

Parkway Alumni Association Hall of Fame Banquet

Saturday, November 11, 2006 • Sheraton Hotel Westport Plaza

5:30 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Welcome

Mimi (Spener) Holder, *President, Parkway Alumni Association*

Dinner

7:15 p.m. Alumni Association Video

7:30 p.m. Opening Remarks

Beth Plunkett, Master of Ceremonies, *Principal, Parkway West High*

7:45 p.m. Keynote Speech

Dr. Al Burr, *Former principal: Parkway Junior High, Parkway High,
Parkway West High*

8:00 p.m. Presentation of Inductees

Concluding Remarks

Mimi (Spener) Holder



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Dr. Al Burr, Keynote Speaker

Al Burr arrived in St. Louis County in 1957 to teach mathematics and to help open Parkway's first secondary school, Parkway Jr./Sr. High School. He became Parkway's first assistant principal, first junior high principal, first director of Parkway Adult Education and first director of the Parkway Summer School. He served as principal of Parkway Junior High School, Parkway High School and Parkway West High School over a 20-year span.

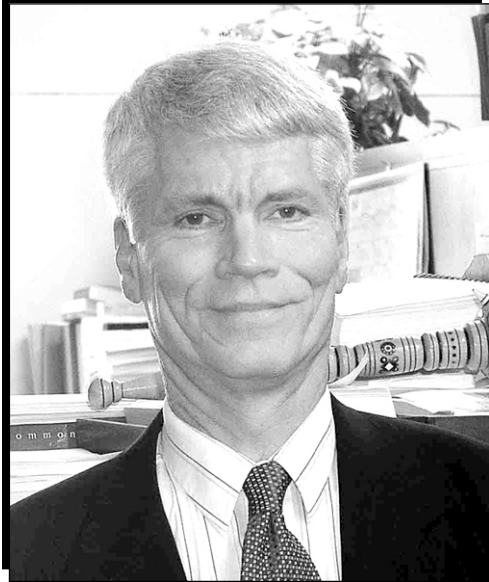
Dr. Burr was named as one of the 60 most exemplary principals in the United States in a study by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. In 1990, he was recognized as one of the nation's 100 most outstanding school executives. He served as national chairman of the National Honor Society, a member of the board of directors of the National Merit Scholarship Program, and chaired 19 North Central Association evaluation teams. He was president of both the Missouri State High School Activities Association and the National Federation of State High School Activities.

Dr. Burr received the Robert Howe Award and the Missouri Pioneer in Education Award from the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals and the Missouri State Department of Education, respectively. On July 8, 2000, he was inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Most of all, Dr. Burr was an educator who loved kids and had unlimited respect for them. For 30 years, he memorized homemade flash cards that matched the names and faces of his incoming freshmen and new students so he could greet every student by name on the first day of school. Because his schools often had over 2,300 students, this was quite an achievement!

Since retiring from the principalship in 1991, Dr. Burr has conducted educational and leadership seminars and has been the keynote speaker at conferences throughout the United States, Canada, Bermuda and the Virgin Islands.

After the first Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2004, the inductees were so inspired by the positive classroom experiences of their fellow inductees that they wanted to find a way to stimulate similar experiences for future Parkway students. As a result, the PAA's "Al Burr Make-A-Difference Fund" was formed. Now it is set to pay for projects which foster the kind of memorable connections between school staff and students which inspire kids to fulfill their entire potential.



Thomas Barthold, Ph.D.

Claymont • South Junior
West High ('71)

Dr. Thomas Barthold is currently the acting chief of staff on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the U.S. Congress, Congress' primary resource for technical and policy advice when considering changes in the nation's tax laws. Formed by an act of Congress in 1926, the JCT helps congressional members to write taxation proposals and legislative history of legislation passed by the House's Ways and Means Committee and the Senate's Committee on Finance. The JCT also oversees the Internal Revenue Service for Congress

and is responsible for preparing estimates of changes in federal government receipts that may result from changes in the Internal Revenue Code.

Barthold has authored over 20 articles on taxation and economics, such as "Taxation of Energy," "Effective Marginal Tax Rates Under the Federal Individual Income Tax: Death by 1,000 Pin Pricks?" (coauthor), and "Tax Reform: Prescriptions and Prospects."

Prior to joining the JCT, he was an assistant professor in economics at Dartmouth College (1980-87) and a teaching fellow in the Department of Economics at Harvard University (1977-80).

Barthold earned his Ph.D. in economics ('80) and M.S. in economics ('78) at Harvard University. At Northwestern University, he received his M.S. in mathematics ('75) and B.A. in mathematics and economics ('75).

Among the classes at West High that Tom recalls are debate with Mr. Schaeffer, which he calls "a tremendous experience that has served me from my teaching career into my current career." He also cites math teachers Lodholz and Buss, whose analysis and calculus classes were "top notch," and says he uses what he learned there "almost daily and in teaching math to my children." He also remembers being one of the first students at West to take the Advanced Placement U.S. History Exam.

He and his family live in Layhill, Md.





Kathryn M. Beauchamp, M.D.

Mason Ridge • East Junior
Central High ('87)

Life may not always seem fair, but for patients in need of neurological treatment, life is possible with the surgical skills of Dr. Kathryn Beauchamp.

Now in her third year of practice, Beauchamp is a neurosurgeon at Denver Health Medical Center, the busiest academic level-one trauma center in Colorado. There, she sees people who are often either victims of disease or violent crime. She also is an assistant professor for the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Colorado.

After graduating from Parkway Central High, Beauchamp took her collegiate studies to the American College of Switzerland in Leysin, where she studied European politics and literature. She received B.A. degrees in both biology and psychology from the University of Colorado ('91), where she graduated *cum laude*. She graduated from the medical program at UC in 1996, where she also completed her residency in surgery and neurosurgery. She became the neurosurgery department's chief resident in 2003.

A 2002 recipient of the Resident Teaching Award at UC, Beauchamp is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Last year, she was credited for her role in performing life-saving surgery on an assault victim with severe head injuries in the article, "Undefeated," in *5280: Denver's Mile High Magazine* (October '05).

