979 – Building D 1975 – Alternations and Renovations C 1993 – Two Computer Classrooms 2001 – New Elementary School
Howard II Elementary School	1928 – Original Construction 1975 – Restoration 1986 – Restoration 2001 -- Renovation
Jeff Davis Elementary School	1960 – Original Construction 1965 – Classroom Addition 1968 – Classroom Addition 2001 – Classroom Additions/Renovation
Lopez Elementary School	1952 – Original Construction 1968 – Additions C 1992 – Double Classroom Moved From Gorenflo 1993 – Cafeteria Renovation 1993 – Two New Classrooms 2001 – Classroom Additions/Renovation
North Bay Elementary School	2000 – New Elementary School
Popp's Ferry Elementary School	1960 – Original Facility 1965 – Classroom Addition 1991 – Converted Double Classroom Moved Onto Site 1992 – Library/Classroom Building 1992 – Two Classroom Addition (temporary) 2001 – Classroom Additions/Renovation

Fernwood	<p>1942 – Original Construction                      1986 – General Renovation                      1986 – Cafeteria                      1991 – Office Machine Repair Shop                      2002 – Closed as Junior High School</p>
Michel	<p>1954 – Two-Story Classroom/Administrative Building                      1954 – Athletic Dressing Room C                      1964 – Gymnasium B                      1985 – Industrial Arts Converted to Weight Room for BHS                      2001 – Renovation                      2002 – Opened as Seventh Grade School</p>
Nichols	<p>1959 – Two-Story Classroom/Administrative Building                      1948 – Auditorium/Classroom Building                      1962 – Science Building/Two-Story Cafeteria                      1977 – Dressing Room Addition To Gymnasium                      2002 – Closed as Junior High School                      2003 – New Elementary School</p>
Biloxi High School	<p>1960 – Original Building, Two-Story Classroom/                      Administrative/Auditorium/Gym/Cafeteria                      1969 – Metal Trades                      1969 – Auto Mechanics                      1970 – Football Dressing Rooms                      1971 – Building Trades Facility                      1973 – Tennis Courts Constructed                      1977 – Library, Media Center, and Classrooms                      1977 – Vocational Building                      1977 – Vo-Tech Complex                      1978 – Science Addition                      1979 – Lobby Between BHS and Michel Gymnasium                      1985 – Two-Story Classroom Addition                      2001 – Renovation                      2002 – Opened as Eighth and Ninth Grade School</p>
New Biloxi High School	<p>2002 – New High School Opened                      2002 – New Career/Technology Center                      2003 – New Athletics Stadium                      2003 – New Fine Arts Auditorium</p>

*SECTION II -*

*VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS –  
1950 – 2001*

*PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS*

**BILOXI HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

**VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS – 1950 - 2001**

VALEDICTORIAN

SALUTATORIAN

1950	- Marilyn Howe	Mary Kay Suter
1951	- Pat Hemmings	Patsy Gartman
1952	- Mary Griffin Grant	Betty Ludlow
1953	- Dudley Jo Andrews	Bonnie Jean Elliot
1954	- Nancy Niblack	Jane Dacey
1955	- Carolyn Bolton	Jean Andrews
1956	- Jolene Weill	Barbara Beach
1957	- Patsy Wieck	Marilyn Duckworth
1958	- Nancy Ray	Kathleen Scholtes
1959	- Barbara Thompson	Sally O'Briant
1960	- Lorita Hatley	Yvonne Romero
1961	- Mary Carolyn Bennett	Robert Kennedy
1962	- Carol Goris	Rose Ann Brodie
1963	- Robert Callender	Kay Gollotte
1964	- Betsy Seitzinger	Naomi Grishman
1965	- George Swan	Dianne Leggett
1966	- Susan Hyatt	Kathy Katzenmeyer
1967	- Mary Meredith	Susan Shiver
1968	- Barbara Davis	Clara Oehms
1969	- Susan Goss	Joy Platz
1970	- Reb McMichael	Andrew Blakeney
		James Kenneth Harmon
1971	- Charles Garrett	Brooke Terpening
1972	- William Cox	Jeffrey Cook
1973	- Linda Ellen Commander	Gary Keith Griffis
1974	- Cynthia Wilkins	Patricia Jones
1975	- Patricia McVadon	Benson Massey
1976	- Eric R. Tompkins	Daniel W. Skelton
1977	- Roy Boone	Larrie Jo Matthews
1978	- James Lee	Elizabeth Jane Wallace
1979	- Kendal Morris	Megan Morris
1980	- Gregory A. Sliman	Tinya Teresa King
1981	- Joseph Calhoun	Dale Alan Hartzell
1982	- Roger Stewart	Donna Pope
1983	- Michelle M. Parmeter	Henry John Gutierrez
1984	- Vickie L. Lawrence	Loc V. Bui
1985	- Lisa M. Phillips	Robyn M. Bagby
1986	- Michael A. Mixon	Cynthia A. Tanner
1987	- Nga T. Do	Jeannette E. Wilbourn
1988	- Jeff Thomas Birdsong	Tuyet "Mary" Thi Nguyen
1989	- Hien Thu Quach	Davina Kristi Brewer
1990	- Jason Keith Wilson	Kimberly Shawn Eleuterius

VALEDICTORIAN

1991 - Michael Scott Andrews  
 1992 - Stacy Lynn Cable  
 1993 - Kimberly Anderson  
 1994 - Gwen Louise Jernigan  
 1995 - Anupam Madhusudan Desai  
 1996 - Kimberly Ann Peterson  
 1997 - Tina Lananh Le  
 1998 - David Franklin Jones  
 1999 - William Henry Porr  
 2000 - Amanda Beth Hutcherson  
 2001 - Rose Marie Kim Anh Bui

