
Rhodes Alumni Association

Newsletter



SUMMER 2008 ISSUE

DAY OF TERROR

(Article written by current Rhodes student)

September 11th is our country's saddest day in history—2,974 of our fellow Americans died. Four hundred of these Americans were rescue workers trying to aid people in their escape from the Twin Towers. More than three hundred of the rescue workers were firefighters that died when the buildings collapsed. Out of the 2,974 people who died from the terrorist attacks, 2,750 people died in New York City alone. But, the most controversial event of that day was Flight 93 because of the passenger's valiant struggle to take back the plane.

To this day, some people say that they are growing tired of hearing about the attacks of September 11th, but what they probably don't fully realize is that the United States will never again be the same after this horrific attack on our soil. The reason why we are made to remember it is to raise our morale, to remember our resolve, and to stop terrorists from doing any more harm to the people of the United States of America.

That day, I was there in New York City, witnessing the horrific events that happened that morning. I was on my Bronx apartment rooftop playing my Game Boy when I heard the first plane colliding with one of the World Trade Center's towers. I jumped up and looked around to see what made that sound. There in the distance, I saw the huge fireball coming out of the north tower. My thought at that moment was, "What kind of idiot flies a plane into one of the biggest buildings in the world?" I hope nothing like that ever happens again.

Many people were helpless in those two attacks, as I watched the never-ending suffering of those who died on the news. People think this is an easy thing to forget, but it is not. I can't look at an airplane and not remember that day. It always flashes back in my memory.

My question to our government is, why did we not react to the attacks of September 11th as quickly as we could have?

I don't know how we let this happen; I just hope that it will never happen again. Many people lost their lives on that day and this is something serious. I give my heartfelt condolences to the people who lost someone in the 9/11 attacks.



-article taken from The New Review—by Jonnatan Sanchez—staff writer

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Rhodes Track Team News

The Rhodes' girls' track team, led by Mahogany Jones, finished as runner-up in the city to perennial state power Collinwood. Mahogany set a meet and school record by winning the 400 meters in 56.4 seconds. Jones also won the 100 and the 200 meter. She was on the 4x100 team that took second. For her efforts, Jones was named the MVP. Chevi DeJesus took second in the 100 meter low hurdles and the discus, and third in the shot. The boys took fourth at the Jesse Owens Invitational. Gaston Hayes won the city championship in the discus, throwing 147 feet, 6 inches which turned out to be the fourth best throw in the history of the school. Terence Owens had a personal best in both the 110—meter high and 300 meter intermediate hurdles. He finished second in the 110 meter and third in the

James Ford Rhodes High School 2008 Varsity Football Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Home</u> | <u>Visitor</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Friday 8/22/08 | 7:30PM | RHODES | Brooklyn | Brooklyn |
| Friday 8/29/08 | 7:00PM | Cuyahoga Hts. | RHODES | Cuyahoga Hts. |
| Saturday 9/6/08 | 1:00PM | St. Peter Chanel | RHODES | RHODES |
| Friday 9/12/08 | 3:00PM | RHODES | Lincoln West | RHODES |
| Friday 9/19/08 | 3:00PM | John Adams | RHODES | J.F. Kennedy |
| Friday 9/26/08 | 3:00PM | RHODES | East Tech | RHODES |
| Friday 10/3/08 | 3:00PM | J.F. Kennedy | RHODES | J.F. Kennedy |
| Thursday 10/9/08 | 3:00PM | South | RHODES | J.F. Kennedy |
| Friday 10/17/08 | 3:00PM | RHODES *Homecoming* | East | RHODES |
| Friday 10/24/08 | 7:00PM | Collinwood | RHODES | Collinwood |

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!

The class of 2008 will be represented in high fashion by Mr. Jordon Davila and Ms. Cassandra Smithhisler.

Following are the two students chosen by teacher, Audrey Schneider, to each receive a \$500.00 Alumni Association scholarship.

Jordon Davila will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall. He has been an active member of the James Ford Rhodes National Honor Society for the past two years and also a participant in the Young Scholars Program since eighth grade. Mr. Davila is a young man who is always willing to give a helping hand no matter the task.

Ms. Cassandra Smithhisler will be attending Cuyahoga Community College majoring in nursing. She has been an active member of the National Honor Society and was serving as the president during her senior year. Her dedication to community service and her leadership abilities are unparalleled by others



ALUMNI DONATION FOR GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

The Lady Rams softball team would like to say a great big "Thank You" to the Rhodes Alumni Association for their donation towards the girls new uniforms - which they wore during the 2008 season. Congratulations on a great season.



Check out web site:

www.jamesfordrhodes.org

Golf Outing

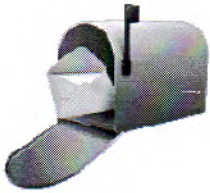
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL BE GETTING TOGETHER FOR A GOLF OUTING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 WITH A 12:30 START.