Beauchamp has published extensively in her specialty, including "Small Pituitary Stalk Lesions: Observations and Recommendations," for the International Symposium on Paediatric Neuro-Oncology in London, 2002, and "Nonoperative Management of Spinal Epidural Abscess" for the Rocky Mountain Neurosurgical Society in Vail, 1998. She continues to lecture at various professional meetings about her research projects.

She and her husband, John Rumpf, reside in Denver. They have five young children, who are often reminded by their mother that life isn't always fair - a familiar refrain from her second-grade teacher, Mrs. Park, whenever complaints were lodged.



Thomas Dunning, Ph.D.

Parkway High School ('61)

Since December 2004, Dr. Thomas Dunning, Jr., has served as the director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications and Distinguished Chair for Research Excellence in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was formerly director of the Joint Institute for Computational Sciences, distinguished professor of chemistry and chemical engineering at the University of Tennessee, and distinguished scientist in computing and computational sciences at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Prior to those appointments, he was responsible for supercomputing and networking at the University of North Carolina.

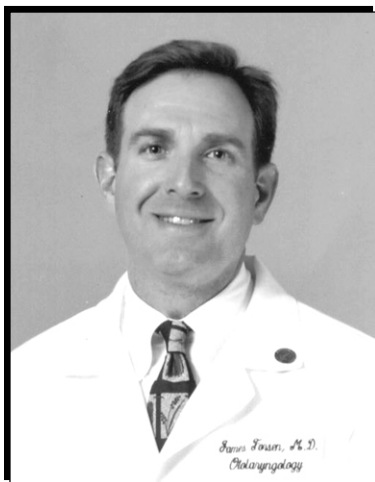


In 1999-2001, Dunning was instrumental in creating the U.S. Department of Energy's scientific computing program, *Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing*. He joined the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory as Associate Director for Theory, Modeling & Simulation in the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory in 1989, where he established a world-class research program in theoretical and computational molecular science and founded the Molecular Science Computing Facility. In 1994, he was appointed director of the EMSL, where he oversaw its construction as well as the development of its research instruments and scientific research programs. Other previous posts include positions at Argonne and Los Alamos national laboratories.

Dunning was the scientific leader of the DOE's first Grand Challenge in computational chemistry, which led to the development of the only general computational chemistry code for massively parallel computers, which has dramatically extended the range and accuracy of molecular calculations. At the various DOE labs, he was the first to focus the rapidly advancing techniques of computational chemistry on real world problems.

Dunning earned his B.S. at the University of Missouri-Rolla in chemistry ('65), and a Ph.D. in chemistry/chemical physics at the California Institute of Technology in Chemistry ('70). He was selected as a fellow by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation ('65-'66) and a predoctoral fellow by the National Science Foundation ('66-'69). In 2002, he was elected as a Fellow of the American Physical Society and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was given the E.O. Lawrence Award in Chemistry in 1997. He has authored nearly 150 scientific publications.

Dunning and his wife, Sylvia, reside in Champaign, and have five children.



James Forsen, M.D.

Mason Ridge • East Junior
West High ('79)

James Forsen wanted to be a doctor since the age of five. He was inspired by his grandfather, Dr. James A. Forsen, who was a general surgeon in St. Louis. The elder Dr. Forsen was loved and respected by his patients and family and was always enthusiastic about the medical profession. He served as a great role model.

Currently a partner at Pediatric Otolaryngology, Inc., Forsen provides both surgical and medical treatment for pediatric patients with ears, nose, throat and neck ailments in a private practice setting at St. John's Mercy Hospital. He sees many of the most complex pediatric otolaryngology cases in the region without regard to patients' insurance status. He also has provided specialized medical skills on two missionary trips to Honduras.

Forsen was an associate professor in the department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine (WUSM) and was on staff there from 1996 to 2006. During this period, most of his work was performed at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Accepted into the most challenging programs at each level of his training, Forsen earned his B.A. in biology at Princeton University ('83) where he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship his senior year. This led to a year of medical research in Germany. At WUSM, he earned his M.D. in 1988 and was elected into the honorary medical society, Alpha Omega Alpha. He served an internship in general surgery at Jewish Hospital/WUSM ('88-'89). He completed a five-year residency in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery (ENT) in 1994 at WUSM and Barnes Hospital. After residency, Forsen completed a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at Boston Children's Hospital and was on staff at Harvard Medical School for two years. Forsen then returned to St. Louis and joined the staff at WUSM.

Among the professional organizations with which he is affiliated are the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, and the St. Louis ENT Society (2006-07 president elect). Since 2005, he has been the secretary/treasurer for WUSM's Alumni Association Executive Council.

Forsen was elected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Doctors in America* ('98-'06), and listed as one of the "Top Doctors in St. Louis" by *St. Louis Magazine* ('98, '02-'06). He is author or coauthor of more than 25 peer-reviewed scientific articles and medical textbook chapters, as well as the book *Color Atlas of Ear Disease*.

He counts his days at West as some of his best, forging lifelong friendships, running track and cross country, and absorbing the life lessons handed down by Principal Al Burr. He thanks his close family for all of their support and love.

Forsen, his wife Janis, and their three children, Libby, Will and John, live in the St. Louis area.



Steve Friedman

Weber • North & East Junior
North High ('76)



Channeling his time, energy and talents into his career, his family, his school district and his faith, Steve Friedman is one of the rare people who has found ways to positively impact all the things most important to him in life.

Friedman is a cofounder and a principal of Creative Producers Group, Inc., the video, promotion and event production company formed by him and his business partner, Keith Alper, in 1985. The St. Louis-based company has garnered many prestigious awards in the entertainment industry, including the AV Video & Multimedia Producer Top 100 (10 years in a row), Addy, Arrow, Aurora, Axiem, Bronze Quill, Davey, Emmy, Flame, Hope Report's Top 100 Producer, New York Festivals International Media, Summit, TAM Direct Marketing, Telly, U.S. International Film & Video, Videographer and Vision awards. The client list at CPG is also impressive, servicing category-leading companies and Fortune 500 corporations that include BMW, UniGroup, AIG, GM, H & R Block, Ascension Health, Panera Bread and Panasonic. Under his direction, CPG has produced some of St. Louis' most well known events, such as River Splash, 04 Eve and Live on the Levee.

