
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



LET US HELP CREATE YOUR LEGACY

SPRING 2019 ISSUE

[SPORTS LEGENDS OF CLEVELAND HISTORY PROJECT](#)

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) (formerly Cleveland Public Schools) Athletics Department in collaboration with the CMSD Alumni Association is proud to announce the **SPORTS LEGENDS OF CLEVELAND HISTORY PROJECT** to document the 115-year (1904-2019) history of the CMSD sports programs, athletes, athletic directors, and athletic commissioners to connect the **PAST** to the **PRESENT** for the **FUTURE**. The vision, mission and motto are as follows:

VISION

To revitalize the high school sports programs within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and transform student athletes into legendary athletes who can compete at the collegiate, professional and international levels.

MISSION

To reestablish a sports model that can be implemented throughout the high schools within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District that is sustainable.

MOTTO

Legends are NOT just born. Legends ARE bred. Cleveland bred.

This project has five initial project outcomes:

1. A Sports Legends Benefit Gala
2. A Sports Legends Showcase at the Sports Legends Benefit Gala
3. A Sports Legends History Book documenting a 115-year history (1904-2019) highlighting the Athletic Commissioners, Athletic Directors, CMSD Schools, and Sports Legends from the international level down to the senate championship teams and/or individuals.

4. A Sports Legends Documentary highlighting the 115-year history (1904-2019)
5. An unveiling of the past State Championship and Runner-up Banners.
6. A Sports Legends Record Book
7. An inaugural Sports Hall of Fame Induction

The Sports Legends Benefit Gala will be held at the **Cleveland State University's Student Center** on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**. The gala will attract former and current athletes, coaches, athletic directors, principals, and the community. Its purpose is to unveil the book cover for the history book, bring additional awareness to the project, showcase the sports legends (e.g., Jesse Owens, Harrison Dillard, Charles Oakley, Tim McGee, Ted Ginn Jr., Troy Smith, Madeline Manning, Manny Leaks, Bill Putich and Phil Argento), and fundraise for the documentary. The Benefit Gala will attract an estimated 700—800 attendees, the history book will highlight thousands of athletes, and the documentary will highlight up to 1000 athletes.

WHO ARE WE

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District envisions 21st Century Schools of Choice where students will be challenged with a rigorous curriculum that considers the individual learning styles, program preferences and academic capabilities of each student, while utilizing the highest quality professional educators, administrators and support staff available. CMSD and its Alumni Associations are 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations.

The founder of the Sports Legends of Cleveland History Project is Nicole Antoinette Smith, 1988 alumnae of James Ford Rhodes. Nicole Antoinette is currently a full time lecturer at Ohio University in the College of Business teaching data analytics, information system, and project management courses.

Desiree Powell is the Director of Interscholastic Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Student Activities & Wellness for CMSD. She is an experienced Wellness Director with a demonstrated history of working in the education management industry. She is a strong education professional with a M.ED. Focused in Education from Ashland University.



2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

<u>Balance as of December 31, 2017</u>		\$ 75,158.88
Receipts for 2018		
Membership	\$ 1,310.00	
Scholarships	\$ 3,245.00	
Academics/Extra Curricular	\$ 775.00	
Golf Outing	\$ 13,156.86	
Hall of Fame	\$ 4,305.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 22,791.86
Disbursements for 2018		
Operating	\$ 5,166.67	
Hall of Fame	\$ 5,659.66	
Golf Outing	\$ 5,774.13	
Track Donation	\$ 3,227.00	
Vanguard (Mike Kraynak)	\$ 15,000.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 34,827.46
Balance as of December 31, 2018		\$ 63,123.28

JAMES FORD RHODES ALUMNI ENDOWMENT AND ORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Receipts for 2018		
Mike Kraynak Donation	\$ 15,000.00	
Disbursements for 2018		
Scholarships	\$ 3,500.00	
Market Value (Endowment) as of December 31, 2018		\$150,313.01
Market Value (Money Market) as of December 31, 2018		<u>\$108,711.55</u>
Total		\$259,024.56

Indoor Track 2019

The Girls Track team placed second at the Indoor Track Senate Championship meet. The Lady Rams scored 112 points. Coach Cindy Anzalone-Fox, School Library Media Specialist and Rhodes Alum 1982, was named Girls Indoor Track Coach of the Year. She was also awarded Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year after her team won the Senate Cross Country Championship this past fall.



CONGRATULATIONS

COACH CINDY ANZALONE-FOX!

TO THE GIRLS AND TO

JAMES FORD RHODES—THE MAN



James Ford Rhodes, whose monument has been a center of learning for more than 8,000 area students—was a rich man who left Cleveland and business affairs at 37 to become one of the nation's greatest historians.

When he retired in the late 1880's Rhodes, a brother-in-law to the late Senator Mark A. Hanna left a successful business career with Rhodes and Co., an iron, iron ore, and coal dealership which he had helped establish. Upon his retirement the firm was reorganized and became the M. A. Hanna Co.

Although he never graduated from college, Rhodes studied at New York University and the University of Chicago and received honorary degrees from nearly a dozen universities here and in Europe. First to recognize him as one of the leading American historical authorities was Cleveland's Western University which conferred an honorary LL.D. upon him.

He won the Loubet prize from the Berlin Academy of Science in 1901, the gold medal of the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1910 and the Pulitzer Prize for history in 1918 for his best known works—"History of the United States from the compromise of 1850." "History of the Civil War," and "History of the U.S. from Hayes to McKinley." Rhodes is also noted for his work in Harvard's history department and lectures at Oxford University.