SALUTATORIAN

Shannon Christina Kelley  
 Jennifer Leigh Evans  
 Jennifer Strojny  
 Marcos Rene Vera  
 Mia Dawn Eleuterius  
 Edward Joseph Geiser IV  
 Loan Nguyen Thanh Le  
 Jason Reed Gruich  
 Kyla Elise Dotson  
 Arielle Winter Lagh  
 Soo Y. Kim

**BILOXI HIGH SCHOOL  
 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS**

1965 – PATRICIA SHEPPARD

1969 – SUSAN GOSS

1975 – PATRICIA McVADON and BENSON MASSEY

1978 – KEITH MITCHELL

1979 – KENDAL MORRIS

1982 – ROGER STEWART

\*Special Note: In 1970, the School Board decided that no valedictorian or salutatorian would be named and that students graduating with highest honors (95 averages or higher) would be listed alphabetically. The practice was followed for several years but was later changed to follow the pattern that had been in place for many years (and was always followed by other school districts), listing the student with the highest four-year scholastic average as valedictorian of the class, the student with the second-highest average as salutatorian. The list presented here fills in the gaps and belatedly gives proper and deserved credit to those students who were not officially named valedictorian or salutatorian but whose scholastic averages were first and second in the graduating class during those years. Z.L.S.

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**BILOXI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

1920 Big 8 Conference Second Annual  
T&F Meet, Tennis  
1929 Boys Gulf Coast Region Champions,  
Basketball  
1929 Gulf Coast Regional Champions,  
Girls  
1930 Big 8 Champions, Basketball  
1930 Gulf Coast Region Champions, Boys  
1930 Gulf Coast Region Girls Relay  
1931 Big 8 Girls Basketball  
Championship  
1931 Gulf Coast Region Champions  
1931 Gulf Coast Region Trophy  
1932 Big 8 Mile Relay  
1935 Class A Gulf Coast Champions  
1936 Big 8 Champions  
1936 Gulf Coast Region Girls  
Championship, Track  
1936 National Honor Society Certificate  
1937 Big 8 Co-Champions  
1938 Girls Big 8 Champions, Basketball  
1938 Girls Classic A Champions Gulf Coast  
Region Basketball  
1939 Biloxi Relays  
1939 Biloxi Relays, Baton  
1943 Shrimp Bowl Champions  
1948 State Champions Heavyweight  
Division  
1949 Champions, Regional Big 8  
1949 Gulf Coast Region Girls Quartet  
1954 Champions Region 8  
1954 Football  
1954 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays,  
Boys, 880-Relay  
1954 Mile Relay  
1955 Merchant & Marine Bank Relays, A  
Team  
1956 880 Yard Relay Class A/AA, MHSAA  
1956 Big 8 Champions, Mile Relay  
1957 Champions 18th Annual Knights of  
Columbus Shrimp Bowl  
1957 Region 8 Championship  
1958 Pass/Point Relays, Track  
Championship  
1959 Knights of Columbus Shrimp Bowl  
Champions  
1959 MSE Mile Relay, Class 1, Track  
1960 Biloxi Jaycees March of Dimes  
Tournament, Second, Track  
1960 Mile Relay, Region VIII  
1960 Region VIII, Track Champions  
1960 South Division Big 8 Champions  
1961 22nd Annual Knights of Columbus

**TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

Shrimp Bowl  
1962 23rd Annual Knights of Columbus  
Shrimp Bowl  
1962 Biloxi High School State Football  
Champions  
1962 South Division Big 8 Champions,  
Track  
1963 Biloxi Jaycees Fifth Annual March  
of Dimes Tournament, First  
1964 Biloxi Jaycees 6th Annual March of  
Dimes Tournament, Third  
1964 Youth Conference on the Atom,  
Award Winner  
1965 26th Annual Shrimp Bowl  
1965 Biloxi Jaycees 7th Annual March of  
Dimes, Basketball, Second  
1965 District 8 AA Champions  
1965 District VIII Overall Champions,  
baseball  
1965 Gulf Coast Invitational Champions,  
Baseball  
1965 MHSAA South Mississippi  
Champions, AA  
1965 MHSAA State Baseball Champions  
1966 27th Annual Shrimp Bowl  
1966 Gulf Coast Tournament Champions  
Baseball  
1966 Meninak Charity Bowl, Jacksonville,  
Florida  
1967 9th Annual March of Dimes  
Tournament, Second  
1967 District 8 Track Champions, Boys  
1967 Gulfport Invitational Track Meet  
1968 25th Annual Shrimp Bowl  
1968 District 8 Track Champions, Class  
AA  
1968 Gulf Coast Invitational Track  
Champions  
1968 Interact District 684 Outstanding  
Club  
1968 Pascagoula Invitational Tournament  
Champions  
1968 Sub-district 2 Basketball Tournament  
Champions  
1969 District 8 AA Champions Baseball  
1969 Girls Track  
1969 Gulfport Tournament, Basketball  
1969 Sub-district 8 AA Champions,  
Baseball  
1969 Third Annual Shrimp Bowl  
1970 MHSAA South Mississippi  
Champions, AA Baseball  
1970 MHSAA State Baseball Champions,

