

Principal's Message

Spring is here! One tell-tail sign is our school calendar is jam-packed with activities. Even in this very untraditional year, we are grateful that we have some sense of normalcy with athletics, performing arts, and extra-curricular activities. We were so thrilled to hear from Dr. Jenkins last month that we will have the opportunity to take part in a traditional graduation for our class of 2021! We have been very busy planning as many memory-making activities for our seniors as possible, and I think we are on the right track.

Our students and staff have been working hard all year and are ready for our state assessments. We are aware of the hardships at hand, given a world-wide pandemic and the many ways it has affected teaching and learning. However, I am confident that we have given our all and prepared our students well through a blended instructional model of Face to Face and LaunchED at-home instruction. Our teachers have been rock stars through this learning curve, our students have shown perseverance, and our parents have partnered with us to foster the collaboration.

The AP exam schedule has been released, and we are grateful to College Board for offering districts and schools flexibility with regard to the manner with which we will test our students. We have chosen a blended model which means testing digitally at home for some courses and going the traditional pencil and paper testing route on site for others. This decision was made with teacher and student input, and we believe we have set our scholars up for success.

This time of year also brings a renewed sense of excitement as the Class of 2021 prepares to graduate, underclassmen plan for their futures, and the next generation of Boone Braves prepares to come to our campus. We all should be quite comfortable in knowing that our future is in the capable hands of great young people. We are proud that so many of them, with your guidance, have selected demanding course work that will prepare them for their futures.

I would be remiss if I ended this spring update without recognizing the top of our Senior Class, led by our Valedictorian, Brogan Tagman, who has a 5.45 GPA and our Salutatorian, Cristina Sotolongo, who has a 5.35 GPA! The Top 20 students listed below, led by Brogan and Christina, are a tremendous representation of what it means to be Boone Braves.

- 1 Brogan Tagman
- 2 Cristina Sotolongo
- 3 Alexandra Lartonoix
- 4 Nickolas Jimenez
- 5 Mai-ly Thompson
- 6 Bennett Grabowski
- 7 Allison Haley
- i Allison Haley
- 8 Melanie Torrees Vincenty
- 9 Mia Griffin
- 10 Rhea Griffin

- 11 Grace Hines
- 12 Spencer Wishart
- 13 John Slauter
- 14 Julia Jamieson
- 15 Abigail Stelmashenko
- 16 Helena Koroshetz
- 17 Ethan Garris
- 18 Samar Baig
- 19 Sydney Staton
- 20 Emily Mueller

Forever Brave,

Dusty Johns, Principal





Our Mission Statement

The mission of William R. Boone High School is to promote a safe learning environment with intense focus on student achievement. With the support and involvement of faculty and family, the school community strives to prepare all students to think critically, act responsibly, and perform successfully in a technological and multicultural society.

Vision

By working together, we will strive to inspire life-long learning and curiosity within and beyond the classroom.

Beliefs

We believe all students should have a respectful, safe, and nurturing environment.

- We believe in setting high expectations for all students to reach their greatest potential.
- We believe all students should experience a meaningful, rigorous curriculum delivered through strategic instruction.
- We believe students should be challenged and prepared for a changing global society and equipped with 21st century skills.
- We believe that as a staff we should foster a positive, supportive, and collegial working environment.

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Student Services News

2021-2022 Course Selection

Please make certain you are aware of the courses your student selected as there will be no course selection changes accepted after June 1st. For information on the graduation requirements and the State University System admissions criteria, visit the Boone Guidance page. https://boonehs.ocps.net/guidance/college_and_career Any additional forms requested/needed will be available in Student Services.

Bright Futures Scholarships

It's not too late to complete your application. For assistance, please stop by College & Career Center in Student Services. Students can now view their award status by visiting www. floridastudentfinancialaid.org.

All seniors need to ensure they complete the <u>FAFSA</u> application. Any further questions or concerns please contact your counselor or College and Career.

