



PARKWAY ALUMNI

Hall of Fame

DINNER AND CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER

12

2022

*Westport Sheraton Chalet Hotel
St. Louis, MO*

A Night to Celebrate

Reception

Versailles Ballroom Foyer

Dinner

Versailles Ballroom

Welcome

Dr. Thomas Smith [West '75], President, Parkway Alumni Association

Opening Remarks

Sandy Riutcel, Executive Director, Parkway Alumni Association

Jeff Todd [West '87], President, Parkway Board of Education

Dr. Keith Marty, Superintendent, Parkway School District

History of Parkway

Jan Misuraca [North '76]

Presentation of Inductees

Dr. Thomas Smith [West '75], President, Parkway Alumni Association

Closing Remarks

History of the Parkway Hall of Fame

The Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame was created as a way to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Parkway School District. The Parkway Alumni Association inducted the charter class into its Hall of Fame in November 2004.

Today the program continues to recognize Parkway graduates who have brought honor to the district by distinguishing themselves through career achievements and outstanding community service in the years since they graduated from high school. Now, after ten cycles of nominations and selections, the inductee list includes over 200 outstanding Parkway graduates from all walks of life.

“We are always excited by the caliber of people that the Parkway schools have proven to produce,” notes Jan Misuraca, the association’s former executive director. “The community should know that these people are a reflection of what Parkway is and has always been—a place where children are given strong academic preparation for whatever they choose to do, as well as a place that will care for and support them emotionally. It’s also an institution that deserves its constituents’ continuing support so that future generations will be equally prepared and will find ways to be assets in our society.”

Congratulations

Greetings!

On behalf of the Parkway Board of Education and all educators and staff of the Parkway School District, congratulations to the 2020 and 2022 Classes of the Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame. It is worthy of Parkway to pause and honor those who took their Parkway experiences as a student and achieved new heights of success that impacted communities and others beyond Parkway's border and influence.

The Hall of Fame Induction is truly one of my favorite evenings. I'm in awe of the achievements and outstanding work of our Parkway Alumni. Your plaque will be placed in the hallways of your former high school, and each day you will be an inspiration to our current students who pass by and read your biographies. Some day, some of them will follow as Parkway Alumni Hall of Famers.

I am always proud to be Parkway's superintendent but on this evening the pride grows even more as we honor such an outstanding group.

Enjoy the evening!

Keith A. Marty, Ed.D.
Superintendent



A Note of Celebration

Good evening and welcome to the celebration of the Parkway Alumni Association's 2020 and 2022 Hall of Fame inductees!

We are delighted you are here to experience this wonderful occasion. This evening we will recognize men and women from all walks of life who have brought honor and pride to Parkway through their career achievements and their outstanding service to the communities in which they live and work. You will hear their stories and will undoubtedly be charmed, inspired and humbled by these extraordinary alumni.

The Parkway Alumni Association is honored to host this meaningful celebration. This event is an important extension of our mission to provide innovative programs, grants for students and recognition initiatives for outstanding teachers, staff and alumni who make a difference in the lives of Parkway students.

So sit back and be prepared to laugh, applaud and marvel as we celebrate these amazing inductees!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Thomas Smith [West '75]
PAA Board President



Sandy Riutcel
PAA Executive Director



Parkway Alumni Association

The Parkway Alumni Association (PAA) is not your typical alumni association. It is much more than a way to inform graduates of upcoming reunions. Established in 1992, the PAA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt (nonprofit) organization. The organization delivers enrichment and recognition programs which serve and support Parkway students and staff. The PAA also provides avenues of communication that connect alumni, friends and Parkway Schools in meaningful ways by hosting monthly Parkway alumni networking meetings, fundraising events and social hours.

Through an array of programs and services the PAA is helping Parkway to continue producing remarkable citizens and celebrating extraordinarily accomplished alumni. There are future Granting Dream recipients, Albert Award winners, and Hall of Fame inductees preparing for class Monday morning. The Parkway Alumni Association is here to help every step of the way.

Mission

The mission of the Parkway Alumni Association is to encourage communication among alumni and foster programs which serve and support the Parkway community.

Parkway Alumni Association Board

Michael Baugus [Central '90]

Mark Berry [North '87]

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Stacey (Montgomery) Myton [South '81]

Ken Safran [Central '83]

Tom Smith [West '75] - President

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Susie (Fitzsimmons) Veron [Central '79]

Kay Wunder [Parkway '64], West Retiree

Hall of Fame Committee

Mimi Holder, co-chairperson [Central '79], Southwest Middle Retiree
Dr. Thomas Smith, co-chairperson [West '75]
Sharon Farley [Parkway '65]
Hank Jones, Central Retiree
Ruth Jones, West Retiree
Susie Veron [Central '79]
Kay Wunder [Parkway '64], West Retiree

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Kevin Seltzer [North '00]
Jeffrey Spector [Central '03]
Jeff Todd [West '87] - President

Emcee



On November 15, 2014, Dr. Thomas Smith [West '75] was inducted into the Parkway School District Hall of Fame. Of the over 80,000 alumni of the school district, Smith became one of just 79 to receive the prestigious honor. His many years of service to Missouri Baptist University as an educator and Associate Vice President & Director of Athletics along with his commitment to the growth of athletics, especially in the sport of wrestling, were key contributors to his induction. Over his career as an educator, Dr. Smith has touched lives of those both within the MBU family and in the community through volunteer work. His efforts have also led him to play a major role in the planting of numerous churches throughout the St. Louis area. He currently serves as President on the Board of Directors for the Parkway Alumni Association.