- Class AA
- 1970 Third Place Team, Gulfport Jaycees Invitational, Track
- 1971 Boys Track South Mississippi Class AA Champions
- 1971 Boys Track, Class AA MHSAA
- 1971 District 8AA Champions, Baseball
- 1971 District 8AA Track Champions
- 1971 District VIII Runner-up Tennis
- 1971 Gulfport Jaycees Invitational, First, Track
- 1971 South Big 8 Track Champions
- 1971, MHSAA 880-yard Relay, AA, Track
- 1972 Biloxi Cross-Country, First Place
- 1972 Boys Track Class !!, South Mississippi MHSAA
- 1972 D'Iberville Invitational Tournament Champions
- 1972 District 8 AA Track Champions
- 1972 District 8 A-AA Runner-up
- 1972 Gulfport Jaycees Invitational Track Meet, First
- 1972 Meninak Charity Bowl, Winner
- 1972 NOAC TAD Gormley Thanksgiving Day Handicap Race, HS Trophy
- 1972 PAS/Point Jaycee Invitational Track Meet
- 1972 Pas-Point Jaycees Invitational Track Meet, AA Champions
- 1972 Pas-Point Jaycees Invitational Track Meet, Class AA, Mile Relay Winner
- 1972 South Division Big 8 Champions
- 1972 Tulane Homecoming Parade
- 1972 TV High School Bowl Champions
- 1972 WALA High School Quiz Bowl, Championship
- 1973 "B" Team Jamboree Champions
- 1973 Boys Track South Mississippi, Class AA, MHSAA
- 1973 District 684 Interact Club Tournament, Second
- 1973 District 8 Tack Meet, AA Champions
- 1973 First Annual Pensacola Cross-Country Invitational, First
- 1973 Second Annual Vicksburg Jaycees Invitational Cross-Country, High School Winner
- 1973 USTFF Champions
- 1974 Gulf Coast Invitational, Second, Golf
- 1974 Gulfport Jaycee Invitational Track Meet, First Place, High School
- 1974 MHSAA South Mississippi, Class AA
- 1974 Mrs. Duckworth – Trophy for Science Education Leadership
- 1974 Singing River Relay
- 1974 South Division Big 8 Track Champions
- 1974-1975 WALA TV High School Bowl
- 1975 Biloxi Relays, First Place
- 1975 Coastal Division Big 8 Champions
- 1975 Coastal Zone Big 8 Champions
- 1975 District VIII Champions, AA Track
- 1975 South Division Big 8 Champions
- 1975 South Division Big 8 Champions
- 1976 WALA TV Quiz Bowl Champions in Three-State Competition
- 1976 Big 8 Champions, Track
- 1976 Biloxi Tri-County Tournament, Boys Basketball, First Place
- 1976 Biloxi Tri-County Tournament, Girls Basketball, Runner-up
- 1976 Boys Track, Class AA, MHSAA
- 1976 District 8 Champions, AA
- 1976 District 8 Runner-up
- 1976 First Place, 880 Relay, Track
- 1976 Gulfport Invitational Tournament, Runner-up
- 1976 Track Trophy
- 1977 Area 12 Invitational Tournament Basketball, Third
- 1977 FCAHS First Place
- 1977 Picayune Relays, Senior High Boys, 880 Relays
- 1977 Picayune Relays, Senior High Girls 300-yard Relay
- 1977 Picayune Relays, Senior High Girls, 200-Yard Relay
- 1977 Track Trophy
- 1978 Area Special Olympics, Third Place
- 1978 Big 8 Champions
- 1978 Big 8 Champions Track
- 1978 Biloxi Relays Champions
- 1978 Biloxi Relays, 880 yard Relay
- 1978 District 8 Track Meet, Champions, AA
- 1978 FCAHS Invitational Tournament, "B" Tam
- 1978 FCAHS Invitational Tournament, First, Volleyball
- 1978 First Annual Ocean Springs Record Tournament, Second
- 1978 First Place Metropolitan Bank Relays
- 1978 Gulf Coast Invitational Champions, Baseball
- 1978 Gulfport Jaycee Invitational Track Meet, Second
- 1978 MHSAA Class AA 440-yard Relay
- 1978 MHSAA Class AA Boys Track
- 1978 Mile Relay, Biloxi Relays

- 1978 Mile Relay, Biloxi Relays
- 1978 OLA Tournament Sportsmanship, Volleyball
- 1978 Pas-Point Relays, First
- 1978 Picayune Invitational Tournament
- 1979 Biloxi Relays, High School Champions, Track
- 1979 Coastal Big 8 Champions Track
- 1979 East Central High School Softball Classic, Third
- 1979 Picayune Invitational Tournament
- 1979 Team Trophy PHS Power Meet
- 1979 Two-hundred yard Relay
- 1980 Biloxi Relays, Champions
- 1980 District 8 Champions, Volleyball
- 1980 District 8 Champions, Volleyball
- 1980 District 8 Class AA Champions, Track
- 1980 District 8 Runner-up, Softball
- 1980 District Champions
- 1980 Mile Relay Trophy
- 1980 Pascagoula Relays Trophy
- 1980 Third Annual Ocean Springs Record Invitational, Softball, Second
- 1980 Tiger Powerlifting Meet, Third Place
- 1981 Basketball Holiday Classic
- 1981 Biloxi High Olympics, First
- 1981 Biloxi Invitational Champions, basketball
- 1981 Biloxi Invitational Tournament, Basketball
- 1981 District 8 Volleyball Champions
- 1981 Moss Point Invitational Runner-up
- 1981 Moss Point Invitational Tournament, Runner-up
- 1982 Coastal Zone Champions
- 1982 Coastal Zone Champions
- 1982 District VIII Champions
- 1982 Merchants Marine Relays
- 1982 Moss Point Invitational Basketball
- 1983 Biloxi Relay, High School Champions
- 1983 District 8 Volleyball Champions
- 1983 Girls Softball
- 1983 Gulfport Hardwood Club Holiday Classic, Second, Basketball
- 1984 Admiral Hardwood Club Holiday Classic
- 1984 Biloxi Tournament Champions
- 1984 District 8 Volleyball Champions
- 1984 District 8AA runner-up
- 1984 District VIII AA Runner-up
- 1984 District VIII Champions 5A, Football
- 1984 Girls Basketball Tournament Champions
- 1984 Hattiesburg Tip-off Tournament, Runner-up
- 1984 Murphy High Baseball Invitational, Third
- 1985 Biloxi High Tournament, first place
- 1985 District 8 Cross-Country Champions
- 1985 District 8 Champions
- 1985 Eastern Zone Champions, Big 8
- 1985 Eastern Zone Champions, Big 8
- 1985 Eastern Zone Champions, Big 8 Conference
- 1985 Foley Invitational, Cross-Country, Boys, First
- 1985 M&M Bank Relay, Mile Relay, High School
- 1985 Merchants and marine Bank Relay, High School
- 1986 Biloxi Relay Champions
- 1986 Biloxi Relays, Mile Relay, First Place
- 1986 Cross-Country Track Champions, Big 8
- 1986 District 8 5A Champions
- 1986 Dogs Days Invitational First Annual Track Meet
- 1986 Eastern Zone Track
- 1986 Greyhound Invitational Cross-Country Runner-up
- 1986 Mobile Recreation Dept. Freshman Boys Cross-Country Champions
- 1986 OLV Invitational Tournament, Second, Volleyball
- 1986 Pas-Point Relays
- 1986 Track Trophy
- 1987 BHS Cross-Country "B" Team, First
- 1987 BHS Cross-Country Varsity, First
- 1987 BHS Diamond Club Tour Varsity Champions, Baseball
- 1987 Big 8 Eastern Zone Tournament Basketball Champions
- 1987 Biloxi Relays, First Place, 88-yard Relay
- 1987 Boys Basketball, Division 8 Champions
- 1987 District 4A and 5A Runner-up, Softball
- 1987 Eastern Big 8 Champions, Tennis
- 1987 Eastern Zone Champions, Big 8 Conference, Basketball
- 1987 Fernwood Invitational Tournament, Ninth Grade, Girls
- 1987 First Place Biloxi Relays
- 1987 First Place Moss Point Classic
- 1987 First Place, Moss Point Classic
- 1987 Girls Basketball, Division 8 Champions
- 1987 Girls Volleyball