Community Service Hours

It is not too late to submit your service hours. Be sure to complete the necessary paperwork to document your community service hours. Check the Boone website for further details: https://boonehs.ocps.net/guidance/community_service Senior hours are due by the last day of school.

College & Career

Senior Checkout is May 5th. All seniors will order a final transcript to be sent to their college at this time. Seniors are encouraged to wear a shirt representing the college they plan to attend during senior checkout.

All seniors who have received scholarship money —whether it's being used or not - need to submit it to Mrs. Cullen in person or via email (Margaret.cullen@ocps.net) by April 8th in order to be included in the slideshow at graduation.





Password: SHSTutor

Tutoring sessions will be held via Zoom until further notice

Merit Scholarship Finalists



Congratulations to Abigail Stelmashenko and John Slauter for being named 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists!

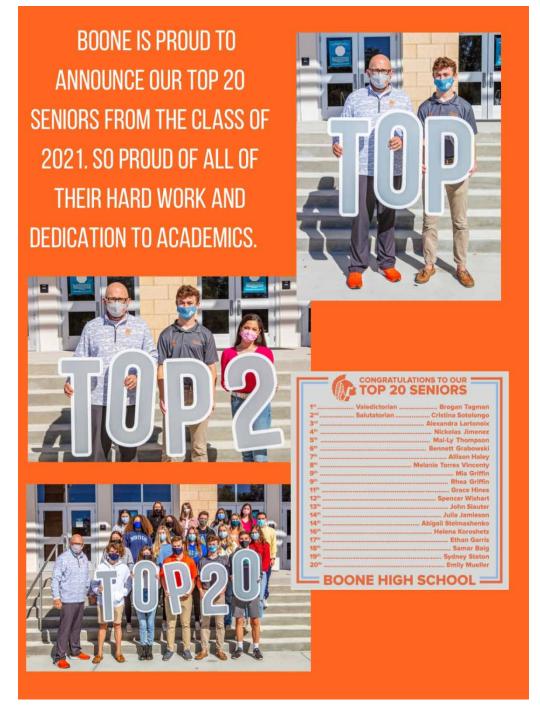




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Yearbook Editor-in-Chief

Yearbook Editorin-Chief Catherine McCarthy placed 1st in Florida Scholastic Press Association's Student Journalist of the Year competition. Her first place win ranks her as the top student journalism in the state. She also now moves forward to compete in the



national competition. "Winning the Student Journalist of the Year competition just proved to me and affirmed my goals by saying that the universe is telling me hey you're doing the right thing, this is what you're supposed to be doing," McCarthy said.



Photography

Creative Photography 2 student, Kiara Suarez was 1 on 15 students selected to have art displayed at Wonder Works on I-Drive. Kiara's work was selected from more than 300 entries. Her work will be on display at Wonder Works for one year!



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Sunshine State Scholar

Congratulations to Cassidy Camera for being selected as one of only three 11th grade students in OCPS as a Sunshine State Scholar. Each of Florida's school districts selects their top 11th grade students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM). Each scholar, along with their parents, will meet in Orlando for a two-day program designed to bring together scholars from around the state, connect them with employers that specialize in the STEM fields, and create a networking opportunity between the scholars and schools from Florida's College and State University System. This year's program will bring 103 high school STEM scholars together to conduct a "think tank" on tough Florida challenges.





PTSC

Welcome Back! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break and you are energized to make the end of this school year the best it can be. It is hard to believe that we only have 9 weeks left! Even though It has not been the year we expected or anticipated, I am so proud of all that we have accomplished and how we have all joined together to make the most of it. Now, let's Finish Strong Braves!