After earning B.A. degrees in both communications and theater arts at Brown University ('80), Friedman began his career at Maritz Communications Company, where he spent four years producing business theater and meetings for a variety of Fortune 500 clients. While there, he was named Creative Contributor of the Year ('84), the company's highest creative award.

The father of two girls, Friedman has dedicated much of his energy and time toward the betterment of Parkway. At Central High, he has been a frequent guest lecturer and volunteer. In the early 1990s, he lent his talents and direction toward the founding of the Parkway Alumni Association and continues to assist the organization on special projects.

In his spare time, Friedman can be heard singing at his synagogue, Central Reform Congregation, where he holds a board position; meeting with other creative minds in his Young Entrepreneurs Organization; or running through Forest Park.



PARKWAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
HALL of FAME



Robin (Robins) Frisella

Manchester • Henry • West Junior
West High ('79)

All children are worthy. That is the mantra by which Robin Frisella lives and teaches as a music educator in the inner city schools of Orlando, Fla. Students who come from backgrounds steeped in poverty and a multitude of other social and academic disadvantages can look to her as someone who is eager to teach them and to show them that with the right amount of encourage-

ment, confidence and good academic preparation, great things can come from *anyone*.

"I have never been able to comprehend prejudice," she says. "My most urgent calling as a teacher is to alleviate my children's erroneous sense of nonentitlement. I make sure that *all* my children know that they are exceptional and deserving of the best music instruction." Robin credits her own high school music instructor, Jerry Anne "Miss G" Galloway, with giving her hope, a sense of belonging and a love of learning.

Although music is her most fundamental resource for changing kids' attitudes about themselves, Frisella has taken her interest in student success beyond her classroom. Project Challenge is a mentorship program which pairs Lockheed Martin engineers with 10 of her neediest fourth- and fifth-graders. The program provides them with role models who care deeply about their success, and will help prepare them for the technological world that awaits them beyond the school doors. The program was recently awarded a grant so that each of these students could build a computer, which they were allowed to keep upon completion. For the past 10 years, she also has coordinated Kidz on the Run, a program which trains students to run nine local races (3.1 miles) each year.

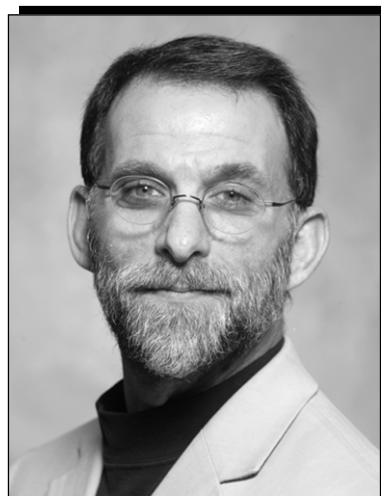
After graduating with a B.A. in music education from Maryville University, Frisella began her career in the Ritenour and then St. Louis City school districts. However, since 1989 she has called Grand Avenue Elementary her home school in the Orange County Public School District (the nation's 11th largest school system). Although she has received many teacher awards over the years, her most notable award to date came in 2005 when she was selected to represent more than 12,000 of her Orange County educators as a candidate for Florida State Teacher of the Year.

Her community also recognizes the value of Frisella's service. In December 2001, she was selected to be one of Orlando's final three Olympic torch bearers, one of many recognitions, awards and grants she has received from people who know what she represents as a teacher and a human being. "I credit my Parkway education for giving me the solid foundation upon which to build a career of community service," she says. "Indeed, there are thousands of elementary school children who have 'indirectly' received a Parkway education!"



Don Goldman

Barretts • Central Middle
Central High ('72)



When Don Goldman began working with his father, Sam, and brother, Ken, at Goldman Promotions in 1982, the company employed 10 people and grossed \$2 million in sales. After taking over as CEO in the 1990s, Don greatly expanded the company's footprint through acquisitions in several states. Today, the company boasts 150 employees nationwide and has more than \$30 million in revenue.

According to the Advertising Specialty Institute, GP ranks in the top 1 percent of more than 20,000 promotional products companies nationwide. For their innovative products and promotions, Goldman and his industrious team were awarded the Silver and Gold Pyramid awards from Promotional Products Association International. GP maintains offices in Baltimore, Charlotte, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Denver and Wichita, in addition to its corporate headquarters in St. Louis.

A serious athlete, Goldman was ranked among the best handball players in the country for years, winning the National Masters tournament and earning top rankings throughout the '90s. An advocate for the active lifestyle, he was one of the organizers of the St. Louis Handball League, serving as a commissioner for 10 years.

Goldman also is a lifelong member of the Jewish Community Center in St. Louis County, where he and his father shared their love of community, sports and family values. In addition to his service on the Health Club Board of Directors at the JCC, Goldman has helped establish numerous children's programs, including summer camp, racquetball and parent/child activities.

Goldman was a PTA member at Bellerive Elementary, where he and his wife, Ann, initiated the Bellerive Health Assistance Fund. The fund provides eyeglasses and dental assistance to students who are in financial need. They also served as PTO co-presidents of Northeast Middle. In 1994, he was instrumental in the formation of the Parkway Alumni Association, and is a charter member.

He attended Meramec Community College, Southwest Missouri State and Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, and has earned his credentials as a Certified Advertising Specialist from Promotional Products Association International.

Goldman and his wife enjoy farming 50 acres on a 236-acre spread about 50 miles south of St. Louis. He occasionally plays the banjo, the harmonica and sings with the Blind River Band, a fun-loving sextet that includes three Parkway alumni who have been friends since childhood.

