
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



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SPRING 2020 ISSUE

THE HONORABLE JUDGE PAMELA ADDISON BARKER

The Honorable Judge Pamela Addison Barker of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, is a 1975 graduate of James F. Rhodes High School. Judge Barker graduated from Kenyon College in 1979, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, with Honors, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. She obtained her law degree from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1982, and then returned to the Cleveland area where she practiced law for 28 years. During eleven of those years, she also worked as a part-time Mayor's Court Magistrate and Juvenile Diversion Magistrate for the City of Brecksville. In September of 2011, Judge Barker won her election to retain her seat on that bench, and in 2014 she was re-elected for a six year term. As one of 34 judges on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Judge Barker presided over felony criminal cases and civil matters with no dollar limit.

In September of 2017, Senator Rob Portman, joined by Senator Sherrod Brown, Recommended that President Trump nominate Judge Barker for an open seat on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. President Trump formally nominated her on April 23, 2018 and after a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Judge Barker was confirmed by the Senate by a 91 to 5 vote in June of 2019. She has been serving in that capacity since then.



Judge Barker was inducted into the James F. Rhodes Hall of Fame in 2014. According to Judge Barker, it was such an honor for her. Judge Barker often states that she is a "proud product of the Cleveland public school system" and has a print of Rhodes High School proudly displayed in her office. Judge Barker and her husband of 36 years, Jeffery L. Barker, currently reside in Bay Village. They have two sons, Brandon and Jared, who live and work in the Cleveland area.

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of December 31, 2018 **\$ 63,123.28**

Receipts for 2019

Membership	\$ 1,120.00
Scholarship	\$ 3,862.00
Academic	\$ 1,162.00
Scholarship Reimbursed	\$ 500.00

Total Receipts **\$ 17,239.00**

Disbursements for 2019

Operating	\$ 3,183.00
Hall of Fame	\$ 100.00
Golf Outing	\$ 6,450.00
Track Donation	\$ 502.20
Historical Society Donation	\$ 500.00
Sports Legend Project Donation	\$ 600.00
Vanguard Scholarship Reimbursement	\$ 500.00

Total Receipts **\$ 11,835.23**

Balance as of December 31, 2019 **\$ 68,527.05**

JAMES FORD RHODES ALUMNI ENDOWMENT AND ORIGINALSCHOLARSHIP FUND

Receipts for 2019

Mike Kraynak Donation	\$20,000.00
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Disbursements for 2019

Scholarships	\$11,000.00
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Market Value (Endowment) as of December 31, 2019 **\$171,242.98**

Market Value (Money Market) as of December 31, 2019 **\$ 21,643.40**

Congratulations to Rhodes Wrestling

2020 Senate League Champions!

The Rhodes wrestling program has officially made a comeback. The programs earned a hard-fought victory to claim the 2020 Senate League Championship title, winning for the first time since 2017.

Head coach Anthony Carbone and assistant coach Julian Jackson-Ross have turned the program in the right direction. By the end of the 2019 season, there were only three wrestlers. This year, they developed into a full team of 16.

One unique element to this years team is the addition of a female wrestler, sophomore Angely Rivera. “Wrestling was the first time that I have felt like I was something. I joined because I love to fight, but I was noticed for my strength. The coaches didn’t even see me as a girl. They matched me up with guys and tested me,” said Rivera.

Rivera finished third at the Senate Championship. She was the only female in the League to place on a podium.

Sophomore Jumerious Hope, Senior Daniel Clark, and Sophomore Lavar Johnson all placed first in their weight classes at the Senate Championship. Edward Block, Tyler Bohanon, Derrick Hanning, Daniel Torres, Tristan Tompkins, and Messiah Loflis all placed second. Sender Morales and Joseph Lewis placed fourth.

Ram wrestlers will compete in the individual sectional tournament on Saturday, February 29 at St. Edwards High School. The tournament is the qualifier for advancing to the State Championship.



2020 Hall of Fame Inductees

Induction Ceremony -- Friday, October 9, 2020

We are proud to announce the four inductees for the **James Ford Rhodes High School Hall of Fame 2020**.

The Honorable Judge Anita Laster Mays—1982

The writer Peter Fedynsky—1969

JFR President and former Librarian: Cynthia Anzalone-Fox—1982

Posthumously: **Band Director and Music Teacher Michael Zand**

Anita Laster Mays graduated from James Ford Rhodes High School in 1982. She continued her education at the Ohio State University, where she majored in Accounting and Management Information Systems. After graduating in 1986, she began working as a management trainee at State Savings Bank. Two years later, she moved back to Cleveland to attend Cleveland Marshall College of Law, while working full-time as a Financial Systems Analyst at Metro Health Medical Center and part-time as a mediator for the City of Cleveland.

In 1992, her goal of becoming a lawyer was achieved. Following two years of private practice, she became an Assistant Cleveland Prosecutor and soon joined the Municipal Court's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and the DUI Committee to enhance her legal abilities. In 1996 she joined the Clerk of Courts Office as Director of Operations for the Criminal Division, a position that placed her in charge of day-to-day operations over eight departments with a total of 105 employees. She won a seat on the Cleveland Municipal Court in 2003 by over 2,000 votes and was unopposed for re-election. Mays served as judge of the Greater Cleveland Drug Court for 6 years. Anita Laster Mays served Cleveland Municipal Court from January 1, 2004 to January 31, 2015. She was elected to the 8th District Court of Appeals in 2014 and is currently serving in that office since 2015.