PTSO Committee Chairs have been busy. Guidance Counselor Appreciation week was at the beginning of February. Thank you to Erin Summer for getting muffins for our guidance counselors and Kristi McCarey for arranging and delivering flowers, a note and a candy bar to each of them. PTSO and Hungry Pants sponsored a lunch for them as well. Our Teacher Appreciation chairs, Beth Seabrook and Gerri Padron, organized our Sweetheart Luncheon for all of our custodians and cafeteria workers. Their lunch was from Brazas Chicken and was greatly appreciated. PTSO is grateful for our guidance counselors, cafeteria workers, custodians and community partners! Also, thank you to our Sophomore Committee for helping organize another successful Blood Drive.

Please continue to check our Facebook pages for the most up to date end of year information. You won't want to miss anything about end of year testing, events or activities including events for our Seniors! If you haven't already joined our pages, we would love for you to, so you don't miss a thing. Our main page is "Boone Braves PTSO" and each class also has its own page: Boone Braves 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. We have also already created our Facebook page for our future Braves. If you have an incoming Freshman or know someone who does, please join this page: Boone Braves 2025.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our final PTSO General Meeting of the school year. It is May 18th at 6:00pm and will be a Zoom meeting. Please look on Facebook for details the week before. We will be voting on the new slate of officers for the 2021-2022 school year.

It has been my absolute honor and privilege to serve as your PTSO President this school year. I truly believe that Boone High School is the best high school in Orange County and maybe even the State of Florida! We have the best teachers, admin and principal. They all make our school incredible, but it is you, our parents, volunteers, and community members, that complete the puzzle and make us the ABSOLUTE BEST!

You have each contributed in some way this year and I appreciate it very much. PTSO would not be what it is without each of you. Thank you for all you have done. It has been an incredible year and I look forward to another even better one!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021! WAY TO GO SENIORS!

Forever Brave.

Jessica Pullum

PTSO President



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Is Your Student Going to College?

An Admissions Counselor's Guide for College Applicants

- 1. Build a strong foundation in high school. To get ahead, begin establishing a strong grade point average (GPA) in ninth grade.
- Participate in at least one extracurricular activity and one community service activity. What you do in
 your free time reveals a lot about you, particularly your passions and values. Involvement in outside
 activities, particularly STEM-related clubs and organizations, may give you an edge over another
 applicant with equal academic qualifications.
- 3. Take standardized testing seriously. Test scores still play a big role in landing an acceptance letter, so take plenty of time to prepare. Sign up for prep courses and practice tests like the PSAT. There are also free study guides and materials available online. Make the effort to take both the SAT and ACT and take at least one of them twice to get a better score. When taking advanced placement (AP) exams, keep in mind top colleges accept scores of only five or higher.
- 4. Prioritize your college applications. It takes time to compile a thoughtful, thorough college application. Keep that in mind as you decide which universities to apply to. Keep in mind, you'll still need time to manage your high school course load and enjoy your free time with friends and family.
- Incorporate your personality in the personal essay. While you don't want to be too casual in your application, neither should you overuse jargon. A good practice is to give specific examples. So, for instance, instead of writing that you "value community service," tell a brief story from your volunteer work.
- 6. Show why you're special. Schools are looking for students who demonstrate noteworthy ideas and accomplishments. Sharing how you have triumphed in the face of difficulty like a challenging semester, family issue or other life circumstance demonstrates your best qualities.
- 7. Stay organized. Mark your calendar and stay on top of application deadlines, as well as cut-off dates for submitting deposits, transcript requests and immunization records. A missed deadline could delay registration, prompt additional fees or lead to a lack of admittance into the university altogether.
- 8. Do not let finances deter you. Don't automatically discount a school you're interested in just because of cost. Reach out to the Financial Aid office for more information and research your options. Dig deep enough and you'll find there are more scholarships available than you might think. Check out the Scholarship Search tool on www.STEMStudy.com, a great resource for students interested in applying to a STEM-focused college.
- 9. Contact the colleges. College fairs and university tours are a great way to not only collect firsthand information about the school, but also to meet one-on-one with an admissions counselor.
- 10. Be careful about your social media posts. Admissions Counselors may access your social media accounts, so be sure what they find is appropriate. Something negative or unfavorable can lead to a denial letter or withdrawal of acceptance.