Presenter



A driving force and chief enthusiast of the Parkway Alumni Association, Jan (Wall) Misuraca [North '76] served as the executive director of the PAA since its inception in 1992 until retiring in 2016. Misuraca was inducted into the Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008. She is active in many charitable organizations including the St. Louis Ronald McDonald House, where she was a board member during its formative years, and the Chesterfield Veterans Honor Park. Although Misuraca has received many recognitions and awards for community service, the ones she has valued the most are being named a Pillar of Parkway in 2003 and Chesterfield Citizen of the Year in 2016, along with her father, for being the driving force behind the Chesterfield Veterans Honor Park. These awards are a true reflection of her desire to build relationships for the benefit of the entire community.

Educators Make a Difference Fund

In 2005, following the inaugural Parkway Hall of Fame induction celebration, the Parkway Alumni Association was approached by several of the inductees who wanted to show their appreciation and gratitude to the Parkway teachers who had influenced their lives. With their generous donations, the Educators Make A Difference Fund was created in honor of Dr. Al Burr, principal of Central and then West high schools. This fund supports the Albert Awards, a recognition presented annually to three outstanding Parkway teachers who are in the first five years of their career. The fund also provides a monetary award for Parkway's elementary, middle and high school Teachers of the Year.

Burr was known to thousands of former Parkway students and staff members as an inspirational and achievement-oriented principal, teacher and coach. He dedicated his career to academic excellence and high standards of living and learning. He was an educator who loved kids and had unlimited respect for them. Every year, he learned the names of all incoming freshmen attending his school using flashcards he made himself. This was an accomplishment few other school administrators have had the tenacity to achieve — his schools often had more than 2,300 students enrolled.

The Educators Make A Difference Fund provides an avenue for anyone who wishes to recognize a teacher who made a difference in their life. Donors have the opportunity to continue Burr's legacy by recognizing excellence in Parkway educators.

"It is said that the best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The same is true for teaching and mentoring young people. Dr. Burr planted many, many trees during his career and we are thankful for it."

-H. Ward Silver [West '73]

Programs

Granting Dreams for K-12 Students

The Parkway Alumni Association sponsors the Granting Dreams Program, which administers three types of grants to Parkway K-12 students for their educational endeavors.

- Dream Grants are for Parkway K-12 students eager to explore new learning opportunities. Students can be awarded up to \$250 to finance their dream, or they may be awarded nonmonetary resources provided by people in the Parkway community. Students are encouraged to submit proposals that demonstrate a commitment to developing a skill, acquiring knowledge or experience, or participating in activities related to school or the community. Past grants proposals have included attending Space Camp at the St. Louis Science Center, starting businesses, purchasing musical instruments and taking coding classes.

- The Thomas Phelps Entrepreneurial Award is designed for high school students interested in launching a business. The award provides up to \$1,000 per application. Some of these students are enrolled in Parkway's Spark! immersion learning program for entrepreneurship studies.

- The John L. Baker Music Scholars Award is for high school band students in grades 10-11 who want to expand their music studies and strengthen their band through leadership. This grant provides up to \$250 per student.



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS
BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE.

Parkway Staff Awards

Named for former Principal Albert Burr (Central, West), the Albert Awards are given to three promising teachers who are in the first five years of their career. Each of these teachers receives a \$1,000 stipend.



Each year, Parkway selects three Teachers of the Year from the elementary, middle and high school levels. One teacher is selected to represent Parkway in the state competition and receives a \$1K stipend, while the other two each receive a \$500 stipend.

Established in 2016 with a \$10K donation by a Parkway bus driver who wanted to honor the positivity of his late wife, the Light of Parkway Awards recognizes Parkway operations staff members who have created an upbeat, caring environment for students, staff and community members. Each winner receives \$500 from the Parkway Alumni Association.



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Esstmann Grants for Teachers

The Parkway Alumni Association, through the Suzy Esstman Charitable Fund, offers grants to Parkway teachers for projects that enrich the educational experience for their students. Projects enhance any area of the Parkway curriculum inside or outside the classroom or in a virtual environment.