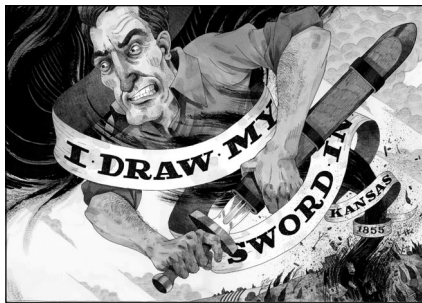
With two children who are both Parkway North graduates, the Goldmans now have grandchildren who are continuing the family tradition of education in Parkway.



John Hendrix

Barretts • South Junior • South High ('94)

Anyone who reads any of the nation's most popular publications has surely seen the whimsical and sometimes incisive illustrations of John Hendrix. His client list includes the most respected magazine and newspaper organizations in the world: *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Spin*, *Men's Health*, *The Boston Globe*, *Nickelodeon*, *Christianity Today* and *Esquire*, to name a few. He also has illustrated book covers for Random House, St. Martin's Press, Harper Collins, Harcourt Publishing, Farrar-Strauss-Giroux and Greenwillow Books.



JOHN HENDRIX

In addition to his flourishing career as a freelance illustrator, Hendrix teaches undergraduate illustration at Washington University in St. Louis. He also is writing and illustrating several picture books for children, one of which is *The Man Who Hated Slavery: The Ride of Old John Brown*. More about Hendrix and his art can be found on his website, www.johnhendrix.com.

Last spring Hendrix won a silver medal for his jacket cover of *The Pull of the Ocean* at the Society of Illustrators 48th Annual Exhibition in New York. Other awards, exhibitions and recognitions include the SPD Spot Show 2004 & 2006, Communication Arts Illustration Annual 2005 & 2006, American Illustration: Annuals 22-25, SPD 40 Award of Merit ('05), Communication Arts Fresh List (March/April '05), Society of Illustrators: Annuals 46-48, 3x3 2004 Annual (Exhibitor), and Society of Illustrators: Artist Member ('04).

Hendrix graduated with a B.F.A. in visual communications with a dual emphasis on illustration and graphic design from the University of Kansas ('99), where he was also captain of the school's fencing team. He earned his M.F.A. from the School of Visual Arts in New York City ('03). He has worked as a designer at the public relations firm Fleishman-Hillard, Inc., and also at North Company. After his post-graduate studies were completed, he was hired as an assistant art director of the Op-Ed page at *The New York Times*. He also taught illustration at the Parsons School of Design in New York ('05).

Hendrix and his wife, Andrea, live in St. Louis with their young son, Jack. Although many Parkway teachers had a big impact on his education, he has a special appreciation for Mary Biggs (5th grade), Owen Nagel (high school art) and Ed Mihevc (high school history).



Ronald Hutcheson

Ross • Central Junior & North Junior
Central High ('72)



When Ron Hutcheson moved to Austin more than 30 years ago, he couldn't have anticipated that his career would someday intersect with that of one of the Lone Star State's most famous sons: George W. Bush.

But his job as a reporter certainly has been more colorful for it. As a Washington correspondent, Hutcheson follows the President and his delegates all over the world, covering the news at the top level of government. If "Dubya" or any of his representatives are giving a press conference (or the dreaded background briefing), chances are good that "Hutch" is there, too.

Indeed, the best part about the job is the foreign travel, he says. Some of the more memorable moments of his reporting career include questioning Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin at a press conference in the Kremlin, going to Putin's country villa, flying into Kosovo in an armed helicopter, and attending a news conference in China's Great Hall of the People.

For the past two years, Hutcheson represented his cohorts in the press corps as president of the White House Correspondents' Association. In this leadership role, he negotiated the parameters of press conferences with Bush's press secretary and worked to clear some of the obstacles on the information highway from the Oval Office to the press corps.

Although Hutcheson forged a working relationship with the President years ago when Bush was still governor, the current administration hasn't made it easy for reporters to get information on the record. "The challenge is to break through the carefully controlled message to give readers more insight into the president and his policies," he says in the 2004 Knight Ridder Annual Report.

Hutcheson began his journalism career at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. He then moved to Knight Ridder, which was recently purchased by the McClatchy Company. His reportage can be found in any of the company's 32 newspapers - the second largest group of newspapers in the country. His stories also go out on a wire service, which serves several hundred newspapers. His opinions on the media and its relationship to the White House have been sought through interviews by *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, MSNBC and Fox News, as well as the foreign media.

In 1976, Hutcheson received his B.S. from the University of Texas' School of Journalism in Austin. He credits Parkway for providing him with great preparation. "Many of the programs were remarkably innovative," he says. "Most of all, though, I'm thankful for the friends I made."

Hutcheson and his family reside in Washington, D.C., where he coaches and plays soccer with his four daughters.



Michael B. Katz

Weber • Central High ('81)

Michael Katz has discovered that his professional and philanthropic interests all have a satisfying synergy.

A practicing attorney, Katz formed his own firm in 1991 after first working as a litigator at The Stolar Partnership ('88-'90) and then as an assistant state prosecutor for St. Louis County ('90-'91). At Katz Law LLC in Clayton, Mo., he draws upon his expertise in business development, marketing, negotiation, litigation and trial work when representing clients that include the St. Louis Rams, as well as other entities and individuals.

Katz also is cofounder and an instructor at St. Louis' Original Spinning®, the metropolitan area's first Spinning® facility. Opened in 1995, Spinning® offers unique indoor stationary cycling classes that help people of all ages and abilities find a higher level of physical and mental fitness. Spinning® played a key role in the genesis of The Judy Foundation's signature event, The Judy Ride, a three-hour annual indoor cycling event that brings together riders from throughout the United States to raise both awareness and money to fight breast cancer. The first event was held in 1998 and led Katz to found The Judy Foundation.