- 1987 Greyhounds Invitational, Second
- 1987 Gulfport Invitational Tournament
- 1987 Slidell High Tournament, First Place
- 1987 Volleyball, District 8, Runner-up
- 1988 49th Annual Knights of Columbus Shrimp Bowl
- 1988 BHS Cross-Country Invitational, Boys, First
- 1988 BHS Thanksgiving Tournament, First, Basketball
- 1988 Cross-Country Varsity District 7-8 Runner-up
- 1988 District 684 Interact Best Talent
- 1988 Division 7 Champions
- 1988 Division 7 Champions, Baseball
- 1988 GHS "B" Team Tournament, First Place
- 1988 Hattiesburg Tip-off Tournament, Third Place
- 1988 MHSAA South Mississippi Champions, 5A, Baseball
- 1988 Softball Trophy
- 1989 District 8 Champions, Volleyball
- 1989 District VII 5A Champions, Golf
- 1989 Eastern Zone Champions, Big 8 Conference
- 1989 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays, Division 7, First
- 1989 MHSAA Boys State Champions, Basketball, Class 5A
- 1989 Slidell High Invitational, First
- 1989, District 4 runner-up
- 1990 Division 7 5A Champions
- 1990 First Annual Harrison County High School Meet – First
- 1990 First Annual Harrison County Invitation Junior Varsity, First
- 1990 MHSAA South Mississippi Boys Class 5A
- 1990 MHSAA State Championship Basketball, Boys
- 1990 Resurrection Cross-Country Invitational, Second
- 1991 First Annual SSC Cross-Country Invitational, First
- 1991 Second Annual Harrison County Invitational Junior Varsity, First
- 1991 Second Annual Harrison County Invitational Meet, First
- 1992 Greyhound Invitational Cross-Country Varsity, Girls, Second
- 1993 District 4 Track Champions
- 1993 District 8 Boys Varsity 5A Runner-up
- 1993 Greyhound Invitational Cross-Country Varsity, Runner-up
- 1994 District 8 Cross-Country 5A Boys, Runner-up
- 1994 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays Champions
- 1994 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays, Champions
- 1994 St. Stanislaus-Our Lady Academy Cross-Country, Second
- 1995 BHS Girls Swim Team Champions (1995-1998)
- 1995 Billy Miller Relays "A" Team
- 1995 District 8 Girls Champions, Track
- 1995 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays "B" Team
- 1995 MHSAA South Mississippi Champions 5A
- 1996 Billy Miller District VIII Track Meet, Champions
- 1996 District VIII Cross-Country Meet, 5A Boys, Runner-up
- 1996 First Annual Frank Sabbatini Relays, 1600 Meters, First Place
- 1996 First Annual Sabbatini Relays Champions
- 1996 First Annual Sabbatini Relays, Champions
- 1996 Hancock County Tournament Runner-up
- 1996 Home Routine Evaluation, UDA, First Place
- 1996 Judge Gaston H. Hewes Track and Field Meet Champions
- 1996 Judge Gaston H. Hewes Track and Field Meet Champions
- 1996 Judge Gaston H. Hewes Track and Field Meet, Champions
- 1996 MAA sweepstakes Award, Drill/Dance Team Contest
- 1996 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays, Champions
- 1996 MHSAA/Coca-Cola Indoor State Champions
- 1996 MHSAA/Coca-Cola Indoor State Champions, Girls
- 1996 MHSAA/Coca-Cola Indoor State Champions, Girls
- 1996 MS State Fair POM Category, 9th place
- 1996 St. Stanislaus Our Lady Academy Cross-Country Invitational
- 1996 Tony Dees Relays "B" Team, First
- 1996 Tony Dees Relays, Track, First
- 1996 Tony Dees Relays, "B" Team, First
- 1996 YMCA All Bay Area High School Bench-off Team, First Place
- 1997 Biloxi Invitational Tournament Champions
- 1997 District 8 Cross-Country, Second

