



# ALUMNEWS

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## INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED FOR 2015 HALL OF FAME CLASS



**SIX INDIVIDUALS AND ONE FAMILY** will be inducted on November 17th into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame, announced Chairman James Kapsa. The inductees are:

**Elijah Anderson**, a graduate of Central High School who now is a professor of sociology at Yale University. He directs the Urban Ethnography Project at Yale, and is considered one of the leading urban ethnographers and cultural theorists in the United States.

**Jody Freid**, a community activist who has lent her skills and enthusiasm to such causes as the American Cancer Society, Broadway Theatre League, Irish Youth Hockey, Human Rights Commission, Temple Beth-El and Sinai Synagogue.

**Jack McGann**, retired editor and publisher of the South Bend Tribune. He was active in numerous community endeavors, including fund-raising for the arts, United Way and YWCA. He has

served on a variety of boards, including the Chamber of Commerce, Project Future and Junior Achievement. He was the creator of the Sunburst Marathon.

**Jane Miller**, a Superior Court judge. Miller has served on the board of the Family & Children's Center and has been a key participant in various programs that help troubled children. She coached Adams High School's award-winning Mock Trial program.

**Benito Salazar**, a founder of La Casa de Amistad, which provides services to the Hispanic community. He has been a Boy Scout scoutmaster, member of the Salvation Army's Kroc Center arts committee and coordinator of the United Way campaign.

**The Veldman Family**, a west side institution. The Veldmans, starting with Peter and Wilma, operated several businesses on the west side before starting the Tire Rack, one of the largest

distributors of tires in the country. In addition, Veldman family members have worked to promote various youth programs and Catholic education.

**Thomas S. Stanfield**, the 2015 historical inductee. Born in 1814, he came to South Bend in 1831 and became a leading citizen. He was the city's first postmaster, and in 1845 was elected to the State Legislature. He ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 1853, then became a judge of the 9th Judicial Circuit. He was a member of the city council and an organizer of the First National Bank, forerunner of the 1st Source Bank.

Please join us at the Hall of Fame banquet on November 17th at Century Center to celebrate the contributions of these inductees and other honorees. Information about tickets and sponsorships is available on our website [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com). ■

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

*Dear Alums,*

As a board member of the South Bend Alumni Association (SBAA) for more than a decade, I have had the privilege of working with a variety of individuals who have been totally committed to enhancing the educational experience of our communities K-12 students. With the mission of helping provide funding for student extracurricular activities, those involved with the SBAA directly impact and enrich the overall learning experience of hundreds of students each year.

In addition, for the past 28 years, the SBAA has had the honor of hosting the South Bend Community Hall of Fame. This responsibility includes the important and difficult process of selecting individuals and groups to be honored during the annual Community Hall of Fame dinner. Most recently, the SBAA spearheaded the project leading up to the installation of the beautiful new Wall of Fame within Century Center.

Honoring community role models each year, whose achievements and service have distinguished themselves and the South Bend area, is a way the SBAA encourages students to emulate the dedication to success and excellence exemplified by so many of our community leaders.

While serving as the SBAA board chairman this past year, I have had an opportunity to further be involved in witnessing the wonderful achievements of a great many students. It is during those times I more fully realize the role we each must play in the successful education of the young people of our community. Simply put, we should all strive to support the core mission of public education which is preparing

children for productive work, fulfilling lives and to become responsible citizens.

We should all seek to help young people:

- Develop critical thinking, leadership and teamwork skills
- Forge positive peer groups that can remain with them for a lifetime
- Build time management skills that result in better study habits

All of these can be accomplished through participation in extracurricular activities such as:

- Athletic teams
- Drama and fine arts clubs
- Academic competitions
- Numerous other student groups

Please allow me to extend my heartiest thanks and appreciation to the current board of directors of the SBAA, our dedicated volunteers and the members of the business community who graciously provide resources, financial and otherwise, which allow us to achieve our important mission.

The South Bend Alumni Association looks forward to serving students in our community for years to come. I welcome your suggestions and help towards the fulfillment of our mission.



## SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING



Jeff Klavon of the RICOH team prepares to putt during the golf tournament.

**N**OBODY SCORED A HOLE-IN-ONE, but everyone had a good time at the 22nd annual TCU-Superintendent's Scholarship Golf Tournament. The event on May 13 at Elbel Golf Course attracted 28 teams and raised about \$27,000 to fund the SBAA's scholarship program.

The team from Precision Wall Systems won first prize with a score of 57. The foursome, consisting of Rick Schmidt, Jim Mroz, Jason Christy and Brock Rhodes, received certificates for golf at an area course.

