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THE BIG GIVE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Big Give began last year as a new fundraising effort, in conjunction with the Casaday Costume Company, to raise money for the Alumni Association's Co-Ex Grant Program. The SBAA and Casaday ended up raising over \$58,000 and had over 2,000 people attend the event at Four Winds Field on August 9th.

A DTSB-sponsored parade kicked off the evening with over 30 groups marching through the streets of downtown South Bend. Parade participants marched into the stadium to signify the start of the celebration. It was a day of giving to support the extracurricular activities in the South Bend Schools, such as fine arts, athletics, drama, and academic competitions. The ultimate goal was to continue to engage the community and solicit donations in order to get the word out about the work of the SBAA and the extracurricular programs needs in the South Bend Schools.

Ever since the Co-Ex Grant Program began in 2014, the SBAA has given almost \$300,000 to student groups for after school programs. This funding has gone to sports teams for new uniforms and equipment, bands and choirs for new sheet music and instruments, academic clubs for supplies and competition fees, an much more. In return, we ask the student groups to complete community service to instill an awareness of the need for student service in the community.

But where does the money come from?

Most of it comes from the annual South Bend Community Hall of Fame Banquet that we sponsor which honors distinguished men and women from the community. Proceeds from that event provide about \$50,000 a year for Co-Ex Grants. It's a substantial amount, but we want to support our student groups even more.

Other than the wonderful parade showcasing our schools and our community, we had representatives from John Adams, Riley,



Washington, and Clay High Schools sit in a dunk tank to help raise money. Casaday set-up a photo booth for attendees complete with costumes from their collection, and we had old high school yearbooks for sale. Attendees were also able to utilize everything Four Winds Field has to offer, like bounce houses, the batting cages, and the splash pad. We had a wonderful evening celebrating our sponsors, our schools, and our community.

The SBAA and Casaday are grateful for your support and are thrilled to partner together again on this exciting annual fundraising effort. It is proven that participation in extracurricular activities improves students' performance, reduces school absences, and helps them develop leadership and teamwork skills. With your help, we can continue making a difference in the lives of these young people. A special thank you to Four Winds Field for donating their amazing space for our event, to our volunteers, and to our wonderful donors. We could not do this work without their support:

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LINKS ON THE LINKS FOR SOUTH BEND STUDENTS

On Thursday, May 16th, twenty teams from various industries in the South Bend Michiana area hit the links at Elbel Park Golf Course in South Bend for a round of golf for a great cause! Co-workers, business colleagues and friends linked on the links with the sole purpose of raising money for scholarships and grants for the students of South Bend schools.

The May tournament was the twenty-sixth annual outing, raising over \$22,000 for scholarships and grants for the upcoming school year. Nearly \$4,000 was raised through raffle ticket sales alone! We are grateful for the tremendous support provided by local businesses and leaders through donations and raffle prizes...which included complementary stays at The Morris Inn at Notre Dame and the Aloft Hotel South Bend; gift certificates from Barnaby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Taphouse on the Edge, Eby's, McCallister's Deli, Frick's DQ, and The Skillet; foursomes & Top Golf at Blackthorn; amazing gift baskets from the University of Notre Dame and Studebaker; as well as golf supplies galore! **The tournament raised over \$30,000 for the SBAA's scholarship program.**

Refreshments for the tournament were donated by Stanz Foodservice, Alpha Bakery, Jimmy John's, Hacienda, and 7-Up Snapple Group. KSS Enterprises underwrote the cost of the golf shirts given to players and volunteers. ■

Planning for the 27th Annual TCU/SBAA Scholarship Golf Tournament has yet to commence; however, FOLLOW the SBAA on Facebook and Twitter as well as the South Bend Alumni website for updates as they are made available!



The team taking home top honors and the GREEN HATS this year was Precision Wall Systems, Inc.

HONOREES FOR THE 2019 COMMUNITY

HALL OF FAME

The 2019 South Bend Community Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on Tuesday, November 12th at The Century Center. The annual dinner recognizes individuals who represent scholarship and service and have distinguished themselves in their personal or professional lives.

“The Hall of Fame is a way to honor those who have given countless hours of community service to make South Bend a great community,” Chairman Jim Kapsa said. Proceeds from the banquet fund the SBAA’s Co-Ex Grant program, which supports co- and extracurricular programs in the South Bend Schools. Students who receive a Co-Ex Grant are then required to perform community service as a way to “pay it forward” to the community.