- 1997 District VII Champions, Track  
 1997 District VIII Champions, Track  
 1997 Division 7 Champions, Class 1  
 1997 East Central Invitational  
 Tournament, First Place  
 1997 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays,  
 A-Team  
 1997 MHSAA Region 4 Class 5A  
 Champions  
 1997 MHSAA South Mississippi  
 Champions  
 1997 MHSAA South Mississippi  
 Champions, 5A, Track  
 1997 MHSAA State Champions 5A  
 1997 Playground Area Prep Basketball  
 Shoot-out  
 1997 Sabbatini Relays Champions  
 1997 Sabbatini Relays Champions  
 1997 Sweepstakes Award, Drill/Dance  
 Team Championship  
 1997 Sweepstakes Award, Drill/Dance  
 Team Championship  
 1997 Tony Dees Relays, First Place  
 1997 Universal Dance Association, Home  
 Routine Evaluation, Third  
 1997 White Sands Tournament Superior,  
 Color Guard  
 1998 BHS Best of Class of '98 Award  
 1998 Biloxi Thanksgiving Invitational  
 Champions  
 1998 Cross-Country Challenge Girls  
 Open, Runner-up  
 1998 District VIII 5A Cross-Country,  
 Second  
 1998 District VIII Champions, Golf  
 1998 District VIII Varsity Cross-Country,  
 Second  
 1998 Drill/Dance Team MAA  
 Sweepstakes Competition  
 1998 Forrest General Sports Care  
 Southern MS Relays, 800 Relay  
 Champions  
 1998 Gautier Invitational Cross-Country,  
 Junior High, Second  
 1998 Greyhound Invitational Cross-Country  
 Meet, Varsity, Runner-up  
 1998 Judge Gaston H. Hewes Track and  
 Field Meet, First  
 1998 Judge Gaston H. Hewes Track and  
 Field Meet, First  
 1998 Judge Gaston H. Hewes Track and  
 Field Meet, First  
 1998 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays,  
 "B" Team Champions  
 1998 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays,  
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 1998 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays,  
 "B" Team Champions  
 1998 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays,  
 "B" Team Champions  
 1998 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays,  
 Varsity Champions  
 1998 Sabbatini Relays Champions  
 1998 St. Martin Cross-Country Invitational  
 Runner-up  
 1998 St. Martin Cross-Country Invitational,  
 Runner-up Junior High  
 1998 Superior UCA Awards  
 1998 Superior Universal Cheerleaders  
 Association  
 1998 Tony Dees Relays Champions  
 1998 Tony Dees Relays Champions  
 1998 UDA Drill Down Superior  
 1998 UDA Superior Award  
 1998 Vancleave Tip-off Tournament  
 Runner-up, Girls Basketball  
 1999 60th Annual Shrimp Bowl Classic  
 1999 Biloxi High School Turkey  
 Tournament Champions  
 1999 District 5A Track and Field Meet  
 Champions  
 1999 District 7 5A Track and Field Meet  
 Champions  
 1999 District 7-8 Junior High Boys,  
 Runner-up  
 1999 District 7-8 Junior Varsity, Boys  
 Runner-up  
 1999 East Central Cross-Country, Junior  
 High Boys 2-mile, First  
 1999 East Central Invitational  
 Tournament, First, Basketball  
 1999 Frank Sabbatini Relays, Champions  
 1999 Gautier Invitational Second Place,  
 varsity  
 1999 Gautier Invitational, Varsity, Second  
 1999 Girls Cross-Country Champions,  
 Division  
 1999 In Class Officer Award, Regional  
 Championship  
 1999 MAA National Championship, First  
 Place  
 1999 MAA Super Sweepstakes Award,  
 Regional Championship  
 1999 MAA Sweepstakes Award, Regional  
 – Three Plaques  
 1999 Marching Auxiliary of America,  
 National Championship, First  
 1999 Mardi Gras Festival sweepstakes  
 1999 MHSAA Champions, Class 5A,  
 Region 4, Track  
 1999 MHSAA South Mississippi  
 Champions, Class 5A  
 1999 MS State Dance/Drill Team  
 Championship

1999 MS State Dance/Drill Team  
 Championship, First  
 1999 Ocean Springs Greyhounds Cross-  
 Country Invitational, Boys, Runner-up  
 1999 Panther Cross-Country Invitational,  
 Girls, First  
 1999 Regional Championship, Marching  
 Auxiliaries of America  
 1999 Regional Championship, Marching  
 Auxiliary  
 1999 St. Martin Cross-Country  
 Invit., Junior High Boys, Runner- up  
 1999 Superior UCA  
 1999 UCA Camp Champions Award  
 1999 UCA Spirit Stick Award  
 1999MHSAA Champions, 5A, Region 4,  
 Track  
 2000 Best All Round Football Player  
 Plaque  
 2000 Biloxi Invitational Team  
 Champions  
 2000 DHS Fast Pitch Invitational, Girls  
 Softball, Third  
 2000 Division 7 Class 5A Champions  
 2000 Division 7 Cross-Country  
 Champions  
 2000 East Central Cross-Country Meet,  
 Junior High, Second  
 2000 East Central Cross-Country Meet,  
 Second, Junior High  
 2000 East Central Cross-Country Meet,  
 Varsity, Second  
 2000 East Central Invitational Girls  
 Basketball, Second  
 2000 Gautier Invitational, First  
 2000 Gulfport Relays, First  
 2000 MHSAA Cross-Country State  
 Champions, Class 5A  
 2000 Resurrection Invitational Cross-  
 Country Meet, Junior High Boys  
 2000 Resurrection Invit., Cross-Country,  
 Junior High Girls, Runner-up  
 2000 St. Martin Cross-Country  
 Invitational Varsity, Runner-up  
 2000 St. Martin Cross-Country,  
 Invitational, First, Junior High Girls  
 2000 UCA Blue Superior Trophy,  
 Cheerleading  
 2000 UCA Gold Superior Trophy,  
 Cheerleading  
 2000 UCA Spirit Stick  
 2000 UCA Superior Trophy,  
 Cheerleading  
 2001 MHSAA Boys State Champions,  
 Basketball, Class 5A  
 2001 5A Division 7 Champions  
 2001 Superior UCA Awards