The ideal project maintains an educational component while encouraging students to think freely. Preference is given to projects that inspire learning through fun and creative approaches. Grant requests can be materials for literature, manipulatives, equipment, digital resources, field trips, guest speakers, admission/travel expenses, and other things that support learning for students. The maximum individual grant amount is \$500.

Hall of Fame

2004–2018

Ed Alizadeh, P.E., J.D.
Keith Alper
Jeff Altman
Dean Anthony
Dr. Robert Arnold
Kenneth Aston, Jr.
Norm Bafunno
Brant Baldanza
Hayes Barnard
Gary Barnett
Charles Barthold
Thomas Barthold, Ph.D.
Dr. Kathryn Beauchamp
Dr. Philip Jay Bierman
Randy Biggerstaff
Terrell Borum
Dr. Christopher John Bosche
Samantha (Elliot) Briggs, Ph.D.
Dr. Andrew Brown
Chandra Brown
David Brown
Bro. David Buer, OFM
Sarah (Werner) Bullock
Robert Bunton
Jeffrey Burke, Ph.D.
August Busch IV
Terry Cadenbach
Dr. Charles Canter
Patricia Hynes Casey
Bryan Chapell, Ph.D.
Sylvester Chisom
Lt. Col. Adam Chitwood
Robert G. Clark
Teri (Steller) Clemens
Dr. Jeanne Hlavacek Cleveland
Brad Cohen
Jeffrey Copeland, Ph.D.
Richard Coughlin, Ph.D.
Jon Cournoyer

Admiral Philip Davidson
Kimberly (Cook) Davis, J.D.
Donna (Clawson) Deeds
Dan Deschamp, Ph.D.
Dana Gundaker Devers
Stephen Dinan
Terry Donnelly
Susan B. Donovan
Dr. Victoria Dorr
Dr. Gary Doss
Thomas Dunning, Jr., Ph.D.
Brad Edelman
Cynthia (Owens) Erickson
Suzy Zucker Esstman
Denise (Applebaum) Farinella, Ed.D.
Mark Fauser
James Fiala
Jason File, J.D.
Dr. Kenneth Fine
Jon Fogarty
Bert Moll Forde
Dr. James Forsen, Jr.
Stuart Fraser
Steve Friedman
Robin Robins Frisella
Lt. Terri Fussner
Dr. Ahmed Ghouri
Dr. Scott Gibbs
Dr. Charles Gillam
Paul Glastris
William Glastris, Jr.
Don Goldman
Jason Goldman
William E. Goldman, Ph.D.
Rear Admiral Robert L. Greene
Eric Greitens, Ph.D.
Susan Hamra, J.D.
Will Harlan
Dr. Steven D. Harlan

Cordia (Barton) Harrington
Dr. Bruce Harry
Kevin Hart
Tracy (Elsperman) Hart
Ray Hartmann
Robert Hendin
John Hendrix
Barbara (Smith) Hensley
Joel Higgins
Jonathan Scott Hirshberg
H. Carl Hoefler, Ph.D.
Dr. David Holtzman
Phil Horstmann
Ron Hutcheson
Jason James
Mark Johnson
Mark S. Johnson
Cathy Jolly, J.D.
Michael Katz, J.D.
Jeffrey A. Keller
John Kelly
Robert Kinberg, J.D.
Gary Kinder
Keith Kleiner
Dr. Monica (Hutchingson) Kleinman
Shannon Knox
Mary Koboldt
Jerry Kokesh
Sarah (Haskins) Kortuem
Brian Krolicki
Deanna Kuhlmann-Leavitt
Amy Siegel Kveskin
Brad Lander
Jason Laramie
Jeremy Lasky
Mark Lasswell
Nancy Lay-McCormick
Mark Lemley, J.D.

Hall of Fame

2004–2018

Dr. Jeffrey Levy
Dr. Stephen Lieberman
Mark Lincoln
Richard Lindroth, Ph.D.
Capt. Kevin Little
Rev. Dr. Erica Longfellow
CMSgt John Lysaght, Jr.
Catharine Magel
Susan (Lordi) Marker
John McCluggage
Nan McCurdy
Charles McElroy
Terri McLain
Alan Merschen
Kevin Milligan
William Milnes, Jr.
Janis (Wall) Misuraca
Greg Myre
Dr. William Nelson, Ph.D.
Chris (Lee) Nicastro, Ph.D.
Pam (Jones) Nicholson
Brig. Gen. Mark O'Neill, Ret.
Jeffrey S. Ottenad
Brig. Gen. Paul Owen
Joseph Parisi, Ed.D.
Deborah Pasch
Pamela (Horstmann) Patsley
Martin Perry, J.D., Ph.D.
Dr. Minta Phillips
Stone Phillips
Susan Puhl, Ph.D.
Jill (Harlan) Pyrz
Erin (Garrity) Rank
Dr. Valerie Ratts
Maj. Gen. Bentley Rayburn
Mark Reardon
Jacob Reby, J.D.
Steven Reigns
Michelle Riebling