Second place went to the Troyer Group, and third to Imagineering. They also won certificates for golf. Two randomly selected teams also received golf

certificates. They were American Structurepoint and OJS Building Services. Ironically, those were the teams that won first and second place, respectively, in the 2014 tourney.

Winners of other contests in the tournament were Rick Taylor, straightest drive; Steve Ball, Larry Cardenas and David Sklarek, closest to the pin; Elliott Lusk, longest putt; Brandon Knutson, longest drive (men); Kelli Kalisik, longest drive (women); and Stan Peak, closest second shot.

But the real winners in the tournament were local high school students who are receiving scholarships from the proceeds of the tournament. (See story on page 4.) ■

### TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE 2015 TOURNAMENT:

Abonmarche	KSS Enterprises	South Bend Community School Corp.
Action Mortgage	Laven Insurance	STL Substrate
American Structurepoint	Martin's Supermarkets	TCU
Burkhart Sign Systems	Midwest Transit	Technical Water Treatment
Casteel Construction	OJS Services	Tepe Sanitary Supply
Dudeck Roofing	Precision Control Team 1	The Troyer Group
Firestone/Ollesheimer	Precision Control Team 2	Vanderheyden Technologies
Holladay Properties	Precision Wall Systems	
Imagineering	Przybysz Team	
Jaron Corp.	RICOH	
JNK, Inc.	Schindler Elevator Corp.	

## SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM CO-EX GRANTS

**S**AVVY COACHES AND ACTIVITY sponsors have learned that money is available for extra-curricular activities from the SBAA in the form of Co-Ex Grants. The grants are a key part of our mission to support educational programs that are beyond the traditional curriculum.

We have awarded roughly \$25,000 this year to programs ranging from football to fine arts. Recent grants have included \$400 for Jefferson Intermediate Center to buy helmets for sixth-grade football players, and \$1,050 for Hamilton Traditional School to purchase a show kit and pay fees to produce a Disney musical.

Students in return are required to perform community service. The Jefferson team will participate this fall in Rake-a-Difference, raking leaves for neighbors who can't do it themselves. Students at Hamilton will participate in Dress Up for Drama-Hello Gorgeous Day fundraiser to benefit local cancer patients.

For a full list of grants and community service, visit the SBAA web site. ■



Students from the Adams High School golf team carry their new golf bags, which they purchased with help from a Co-Ex Grant.

# SOUTH BEND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2015-16 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR

**SOUTH BEND** – The South Bend Alumni Association (SBAA) has awarded more than \$32,000 in scholarships and grants to local students, announced Connie Varga, the organization’s Scholarship Committee chairman.

Most of the funds are derived from the SBAA’s annual golf tournament, held this year on May 13. Additional funds came this year from donations to the SBAA from the South Bend Press Club and from Mishawaka businessman Jack Champaigne.

## THE PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Press Club Scholarship is a \$500 one-time grant for a student planning to study journalism or mass communications. This year’s recipient is Andrea Keszei, an Adams graduate.

## THE JACK CHAMPAIGNE SCHOLARSHIP

Champaigne donated \$5,000 to underwrite a scholarship for a student planning to attend Purdue University, either in West Lafayette or here in South Bend. The 2015 recipient is Danielle Krug, who graduated from Adams High School.

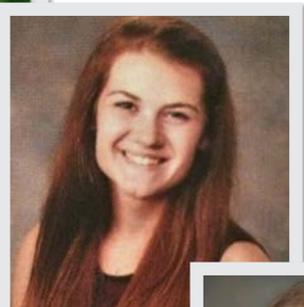
## TCU-SUPERINTENDENT’S SCHOLARSHIPS

Varga said the SBAA scholarship program awards TCU-Superintendent’s Scholarships to one graduate of each South Bend Community School Corporation high school. The program was expanded this year to include Rise Up Academy and New Tech High School. These scholarships are worth \$4,000 each, payable at \$1,000 a year for four years.

Recipients and their high schools are Nicole Gorman, Adams; Rafiq Al-Zhoughbi, Clay; Randy Castillo, New Tech; Zachary Boochoer, Riley; Myshai Thomas, Rise Up; and Jayda Watkins, Washington.



Andrea Keszei



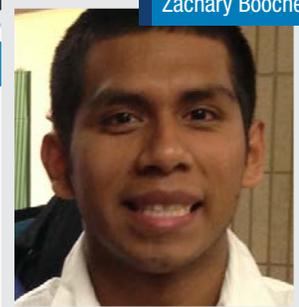
Danielle Krug



Rafiq Al-Zhoughbi



Zachary Boochoer



Randy Castillo



Jayda Watkins



Nicole Gorman

SBAA also awards other one-year scholarships and grants worth \$1,000 each. This year's recipients are:

### **SBAA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**

Offered to graduating seniors of SBCSC schools and to the children or grandchildren of active SBAA members. The 2015 recipients are Nikolette Dallich, Edwardsburg High School; Corey Fletcher, Riley; and Molly Schrager, Penn.