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30 4.0 Students!

Congratulations to the following seniors for earning a 4.0 unweighted GPA for the first seven semesters. Way to work, Braves!

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Cole Woods

Keal McCarey

Jadyn McCarthy



Braves Rowing

Upcoming Regattas:

April 3. Central Districts, Lake Beresford, Deland

April 10-11 . . . State Sculling

Championship, Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota

April 24-25 State Sweep

Championship, Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota

Summer rowing camp dates and details will be coming soon. Visit website for up to date information.

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Testing Information

During this unusual year, the state has decided that districts will still be conducting annual assessments of student learning. The state has the following assessments: **FSA** (Florida Standards Assessment) for English 1 and 2, **EOC's** (End of Course Exams) for Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology and US History. The EOC score will count as 30% of a student's final grade in these courses and these courses will not be marked complete, receive a final grade nor credit for the class until the EOC is taken. All state testing MUST be done on campus. Launch Ed students are required to come on campus to test. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Testing Coordinator, Christina Hedke, at: Christina.Hedke@ocps.net.

April 8th FSA Writing (all 9th and 10th graders)

May 6th & 7th FSA Reading (all 9th and 10th graders)

May 10th & 11th Algebra and Geometry EOC (students enrolled in these courses)

May 13th Biology and US History EOC (students currently enrolled in these courses)

AP EXAM SCHEDULE

	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	4:00 PM
Monday, May 3, 2021	US Government and Politics	Physics C: Mechanics	
Tuesday, May 4, 2021	Calculus AB Calculus BC		
Wednesday, May 5, 2021	English Literature and Composition	Physics 1	
Thursday, May 6, 2021		Computer Science A	
Friday, May 7, 2021	Chemistry Spanish Literature and Culture		
Monday, May 10, 2021		Macroeconomics	
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	Seminar Spanish Language and Culture	Psychology (Seniors)	
Wednesday, May 12, 2021		Microeconomics Music Theory	
Friday, May 14, 2021	Biology	Enviromental Science	
Monday, May 17, 2021	Comparative Government and Politics Computer Science Principles	Statistics	
Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Digital at Home		US History	Art History
Thursday, May 20, 2021 Digital at Home		World History	Psychology
Wedesday, May 26, 2021 Digital at Home		English Language and Composition	
Friday, May 28, 2021. Digital at Home		Human Geography	

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT KEITH.DIXON@OCPS.NET

Braves Bounty

The Braves' Bounty supplies snacks and groceries for students and their families. One in six Central Florida children go hungry every day and we want our Braves to have everything they need to be successful. Let your students know that resources are available to them here on campus:

- Snack bags- available daily at the front desks in the Main Office and Guidance
- Groceries- discreetly packaged in plain brown bags available daily at the Main Office and can be picked up after school
- Toiletries, including feminine products, dental care, hair care and soap- available through guidance counselors
- School supplies- available through guidance counselors or Ms. Poffenberger

If you would like to donate to the Braves' Bounty, we accept monetary donations via SchoolPay. com or checks made out to Boone High School, and marked "Braves' Bounty donation" on the memo line. Your generous donations allow us to shop for specific items that families need.

Food donations are accepted at the front desk. We accept individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers, breakfast/granola bars, individual fruit cups, packs of tuna/chicken salad with crackers, peanut butter, jelly, and pop top ravioli/spaghetti.

If you wish to run a food drive for the Braves' Bounty or have any questions, please contact Sarah Doherty or Carolyn Ward at BooneBravesBounty@gmail.com.

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SENIORS: Important Dates

Please refer to Boone Braves 2021 Facebook page for up to date information on these events.

Senior Prom Reception

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Date: April 17, 2021 **Time:** 7:00-9:00 pm

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Location: BHS gym and outdoor spaces

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Prepackaged food

Dress Code:

The dress code is semi formal or formal. If you are not sure if your outfit is acceptable, please see any administrator before the event to confirm you will be allowed in.