### Swim Team Awards

1989 State Boys Second Place  
 1989 State Girls Third Place  
 1989 Junior Division – Nichols, Third  
 1989 Junior Division, Fernwood, Boys 4th  
 1989 Junior Division, Fernwood, Girls 1st  
 1989 Junior Division – Michel, Girls 5th  
 1989 State Senior High Boys, 3rd  
 1990 State Senior High Girls, 3rd  
 1990 State Junior High Nichols Girls, 5th  
 1990 State Junior High Fernwood Girls, 6th  
 1991 BHS Invitational – Boys and Girls, 1st  
 1991 Junior High Girls, Junior Division, 1st  
 1991 Greater New Orleans – Team – 7th  
 1991 State Senior Boys, 2nd; Girls, 3rd  
 1991 State Junior Boys, Nichols, 3rd  
 1991 State, Junior Boys, Fernwood, 4th  
 1991 State Junior Girls, Michel, 5th  
 1991 State Junior Girls, Fernwood, 1st  
 1992 BHS Invitational, senior Boys, 6th  
 1992 BHS Invitational, Senior Girls, 4th  
 1991 State Junior Girls, Michel, 5th  
 1992 BHS Invit., Senior Boys, 6th  
 1992 BHS Invit. Senior Girls, 4th  
 1992 BHS Invit. Junior Boys, Michel, 5th  
 1992 BHS Invit. Junior Girls, Michel, 4th  
 1992 BHS Invit. Junior Girls, Fernwood,  
 5th  
 1992 State Boys, BHS, 3rd  
 1992 State Girls, BHS, 2nd  
 1992 Ben Franklin Invit., BHS Boys, 3rd  
 1992 UNO Invit., BHS Boys, 1st; Girls, 2nd  
 1993 State – BHS Boys, 5th Girls, 2nd,  
 Combined Team score, 3rd  
 1994 BHS Invit., Girls, 1st  
 1994 BHS Invit., Boys 2nd  
 1994 BHS Invit., Team 1st  
 1994 State – BHS Girls, 1st  
 1994 State – BHS Boys 8th  
 1995 BHS Invit., Boys, 6th  
 1995 State – BHS Girls 1st  
 1995 State – BHS Boys, 5th  
 1995 State – BHS Team Combined, 1st  
 1996 South State, Girls 1st  
 1996 South State, Boys, 3rd  
 1996 State, BHS Boys, 16th  
 1996 State, BHS Girls, 1st  
 1997 South State, BHS Girls, 1st  
 1997 South State, BHS Boys, 8th  
 1997 State, BHS Girls, 1st  
 1998 South State, BHS Girls, 1st  
 1998 South State, BHS Boys, 8th  
 1998 State, BHS Girls, 1st  
 1998 State, BHS Boys, 10th  
 1998 Hattiesburg Invit., BHS Girls, 1st  
 1998 Hattiesburg., BHS Boys, 3rd

1999 Hattiesburg Invit., BHS Girls, 1st  
 1999 Hattiesburg Invit., BHS Boys, 2nd  
 1999 BHS Invit., BHS Boys, 8th  
 1999 BHS Invit., BHS Girls, 2nd  
 1999 South State, BHS Girls, 1st  
 1999 South State, BHS Boys, 5th  
 1999 State, BHS Girls, 3rd  
 1999 State, BHS Boys, 21st  
 2000 BHS Invit., BHS Girls, 2nd  
 2000 BHS Invit., BHS Boys, 3rd  
 2000 Hattiesburg Invit., BHS Girls, 1st  
 2000 Hattiesburg Invit., BHS Boys, 2nd  
 2000 West Jones Invit., BHS Girls, 1st  
 Boys, 1st  
 2000 South State, BHS Girls, 1st, Boys 3 rd  
 1000 State, BHS Girls, 2nd, Boys, 6th  
 2001 BHS Invit., BHS Girls, 1st, Boys, 1st  
 2001 West Jones Invit., BHS Girls, 1st,  
 Boys, 1st  
 2001 St. Al. H.S. Invit., BHS Girls, 1st,  
 Boys, 3rd  
 2001 South State, BHS Girls, 1st, Boys, 1st  
 2001 State, BHS Girls, 5th, Boys, 1st

Indians Cross-Country Meet Champions  
 JCES Tournament, first place  
 Marching Auxiliaries of America  
 Marching Auxiliary Best In Class  
 Marching Auxiliary of America, Outstanding  
 Pom-Pom Choreography  
 Merchants and Marine Bank Relays "B"  
 Team Champions  
 Mississippi Dance/Drill Team  
 Championship Officer  
 Moss Point Invitational, First Place  
 Officer Award Dance/Auxiliary  
 Competition  
 Superior Universal Dance Association  
 Trophy  
 Third Annual Gulf Coast Jaycees Holiday  
 Classic, Basketball  
 Trophy Presented to George Wilkes, Booster  
 Club  
 Tulane University Homecoming Parade  
 UDA light blue/blue/white Spirit Stick  
 UDA Yellow/blue/white Spirit Stick  
 UDA Yellow/red Spirit Stick  
 Wilson State Championship, Basketball

**(Below – No Dates)**

Band Awards  
 Boxing Trophy, date unknown  
 Division 8 Cross Country Championship,  
 Varsity Boys, Second  
 Indians C Meet Champions

Championship Swim Team - 2001



*SECTION IV -  
WELL-KNOWN GRADUATES  
OF BILOXI HIGH SCHOOL  
  
TURNING THE PAGES*



## TURNING THE PAGES

They are all there--the faces young and hopeful, names familiar and well-remembered, thousands of pictures reflecting changes in schools and American life for over eighty years.