### **JOSEPH FRAGOMENI SR. SCHOLARSHIP**

Named for a founding member of the SBAA, is for a student planning to study architecture, engineering or a related field. Caleb Geissler, an Adams graduate, is the 2015 recipient.

### **LAUREN DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Named for the SBAA's long-time treasurer, is for a student planning to attend Ball State University. This year's recipient is Caitlyn Truax, Adams.

### **KURT & TESSYE SIMON ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

Offered to current college students who graduated from an SBCSC school and are in need of assistance with college expenses. Nicholas Weiler, an IUSB student, is this year's recipient.

### **SECOND CHANCE AWARDS**

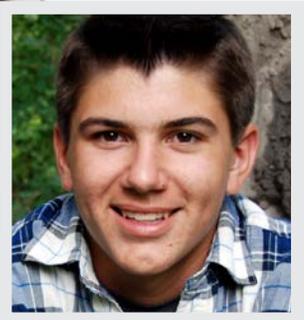
Offered to recipients of past one-year grants from the SBAA who need further assistance with college expenses. This year's recipients are Vikas Agtey, Purdue; Elizabeth Arndt, Purdue; and Andrew Gnott, University of Notre Dame.



Nikolette Dallich



Molly Schrager



Corey Fletcher



Caleb Geissler



Nicholas Weiler



Caitlyn Truax



Elizabeth Arndt



Andrew Gnott

The SBAA has provided more than 140 scholarships over the past 20 years, totaling more than \$250,000 in financial support to students in our community. With the addition of the four new scholarships to the existing roster, the SBAA hopes to underscore its commitment to the students in our community, while reinforcing the importance of education.

Full information about available scholarships is available on the SBAA web site, [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com). ■

## GREAT NEWS FOR THE LUNCH CLUB!



### IN FEBRUARY, OUR MONTHLY

luncheons moved to the South Bend Elks Club on McKinley Avenue. The response has been overwhelming, with increased monthly attendance and numerous compliments on the food and service provided.

The wait staff at the Elks serves a fresh salad, entrée and dessert. The price remains the same: \$12 for SBAA members and \$14 for non-members. First time attendees pay \$7. We continue the 50/50 and door prize drawings, as well as enjoyable entertainment at each lunch.

So come join us!

We meet on the second Thursday of each month, with the doors open at 11 a.m. To make a reservation, call the Alumni office, 283-8153, no later than 11 a.m. on Tuesday of the week of the lunch. Hope to see many more of you at the Lunch Club. Bring a friend – you will enjoy. ■

## CUT FROM A DIFFERENT CLOTH



*Candace Butler, chair of the Casaday Costume Committee, helps to organize and catalog the pieces of the Casaday Costume Collection during the recent relocation to a new, long-term storage location.*

### PRICELESS. INCREDIBLE. WONDERFUL. IRREPLACEABLE.

Those are a few of the words used to describe the Casaday Costume Collection.

Created by beloved teacher and director James Lewis Casaday, and nurtured and expanded by Jean Saverese, these costumes have brought authenticity and flair to countless local theater productions.

Originally housed in an outbuilding at Central High School, the massive collection has moved from place to place over the past several years. Its future was in jeopardy last year when it was determined that it could no longer be housed at the former Marquette School.

With the support of the SBCSC, a committee of concerned citizens, chaired by Candace Butler, formed to save the collection and find what they hope will be a permanent home for it. Honorary co-chairman is Bernie Pollack, a noted Hollywood costumer who was a student of Casaday's while attending Central. He is the brother of the late legendary actor/director Sydney Pollack, also a Casaday student.

Thanks to the hard work of the committee, positive things are happening. In July the costumes moved to unused space in a wing of the LaSalle Academy on South Bend's northwest side. Butler hopes that this location

will be permanent, ending the saga of moving every few years.

But that's not the only positive change. The committee has incorporated as a not-for-profit entity known as the Casaday Costume Company. Fund-raising efforts are underway to enhance the collection and make it self-sustaining.

Costumes in the collection – ranging from wedding gowns to hobo outfits – will continue to be made available to local school theater departments. You may have seen some of the costumes on mannequins as historic figures during the SB150 weekend celebration. Costumes are also rented for other theater productions and to members of the public. ■



### Donations to the Casaday Costume Company can be sent to:

Casaday Costume Company  
c/o The South Bend  
Education Foundation  
P.O. Box 119  
South Bend, IN 46624

### Make checks payable to

South Bend Education Foundation;  
Memo Line:  
Casaday Costume Company

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT HITS AN ACE FOR SCIENCE

**O**N APRIL 25TH AT THE ECK TENNIS Center seventeen doubles teams competed in the second annual Ace For Science tournament. The winners were students, as proceeds from this event support grants for thirteen science projects in eleven different SBCSC schools – from Primary Centers to High Schools.