The Judy Foundation's mission is to provide early breast cancer detection and outreach for underserved women. Katz formed the nonprofit organization to continue the tremendous giving spirit of his mother, Judy Katz, a 20-year breast cancer survivor who lost her battle in 1995. Under his leadership, the foundation has provided over \$1 million to women in metropolitan St. Louis and beyond, and now includes the free Survivor Breakfast; the Tour de Judy (outdoor bicycling); the Tour de Judy, Jr.; a kids' street sprint; Judy Night at Busch Stadium; *Riverfront Times*' Restaurant Affair; the Chanel Women of Influence event; and the Dinner, Auction and Dance (D.A.D.), an event that honors Katz's father, who also died of cancer.

Recently, Katz formed The Whole Enchilada Reveladores, L.L.C., where he is the area co-owner and development partner for La Salsa Fresh Mexican Grill.

In 2002, *St. Louis Business Journal* named Katz as one of its "40 under 40." In 1995, *St. Louis Magazine* named him as one of "10 St. Louisans who are changing the world."

Katz earned his B.A. in economics at the University of Missouri-Columbia ('85) and his J.D. at the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis ('88). He serves on the board of the St. Louis Men's Group Against Cancer and as an advisor to several local nonprofit groups.

Katz's greatest ongoing happiness is his son, Zak (North '08).



Susan Lordi Marker

Weber • Fern Ridge • Central Junior
Central High ('72)

Susan Lordi Marker is known for her innovative art that is exhibited and published internationally.

Her work has won awards in the United States and abroad. In 2000, she was selected as one of ten U.S. artists featured in the book *Art Textiles of the World: USA*, and a monograph of her work was recently published in the *Portfolio Collection* by Telos Art Publishing.

Responding to an opportunity to design for the commercial gift industry seven years ago, Lordi Marker developed a line of figurative sculpture called Willow Tree®. She wanted to create a unique, pure form with no extraneous detail, from which emotion is communicated through gesture only. She sculpts each original figure, which is then cast, hand-painted and distributed worldwide. She created specific cause-related figures for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, where she and her husband, Dennis, have established a scholarship endowment for oncology nurses.

Willow Tree® has become a successful gift line in this country and internationally. Its proceeds have allowed the Markers to support many organizations aligned with their interests in the arts. The Kansas City Ballet, The Performing Arts Center, experimental urban theatre and Kansas City Art Institute students are just a few of the groups who have benefited from their sponsorship.

At Parkway Central, Lordi Marker remembers the strong performing arts department. "Even though I couldn't act or sing," she says, "I liked being around the creative energy. Just being in that environment would inspire me to draw, paint or create something in a visual way. It is this integration of the arts which I so strongly believe in - one discipline feeds the others. This is why I want to support the cultural, visual and performing arts in my community."

Lordi Marker earned her B.S., *cum laude*, at the University of Missouri-Columbia ('76). After receiving an M.F.A., with honors, from the University of Kansas in 1993, she taught art and design at the university level while exhibiting her art textiles in curated museum shows and traveling exhibitions.

Lordi Marker was recently honored with a Distinguished Merit Award from the University of Missouri Alumni Association. The award affirms her talent that spans the distance between one-of-a-kind fine art and mass-produced products for the commercial market, as well as the policy she has of sharing her time and resources for the benefit of many individuals and organizations.

Lordi Marker and her husband live in Kansas City, Mo., where she has a studio in the Crossroads Arts District. They have two grown children, Sara and David.





Kevin Lee Milligan

Mason Ridge • Central & South Junior
West High ('73)

Known for his *plein air* paintings of the Golden State, Kevin Milligan is the owner of Coastside Gallery and Graphics (coastsidegallery.com) in Mendocino, Cal. Since 1981, he has painted cityscapes of Oakland and San Francisco, panoramas of East Bay vistas, coastal locales from Half Moon Bay to Carmel, the rugged North Coast from Mendocino to the Golden Gate, and the vineyards and farms of interior California.

Guy Milligan, Kevin's father, greatly influenced his career. While living on Mason Ridge Rd. in the late 60s and early 70s, Guy and Kevin painted the forests, fields and farms together. This prepared him for training at the Kansas City Art Institute.



The Presbyterian Church

Milligan's works have been exhibited in Italy, New York, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Kansas and California. In particular, "Oakland Vista with the San Francisco Bay" was selected by *The New York Times* critic David Shirey for the 49th Annual Butler Mid-Year Exhibition of American Art. In 1998, Smithsonian Curator Susan Lawson-Bell honored him with a national award for his painting in the Hilton Head Art League National Exhibition. In 2005, he was invited to show in the Landscape Interpretations Exhibition at the Grace Hudson Museum with paintings by Albert Bierdstadt, William Keith and others.

The book, *Mendocino: A Painted Pictorial*, features more than 70 of his evocative paintings that depict the historic seaside village. The accompanying narrative illuminates the history of the Chinese, Portuguese and others who migrated from New England. Because the book is a significant contribution to American history and culture, it has been selected for inclusion in the Smithsonian Library. He is working on a second book, *Big Sur to Mendocino: A Painted Pictorial*.

Prior to opening his gallery, Milligan taught painting and drawing at the Palo Alto Cultural Center (92-96), the University of California Berkeley Extension Program (92-98) and the California College of Arts & Crafts Extension Program (97-98).

When Milligan isn't holding an artist's brush, he's most likely holding a tennis racket. A USPTA Level One tennis instructor, he was the coach for the women's team at California State University - Hayward (85-92). His teams produced five consecutive winning seasons, including three top 20 Division II national rankings. For the past 23 years, he and his twin brother, Kris, have directed the Milligan Tennis Camp at Cal State East Bay.

He resides with the love of his life, Patricia Dillon, at their gallery/loft in Mendocino.



Martin Perry, Ph.D., J.D.

Central Junior • Central High ('68)

As an economist and lawyer, Martin Perry has built a career of research, teaching, and consulting on the economic impact of mergers and distribution practices by corporations.

A professor of economics at Rutgers University, Perry has consulted on competition policy for the Department of Justice (DOJ), the State of New Jersey and various private parties. He has advised the Antitrust Division of the DOJ on various industrial product mergers.