In a unique collection of Biloxi High School yearbooks and school papers one can trace the history of the school system and, in a special way, of the city itself.

They're all there--the scholars, the achievers, the choir members and the cheerleaders, the athletes and the student body officers, some of whom left indelible marks on Biloxi High School life and then went on to extraordinary lives extending far beyond the boundaries of the school community.

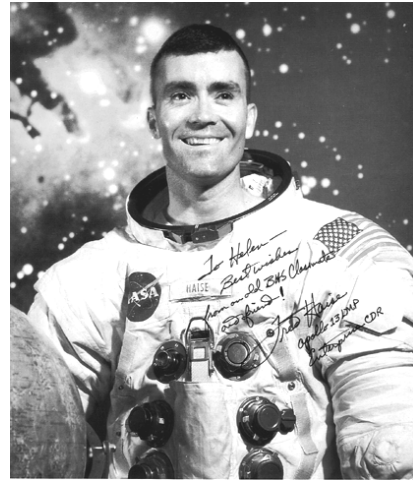
It is a study in fads and fashions to look at the old pictures--the ever-changing hair styles and skirt lengths, dances and club activities and sock-hops, captions reflecting the popular speech of a particular year, the backgrounds of old school buildings, many of them no longer standing, and familiar Biloxi landmarks.

It is also a study in the dedication of a faculty whose names are part of Biloxi school lore: Mrs. Catherine Clower, pictured in 1924 as she began more than forty years on the BHS faculty; Superintendent A.E. Scruggs, who died in 1957; Coach Gaddy and Coach Willie D. Wiles; Mrs. Mary L. Michel, beloved Biloxi High principal and teacher; Della McCaughan, Biloxi teacher for 43 years; Principals T.J. Smith and Romey George and Lawrence Buford, all of whom left indelible marks on the lives of the thousands of students who walked the halls of Biloxi High. (One unexpected picture among the faculty portraits is that of former pro football player Eddie Khayat of the Philadelphia Eagles--later one of the coaches of the New Orleans Saints--who in 1962 and 1963 taught English and coached at BHS in the spring semesters after pro-football season ended.)

The young faces that also look out from the pages of the Biloxi yearbooks are identified by names that longtime Biloxians will recognize, among them former mayors Danny Guice, class of 1942; Gerald Blessey, class of 1960; and present mayor A.J. Holloway, class of 1958; former state legislators like Tommy Munro and Alan Santa Cruz and Doug Skinner, Mr. BHS of 1963. So many city government offices have been filled by Biloxi High School graduates for many years.

Looking through the old yearbooks and school papers, one finds the pictures of distinguished men and women in the sciences, business and industry, military forces and governmental organizations, law and medicine, professional sports, civic affairs and education--doctors, engineers and jurists. All of them Biloxi High School graduates who have made names for themselves in elective and appointive positions of great importance to all of us.

One might begin a list of well-known Biloxi High School graduates with Fred Haise, class of 1950. No Biloxi High School graduate has traveled farther! The native Biloxian was a member of the three-man crew of Apollo XIII, whose mission to the moon was a triumph of will and intelligence and creativity in the face of potential disaster. It was the most exciting and, next to the first landing on the moon, the most memorable of the space exploits of the 1960s and 1970s. Fred's picture can be found in the 1950 *Indian Echo* and his stories as sports editor appeared in the *Biloxi Hi-Tide*. Asked to recall the most vivid memories of his school days in Biloxi, he tells of starting first grade at Sacred Heart Academy when he was five



years old, then attending Gorenflo Elementary School, located only half a block from his home on what was then Church Street and would later be named Haise Street. He has very warm memories of Miss Alma Ritch, Gorenflo principal, and strong recollections of the strictness of her sister, Miss Priscilla Ritch, who also taught at Gorenflo. It was at Gorenflo, after playing a woodpecker in a school play, that he was given the nickname "Pecky," which followed him through high school. For a brief period when his father was on a Navy assignment he was in Chicago and later spent a portion of a year attending the old Howard I Elementary School. After a year and a half in Key West, Florida, he returned to Biloxi and attended Central Junior High School and Biloxi Senior High School, where he was active in the journalism class as sports editor of the school paper. He worked as a paperboy for the *Herald*. The teachers he remembers most clearly were Mrs. Auer, Miss Everett, Miss Vidreen, Miss Reber, Mr. Muller, and Mrs. Collins. (*From a brief personal biographical sketch*)

Though it is demonstrably true that no other Biloxi High School graduate has traveled as far or has been the object of world attention or the subject of a Hollywood movie, the school community can take a large measure of pride in the accomplishments of many of its graduates who have achieved recognition through the past fifty years or so:

Famed Mississippi State University football coach Jackie Sherrill, who was Mr. BHS in 1962.

Pro football players Richard Winther, class of 1964, of the Saints and the Vikings; Mike Patrick, kicker for the Patriots, class of 1971; and Larry Evans, class of 1972, of Denver.

Barry Lyons, class of 1978, catcher for the New York Mets.

Arthur Richards, graduate of Biloxi High School in 1955, commandant of The Citadel for a number of years.

Lionel Eleuterius, 1956, nationally known marine scientist and author of *Tidal Marsh Plants*, result of his long and distinguished career as marine botanist and environmental scholar.

James Garner, class of 1950, Mississippi's Adjutant General during the 1990s.