JOIN US—GET A FOURSOME TOGETHER!

THE OUTING WILL BE HELD AT BOB—O— LINKS GOLF COURSE IN AVON—OFF ROUTE 83.



FOR INFORMATION :
PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—440/526-8600
OR BRIAN BURKE—440/933-3124



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2008—2009

Dear Fellow Rhodian - by joining the Alumni Association or renewing your membership you will be providing a small (\$10.00 per year) but important contribution toward the fulfillment of the purpose of the Association. Our organization provides:

- Scholarship money for graduates
- Rewards for outstanding effort / success in school activities
- Improvement of equipment to aid students in academic and other school activities

As a member, you will be notified of the progress of the Association via newsletter.

Please make an effort to become a member and sustain it annually. We would appreciate you helping to keep Rhodes the best high school in the Cleveland District. Please make a commitment **now** to become a yearly member. Thank you.

Membership Committee

Bill Putich - '48 Frank Crisafi - '52
 Bill Loeb - '48 Dick Schnaterbeck - '52
 Kim Regan - '89

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_____ \$10 yearly membership dues
 _____ Donation for the New Review start up (Rhodes High School newspaper)
 _____ Donation for scholarship fund
 _____ Other Donation
 _____ Total

Please return this form with your check or money order, no cash please.
Your check amount is tax deductible (Alumni Assoc. is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization)

Make checks payable to: **Rhodes Alumni Association**

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Graduating Class (year) _____ January _____ June _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____
E-mail _____

In order for us to estimate funds available for disbursements for the student programs would you please **respond by October 15, 2008**. Our membership drive each year is August 31 – October 15. **Thank you!**

Please return in the enclosed envelope and thank you for your continuing support.

Mail to:

Rhodes Alumni Association
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A NEW APPROACH

The board of The Rhodes Alumni Association wishes to thank all of the alumni who have donated funds beyond their membership fees for "scholarships" and "The New Review". Our goal is to get enough donations to establish two small endowments for these two projects. At this time there are only two \$500.00 scholarships per year given to worthy students. We would like to increase the number of scholarships by the buildup of an endowment fund. Also, the fact that The New Review is one of the few things that touches every student at our high school is why we want to continue to help support it through a small endowment fund. You all know how important communication is.

Ideas to Boost Our Efforts

- Regular donations at membership renewal time, for either scholarship or "The New Review".
- Donation of appreciated stock (totally tax deductible since we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization)
example: if you bought stock for \$100.00 (long term—at least one year ago) and it is now worth \$500.00, if donated to the Alumni Association we will get \$500.00 and you can use the \$500.00 as a deductible item on your income tax.
- Or if you work for a company that matches your donations to a non-profit organization, your donation to the Alumni Association would double.

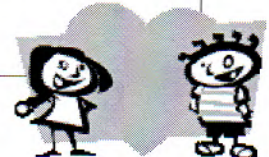
Please try to help us with this venture!

Thank you!

The Board of The Alumni Association



IF THERE WERE NO SCHOOLS TO TAKE THE CHILDREN AWAY FROM HOME PART OF THE TIME, THE INSANE ASYLUMS WOULD BE FILLED WITH MOTHERS.—EDGAR W. HOWE



Dr. Sanders and His Plans for New Security

A community forum took place on October 29, 2007. Dr. Eugene Sanders introduced Chevi DeJesus, Princess Agee, Brenna Jones, Joe Baz, Manny Candelaria, Mike Wilson Jr., and Leonard Wise as Rhodes students with a future.

Fifteen minutes late, this reporter arrived on the scene to reintroduce the CEO. He then continued with his speech, introducing his new ideas for a safer community. According to Dr. Sanders, Lincoln West and East Tech are the only two schools who are receiving the full array of metal detectors; otherwise, every other school will receive only one piece of hardware (a metal detector wand) for every five hundred students. Funding for this is to come from the State of Ohio with an estimated cost of 2.2 million dollars.

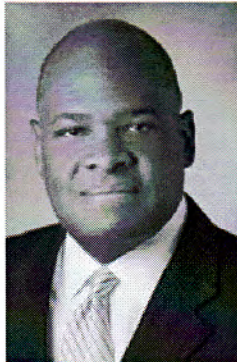
No matter what happened at Success Tech and how much security is being upgraded, Dr. Sanders says that the district is still focused on improving education.

The floor was then opened for questions and discussion for about an hour. Parents expressed their likes and dislikes regarding dress code, security, and communication. Several parents complained that there was a lack of communication in the school system which was why there was a lack of support at this meeting.

