

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

PARKWAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## PAA Night on the Ice



We're back to cheer on the Blues! Enjoy a discounted ticket to see the St. Louis Blues take on the Calgary Flames on January 27 at 7:00 pm, while raising money for the Parkway Alumni Association!

For every ticket purchased through this offer, \$8 will be donated back to the Parkway Alumni Association!

[Purchase Tickets to the Game Today](#)

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

JOIN THE FUN!  
**VIRTUAL  
TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

### Virtual Trivia

Make plans to join us online for our 2022 Parkway Virtual Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. Anyone with online access can participate, so get your far-flung friends and family to join you online for this fun event. **Early Bird Rate** (good through the end of 2021): Tables of 8 are \$160; mulligans (6) are \$20. Be one of our event sponsors and get your name/logo on screens while players contemplate their answers. Proceeds will benefit PAA programs that include Granting Dreams for Parkway students and recognition for exceptional teachers and operations staff. [Purchase tickets or become a sponsor here.](#)



# ALL ALUMNI NETWORKING NIGHTS



## Networking Night

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for an all-alumni networking event. Hear from alums about their current work and meet other Parkway alumni in our community. The next meeting is set for January 11th. To attend, email [parkwayalumni@parkwayschools.net](mailto:parkwayalumni@parkwayschools.net) to be added to the meeting invite list.



# Hall of Fame

## Parkway Alumni Association Hall of Fame Nominations

The Parkway Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2022 Parkway Alumni Association Hall of Fame class. Parkway graduates chosen for the Parkway Hall of Fame are those who have made a noteworthy impact on the lives of others through their work in their respective career fields or through their unique contributions to their community. Please provide details of the nominee's accomplishments that qualify this individual for Parkway Hall of Fame distinction by addressing the topics listed below. Including a letter of recommendation that makes this person a compelling nominee is encouraged. Letters and additional supporting information will need to be submitted separately by emailing them to Sandy Riutcel, PAA executive director, at [sriutcel@parkwayschools.net](mailto:sriutcel@parkwayschools.net). [Online submissions can be completed here.](#)

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## What's Happening at Your School?

# Parkway Alumni Granting Dreams

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

## Granting Dreams Applications Now Open!

The Granting Dreams application is officially open and ends on Monday, Feb. 14, at 11:59 p.m. thanks to your generous support! The Granting Dreams program offers three grant opportunities for Parkway students who have a dream to learn outside their regular classroom: Dream Grants for Parkway K-12 students, Thomas Phelps Entrepreneurship Awards for students (grades 9-12) interested in business, and John Baker Music Scholar Awards for band students (grades 10-11). We are looking forward to seeing the applicant's dreams come true this year!



## Esstman Grant Recipients

Six teachers have been awarded [Parkway Alumni Association](#) Esstman Grants to enrich educational experiences for students. Highlighting one, Kim Bihr, Oak Brook reading specialist, purchased a stationary bike students can pedal while reading, listening or completing assignments!



## Remembering Coach John Schnell

It is with great sadness we share that Coach John Schnell passed away at the age of 97. Coach was one of the original teachers when the Parkway School District was formed. He was the head coach for football and golf, and taught history and driver's education. When asked what his favorite sports team was, he always answered with a proud "the Parkway Colts". He was a loyal Colts fan up until his death. Click [here](#) to read the wonderful memories that were posted about Coach.



## Parkway Receives National Tennis Award

The [United States Tennis Association - USTA \(Official\)](#) awarded Parkway the 2021 St. Louis District Member Organization of the Year. USTA put us above all other organizations for our support and success of our junior programs, providing tennis courts for USTA St. Louis Adult Leagues, and our community outreach promoting the sport of tennis with free use of our facilities.

Superintendent Dr. Keith Marty and Mike Roth-Director of Activities and Athletics, accepted the award on Parkway's behalf.



# ALL-STATE CHOIR MEMBERS



**DIANA  
KHARITON**  
Alto • North High



**MADDIE  
HEWGLEY**  
Alto • Central High



**ANDREW  
GWIN**  
Tenor • West High



**AIDAN  
CHASTAIN**  
Bass • South High



**BRENNA  
MCLAIN**  
Soprano • Central High



**SAMANTHA  
MALT**  
Soprano • Central High



**CARLEE  
STRAUSS**  
Alto • West High



**TED  
HERRELL**  
Tenor • Central High



**PARKER  
COLE**  
Bass • North High



**EDDEN  
ROSENBERG**  
Bass • Central High



**SARAH  
MOLL**  
Soprano • Central High



## Missouri All-State Choir

Earlier this month, our high school students accounted for 11 of the 24 Missouri All-State Choir slots during the St. Louis All-Suburban Choir performance!

In addition, Parkway fielded 68 members of the mixed honor choir and 13 in the treble choir.