Timothy Riley
Aaron Roodman, Ph.D.
Scott Rosenblum, J.D.
Dr. Mark Sauer
Steve Savard
Jennifer (Loyet) Schamber
Paul Schankman
Max Scherzer
Brad Schiff
Kristina Schmidt
Ken Schrader
CWO4 Peter Schuessler, Ret.
Sen. Jill (Seltzer) Schupp
Drew Schwartz
Dr. Mina Sedrak
Dr. Morris Seligman
Rosa Serra, Ph.D.
Dr. Manish Shah
Joel Shanker
Arthur Shivers III
David Silvestri
Jason Sklar
Randy Sklar
Richard Smith
Thomas Smith, Ed.D.
Jeffrey Spiegel, Ed.D.
Robert Spiegelman
Anne Steffens
Jyl (Levy) Steinback
Dr. Kyle Steinman
Joan (Snider) Strom-Millard
Jeffrey Stuermer
Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant
Kerstin Tebbe
Dr. Kimberly Templeton
William Thompson
Douglas Towns, J.D.
Bryan Tramont, J.D.
Patrick Turner

Dr. Sharon Dunski Vermont
Dr. Brad Warner
Chelsea (Coleman) Watson, Ed.D.
Kelvin Watson
Tommie L. Wehrle
Amy Stuart Wells, Ph.D.
Donald Whitney
MSgt Dave Wilkinson
Liane Holliday-Wiley, Ed.D.
Joe Williams
Kathy (Higdon) Wilson
Lt. John Winkler
Pete Wittmann
Ryan Young

Brown Abrams

MASON RIDGE - PARKWAY JUNIOR - PARKWAY HIGH '65

Brown Abrams is the retired founder/owner of FiberLok Inc. and High Voltage Graphics, started in St. Louis (1979) then relocated to Fort Collins, Colorado (1992). Brown invented, developed, patented, manufactured and licensed a unique range of dimensional graphics products and technologies. Prior to these inventions there were two basic ways to apply graphics onto surfaces like textiles: stitching (embroidery) or printing with inks. Brown's inventions are "multicolor direct electrostatic flocked heat transfer graphics" which created an entirely new category of imprinted products. Primary markets included sports (FA Premier League football/soccer in the UK, NFL team and Super Bowl), gifts (Metropolitan Museum of Art) including the 'famous computer MouseRug,' law enforcement badges (Homeland Security, police) and school uniforms. To read more, visit <https://www.coloradoan.com/story/money/2019/05/31/fort-collins-manufacturer-super-bowl-patches-fiberlok-sold-new-local-owner/1289585001/>.

2020



Michael Eng

WEST JUNIOR - WEST HIGH '96

Michael Eng is the editor and publisher of the *West Orange Times & Observer*, the *Southwest Orange Observer*, *Baldwin Park Living* magazine and all the accompanying websites and social media channels. He is the youngest publisher in the history of the Observer Media Group, a family-owned and operated chain of community weekly newspapers in the Sunshine State. Observer has won state awards for journalism and advertising.

The *West Orange Times & Observer* and the *Southwest Orange Observer* earned numerous awards during the recent Florida Press Association's annual Florida Media Conference in Ponte Vedra, Florida. Eng received first-place awards for his Faith and Family Reporting 'Before you were born, I set you apart' and Information Graphic 'Brain Food: Fear Factor.'

Eng has won numerous awards from the Florida Press Association, Florida Press Club and Local Media Association (LMA) for writing, photography, design and overall excellence. The poignant stories he covers – sometimes uplifting, sometimes tragic – are often about the people who live in the Windermere, Florida, community.

2020



Paul F. Geders

PARKWAY HIGH '61

Paul Geders' love of aviation began when he was seven, carving wooden model airplanes. His hobby eventually led to a career of constructing more sophisticated, high-performance radio-controlled models. After high school and some college courses, he accepted a job at McDonnell Aircraft Co. (eventually Boeing), starting in the tube and cable shop. He enrolled in the company's Voluntary Improvement Program and took numerous courses for the next 34 years. He eventually became a highly respected supportability engineer and a specialized team member of Boeing's Phantom Works. One of his responsibilities led to the development of the Scaled Systems Shop and the piloting and construction of radio-controlled model aircraft as prototypes for full-scale vehicles. During his 48-year career, he has been granted six patents and earned many honors and awards for achievements in excellence and innovation. Since 1957, he has been an active leader, member and contest director for the Academy of Model Aeronautics. He also has been president and held other leadership positions in the McDonnell Douglas Radio Control Model Airplane Club and the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club.

2020



Farilyn Hale

CENTRAL JUNIOR - CENTRAL HIGH '71

As an advocate devoted to social justice causes, Farilyn Kessler Hale has helped bring many projects to fruition and built a legacy of service for nearly 40 years. She has been instrumental in many capacities as a member, board member, executive team member and president of the National Council of Jewish Women-St. Louis, a grassroots volunteer-driven organization that strives for social justice by improving the lives of women, children and families through community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy.

