





## **JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

## Happy New Year!

The Binghamton chapter of Dollars for Scholars is off and running. In June, 2017, we awarded \$25,000 to 50 graduating seniors, and we expect to do equally well this year

Fortunately, this year's committees, composed of former students, parents, teachers, and retirees, have been particularly energized. One new committee, which is devoted to Communication and Promotion, has been making great strides in getting the word out there, via facebook, twitter, and other forms of social media. In addition, the website has been updated with new pictures and current information added. Be sure to take a look!



The committee in charge of the scholarship application and awards has been equally busy, revising instructions for applicants for purposes of clarity. This year's application process opened on December 1st and will close on March 23, 2018.



A variety of fundraisers have been planned, and a few have already occurred, including a book fair at Barnes and Noble, which took place on Sunday, December 17. Throughout the day, student volunteers offered free gift-wrapping to holiday shoppers and, in the process, helped acquaint customers with the Dollars for Scholars

organization. In addition, a raffle is being held for two tickets to the Broadway in Binghamton play DIRTY DANCING, performed at the Forum on April 15. Tickets are in the process of being sold at the various winter concerts and can be bought at the College and Career Center at BHS.





One of our most fun fundraisers coming up is our annual Trivia night, which is scheduled for February 23. Karen Whalen, chair, reported that teams are already forming and some people have offered to sponsor student teams. The registration form is on our website at Binghamton Dollars for Scholars.

Additional fund raisers planned are our annual phone-a-thon, fish fry (date not yet set) and a car wash. One additional committee is still being formed in the process of creating a committee to work with area businesses.

Anyone who would like to help with Dollars for Scholars can call Betsy at 237-3700.