THE 2019 INDUCTEES ARE:



OLIVER-CUNNINGHAM FAMILY, legacy of inventor James Oliver, and his son J. D. Oliver, went well beyond the Oliver Chilled Plow Works. In turn, subsequent generations have continued that tradition of philanthropy in South Bend. In 1988, the grandchildren of J. D. and Anna Oliver donated Copshaholm, the majestic mansion on West Washington Street that was their grandparents’ home. They also donated their mother’s beautiful Victorian home on West Washington, today known as the Oliver Inn Bed and Breakfast, with the understanding that funds generated by its sale would be used to support the operation of Copshaholm as a house museum. Their gifts to the Northern Indiana Historical Society in their grandparents’ memory ensured that the Oliver Mansion would be shared in perpetuity with the community. J. D.’s and Anna’s daughter, Gertrude Oliver Cunningham, was born in 1888 and moved into Copshaholm on New Year’s Day 1897, along with brothers James Oliver II and Joseph Doty Oliver, Jr. and sister Susan Catherine Oliver. Gertrude married Charles Frederick Cunningham in 1916 and they had three children who grew up just a block away from Copshaholm.



STEVE LUECKE, South Bend’s 31st mayor. He was the longest serving mayor in South Bend’s history. After leaving the mayor’s office he was named executive director of the South Bend Alumni Association, a position he held for four year, ending in December 2017. Luecke has remained active in the community, serving on the South Bend Housing Authority and on other boards.



PETER H. MULLEN, local businessman and community leader. Mullen served for four years as city controller under former Mayor Peter Nemeth in the late 1970s. He left that job to return to private business, but remained active in numerous community organizations, including Madison Center, the public library, the Juvenile Justice Center, Chamber of Commerce and REAL Services. He returned to public office in 2006 when he was elected to the first of two terms as county auditor.



TINA MARIE PATTON, pastor of Kingdom Life Christian Cathedral and past member of the South Bend school board. Patton also has served on the boards of the South Bend Symphony, Memorial Health System, YWCA, Hannah's House, and the South Bend Heritage Foundation. She worked for Indiana Trust & Management Company and has been a regional trustee and vice chair of the Ivy Tech Community College.



RICHARD J. PFEIL, local businessman and District C County Council Member. Pfeil served as CEO of Koontz Wagner Electric Co. from 1963 to 2008 and remained active in community activities after his retirement. In 2011, he created the Pfeil Innovation Center in South Bend to assist organizations with innovative education. His community involvement includes serving on the boards of the Indiana Manufacturing Association, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Beacon Health, Community Foundation and IUSB. He has received numerous honors, such as the South Bend Man of the Year, the E.M. Morris Award and Business Person of the Year.



JOHN WARREN, Tribal Council chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. A South Bend native, Warner has served the Pokagon Band for most of his adult life. With help from the University of Notre Dame Law School, Warner created the first draft application that led to reaffirmation of the Band's sovereignty in 1994. Since then, he has helped the Band to develop housing, casinos and other endeavors. The Pokagon Band gives back to the community in the form of grants to nonprofit organizations, largely through casino profits.



ALEX ARCH, this year's historical inductee. Born in 1894 in Austria-Hungary, he immigrated with his family to South Bend in 1903. He enlisted in the Army in June 1913, doing his training at Fort Douglas in Arizona. He later was among the soldiers led by John Pershing into Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa. During this endeavor he was promoted to sergeant. In April 1917 the U.S. entered World War I, where he made his historical mark. In July 1917 his Division arrived in France. On October 23, 1917, Arch pulled the lanyard on the gun that fired the first American shot in World War I. A few months later, he was gassed and wounded by shrapnel, leaving him in a French hospital. He subsequently returned to South Bend and worked at Studebaker. After the war, South Bend made several unsuccessful attempts to bring the gun he fired to the city to be placed on the courthouse square. However, the gun was moved instead to West Point Military Academy, where it remains.

In addition to the inductees, the Hall of Fame Committee bestows several awards at the banquet.

The 2019 honorees are:

TODD ZEIGER -- director of Indiana Landmarks, the Ideal Baldoni Public Service Award.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY -- the Corporate Contributions to Education Award.

SARA STEWART -- of Unity Gardens, a Distinguished Achievement Award.

TRINITY SCHOOL AT GREENLAWN'S MOCK TRIAL TEAM -- a Distinguished Achievement Award.

