



TITLE: Brandes School collection

DATE RANGE: 1935-2017 (bulk 1945-1952, 2001-2005)

CALL NUMBER: MS 1510

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear ft (5 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Charles Goldberg and Joan Reichard in 2018.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Brandes School was founded in 1939 by Raphael (Ray) Brandes (1899-1987) and his wife Elsie, who moved to Tucson from New York in 1935. Originally located at 1177 E. Lester St., the school was relocated in 1940 to 6015 E. Broadway and operated as a boarding school for Jewish children who suffered from asthma, allergies, and rheumatic fever. Children at the school were given an education, a healthy diet, and the ability to go outside and exercise in a climate free of irritants, which improved the condition of many of its students. During his operation of the school, Brandes also founded the Tucson Jewish Community Council, acting as the council's first president in 1942 and serving an additional seven terms, earning him the title of honorary president for life.

In 1949, the National Foundation for Children was founded at Brandes School and the school was able to begin offering scholarships to families with asthmatic children who could not otherwise afford to send their children to Arizona. In 1951, the foundation was renamed the National Foundation for Asthmatic Children and the school was officially recognized as a national center for the treatment of asthmatic children. Raphael Brandes and his wife left Tucson for California in 1954 and the school was renamed Sahuaro School, with enrollment limited to elementary school. The school was moved to 5601 Trail's End Rd in 1964 and operated there for another 5 years until financial issues caused the school to permanently close its doors in 1969.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection consists of materials from the mid-1940s to early 1950s collected by Brandes School alumni and former staff, including photographs, yearbooks, scrapbooks, memorabilia, newspaper clippings, and a promotional film for Brandes School. The collection also includes correspondence between alumni and former staff, as well as reunion material and photographs from the early 2000s.

This collection is arranged in **7 series**:

Series I. Correspondence: is arranged topically into 4 categories - Brandes School remembrances, planning for Brandes school reunions (including attempts to locate individuals tied to the school), preservation of the school's legacy, and personal correspondence between alumni and former staff. Each category is then arranged chronologically.

Correspondents include Ray Brandes' son, Paul, as well as Charles (Chuck) Goldberg, Joan Reichard, Bob Bashein and Sylvia Ulan, many of whom are pictured in Brandes School portraits and reunion photos. A significant correspondent is Melville E. Moore, Jr. who served as head of the arts and crafts department, physical education program and instructor of the Brandes Junior Rifle Club from 1946 to 1951. Moore also appears in personal alumni photographs.

Series II. Ephemera and Personal Memorabilia: contains alumni address books from 2001-2014, newspaper clippings and printouts from 1935-2013, reunion documents, student certificates and other Brandes School materials and memorabilia.

Series III. Photographs: contains photographs of Brandes School buildings, shop projects, faculty and students from 1945 to 1951, the first Brandes School Reunion in 2002, and general photos of Brandes School alumni, many of which are included in the oversize scrapbook. Photos of the Brandes School buildings show the construction of the school's playhouse, the Brandes residence, and exterior shots. Faculty and students depicted in the photographs include Ray and Elsie Brandes, as well as many individuals involved in the planning of the 2002 reunion.

Series IV. School Publications: contains yearbooks, issues of the school paper "The Round Up," and other school publications. Yearbooks from 1950, 1951 and 1952 include both signed and blank copies. Issues of the "Round Up" are dated November-December 1950, March-April 1951, and November-December 1951. Other publications include a report on the efficacy of the school's programs and an advertisement brochure for the school. Also included is a special 1951 issue of the "Round Up" which focused on the Brandes Ranch Camp, a summer program.

Series V. Scrapbooks: contains two scrapbooks. The first consists of shop class photographs, lesson plans and student projects compiled by Melville E. Moore, Jr. The second is a scrapbook created by alumni to commemorate their first reunion in 2002, supplemented with photos of Brandes School and its students from 1945-1951.

Series VI. Audio-Visual Material: contains 2 DVD copies of the film the Brandes family used to promote the school around the country, two disks containing digital photographs of the 2002 Brandes School Reunion, and two micro cassettes.

Series VII. Oversize: contains enlarged class portraits, a laminated issue of the 1951 “Round Up,” and a large scrapbook with images of the Brandes School before it became Sahuaro School. Also included are photos of the 2002 school reunion.

SUBJECT TERMS: Boarding schools -- Arizona -- Tucson; Asthma in children -- Education -- Arizona -- Tucson; Jewish children -- Education -- Arizona -- Tucson

RELATED MATERIALS: Places-Arizona-Tucson-schools-Brandes Ranch Camp [ephemera file], Places-Arizona-Tucson-schools-Sahuaro School for Asthmatic Children [ephemera file]

CONTAINER LIST:

Series I: Correspondence			
Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Brandes School remembrance	1951-2002
	2	Brandes School remembrance	2003-2011
	3	Reunion planning	2000-2004
	4	Brandes School legacy	2001-2017
	5	Personal correspondence	1948-2002; undated
	6	Personal correspondence	2003-2017
Series II: Ephemera and Personal Memorabilia			
2	1	Alumni address books	1950-2016
	2	Brandes School blueprints	undated
	3	Melville E. Moore, Jr. personal materials	1943, 200-2005 and undated
	4	Newspaper clippings	1935-2013 and undated
	5	Reunion documents	2002- 2004
	6	Reunion round up	2002
	7	Student badges, awards and certificates	1948-1952
Series III: Photographs			
3	8	Brandes School Buildings	ca. 1945-1951
	9	Brandes School faculty and students	ca. 1945-1951
	1	Personal alumni photos	2001-2006
	2	Brandes School shop class and design projects	1946-1951
	3	Brandes School reunion	2002
	4	Personal alumni photos	2002 and undated

Series IV: School Publications			
Box	Folder	Description	Dates
	5	Yearbooks	1950
	6	Yearbooks	1951
	7	Yearbooks	1952
	8	The "Round Up"	1950-1951
	9	Other publications	1950-1952; undated
Series V: Scrapbooks			
4	1	Alumni scrapbook	1947-1951, 2002
	2	Shop class scrapbook	1946-1951
Series VI: Audio-Visual Material			
	3	Promotional film	ca. 1940-1954
	4	Digital images	2002
	5	Microcassettes	undated
Series VII: Oversize			
5	1	Oversize: Enlarged class portraits	undated
	2	Oversize: Laminated "Round Up" issue	1951
	3	Oversize: Scrapbook	1946-2002