

Parkway Alumni News

for Graduates & Friends of Parkway School District

Golfers enjoy sunny November day at PGT20



Parkway Alumni Association netted \$10K for Granting Dreams and other programs at the Parkway Golf Tournament on Nov. 7 at Forest Park! Thanks to **Trane, Midwest Services Group** and **Automotive Controls Equipment Sales** for their substantial support, as well as the many hole sponsors, prize donors and volunteers who made the event fun for everyone.

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Class of '20 gets heartfelt send-off from donors

Alumni and other generous donors to the PAA gave Parkway's Class of 2020 a memorable gift for graduation!

Because public health guidelines in St. Louis County forced the cancelation of many events this spring and summer, graduation ceremonies were held online in early August. This event was just one of many traditions that senior students had to forgo during the pandemic.

But donors stepped up to make their graduation a bit more special. With the **\$4,200** donated for Senior Project 2020, the PAA purchased virtual memory books and rented billboards to celebrate seniors at each high school. These projects reassured seniors their graduation and the friendships they made in Parkway were all things to celebrate! Both parents and students responded to the PAA with notes of appreciation for the great memories.

Parkway Alumni Association thanks these donors who helped us fulfill the goals of this campaign!

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USPS delivers Granting Dreams award checks

In May, 240 Parkway students got a surprise in their mailbox! These students had submitted grant applications for extracurricular learning opportunities through the PAA's Granting Dreams program. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented the PAA from holding an awards event at the end of the last school year. After many camps and learning opportunities were cancelled, students got creative about using their grant money.

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Class Notes

Juan Taylor [PNH '19] is a young chef with pro skills and a big heart. Read more about his new business and how he's helping his community during the public health crisis in our monthly Class Notes! To submit information about yourself or a classmate, [please use our Google form](#).

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Courtney B. Surmaj [PSH '04]



Kennedy Brown [PSH '15]

Board welcomes PSH grads, new executive officers

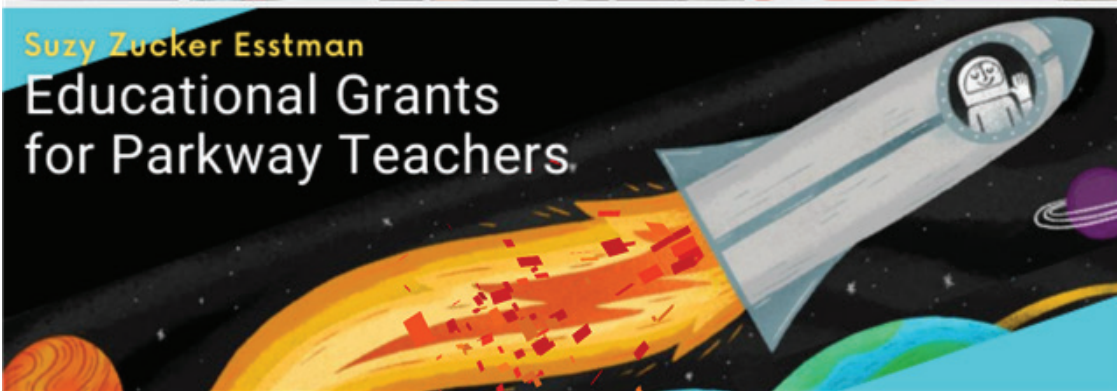
Courtney B. Surmaj [PSH '04] and **Kennedy Brown [PSH '15]** were recently installed as directors on the board. Surmaj is a senior wine advisor at Wines for Humanity in Ballwin, Missouri. Brown is the program director for A.R.C., a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing youth suicide through education and awareness.

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The Parkway Alumni Association sends warm wishes to you this Thanksgiving! We are thankful for people like you who help us provide extracurricular learning opportunities for students, recognition for exceptional educators and support staff, and channels for alumni to reconnect in meaningful ways.





Esstmans create memorial fund for education grants

The family of **Suzy Zucker Esstman [PNH '81, HOF '08]** recently established a memorial fund in her memory with the PAA. Before her death in 2007, Esstman was a sales professional for Proctor & Gamble, Parkway volunteer, parent and a catalyst for improvement in her community. The Esstman fund will provide grants to Parkway teachers for projects with an educational purpose up to \$500.

Congratulations to our 2020 recipients (left to right in photo): Jeneine Welch, Alex Spellicy, **Wendy Freebersyser [PNH '88]**, **Carol Ostrowski Lena [PSH '94]**, Jane Baumgartner and **Isabel Mosley [PCH '16]**!

EVENTS



Make plans to join us online for our 2021 Parkway Virtual Trivia Night! Get your virtual trivia teams together for an evening of fun on **Saturday, Feb. 27**. Plans are in the works to offer a party box of libations, snacks and funny props at a reasonable price for local participants. Proceeds will benefit PAA programs that include Granting Dreams for Parkway students and recognition for exceptional teachers and operations staff. **Check out the event details at [ParkwayAlumni.org](https://www.parkwayalumni.org).**



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Thanks to Trane for being a Title Sponsor of our programs in 2020-21! Their support will help us fund more STEM grants to students through Granting Dreams. Trane is the company behind the geothermal energy project at PSH.



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ACES was a Condor-level sponsor for the 2020 Parkway Golf Tournament! This company has sponsored our events for many years. Thank you, ACES!



Waterway Carwash generously sponsored our Teacher Appreciation Week campaign and the 2020 Parkway Golf Tournament! The PAA raised \$5,280 for teacher programs by selling Waterway car wash gift certificates. Thanks, Waterway!



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