Senior memories

Acceptable	Unacceptable	
Formal dresses (dress length should stay within the schools dress code – nothing too short)	Midriff open (sides cut out or belly showing)	
Suits	Plunging necklines	
Spaghetti straps or strapless	Plunging backlines	
Dress pants	Anything deemed too revealing	
Dress shoes	No hats, sunglasses, or canes are permitted inside the event	
Dress shirt with collar and tie		

Fun and games

Note: Any student not in dress code will not be admitted to the event and no refunds will be given.

Check in: Students must have their valid Boone I.D. to enter. No other ID will be accepted.

During the event: Behavior should be appropriate. This is a school function. If OCPS rules and

regulations have not been followed, administration *reserves the right to use* appropriate disciplinary action set forth by Boone High School and OCPS.

Masks are required and please remember social distancing.

Guests: No quests from other schools are allowed. This event is for BHS seniors only.

Ticket sales: Tickets will only be sold on SchoolPav March 22-26 for \$10. You must pay

Tickets will only be sold on SchoolPay March 22-26 for \$10. You must pay on SchoolPay during those dates to be allowed into the event. There is no physical ticket to pick up. Please screen shot the receipt you get from SchooPay and show up to the event with your BOONE ID. Obligations and GPA will be checked before you are allowed entrance.

You must clear your obligations by April 13 <u>OR</u> *have contacted Mrs. Fink to make arrangements for a payment plan* and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA, with no serious discipline record for the 2020-21 school year to purchase a ticket. Administration reserves the right to withhold entrance to the event from any student who has not cleared their obligations prior to April 13.



Orange Technical College

Orange Technical College is part of OCPS and home to five local campuses. With over 50+ career programs and as the largest provider of adult education in the region, OTC can help any student find their essential

potential. Orange Technical College proudly prepares students in Central Florida for various careers and provides programs of study ranging in length from a couple of months to a year or more. Graduates can earn future college credits in most OCPS career certificate programs of study, as well as valuable work-related experience in their field of study.

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Business, Management & Administration
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- Hospitality & Tourism
- **Human Services**
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
- Additional CTE Programs/ Courses

Rapid Credentialing Program

OCT programs designed to respond to the COVID-19 unemployment/ under-employment crisis

- The purpose of these programs is to help people get to work quickly by providing them with skills in a new career or to help them upskill in their current field
- Fees are subsidized by the CARES act-no cost for most students
- Program offerings are updated often with frequent start dates. The best source of information is the Skills-Based Training page on the OTC website.

https://www.orangetechcollege.net/programs/skills_based_training

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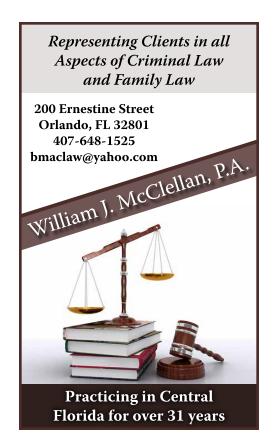
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Sports Update

Congratulations are in order for the following student-athletes and teams:

- The Orlando Sentinel released their final rankings for the teams in their soccer "Super Six", and the Lady Braves came in at #6 with a final record of 10-3-0 and an appearance in the regional semi-finals. Freshman Kayana Adlam finished with 16 goals and 4 assists, with junior Allie Fekany added 10 goals and 7 assists for the season. They defeated Winter Park twice, both times in penalty kicks.
- The boys soccer squad completed their season ranked #9 in the Sentinel's "Second Six", one year after falling in the state championship game.
- Senior wrestler Jackson Brockett (pictured) finished sixth overall in the FHSAA State Championships in the 182-lb weight class. Jackson finished the regular season undefeated and also took home Metro, District and Regional individual titles.
- The boys' water polo team won the Metro Conference East Championship by defeating Lake Nona and Winter Park to close out the season. It is the first Metro title for the boys in school history.