Parents at this community forum, along with faculty, expressed their immediate concerns about safety. One teacher explained that after school hours, many people walk into the school because the doors are left wide open. A parent also expressed her concerns that when she walked into a school building with her infant, security checked everything but the diaper bag and the carrier the baby was in. She states that if she hadn't offered to let them look through her things, they wouldn't have checked. She fears that with a disguise like that, anyone could get into a school building with anything.

As a result of this meeting, parents were able to voice their views and fears, allowing Dr. Sanders to take into account what will be needed to address them.

What will make these community forums more successful? The answer is that everyone needs to spread the word. So, be looking out for the next community forum meeting and be ready to attend. This gives us all a chance to make a statement about our learning environment.



-by Ashley Valezquez
staff writer for The New Review

CHILDREN SELDOM MISQUOTE, IN FACT THEY USUALLY REPORT WORD FOR WORD WHAT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID.

JAMES FORD RHODES HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

The James Ford Rhodes High School Alumni Association invites you to nominate a candidate for the JFRHS Hall of Fame. The purpose of this award is to:

- Honor those graduates who have distinguished themselves through personal development, community service and vocational accomplishment.
- Recognize former James Ford Rhodes High School faculty members who have exemplified the true meaning of teaching by their dedication and devotion to the students of James Ford Rhodes High School.

Nominees must be graduates or teachers of James Ford Rhodes High School. Graduates must have graduated at least 10 years prior to being nominated. The Rhodes Alumni Association's selection committee will consider all post high school achievements and activities in conducting the selection process. Faculty members nominated must not be current JFRHS faculty.

Please complete the following information for review by the selection committee. You may print or type this information, although typing is preferred. **Please return this form and all supporting documentation and information to the committee. Thank you.**

Please address the following concerns:

- Personal Development
- Community Involvement
- Vocational Achievement
- Achievement Recognition
- Social Impact

Return to:

JFRHS Alumni Association
Hall of Fame Committee
10165 Brecksville Rd.
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Nominee _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone# _____

Faculty Subject _____

Occupation _____

Nominated by _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please attach all pertinent information!

Please see enclosed 2008/2009 membership application and thanks for your support!



RHODES HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATION of the ARTS EVENING

On May 22nd some of the Alumni Association members were invited by Principal Diane Rollins, the staff and students to a Celebration of the Arts evening at Rhodes High School put on by the students and staff. The evening began at 5:00PM with a very nice buffet in the cafeteria followed by guided tours of the newly renovated James Ford Rhodes High School. Before and after dinner we were invited to view some of the students best visual arts. At 7:00 PM we attended a presentation by the students and staff showing off their musical, drama, and art accomplishments. The talents of the students involved in the arts is quite impressive and diverse. We all enjoyed the program and all the work it took to present it.

We were limited to a relatively small number of attendees due to space constraints, so we chose to invite the alumni members living in close proximity to the school. We wish everyone could have participated in this celebration. It was so nice to see how talented the students in the arts programs really are.



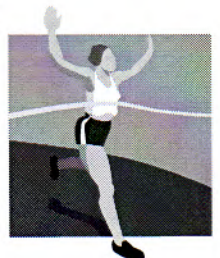
SPORTS NEWS

The Rhodes Rams Softball Team won the Senate Championship for the second straight year. The Lady Rams had an overall record of 13-7 and 11-0 in Conference Play. Sarah LiBran led the team as she earned back-to-back Most Valuable Player Awards and Coach Mary Tuma was also awarded the Coach of the Year Award for the second consecutive year. The Lady Rams look forward to another successful year in 2009. Sarah LiBran, Diamond Eck, Nicole Stiegelmeier and Brittany Lucas enter their senior year looking for continued success.

Our Men's Tennis team now in it's 4th year continues to grow under the leadership of Coach Libby Tompkins. This years team consisted of four seniors led by four-year letter winner William Detki and first year talent Cory Vonderau.

The 2008 Rhodes Baseball Team ended the regular season of play tied for first place with Lincoln West. Because Lincoln West had defeated Rhodes in the regular season, they were then seeded #1 in the Senate Playoffs. Rhodes went on to defeat John Marshall in the semi final play-off game, only to once again be defeated by Lincoln West in the championship game at Progressive Field. Senior, shortstop Andy Hawkins, earned individual honors as he was voted as the Senate League Most Valuable Player.

The James Ford Rhodes girls track & field team had a productive season for the year 2008. The girls placed second behind Collinwood High School in the Harrison Dillard Indoor Championship and won another second place at the Jesse Owens City Championship. Our top athlete was Mahogany Jones, winning all state honors in the state meet at Ohio State University this past June. Mahogany also competed in the National track meet in Raleigh, North Carolina—also in June. The girls' team had two seniors that will continue their track careers. Chevi Dejesus and Monique McMillan will become members of the women's track team at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio this fall.



sports news contributed by Cheri Dzuro, Athletic Director