In 2004, Perry took a leave from Rutgers to serve as the Chief Economist at the Federal Communications Commission. While there, he worked on the economic analysis of mergers in the wireless industry, particularly the acquisition of AWE by Cingular. He also worked on issues of media concentration and joint ownership.

For the State of New Jersey, Perry has worked for the Division of Gaming Enforcement to evaluate competition among the casino resorts in Atlantic City. His reports have documented the effects of reduced competition after several mergers among the casinos during 1998-2004.

Perry also has consulted for distributor groups who have challenged restrictive market practices by manufacturers of durable goods. For example, a variety of manufacturers of equipment have attempted to restrict the ability of independent service organizations to provide maintenance and repair on their equipment.

In the early 1980s at Bell Laboratories, Perry published research on vertical integration. In January 1984, when the local Bell Companies were divested from AT&T, he moved to Bell Communications Research, a joint venture of the seven regional Bell Companies. He published research on the competitive implications of distribution practices such as resale price maintenance. He also served on various internal task forces.

Since joining Rutgers in 1989, he has served two terms as Chair of the Department of Economics (92-95, 98-00). During the 1990s, he recruited one-third of the current faculty members, raising the professional visibility of the department. His research during this period focused on the exclusive dealing and merger policy. Since 1997, he has spent one or two months each summer visiting the Institute of Economic Analysis - one of Europe's premier research organizations for economics, located in Barcelona, Spain.

After earning his A.B. ('71) at the University of Missouri, Perry took his graduate studies to Stanford, earning his A.M. ('72) and Ph.D. ('76) in Economics at Stanford University. He later earned his J.D. ('84) at Rutgers Law School.



Valerie Ratts, M.D.

Craig • East Junior
West High ('79)

When Valerie Ratts decided that medicine was the right career for her, the fields of reproductive health and women's medicine were new on the horizon of medical research and appealed to her most. Ratt's clinical research interests have helped advance the field in treatment of infertility as she works at

Washington University School of Medicine as an associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. Today, Ratts and her research team are developing new therapies for women and girls with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), uterine fibroids and fertility issues as a result of impending cancer therapy.

Ratts earned her B.S. in biochemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ('83), where she received the Bronze Tablet Award, the highest award for academic excellence. At Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, she completed her medical degree ('87), her residency in Obstetrics-Gynecology ('91), and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology ('93).

Ratts has published extensively in the fields of reproductive endocrinology and infertility, including articles on treatment of PCOS - "Metformin increases the ovulatory rate and pregnancy rate from clomiphene citrate in PCOS patients resistant to clomiphene citrate alone" (Fertil Steril 2001, 75(2): 310-5) and "Risk of multiple gestations after ovulation induction in PCOS patients" (J Reprod Medicine, in press). She serves at the University in the training of medical students and residents by participating on the Medical School Admissions Committee, the Obstetrics-Gynecology Resident Education Committee, and as Master of the Cori Society. She lectures frequently regionally and nationally.

Ratts received the National Institute of Health, Reproductive Scientist Development Award in 1991. On multiple occasions since 1997, she has received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University. In 2000, she was the recipient of a Diabetes Research and Training Center Pilot and Feasibility Grant. She has been included in the listings of America's Top Doctors (Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., 2002- 2006), and The Best Doctors in America (Best Doctors, Inc., 2002-06).

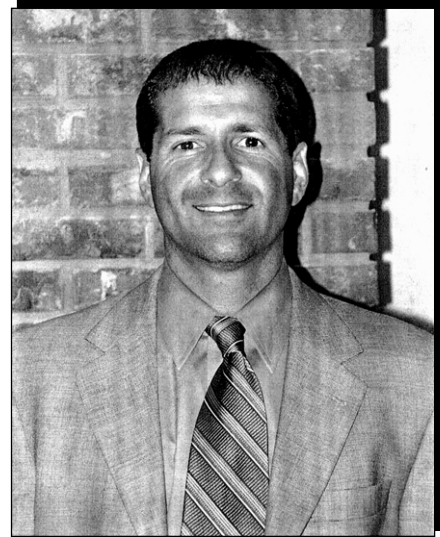
She and her husband, Matthew Gornet, M.D., have three children. They play hockey and attend St. Louis Blues games whenever they can. Her other loves are music and dance.

"I am truly grateful for a superior education in the Parkway district," says Ratts. "The teacher who had the greatest impact on me was Robert Buss in Honors Calculus. He made math fun. His discussions of mathematicians versus poets at the annual softball game still echo today in my head."



Joel Shanker

Bellerive • Central Junior
Central High ('90)



Joel Shanker has lived his dream.

With aspirations to become a professional soccer player as early as elementary school, the former Parkway Central Colts athlete has been called the most talented soccer player to wear the team's jersey, and still holds the high school's record for most points in a season (36).

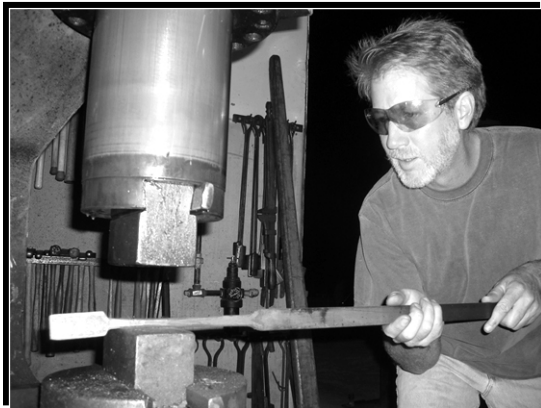
With a scholarship to the University of Indiana, Shanker played for the Hoosiers in one NCAA championship game and in two NCAA Final Four games.

After graduating from the University of Indiana, Shanker's dream became a reality. Although he was drafted to the newly organized MLS (Major League Soccer) by the Colorado Rapids, he found his niche in the indoor game. He played for the St. Louis Ambush for three seasons and then the Detroit Neon and Rockers. He is recorded in record books as having scored the first goal in the Major Indoor Soccer League history (October, 2001-02 season).