In 2003 and 2006, Hale chaired the NCJW National Benchmark Campaign, which highlights the importance of judicial nominations and access to courts. She also has co-chaired the Back-To School! Store, an NCJW program which outfits underserved children with clothing, supplies and confidence. Currently, she is a Kids Community Closet liaison for Barack Obama Elementary in the Normandy School District and serves as a co-chair for the newly created Reproductive Healthcare Support Project.

Farilyn's proudest moment was in 2011, when as President, NCJW purchased its current building at 295 N. Lindbergh in Creve Coeur and now houses The Resale Shop and nonprofit offices of the organization. She has been honored by NCJW with many awards for her service and the programs that continue to benefit the St. Louis community.

2020



Dr. Rachel Harsley

CLAYMONT - WEST MIDDLE - WEST HIGH '07

Dr. Rachel Harsley is a dreamer, an innovator and a problem solver. She is also the first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Illinois-Chicago. Her research focused on a computer-based tutoring system, Collab-ChiQat Tutor, which she developed to enable students to collaborate as they learn computer science.

Passionate about helping others, Harsley founded Maychild Technologies to connect small businesses and nonprofit organizations to technology solutions, particularly via web design and branding. She loves to inspire younger coders and entrepreneurs and speaks at schools and youth organizations to promote STEM studies and careers. She is also a contributor to several online resources for underrepresented people in technology, including Blacks in Technology and People of Color in Tech.

Harsley received her bachelor's degree in computer science from Vanderbilt University's School of engineering in 2011. Her college internships included AT&T, GE, Google and Intel. She has been honored with many awards for her academic achievements and community involvement. Harsley is a software engineer at Google.

2020



Brian Knappmiller

BARRETTS - SOUTH JUNIOR - SOUTH HIGH '94

Shortly after earning his degree in film production from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, Brian Knappmiller began making his mark in the entertainment industry as a writer, director and executive producer. He has produced or executive-produced numerous commercials and hundreds of hours of television including a variety of Emmy-nominated shows (e.g., *Monster House* and *Deadliest Catch*), two series with rapper/actor ICE-T, including *In Ice Cold Blood*, and most recently co-produced a documentary, which he also directed, with the Jim Henson Company.

Knappmiller's curiosity about other people led him to become embedded with a motorcycle gang, firefighters and police forces, and to live in a Mennonite village just south of the Arctic Circle. His passion project for the past 10 years has been *Scarred for Life*, a collaboration with artist Ted Meyer, where he produces videos (pro bono) about people who have emotional or physical scars from a traumatic event. They recently collaborated with the American Cancer Society and are in the early stages of a documentary that features survivors of mass shootings.

In addition to his career in the arts, he is a co-founder and co-owner of the St. Louis-based craft distillery, Naked Spirits.

2020



Damon Rich

FERN RIDGE - ROSS - CENTRAL JUNIOR - CENTRAL HIGH '93

Damon Rich is a designer and partner at HECTOR, an urban design, planning, and civic arts practice. Recent projects include a park in one of Philadelphia's most diverse neighborhoods, a housing crisis learning center at the Queens Museum and a memorial for eco-feminist Sister Carol Johnston. His designs have been exhibited at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the Museum of Modern Art, Canadian Centre for Architecture and represented the United States at the 11th International Architecture Exhibition in Venice. He has served as planning director for Newark, New Jersey; chief of staff for capital projects at New York City Parks & Recreation; and founder of the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), a nonprofit organization that uses art and design to increase meaningful civic engagement. Rich's work has been recognized by the MacArthur Fellowship, Cooper Hewitt National Design Award, MacDowell Fellowship, American Planning Association National Planning Award, Loeb Fellowship and MIT Center for Advanced Visual Studies.

When he's not listening to old KSHE 95 and MAJIC 108 cassettes, Zooming with loved ones or reminiscing about Parkway days with Ms. Crock, Mr. Jobst, Mr. Rogers and others, you can find him eating toasted ravioli with Universal Conspiracy and EMO friends in the 7-Eleven parking lot at Woods Mill and Olive.

2020



Dr. Keith Ross

MCKELVEY - NORTH JUNIOR - NORTH HIGH '81

Dr. Keith Ross assumed the presidency of Missouri Baptist University in January 2018 and began his tenure at MBU in 1992. He is the seventh president in the institution's history and the first alumnus to serve in this role. Previously, Dr. Ross served as Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement and has successfully led three major fundraising campaigns that have provided resources to further the University's Christ-centered mission.

In 1987, Ross earned a Bachelor of Arts in religion from MBU. He earned a Master of Arts in organizational leadership in 2008 from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In 2014, he earned his Doctor of Education in higher education leadership from Maryville University in St. Louis. In addition, Ross has completed postgraduate work at Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management.