The tourney was divided into three flights. Players enjoyed hitting forehands, backhands and lobs – and especially the occasional ace! Winning teams were: Joy Lankford & Rebecca Smith – 6.0 Flight; Dan Bardayan & Kathy Peterson – 7.0 Flight; and Darla Lippert & Laura Whitney – 8.0 Flight. A Silent Auction and a chance to Challenge the Pros from the South Bend Racquet Club added interest and excitement throughout the day.

The Alumni Association is excited to partner with the Notre Dame College of Science to provide funding for science activities in our schools. In two years we have raised \$19,000 to support STEM initiatives. These grants fund projects including robotics kits, flight simulator software, aeroponic garden towers, spirometers for a Biology class, iPads and science apps, and a field trip to a hydroelectric dam.

According to teachers who won grants last year: “Students gained a deeper understanding of how chemistry is an integral part of their daily lives through hands-on activities. This is learning at its best.” (Chris Eberhardt, Rise Up Academy) “The students are building robots and experimenting with a computer program. This is great fun for them while having an educational experience.” (Donna Beasley, Warren Primary) “The children are enjoying learning about the ‘How’ and ‘Why’ things happen. This has inspired them to foster their own innate sense of wonder, ask questions, and learn.” (Amy Troyer, Warren Primary)

We are grateful to the players and volunteers who made Ace for Science a success. Special thanks to our sponsors: Serim Research Corporation, GTA Innovations, Data Realty, Dr. Margaret Dobrowolska-Furdyna, Gerber Family Fund, Inn at Saint Marys, Kelly Cares Foundation, Lexus of Michiana, McDonald Physical Therapy, Schafer Industries, Barnes & Thornburg, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, and Kerri & Tracy Graham.

We join with Mary Thorpe (Madison Primary) to say, “Thank you for helping students appreciate the value and excitement of scientific study.” ■



## WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that the South Bend Alumni Association has a Facebook page? We use it to post items and photos about our activities and services. Why don't you friend us?



## COME JOIN US

Become a member of the South Bend Alumni Association and help us to support our local schools. Dues are only \$25 for a two-year membership and \$75 for a life membership. Send your check, along with your name (including maiden name for women), address, telephone number and e-mail address to the SBAA at 215 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend, IN 46601. Please include your high school and the year you graduated. You also can sign up through our website, [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com), and pay by credit card through PayPal.



## YEARBOOKS

The St. Joseph County Public Library is digitizing its collection of local yearbooks, and the Alumni Association is helping. We have loaned and sold books from our collection to the library to fill in for books that have been lost or damaged at the library. Spare books in our collection are offered for sale to the public. Look up yearbooks online at [michianamemory.sjcpl.org](http://michianamemory.sjcpl.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

WED  
**16**  
SEPT

### SBAA Annual Meeting

**WHERE:** Rockne Room, South Bend Chocolate Café

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 16

The SBAA bylaws require us to have an annual meeting in September. The meeting will include election of officers and board members for the coming year. One third of our board members are up for election each year. Board members serve three-year terms, and officers serve one-year terms. Regular board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month.

TUES  
**17**  
NOV

### Community Hall of Fame Banquet

**WHERE:** Century Center

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 17

The SBAA will host a banquet where six individuals and one family will be inducted into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame.

In addition to the new Hall of Fame members, the dinner will also recognize organizations and individuals who have distinguished themselves through service to the community. This year's award winners will be:

**WNIT, the local PBS affiliate**, the Corporate Contributions to Education Award

**Kevin Smith**, local businessman who is renovating the Ivy Tower, the Distinguished Achievement Award

**St. Margaret's House**, Community Service Award

**Evie Kirkwood**, county parks director, the Ideal Baldoni Distinguished Public Service Award

## CLASS REUNIONS

**ADAMS CLASS OF 1975:** Forty-year reunion August 22 at the Elks Lodge, 3535 McKinley Avenue, South Bend. Contact jahsclassof75@gmail.com, or via Facebook at John Adams High School Class of 1975.

**RILEY CLASS OF 1965:** Fifty-year reunion August 22 at St. Hedwig Memorial Center. For information contact Kathy Sweitzer Lindenman at (574) 291-6175, or kalboilers@comcast.net.

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Planning a reunion? The Alumni Association can offer help with your printing and postage costs. Contact our office for further information.

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