A native Clevelander, Rhodes was born in a big house which still stands on Franklin Circle on May 1, 1848. He was son of Daniel P. Rhodes, a staunch Democrat from Vermont, and Sophia Lord Russel, granddaughter of Josiah Barber, the first mayor of Ohio City. His father was a cousin of Stephen A. Douglas who is reported to have often visited the Rhodes home and thrilled young James with stories of his classic debates with Abraham Lincoln.

Asked what had been his original incentive to become a historian, Rhodes was quoted in the Cleveland Plain Dealer as saying: "Well, I suppose I was born that way. But the particular thing that gave me the idea, as nearly as I can remember, was when I was a lad of 17 or 18 in Cleveland and began to read Buckle's "History of Civilization in Europe" and Macauley's historical works. "I read a good deal out of school, although in those days there was no great amount of collateral reading assigned to students as there is nowadays." (Rhodes was graduated from West High School in 1865 at the age of 17.) Because of his keen like for writing and history, Rhodes even through his 20—year business career wrote and edited a four page trade circular. It was intended as an advertising statement but rapidly grew into an elaborate philosophical paper. Acceptance of his publication by leading industrialists renewed the young man's confidence in his writing.

After his marriage in 1872 to Ann Card, whose father operated a coal mining business, Rhodes moved into another home on Franklin Circle. A son, Daniel P. was born there.

His business—Rhodes and Co.—formed with M. A. Hanna, Robert Rhodes, C.C. Bolton, A.C. Saunders and George Warmington, became one of the most important firms of dealers in iron ore and its products.

When at 37 he made his first move toward seriously writing history, he had sufficient funds to take care of himself and his family for the rest of their days.

To be "in the thick of things available for research," Rhodes moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts where he finished "History of the U.S. from the Compromise of 1850" and other volumes.

Rhodes, the writer, spent his summers abroad or with his sister, Mrs. Mark A. Hanna, at his cottage in Seal Harbor, Me. He often lectured at Harvard. In 1915, this man who had not graduated from college, was Phi Beta Kappa at that university.

Rhodes died in Brookline, Massachusetts on January 22, 1927. He is buried at Cleveland's Riverside Cemetery a few miles away from the school where the following inscription is etched on a plaque in its front entrance: James Ford Rhodes (1848-1927),,, Turning in middle life from a man of business to a man of letters he became the first American political historian, substantial, sagacious, tolerant. Judicial, he rendered great service to American scholarship and to his country.

RHODES HIGH SCHOOL 12TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Friday, August 23th, 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 \$85.00 per Golfer
Single players welcome, we will pair you up!

\$85.00 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL received by July 23, 2019

AFTER 7-23-19 cost will be \$95.00

Please fill out and cut here and PUT IN THE ENVELOPE with the check

******* NO PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE EVENT *******

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

AGAIN, PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN July 23, 2019

2018—2019 Boys Basketball Season Recap

The boys basketball team had a season to remember with earning Senate Championship runner-up honors and hosting a OHSAA state playoff contest. The team started the season with Freshman Jamal Sumlin, Sophomore Amarion Dickerson along with Junior Marlon Landingham expected to carry the load. Those three young men along with Junior Deangelo Williams carried the team to a 9-4 record in conference play and a 13-11 overall record for the season. A few highlights from the season was Marlon Landingham scoring 51 points at Lincoln West on December 18th. The next note worth mentioning was beating Glenville at Glenville then also beating Glenville at a neutral site for the chance to play in the city championship. The team also went on to beat neighborhood rival John Marshall once in the regular season and again in the state playoffs. The team is young and expects all of its core back next season. The team is hungry and looking forward to the future. Administration, staff, students, and Alumni please be on the lookout for events happening in the off season. Your support is greatly appreciated

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM!!

THE BOYS TRACK TEAM

The Boys Track team also placed second in the Indoor Track Senate Championship meet. Senior **Chase McMichael** earned **Sprinter MVP** honors.



JNROTC

Under the guidance of NJROTC Instructor First Sergeant William Meisinger the Rhodes NJROTC won the CMSD City Military Drill Championships on March 14. This is the 10th year in a row Rhodes has won this distinguished honor.

HOW CONNECTED IS YOUR LIFE?

Studies show that people who enjoy good relationships with family, friends, even pets, live longer, healthier lives. Examine your social support network and, if necessary, strengthen it with some of these tips.

- 1. Make time for extended family. Plan a reunion with your grandparents, parents, sisters and brothers. Reestablish ties with a favorite aunt or contact a long lost cousin.**
- 2. Make your immediate family a priority. Spend time with them almost every day. Prepare a meal together, go to a movie, play tag, talk about the days's highlights.**
- 3. Join a volunteer association or religious organization. Build ties with other people who care about similar issues. Try a local civic group, humane society or school volunteer network.**
- 4. Pursue a hobby. Play golf, play bridge, join a gardening club, build sand castles—whatever brings you joy and relaxation can put you in touch with others who have similar interests.**
- 5. Share your worries with others. When you face a problem, seek others' help. Talk it through with them.**
- 6. Learn to say “no” to other demands on your time, allowing you the time to improve Your family relationship and support network.**

- This information was taken from the Mayo Clinic Health Quest newsletter.

The Essence of Success

Successful is the person who has lived well, laughed often and loved much. Who has gained the respect of children, who leaves the world better than they found it. Who has never lacked appreciation for the earths beauty. Who never fails to look for the best in others or give the best of themselves.