## Alumni Highlights



## Claudia Cooke Named NCAA Division III National Player of the Week

Congratulations to Central High alum Claudia Cooke on being named NCAA Division III National Player of the Week by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

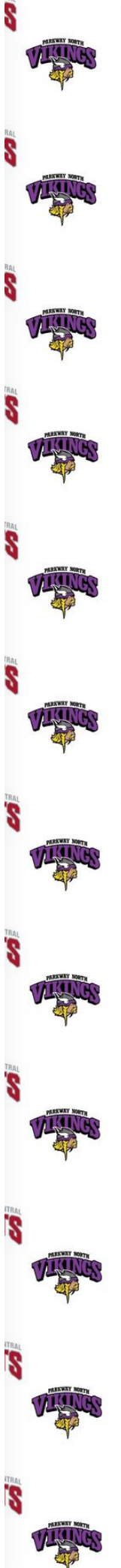
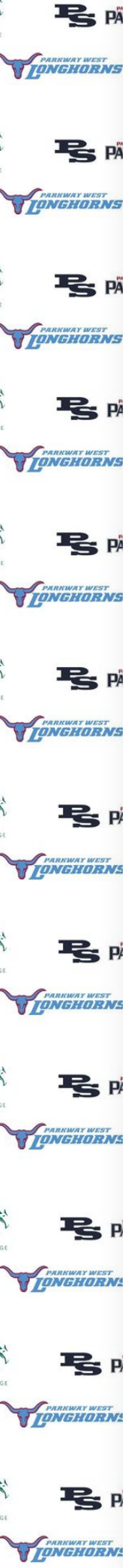
Cooke's award was based on her play in the pair of weekend wins over Muskingum University and Earlham College. In those games, Cooke piled up combined statistics that included 37 points, 26 rebounds, seven blocks, two steals and six assists. She recorded double-doubles in each game and shot a combined 68.0 percent (17-of-25) from the field.



## West Grad Receives Prestigious Marshall Scholarship

Parkway West grad and now Senior at Washington University, Abdullah Kuziez, 21, has received the prestigious Marshall Scholarship, which provides American students the opportunity to earn an advanced degree in the United Kingdom. Kuziez plans to earn a master's degree in biomedical engineering at the University of Oxford as part of his ongoing search for cancer treatments that are both effective and accessible.

<http://ow.ly/3Cza50HaUQn>





## USS Oakland Under Command of West Grad

A 1999 Parkway West High School graduate is now the commanding officer of USS Oakland (LCS 24) Blue Crew.

Cmdr. Derek C. Jaskowiak officially took over during a change of command ceremony on December 3.

The USS Oakland is an Independence-variant littoral combat ship. It is designed to operate in near-shore environments, winning against 21st-century coastal threats. It is also capable of "supporting forward presence, maritime security, sea control, and deterrence. <http://ow.ly/He0G50HaWtm>



## Adonica Coleman's - PN'91 Event Business Takes Flight

Columbia-based A2D Events was established in 2011. The company specializes in corporate, fundraising and community events. Tune in to hear A2D Events owner Adonica Coleman's - PN'91 story and so much more! >> <http://ow.ly/Pq7F50HaUZz>



## Missouri Family Physician of the Year Names Central Grad

**David A. Miller, MD (Central '79)** was honored with the 2021 Missouri Family Physician of the Year Award by the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians during their 73rd Annual Meeting held November 12-13, 2021, at Big Cedar Lodge near Branson, Missouri. The award honored his, more than, 30 years of practicing family medicine in the greater St. Louis area – including solo practice, group practice, urgent care medicine, volunteering at a free clinic, service to multiple organizations and boards, and teaching medical students and residents.



## Pierson Represents The Greater St. Mark Community Empowerment Foundation

The Greater St. Mark (GSM) Community Empowerment Foundation will host its second annual Mix, Mingle and Mentor Luncheon at 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 20, at St. Louis Community College Florissant Valley. Former state Rep. Tommie Pierson Jr (PN-'91) said the event's goal is to inspire and support recent high school graduates and college students from throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. "I recall being a college student and wishing I had access to more mentors with whom to connect and seek guidance," Pierson said. "I realize that high school graduates need that extra support and positive network." <http://ow.ly/J9Jc50HcwiG>

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## The Info You Don't Want to Miss



## Class Reunions

Many grads are putting together class reunions for this fall and next spring. Don't miss your opportunity to share in the memories and build the future. [Find your class reunion information or start planning one!](#)



## Class Memorial

Parkway Alumni Association extends condolences to family and friends of the following Parkway alumni and staff. [CLICK HERE to read more.](#)



## Class Notes

Find out where Parkway grads are making their mark in the world. [See our latest class notes here.](#)



## Connect with your School

We exist to encourage communication among alumni and foster programs which serve and support the Parkway community.



[Website >](#)