Dr. Ross and his wife, Ginger, have been married for twenty-nine years and have one daughter, Madaline. The Rosses are members of Fellowship of Wildwood in West St. Louis County and are involved in a variety of organizations in their community.

2020



Stephen J. Rubin

FERN RIDGE - PARKWAY JUNIOR - PARKWAY HIGH '67

Steve Rubin worked for more than 40 years in executive management and advanced technology markets. Beginning with McDonnell Douglas, he was instrumental in the launch of the company's first commercial entry into the CAD/CAM marketplace. He next moved to Gerber Scientific, where he was promoted to director of the central region and oversaw the construction of six sales offices for Gerber and Unisys. In 1989, Rubin launched Rubicon Services, a technology company that spawned two additional small companies. After returning to St. Louis from Chicago, he worked with several major St. Louis corporations, including Anheuser-Busch, McDonnell Douglas/Boeing, Southwestern Bell/ATT, Enterprise and Emerson Electric, assisting them with talent acquisition and partnering programs. In the final third of his career, he was fully devoted to identifying, hiring and developing key personnel to serve on training teams for Boeing Aircraft that included F-15 and F/A-18 aircraft, P-8A defense/search and rescue, and Chinook helicopter platforms. These remain vibrant aircraft programs that are critical to world peace.

2020



Lisa Olson Stump

CLAYMONT - WEST JUNIOR - EAST JUNIOR - WEST HIGH '82

At Lashly & Baer, P.C., in St. Louis, Lisa Stump is one of Missouri's most distinguished lawyers, focusing on governmental and public institution law. In February 2018, she became the first female president in the 106-year history of the law firm. She has represented the Bi-State Development Agency, City of Crestwood, Ferguson-Florissant School District, Rockwood School District, St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library, among others. In addition to her work with public agencies, she advises education clients on ethics, student discipline, special education, access to student records, religion in schools, sexual harassment, bullying and issues related to internet use by students.

Stump has served in leadership positions at Bonhomme Presbyterian Church and made several trips to volunteer at an orphanage for girls and young women in Honduras. In 2019, she was honored as a YWCA Metro St. Louis Leader of Distinction and received the Women's Justice Award by Missouri Lawyers Media.

2020



Gary J. Vien

NORTH JUNIOR - NORTH HIGH '75

With more than 44 years of human resources and development experience, Gary Vien is the chief administrative officer of Suncoast Credit Union in Tampa, Florida. Vien has a drive for cooperative success and believes there is good in everyone and in all things. When he began his career (as a pretzel twister) with Six Flags Corporation in 1973, Vien absorbed everything he could about human behavior and the role it plays in leading well-run organizations. He eventually became the company's corporate director of human resources for St. Louis, Houston, Los Angeles and Parsippany. He moved to Tampa in 1998 and served in the same capacity at Busch Gardens for Anheuser-Busch SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment. Vien joined Suncoast Credit Union in 2011 as a senior vice president of human resources and development and now serves as the organization's chief administrative officer. He also is responsible for overseeing the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, the Community Impact team and facilities. Passionate about education and development in the community, he is director emeritus and past board chair of the Hillsborough Community College Foundation, and Credit Union Legislative Action Committee Trustee for the State of Florida and finance chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Vien has held board positions for the Six Flags Employees Federal Credit Union in California. His book, *Lead or Get Out of the Way! Eight Powerful Principles to Take Your Leadership to the Next Level*, was self-published on Amazon in January 2020.

2020



Michael Calhoun

CLAYMONT - WEST MIDDLE - WEST HIGH '04

Michael Calhoun attended Parkway West at the turn of the century and graduated in 2004. He attended the University of Missouri and graduated from Lindenwood University in 2008 with a BA in Mass Communications.

Calhoun is an award-winning anchor and reporter for legendary radio station KMOX, a trusted and beloved source of news, sports and conversation for Mid-America for 97 years. His coverage, from political investigations to historic flooding, to the tornado at Lambert Airport, has been recognized with regional and national journalism awards. Calhoun is known by many from his front-line reports on KMOX and CBS as protests played out in Ferguson. He spent a week embedded with the Missouri National Guard in Louisiana during and after a hurricane. He believes radio still has an important role to inform on local issues. He's especially proud of shining a bright spotlight on a civic bright spot: St. Louis' burgeoning tech start-up scene.

2022



Darrion Cockrell

HIGHCROFT RIDGE - CENTRAL MIDDLE - CENTRAL HIGH '05

Darrion Cockrell was born and raised in the city of St. Louis. At age 14 he moved into a boy's home in Creve Coeur. After a year there, Darrion was adopted by his middle school football coach and stayed with them in Chesterfield for the next 11 years.