Peter Fedynsky graduated from James Ford Rhodes in 1969. He then attended Bowling Green State University as a German major and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1973. Peter later attended Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government—Ukrainian National Security Program in 1998.

Peter is fluent in English and Ukrainian and can also read and converse in both Russian and German. He was known on Ukrainian Radio as the "Voice of America" from 1978—1988 and it is still aired throughout the Ukraine. Peter also worked in various other radio and television projects both locally and internationally.

Peter has translated and interpreted many works with his most popular translation being the works of 19th century poet, Taras Shevchenko's poetry collection. His is the first ever complete translation of his entire collection, known as the "Kobzar." Peter retired In 2013.



Michael Zand left this world at the age of 81. He lived in Independence, Ohio and was the beloved husband of 52 years to Irene. He was the loving father of Robert and David and grandfather of Oliver, Lucy and Leo. Mr. Zand was a US Navy Veteran.

He served as an instrumental music teacher and band director and retired from James Ford Rhodes High School after 31 years serving the Cleveland Public Schools. Mr Zand loved playing his marimba with community bands and sought out music on family travels. He was a proud and active Beta Theta Pi brother and an avid builder and flyer of rubber-powered model airplanes. Mr. Zand started teaching a Rhodes in September 1967 and retired in June, 1994. He is remembered fondly by many of the students he taught and led and his legacy lives on through them.



Cynthia Anzalone-Fox



- Born April 7, 1964, third of five girls - Raised in Cleveland
- Attended Cleveland Public Schools Major Work Program
- State Champion 800 meters- 1980
- Bussed to Glenville – 1980-1981
- First female in history of Cleveland Public Schools to qualify for Cross Country State Championship- 1980
- Mother dies of bone cancer- July 1981
- First female in history of Cleveland Public Schools to place in top 10 in the state in Cross Country Championship (8th)- November 1981
- 2-time District Champion 800 meters
- 2-time Regional Champion 1600 meters
- Rhodes Valedictorian – 1982
- Full athletic scholarship to the University of Houston -Double Major French & Spanish-1982-1986
 - Track All-American
 - Southwest Conference Champion Cross Country
 - District Champion Cross Country
 - 3-time NCAA qualifier Cross country
 - 10 team Southwest Conference Championships- Indoor track, Outdoor Track, & Cross Country
 - Ranked 9th in the USA 3000 meters - 1985
- Raced professionally 1988 – 1994 - Sponsored by Reebok Athletics Racing
- U.S. representative in the “Friendship Race 10K” in Volgograd USSR -1988
- Cleveland State University -Teaching License - 1988
- Master’s degree Kent State University – Library and Information Science-2003
- Inducted in the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (OATCCC) Hall of Fame -2010
- 31 years as an educator in CMSD
 - Librarian Rhodes High School 2013-2019
- Head Coach Girls Cross Country and Track - Rhodes High School Aug. 2016- Current
 - Four-time CMSD Senate Coach of the Year
 - Senate Runner up Cross Country 2016
 - Senate Champions Cross Country -2017, 2018, 2019
 - 2019 Girls Cross Country team perfect score of 15pts, first time in CMSD history
 - Senate Runner-up Indoor Track 2017 & 2019
 - Senate Runner-up Outdoor Track 2018 & 2019
- Current President of the Rhodes Alumni Association
- Named Cleveland Public Schools Sports Legend - 2019
- Married high school sweetheart, Jason Fox, 1990- Cleveland Firefighter & Head Men’s Rugby Coach Notre Dame College (Ranked 9th in country – Division 1)
- Two children- Nicolas age 24 & Jessica age 22
- **Personal Records** – 400m- 57.2/800m- 2:05.1/1500m-4:19/mile-4:36.4/3000m-9:11.4/5000m- 16:08/5mile-27:10/10K-34:49

RHODES RAMS FALL SPORTS 2019 ROUND-UP

Congratulations to the girls cross country team for winning their third consecutive Senate Championship. The Lady Rams earned a perfect score of 15 points in the Senate Championship race with runners placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th. The team is coached by **Cindy Anzalone-Fox**, Rhodes class of 1982.

Congratulations to the boys cross country team for winning their fifth consecutive Senate Championship. The team is coached by **Courtney Gargiulo**.

Congratulations to the girls' volleyball team for winning their second consecutive Senate Championship. The team is coached by **Bernice Major**.

Congratulations to the co-ed soccer team for barely losing in a game well played in the Senate Championship. The team is coached by **Brian McHolland**.



We are all so very proud of the hard work put in by our sports teams, the dedication it takes to win by both the athletes and their committed coaches.

Please follow us on Facebook for updates on pricing, etc.

RHODES HIGH SCHOOL 13TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Friday, August 28, 2019

Valleaire Golf Club ~ 6969 Boston Road ~ Hinckley, OH 44233



Schedule of Events

Registration 8:30 AM

Shotgun Start 10:00 AM

Lunch at the Turn

Dinner After Golf

Awards & Raffle After Dinner

A keg of beer will be provided ~ Beer Cart will ride around the course



Four Person Scramble

Single players welcome, we will pair you up!

Go to Facebook.com then search for Rhodes Alumni Golf Outing

Questions contact Suzie Putich at 440.526.9200 or apsuzie@gmail.com

