

WINDBER RAMBLER LETTERMEN'S CLUB

Remembering the Past, Supporting the Present, Building the Future.

Remember when we enjoyed a cool dip or a water fight in the pool at the Windber Recreation Park on a hot summer day? Or grooving to the music at the record hop on a Sunday evening at the Park? Who can forget the energy created by the cheerleaders, the band, and the fans as we all cheered on the Ramblers in a football victory at Windber Stadium? Then, after the game meeting at D'Arc's for a pizza? We relish these rich and colorful memories, in a time gone, but not forgotten.

Growing up in Windber holds a special place in the hearts of those privileged to experience an environment that strengthened our character and formed the foundation for our successes in life. Today, we have an opportunity to support Windber students now and into the future, forever, through the Windber Rambler Lettermen's Club.

Over the years, the high school athletic program has expanded from four sports teams to fifteen teams. This vast increase provides an excellent foundation for much wider student-athlete development, but it also comes with a cost to administer and provide the necessary support to be competitive and successful.

Recognizing this, Bill Hughes, Windber High School class of '53, established the Windber Rambler Lettermen's Club in 2002 to support student-athletes and the athletic program at WAHS. Bill, along with his classmate, Jim Kaplan and other Windber High School graduates from the mid-20th Century, realized their success in life was, in part, based upon a foundation properly formed while playing high school sports and growing up in the Windber area.

Since its creation, WRLC has been able to provide **\$44,000** in scholarships to graduating senior student-athletes and over **\$35,000** in funding to the school district in direct support of the sports program.

Today, the Club's leadership realizes there is a need to grow our financial assets. Only by growing the value of our fund will the Club be able to deliver the 21st Century support necessary to provide current and future student-athletes the solid foundation that was provided in the past. Consequently, the Club is conducting a 20th Anniversary Fund-Raising Campaign to provide a *Margin of Excellence* which will make a difference for our 21st Century student-athletes.

The Club leadership has conducted a golf outing as its major fundraiser each year since 2004, and we thank our golf sponsors and golfers for their generous support over these past years. Yet this yearly effort is not enough to keep up with the growing needs at WAHS. We will continue the golf outing, but we are asking our patrons to consider supporting the Club in this very essential fund-raising campaign.

Please see the enclosed donor sheet for more details on your options for donating to this campaign. Or donate securely online at cfalleghenies.org/cfa-funds/wrlc. For questions, please contact our Club's leadership team or the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. Your generous donation will assure a positive impact on our community and our country, both now and in the future.

Thank you for your past patronage and for your future financial contribution to the 20th Anniversary WRLC Fund-Raising Campaign. We will make sure to keep you updated throughout this very important campaign.

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