

Watchung Hills Regional High School

Hall of Fame



Dr. Barbara Benham Tye
Class of 1960

Barbara Tye represents the best of the early years of Watchung Hills Regional High School. Barbara entered WHRHS as a sophomore in September 1957. She immediately became involved in student government, theater and writing. She was a leader by example and took advantage of all the school had to offer.

Watchung Hills can be the launch pad for success; it was for Dr. Benham Tye. After WHRHS, Barbara earned her B.A. from the University of Illinois in speech and drama education. She followed a year later with her Masters degree in Central Asian studies. She continued her studies and earned an Ed.D from Texas University in 1977.

While she was pursuing higher education, Barbara was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and spent 1966 and 1967 in Afghanistan studying Afghan folklore.

Dr. Benham Tye is a prolific writer and has published numerous articles, papers and books on a wide variety of educational topics. Dr. Benham Tye is a Professor Emeritus at the College of Educational Studies at Chapman University, Orange, CA.

Her pursuit of higher education and commitment to educational studies is a shining example of the strong foundation and catalyst that Watchung Regional Hills High School can provide. We welcome Dr. Barbara Benham Tye to the WHRHS Hall of Fame.