One of the most important goals of the Biloxi Public Schools is that of providing opportunities for success in the arts, stimulating and developing the creative abilities and talents of Biloxi students, and Biloxi High School has produced a number of nationally known graduates whose achievements in these fields have made the community immensely proud. In this regard the yearbooks and papers are often predictive and always interesting:

Patty Ryan, Miss BHS of 1963, and Robert Morrison, class of 1960, two of the co-writers of Grammy-nominated "Looking For Love," hit song from the movie "Urban Cowboy." Robert won a Grammy for "You Decorated My Life," recorded by Kenny Rogers.

Analya Swan, 1969 BHS graduate, journalist/author, who was the first woman editor of Princeton's newspaper, later senior writer and education editor of *Time*, arts editor of *Newsweek* and 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner as co-author of *Willem de Kooning: An American Master*,

David Sheffield, 1967, former "Saturday Night Live" writer and later Hollywood script writer for a number of hit movies, including several Eddie Murphy films; and Buddy Sheffield, David's brother, class of 1968, also a New York and Hollywood television and film writer of note.

Shayna Steele, multi-talented singer/dancer/actor in the Tony-Award-winning musical *Rent* and other Broadway productions.

Gwynette Dickey, member of Rose Royce, group whose gold medal album included the top hit "Car Wash."

Larry Guest, nationally known award winning sports writer, author of *Arnie, Inside the Legend*, and other books and sports articles, 1959 graduate.

Robin Swetman, class of 1953, award-winning author of a number of books of poetry, writer in residence at William Carey College.

Dan Skelton, computer engineer, who has written, edited, and illustrated a number of articles and books and created computer games marketed nationally.

Janet McCreedy, class of 1954, author-editor, whose most recent books, *Prairie Farmer* and *Lambhead Legacy*, were published by Texas A&M University Press.

Richard Creel, graduate of BHS in 1957, nationally recognized author and theologian, whose books *Religion and Doubt* and *Divine Impassibility*, received wide critical praise.

Television star Gerald Hopkins, whose daytime acting made him nationally known.

Alan Richardson, New York author, editor, and photographer for *Four Seasons of Italian Cooking* and other highly praised culinary works.

Brig. Gen. Michael W. Peterson, 1970 BHS graduate, named commander of Keesler Air Force Base in 2002.

Logan Skelton, concert pianist and recording artist, chair of the piano department and Director of Graduate Studies in Piano Performance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Other familiar names appear as one turns the pages--Circuit Judge Kosta Vlahos, class of 1959; present District Attorney Cono Caranna, state representatives Danny Guice and Jamie Creel and state senator Mike Janus; former Harrison County supervisors C.T. Switzer, class of 1970, and present supervisor Bobby Eleuterius, class of 1963.

High school yearbook notes and photographs also point to achievements that would predict later successes: Diane Bounds, Miss BHS in 1971, who won the title of Miss Mississippi in 1974; and several winners of the state Junior Miss title, including Sheryl Sims and Dee Dee Patterson.

The Biloxi schools have also been well served by graduates of the high school. It is impossible to name all the individuals who have been principals of Biloxi schools, beginning in the earliest years of the school system's history. But all of them have occupied prominent places in the life of the community, and most particularly in the history of the schools. Most recently BHS graduates Becky Borries and Paul Tisdale and Murray Killebrew and Susan Patterson and Susan Hunt have headed district faculties. A member of the 1967 class, Lloyd Seymour, served as Biloxi High School principal, and other school administrators and key central office personnel presently include Susan Patterson, coordinator of curriculum instruction and principal of Gorenflo Elementary School, Paul Tisdale, Director of Administrative Services, and Jude McDonnell, Director of Business Management, all BHS graduates. Susan Hunt, former coordinator of community outreach and publications for the school, is now executive director of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Yearbooks are not history books or encyclopedias or reference works in the ordinary sense, but in some ways they are all these things and more. Perhaps it is a cliché to write that looking through old yearbooks is a journey into the past--but it is more than that as one is drawn irresistibly into the record that extends far beyond mere names and faces of people who once were important in one's everyday life. Memories also give way to historical recollections: "Yes, that's what it was like. That's exactly how it was then. Yes, I remember!"

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### *AUTHOR'S NOTE*

It is not difficult to forecast the inevitable questions that will be raised in some people's minds by gaps in this record. I hope that it is possible for me to make the case, without sounding defensive, that it would be impossible to include notes about *everything* that happened and *all* the people involved in the schools during the past seventy-six years. The thousands of pages of Board Minutes, in volumes large and heavy enough to require moving equipment to shift them from place to place (that is an excusable and understandable exaggeration, I hope), substantiate this assertion.

There are so many students and staff members and School Board members and other people who have been vital parts of the history of the Biloxi schools. Perhaps this story should have included separate sections dealing with school architects, for example, whose visionary and expert contributions to the school system have been invaluable—John Collins, Leonard Collins, Henry F. Fountain, Jr., Thomas Compton, Gerald Hopkins, J. Wesley Toche, DeFraités Associates and Landry and Matthes, Guild Hardy Associates and others, together with the actual builders, the construction companies and management personnel. Perhaps the account should have included more information about Board attorneys—W.L. Guice, Victor Pringle, Don King, Patti Golden. Should more space have been devoted to interscholastic sports? Maybe there should have been more room for recognition of individual staff and student honors and awards.

The fact is, of course, that this is—like all histories—a selective record. I have told the story as I have read about it or heard about it or, in the past forty-nine years, experienced it. And I have made what I consider to be informed and objective choices in the way I would tell about it. I am proud to have been a part of that history; I am proud that I was asked to write about the schools from 1924 through 2001. I hope that in years to come students and researchers and interested citizens will be able to read this work and to have a clearer understanding and appreciation of the Biloxi Public Schools and the Biloxians who always—always—respected and believed in the timeless values of education. They were—and are—remarkable. And they are well worth learning about.

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