LA CASA DE AMISTAD -- the Distinguished Community Service Award.

Tickets can be obtained and donations can be made by visiting the SBAA website: southbendalumni.com.
We hope to see you there!

INTRODUCING *Carrie Ann Taylor*



In February, the South Bend Alumni Association welcomed Carrie Ann as the new office administrator. Carrie Ann is tasked with assisting our Executive Director, Susie Brennan, as well as answering association emails, updating the SBAA website, maintaining each of our social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn,) assisting with SBAA activities and events, accounting, registrations, and helping alumni prepare for reunions by providing resource assistance, etc. Basically everything administrative in regard to South Bend Alumni! You name it, Carrie Ann is here to help!

Growing up in Bremen, Ms. Taylor graduated from Bremen HS and Bethel College, then moved to Charlotte, North Carolina in 2000 where she worked as the Conference Registration Director for a Charlotte church that hosted 1-2 conferences per month, attracting attendees from all over the world. "It was a tremendous opportunity to meet individuals different than me, and to break out of my shell of shyness," Carrie Ann shared.

"Living in a small, Midwestern farm town most all of my life, I had very little opportunity to interact with people of all cultures, races and beliefs. Charlotte provided me with an unbelievable gift of broadening my world view in ways I never imagined! I wouldn't have traded it for the world!"

During her 18 years in Charlotte, Carrie Ann held positions as Operations Manager and Executive Administrator, and even Campaign Manager for a Charlotte City Councilman for two of his campaigns, one for At-Large City Council and Mayor of Charlotte. She's gotten experience in the nonprofit sector, the restaurant industry, and in marketing, as well as serving as the Administrative Secretary for a mega church. She returned to the Michiana area in July 2018 after the loss of both parents and some major life changes. "In times like those, returning to your roots to rebuild is always a great decision! I am so honored to be a part of the South Bend Alumni family, to serve and support the community and the students of South Bend Schools!"

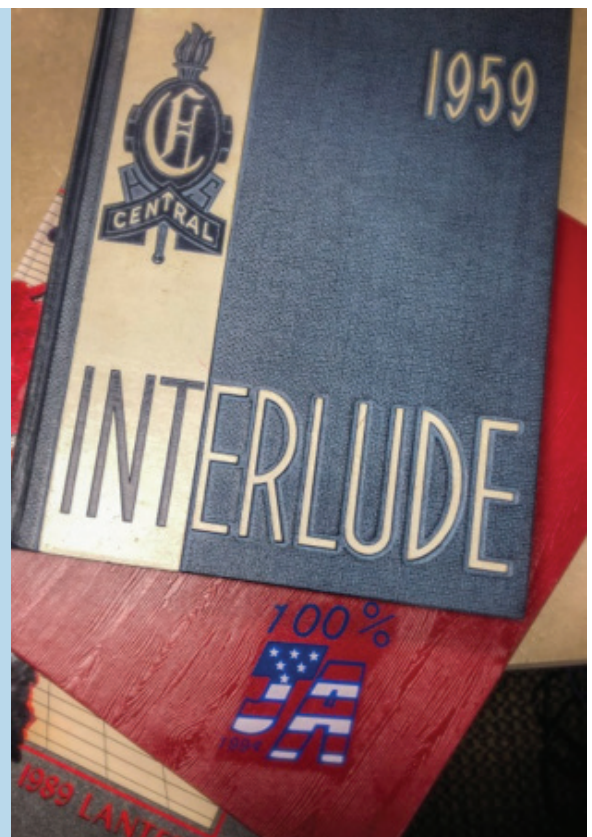
YEARBOOK & REUNION SERVICES

Did you know that the South Bend Alumni Association has acquired an inventory of YEARBOOKS from as far back as the early 1900s? Were you also aware that these were available for PURCHASE?

If you've misplaced your high school yearbook, or maybe never even purchased one originally, contact the SBAA office at sbaa@sbcsc.k12.in.us to inquire about availability! Yearbooks are \$30 each, if picked up in the SBAA office (located on the first floor of the SB Community School Corporation building), or \$40 if you would like it shipped to you.

If you are an alumni member and are interested in using our assistance to plan an upcoming REUNION, we offer the following resources below. Contact our team at sbaa@sbcsc.k12.in.us or 574-393-6004 to learn more.