Remembering Coach Wayne Rickman

Story written by McKenna Murphy

Wayne Rickman, former head coach of the varsity boys basketball team, died at the age of 83 on Feb. 26. Rickman, who coached and taught on campus from 1976 to 1993, won two state championships and accomplished 512 wins.

His funeral over the weekend included attendees like current boys basketball coach Dave Martinson.

"There were a lot of former players from different generations, past teachers and coaches," Martinson said.

Those who spoke relayed a common message about the type of person he was, one who cared for players both off and on the court.

"The players that spoke at the funeral said he was a great coach but even better person and truly cares about his players and still looks after them," Martinson said. "He wanted to truly make the players better rather than care about wins and losses. I want to learn from him and become a better coach off the court."

JV boys basketball coach Summer, former player for Rickman, felt similarly about Rickman's impact on his players.

To this day, players continue to learn from him through the current coaches. Martinson and Summer still bring lessons learned from Rickman into their coaching styles.

"[Rickman taught us] discipline and respect. Those are two areas that no matter if you become a professional athlete or a normal member of a community." Summer said. "If you have discipline in your life and treat others with respect, vou will have success."

Both coaches aspired to leave a similar impact on their players that Rickman left on them.

"His belief in us, his constant motivation and the foundation he had created at Boone, gave us the confidence that resulted in tremendous success. I have a lot of memories playing basketball at Boone and he was the center of many of those memories." Summer said.

Earlier this year, Rickman saw the new gym, named after him, and attended a few home basketball games.

"I was grateful that he got a chance to see the new gym. He was one of the first to see the new gym before everything was done." Martinson said.

Rickman's legacy as a person and a coach will continue to be remembered.

"He is one of those people in your life, that you want him to be proud of you. Coach Rickman had an impact on me that I want to replicate to others," Summer said.



As former basketball coach Wayne Rickman holds the net from the old gym, the crowd cheers for him in the new gym, still named after Rickman. photo/Catherine **McCarthy**







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Navy FROTE Marksmanship Team

William R. Boone High School Navy JROTC Marksmanship Team Brings Home 1st Place Trophy

Five cadets from Boone Navy JROTC Marksmanship Team participated in the American Legion Marksmanship match at Summerlin Academy on 26 February 2021 in Bartow, Florida. Boone's cadets competed against other Army, Navy, USMC and Air Force JROTC units from across Florida. The competition was spread over three days and Cadet Zoey Willey a Sophomore from Boone came home with the First Place trophy shooting a score of 498 out of 600. Cadet Pierce Meyers a Junior at BHS earned the Third Place trophy while shooting 478 out of 600. "I am very proud of the team's accomplishments and the hard work that they have put into improving their marksmanship" said Senior Chief Darrick Wade. Boone's Navy JROTC Unit is made up of over 190 cadets that compete on 8 competition teams all over the state.





Pictured from Left to Right: Principal Johns, Alexander Roy, Zoey Willey, Pierce Meyers, Nadia Campos, Evion De La Rosa, Senior Chief Darrick Wade.



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AND GOWNS AND STOLES!

Boone Alumni, we need your help! We want everyone in the Class of 2021 to have the opportunity to wear a cap & gown, whether it is for photo op or to walk or both! If your cap, gown & stole are in good condition, please consider donating those items to BHS.

Items can be dropped off at the BHS front desk; questions can be directed to kemosabekloset@gmail.com.

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Theatre Department Presents...

Boone Theatre Department is excited to share their Spring Musical, *Mamma Mia* April 8th, 9th, and 10th. This show will be an entirely socially distanced performance for our audience, and masks will be required on school property. Tickets can be purchased at Teachtix.com/BHS.

Summary:

Donna Sheridan, a single mother and hotel owner helps prepare for her daughter Sophie's wedding. Little does she know that Sophie has invited three men from her mother's past in hopes that one will be revealed to be her father and walk her down the aisle. This Abba filled comedy is something you do not want to miss.



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