The Philadelphia Kixx was Shanker's home for five years. He was an integral part of the 2001 MISL National Championship team and was selected for three consecutive seasons to the MISL All-Star team, being recognized as the Most Valuable Player in the 2002 season. One of the many highlights of his career was being chosen as one of a 12-man team to represent the USA on the US National Futsal Team in Taipei, Taiwan, in 2004. He has the distinction of being the second leading scorer for the US National Team and the ninth leading scorer in US history. His latest honor was being selected to the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame at a gala ceremony in December 2005.

As competitive, tenacious and demonstrative as Shanker is on the field, he is the opposite off the field. His humble and unassuming ways have been evident in his commitment to community service, charitable organizations and working with young people. Throughout his professional career, he has visited many schools, giving presentations on goal setting, believing in yourself and the importance of staying in school. He has spoken at DARE graduations, school assemblies and charitable functions in hopes of helping children follow their dreams. He has given countless clinics to help kids understand the fundamentals of soccer, as well as what they can accomplish with hard work. He can be found selling the shirt off his back to help raise funds for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, or visiting sick children in hospitals.

Now retired from professional soccer, Shanker is back in St. Louis working as an account executive for SouthStar Funding, providing wholesale finance to the residential mortgage industry.



Richard E. Smith

West High ('78)

An accomplished artist with both professional and academic accolades to his credit, Rick Smith is an associate professor specializing in blacksmithing and forge welding techniques at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, the only program of its kind in the country.



Smith has been a practicing blacksmith and sculptor for over 20 years. His work has been shown both nationally and internationally in over 72 exhibitions, including "Material and Space" (National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis, Tenn.); "Forging Ahead: Contemporary American Blacksmiths" (Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft in Louisville); "Philadelphia Craft Show" (Philadelphia); "Smithsonian Craft Show" (Washington, D.C.), and "Eight from Penland" (Asheville, N.C.). He also has pieces in the permanent collections of several museums, including the Arkansas Arts Center at the Decorative Arts Center (Little Rock), The Mint Museum of Craft and Design (Charlotte, N.C.), and the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Smith's work also has been featured in five books and many magazines, including *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Southern Living*, *American Craft*, *Anvil's Ring* and *Metalsmith*. In 2002, he was a historical consultant on the History Channel's "Modern Marvels."

Smith received his M.F.A. in metalsmithing at SIU-Carbondale ('92). While in the program he participated in an exchange program in Surrey, England. His B.F.A. in sculpture, metals and jewelry was earned at Southwest Missouri State University.

Prior to accepting his current position at SIUC, he taught a blacksmithing course at Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I.; the Penland School of Crafts in Penland, N.C.; the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine, and at the Appalachian Center for Crafts in Smithville, Tenn.

During the past few years he has applied for and received numerous research grants for the university, including a \$1 million private foundation grant for an endowed chairmanship at SIUC. He has been the recipient of two Fellowship Awards from the Illinois Arts Council.

An amazing artist who describes his work as "a direct reflection of strong visual observations and experiences," Smith is a frequent lecturer and visiting artist in schools across the nation.



Douglas M. Towns, J.D.

South Junior • South High ('85)

As partner at the firm of Jones Day, L.L.P., in Atlanta, Doug Towns has represented individuals, unions and companies in areas that include civil rights, age discrimination, disability discrimination, family and medical leave, wrongful discharge, and contracts and claims.

Additionally, he has inserted his valuable legal expertise on employment law into nearly 40 published legal articles (i.e., "You've Got Mail-And a Harassment Lawsuit," 10 HR Advisor 5) and hundreds of presentations on employment law for

groups in the education, business and legal sectors. Many organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Council on Education in Management, GigaLaw.com, and the Society of Human Resources Management, have benefitted from Towns' professional services contributions.

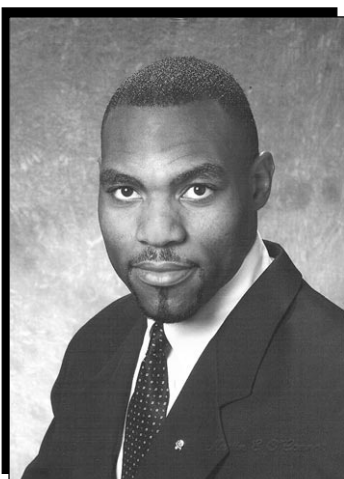
As someone who possesses an abiding commitment to his community and to people in disadvantaged situations, Towns has been both *pro bono* legal counsel and a private pilot for Angel Flight of Georgia since 2000. Angel Flight is a nonprofit organization whose pilots provide free air transportation to patients in need of lifesaving treatment at distant medical facilities. Also, during Hurricane Katrina, he transported food, supplies and medical personnel to dozens of small towns in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Towns provides volunteer manpower and *pro bono* legal counsel for many other groups as well, including the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer's Foundation, TEAM Georgia (an organization which works to prevent alcohol-related incidents on Georgia's highways and waterways through promotional activities at high schools, sporting events and other venues) and the Special Education Advocacy Project (a Jones Day program which provides *pro bono* services to special needs children from low income families). Due to his efforts to organize and implement the Special Needs Advocacy Project, the firm received the Wm. B. Spann, Jr., Award from the State Bar of Georgia last year. Since 2002, he has served on the board of directors for the PDK Park Restoration Project, a group dedicated to constructing Georgia's first aviation park.

Towns earned his undergraduate degree at Emory University (Phi Beta Kappa, B.A. '89) and his graduate degree at the University of Virginia (Law Review; J.D. '92). He was later admitted to the Georgia Bar. Of his Parkway days, he credits debate coach and speech teacher Becky Pierce for providing the guidance and encouragement necessary for him to achieve his goals.

In 2006, Towns was selected to the current class of Leadership Atlanta - an organization dedicated to improving the Atlanta community. He is a Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia.





Kelvin Watson

South High ('90)

When he was a student at South High, Kelvin Watson was a catalyst for change—a quality that has remained with him throughout his career.