After playing football at Millikin University for two years and injuring his shoulder, Cockrell returned home where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education/Physical Education and a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Cockrell, or Mr. DC as he likes to be called, began his career in education nine years ago and has been teaching physical education at Crestwood Elementary School in the Lindbergh School District since 2015. He focuses on creating relationships that support the importance of staying active and healthy. He created the "Crest-Fit" training program, reaching thousands of people over multiple platforms. Mr. DC, a role model who is always willing to lend a helping hand, inspires and motivates students and teachers alike.

Cockrell received a 2020 National Box Tops for Education Twilight Award from Chance the Rapper. Other honors include Emerson's 2020 Excellence in Teaching Award, the Missouri 2021 Teacher of the Year Award, the NEA 2021 Horace Mann Friend of Education Award and the 2022 California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence.

In his free time, DC enjoys spending time with family and friends, staying active and supporting his students as they thrive in their activities.



Mark S. Fisher

RIVER BEND - CENTRAL JUNIOR - CENTRAL HIGH '79

Mark Fisher attended the University of Kansas where he received a BS in Architectural Engineering and an MBA. After working at Sprint for several years, he decided to start a single Great Clips franchise in Topeka, Kansas. Over the years, he opened eight additional Great Clips franchises in the Topeka and Wichita area.

Fisher's success as an entrepreneur is due in part to his hard work and business acumen. However, it is his willingness to assist and support his employees in any way he can that sets him apart. The environment he created ultimately led to such high praise that he became a Great Clips Franchisee of the Year in 2018, an amazing feat with over 1200 franchises and 4500 stores in the United States.

Mark's determination to improve himself led him to become a runner in mid-life. He began training to run marathons and has now completed a full marathon in 34 states, with the goal of doing that in all 50 states. He has also completed two full ironman triathlons.

Giving back to others has always been important in Mark's life. He has been a Big Brother to two little brothers in the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Over the years, he has donated over 120 pints of blood to a Kansas blood bank. He also volunteers at the Kids' Ministry at a community church.

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Silas A. Goldman

BELLERIVE - EAST JUNIOR - NORTH HIGH '99

Silas Goldman's handball career began at age four and he quickly emerged as a dominant player in the junior world circuit from 1991-1997. During his tenure at Parkway, Silas won several junior regional and national handball titles, twice representing the Junior US National Handball Team at the World Championships. Goldman continued his handball career playing for the Division I Collegiate World Champion Southwest Missouri State University before starting his career on the USHA Men's Pro Handball Tour.

Overall, Goldman captured five National singles titles and one World Handball Championship title. During that same time, he was named one of USHA's Top 100 handball players in the world in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Today Silas is an advisory council member to the World Handball Council focused on expanding the -wall and 4-wall game of Handball to 18 participating countries. Professionally, he is head of VEE Technologies Office of Innovation where he leads a team of 6500 employees across four countries in population health research and healthcare innovation. Silas earned his bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and executive leadership credentials from Harvard Business School.

Silas is a proud second-generation Parkway graduate, and his father Don Goldman [Central '72] was among the founding members of the Parkway Alumni Association. He and his wife (Krista) have three sons (Misha, Leo, Isaac) in the Parkway School District.

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Katie Harris

HIGHCROFT RIDGE - CENTRAL JUNIOR - CENTRAL HIGH '00

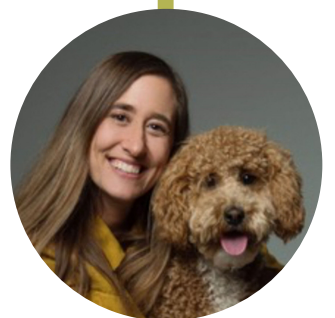
Katie Harris is an exceptional woman. Despite suffering from Ehlers Danlos, a rare genetic disease that left her partly wheelchair dependent and in chronic pain, Katie has pushed through her considerable physical disabilities to serve others. Working with her service and therapy dog, Moxie, Katie has been relentless in her efforts to “pay it forward.”

Katie developed a high school assembly program known as City Conquest where she spoke about the dangers of drinking and driving, risky behaviors, resilience and mental health issues. She helped advanced a program in Kansas called “ACEing Autism,” teaching tennis to individuals with autism. While working as a social worker in a Kansas high school, she coordinated a “Wish Club” to raise money to help a Make-A-Wish child. The club raised \$10,000, enough to grant a wish for two children. Katie founded a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization called “Moxie’s Mission” which provides service dogs to individuals suffering from a range of hardships. Since 2019, Moxie’s Mission has raised enough funds to provide three service dogs and is working to fund a fourth.

Katie has written a children’s book, *Moxie Makes a Difference*, which teaches resilience, disability awareness and the gift of a service dog for those in need. Katie travels to schools throughout the country using the book, her experience with her own disabilities and her dog Moxie to speak on mental health, resilience, and disability sensitivity.

Katie takes no salary for Moxie’s Mission, committing all funds to provide service dogs to those in need. She has relocated to the Ballwin area where she is a licensed social worker (LMSW) in private practice and telehealth services.