- Class Lists
- Postage cost assistance
- Assembling a memory book
- Reunion event postings on our site
- Mailing & labels
- Letter & card printing
- Save the Date Postcards
- Reunion event postings on our social media sites



2019 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO WASHINGTON AND RILEY GRADUATES

Each year the SBAA awards two Scholarships to college-bound students. The TCU Superintendent's Scholarship and the Jack M. Champaigne Scholarship are open to graduates of SBCSC high schools.

Each scholarship is a one-time award of \$5000 and is given to recipients who have faced and overcome obstacles in their lives. They do not necessarily have the highest grades, however they have

1. Been accepted into institutions of higher education
2. Demonstrated both a willingness to work hard and a history of service
3. Have a defined educational goal
4. And are in need of financial assistance

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT SOUTHBENDALUMNI.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 TCU SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP JOSÉ VALLE

A graduate of Washington High School. José will be attending Bethel University in the Fall, studying pre-physical therapy.

"All throughout my life, I've had a passion to study something in the medical field, so I decided to join the Medical Magnet program at Washington High School. I love to help people, be a partner to help them get in better shape physically and mentally," Jose shared. "I also want to be a person that people would look up to, and be able to advocate and assist students who have walked a mile in my shoes, yet aspire to attend college. I can share my story with them, about how being in the Medical Magnet really helped me decide what I wanted to do with my life after high school. Because of these opportunities the South Bend Community School Corporation offer, I feel like I am one step ahead of some people that didn't get the opportunity to learn about the medical field as I did."

We are proud to award the 2019 TCU Superintendent's Scholarship to José Valle and wish him the very best as he goes on to study and serve at Bethel University! Pilot Pride!

JACK M. CHAMPAIGNE SCHOLARSHIP MEGAN JAKUBOWICZ

Megan Jakubowicz is the 2019 recipient of the Jack M. Champaigne Scholarship. She is a graduate of James Whitcomb Riley High School and will be attending Purdue University, West Lafayette in the Fall studying health sciences.

"Having a college education from a prestigious school like Purdue would be such an honor, considering I will be the first of my family to attend." Determination, Megan says, "is an important factor in my success at Purdue University. Furthering my education will give me the chance to get the career I have always wanted, becoming a Radiologist Technician. I plan to be able to travel around the world, while doing so I would help animals in need. I plan to donate any funds that I can to animal shelters as I do now. Helping animals around the world that are in need is a major life goal for me."

Wishing Megan all the best success as she pursues her heart's desire at Purdue and around the world! Go get 'em, Megan! Boiler Up!

THREE CHEERS FOR CENTRAL!



Members of the 1957 boys basketball team celebrating their state championship after a 30-0 season

In 1913, South Bend High School was South Bend's only high school. In 1924, it was renamed South Bend Central and quickly became known for its academics and athletics program. Even though its doors closed in 1970, the spirit of Central still lives on today.

Last summer, Principal Jim Seitz from John Adams High School along with Seabe Gavin, the SBCSC Athletic Director, contacted the SBAA about organizing a basketball game honoring Central High School. A small committee formed, and the idea for a basketball game quickly grew into so much more.

On Friday, February 15th at Adams High School, the Adams and Riley boys' basketball teams played each other wearing Central home and away throwback uniforms. Central alums gathered beforehand in the auxiliary gym for a special reception where they could get together and look at old memorabilia and photos. They also had the opportunity to buy a special Central memory book created by a Visual Arts class at Adams under the direction of Ms. Dawn Worsham. During the game, the Adams and Riley cheerleaders wore replicas of the old Central cheerleading uniforms and performed the

Photo from the Riley vs. Adams Basketball game honoring Central High School



school song along with the band. It was an incredible evening for our community and a great way to honor our oldest school.

The following day, the SBAA hosted a luncheon at The History Museum for Central alums. After a wonderful lunch catered by Thyme of Grace, attendees gathered to watch a video created by the Audio-Visual Production class at Riley High School under the direction of Mr. Timothy Richardson. The AVP students interviewed former athletes, students, and coaches from Central about what made their time there so special and the impact it had on their lives. Then, the audience had a chance to listen to a panel discussion consisting of former coach Jim Powers and former alums Dave Dunlap, Bill Przybysz, and John McCullom.

The entire weekend was made possible by our amazing Title Sponsor, Crowe. It was a wonderful way to honor a school that has given so much to this community and to its students. If you would like to purchase a Central Memory Book for \$5, please contact the Alumni office.

Thank you to Crowe and to everyone who helped make the basketball game and the luncheon a great success. Three Cheers for Central!

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