In 2004, Watson became associate director of corporate and educational sales for Borders Group, Inc. (BGI), nationwide, and is currently the associate director of business development, field sales and service. While improving sales and service, he also infused greater diversity into collections and what is offered to customers at the hundreds of Borders stores. For his impact within the industry, Watson was named one of “the most influential African Americans in book publishing today,” as described by Carolyn Hardnett Robinson in the Jan./Feb. 2006 edition of *Black Issues Book Review*.

Watson entered the book-publishing arena in 1997 at Ingram Book Group/Ingram Library Services, Inc. In seven years, Watson rose from a warehouse manager to National Director of Sales. Representing Ingram with the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Texas Library Association, and the American Library Association, he also changed the complexion of literature at the libraries, schools and organizations that he supplied. His personal knowledge allowed him to promote more diverse writers and titles for librarians, students and consumers. Several black writers have thanked Kelvin for helping them reach their audience.

Watson became an executive board member of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association in June 2006. He also is a participant in the Association of Research Libraries Initiative to Recruit A Diverse Workforce Program (2004-06) and has been selected as an American Library Association Spectrum Scholar (2006).

His prominence as a mover and shaker in the publishing world began taking shape in Parkway. At South High in 1989, Watson and several peers organized the Black Cultural Association—the school’s first club devoted to exploring racial awareness. Chosen as the first sergeant at arms, he guided the organization away from conflict and toward communication. He also was a 1989 Missouri Student Leadership participant and played football all four years at South.

At Lincoln University ('94), Watson earned a B.S. degree in business administration, a minor in military science, and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He is currently working toward a master’s degree in library science at North Carolina Central University. He was featured in April 2003’s *Who’s Who in the Literary Society*, and received the 2005 Borders Core Values Award for excellence in performance.

Watson, his wife and two daughters reside in Ypsilanti, Mich.

David G. Wilkinson, MSgt

Central Junior • Central High ('80)



The aircraft that MSgt (Ret) David Wilkinson used to board were the kind that most people only dream about.

As a Senior Communications Operator and a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force, Wilkinson was responsible for ensuring that national leaders such as the president and vice president, the Cabinet, members of Congress and foreign dignitaries were given the highest level of secure communication anywhere in the world. When he concluded his 24-year military career at the end of 2004, he was one of only 50 airmen out of roughly 300,000 to perform this duty.

Highly respected throughout the Air Force and commercial industry, Wilkinson was responsible for the design, integration and acquisition of a \$42.3 million aircraft communications system for the Distinguished Visitor Fleet at Andrews Air Force Base. These Boeing aircraft, better known as Air Force One and Air Force Two, were used to transport the president and vice president and contained sophisticated, state-of-the-art communications equipment.

Some of the more memorable trips he made aboard these planes include one with First Lady Hillary Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to London for the funeral of Princess Diana, and another to Mother Teresa's 1997 state funeral in Calcutta. He also traveled to 11 middle-eastern countries in three days during 1999 with Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

Wilkinson is a veteran of two presidential campaigns, flying 107 vice-presidential missions to numerous states throughout the country. He flew with President Bush to New York City and Pennsylvania for memorial services on the first anniversary of 9/11. He also served in a deployment to Qatar during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he flew 17 combat missions with the U.S. Central Command's Combatant Commanders, Generals Franks and Abazaid.

Wilkinson was awarded the USO Air Force Hero of the Year ('03) and the Andrews AFB and Air Mobility Command's Instructor/Evaluator of the Year ('01). He also has received four Air Force Meritorious Service medals, five Air Force Commendation medals, two Air Force Air medals, three Air Force Aerial Achievement medals, and a Humanitarian Medal. The Air Force also honored him in 2000 for his courage and initiative in saving the life of a car accident victim, who was trapped under a vehicle.

As a civilian, Wilkinson remains a leader in the field of engineering communications systems. He currently works as a senior business consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in northern Virginia. He recently earned his B.S. in Management at National-Louis University ('05).

He and his wife have three girls in college and a teenage boy in middle school, and live in Virginia.



Kathy (Higdon) Wilson

Central High ('69)

There was a time in the 1980s when President Ronald Reagan knew Kathy Wilson by name.

While attending the Republican National Convention, Wilson sported a "pro-choice" button and wasn't shy about expounding her beliefs to the press about her support of the Equal Rights Amendment. Her voice was noted because she was chairperson of the National Women's Political Caucus, an organization devoted to women's issues and a force behind the feminist movement, which wasn't always in step with the nation's lawmakers.

She was named as one of "America's 100 Most Important Women" by *Ladies Home Journal*. In 1985, she was honored by *Washington Magazine* as one of "Washington's Most Influential People." In 1989, she hosted "The Kathy Wilson Show," a Lifetime Channel television pilot which examined relationships between men and women in a witty, stimulating way.

When she left the political scene to raise her two children, Wilson didn't sit quietly at home. Instead, armed with B.S. and M.S. degrees in education/special education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, she plowed all the energy that drove her political career into what she had decided was her true calling: early childhood education. From 1991-1993, she taught at the Resurrection Children's Center and concurrently served as the model teacher for the Danny Chitwood Early Learning Institute, where she implemented the new high-scope developmental methods. In 1993, she became the director of Abracadabra, a children's preschool in Alexandria, Va., which became a demonstration preschool for the high-scope curriculum. She designed an outdoor classroom playground for the school that was comprised of seven zones of learning. She held the position from 1993 until her sudden death from a heart attack in September 2005.

Vibrant, quick-witted, irreverent, and well-read, Wilson wrote several op-ed pieces for newspapers that included the *LA Times* and *USA Today* on topics ranging from childcare legislation to women and the presidency. She also served a term as president of the Early Childhood Education Directors Association of Alexandria, was active with the Alexandria Early Childhood Commission, and was the president of Children Together.

The child of a Navy pilot and a homemaker, Wilson found a place to be herself and bloom in Parkway. "She was not only welcomed there, but embraced," says her husband, Paul Wilson. "The friendships lasted a lifetime and had a profound, positive impact on her success in life."

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