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Larry R. Harris

MASON RIDGE - PARKWAY JUNIOR - PARKWAY HIGH '65

Upon graduation from Parkway High School in 1965, Dr. Harris attended Cornell University where he received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in computer science in 1970. He was an assistant professor and later an associate professor at Dartmouth College. He was also a visiting professor at MIT.

Dr. Harris was the founder of Artificial Intelligence Corporation (AICorp) and Linguistic Technology Corporation (LTC). At AICorp he was the author of the natural language query program Intellect, which was the first outside software product marketed by IBM. At LTC he was the author of the e-commerce search product EasyAsk, which is used for product search at many of the nation's leading retailers. He is currently on the Board of Directors of MyRete, a vendor of the social networking app, WhosHere. He has participated in various panel discussions with Steve Jobs and Ted Codd. He has a US patent for his invention, "Knowledge Base Management System." Dr. Harris is a pioneer in the field of artificial intelligence which is the ability of a computer to perform tasks that usually require human intelligence and discernment. His programs were the forerunners of software that is commonly used today.

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Randy Karraker

CRAIG - EAST JUNIOR - NORTH HIGH '80

Randy Karraker is an institution in St. Louis media, a distinctive voice heard for decades on talk radio that is instantly recognized by fans of all ages. Today, Randy applies his tremendous passion for sports, his unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and his amazing mass appeal to listeners of 101 ESPN Radio as co-host of the station's highest-rated show, "Karraker and Smallmon." Randy launched his broadcasting career in 1983 at KMOX Radio while attending Lindenwood University. The 1997 Missouri Sportscaster of the Year and Achievement in Radio award winner, Randy spent 18 years at the 'Mighty MOX' as host for the top-rated 'Sports Open Line' program. Randy spent five years at KTRS Radio as the voice of literally every single sports franchise on the station. He was the multi-talented, multi-faceted host of the pre-and-post-game shows for St. Louis Rams Football, St. Louis Cardinal Baseball and St. Louis Blues Hockey.

Randy is a pillar of the St. Louis community on and off the radio airwaves. He is continuously involved with a variety of charities and benefits: - Honorary Chair for Every Child's Hope golf tournament - Board member for Code 3 Response - MC for YMCA Lamplighter Society dinner, Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club's "Maleness to Manhood" event, Fathers & Families Support Center trivia night, Pujols Family Foundation All-Star Basketball Game, Special Education Foundation annual scholarship banquet, and Kids Shouldn't Have Cancer Foundation dinner - Participant/volunteer for Pedal the Cause, Whitey Herzog Youth Foundation, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital golf tournament, and KidSmart 'Back to School' Event.

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Mike Lenz

HANNA WOODS - EAST JUNIOR - SOUTH JUNIOR - WEST HIGH '81

Mike Lenz is the Executive Vice President and CFO of FedEx Corporation in Memphis, Tennessee. Mike's extensive experience in the transportation industry and finance spans more than three decades, including his 17 years at FedEx. Mike joined FedEx in 2005 as Vice President of Finance at FedEx Office. He became staff Vice President of Strategic Finance at FedEx Corporation in 2010 and Senior Vice President and Treasurer in 2012.

Lenz worked at American Airlines in Dallas, Texas from 1994-2005, where he held positions in several finance and commercial areas. Prior to American, Mike held roles as an avionics engineer at Boeing in St. Louis, Missouri, and Long Beach, California.

Mike received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Duke University, where he was a four-year varsity letterman for the swim team. He later returned to Duke for his MBA degree.

Mike's involvement in the Memphis community includes serving on the boards of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, the Memphis Shelby County Sports Authority and the Lausanne Collegiate School.

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Steven S. Sobo

GREEN TRAILS - CENTRAL JUNIOR - CENTRAL HIGH '80

Steven Sobo is the Executive Director of Strategic Projects for the Washington University School of Medicine. Sobo has been responsible for numerous high profile construction projects related to the University's clinical, research and teaching missions.

His current project is the Neuroscience Research Building, one of the most significant buildings of its type in the U.S. and one of the most critical facilities projects in the history of the School of Medicine. The 11-story structure is designed to nurture and advance some of the world's leading research on the brain and the body's nervous system. Extraordinary early planning enabled the project to remain on schedule and within budget despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

Sobo's philosophy that the backbone of all construction projects is being a good neighbor to the surrounding area was exemplified in the St. Louis news. The unique story shared the adventures of a six-foot tall cutout of Where's Waldo which traveled up the neuroscience building during its construction to the delight of the children from the St. Louis Children's Hospital Child Development Center across the street.

An award-winning leader in the construction industry, Steve is often called upon to be a keynote speaker. He plays an important role in workforce development and helps develop and mentor minority and women-owned construction companies.

Sobo serves in many capacities in a wide variety of community organizations. His personal passion is Pedal the Cause which he dedicates to his college roommate. Steve and his wife Robyn have two girls.

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