

WAHS Class of 1976 Questionnaire

Please provide your responses to the following questions and return to the address below no later than **June 1, 2026**. Our intention is to share some of the responses to these questions at the reunion dinner. This is intended to be FUN!

Abbey Alter

1. What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Graduated from PSU with a Philosophy degree in the art and science of the human body... decided not to go to med school, went to NYC instead... got a job dancing and choreographing in the Virgin Islands... decided to go to graduate school after I was offered a free ride and a stipend to study at ASU. Got an MFA in choreography and performance. Went back to the Virgin Islands and stayed there 10 years until Hurricane Hugo wiped out the ballet company building and I lost everything I owned. Came back to PA and bought a building with my sister and ran an Arts organization and a restaurant, created a dance/theater company and performed around western PA sponsored by the PA council on the Arts. Got asked by Westminster College to create an arts infusion class for the Department of Education, taught at YSU. Studied yoga in India and opened up a yoga Movement studio that I'm still running. Married my partner in arts and crime, James Willaman, and am still doing what I've always done, danced.

2. What was your favorite thing about high school?

Playing sports

3. What was your least favorite thing about high school?

Having to be there instead of what I wanted

4. Who were your favorite teachers at WAHS and why?

Miss Dorner for allowing me to make a riding jacket instead of an apron in 7th grade Home Ec. I still use those skills. Mrs. Polio for the freedom and challenge of art class and Mr. Trimble... because I loved chemistry

5. What was your favorite class at WAHS?

Chemistry

6. What is your favorite vacation destination and why?

India... it's the strangest place, full of questions.

7. Who is the most famous person that you have met? How did you meet this person?

Martha Graham... she was my teacher.