
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



LET US HELP CREATE YOUR LEGACY

SUMMER 2013 ISSUE

[A Brief History of the Rhodes Alumni Association](#)

Where were we in 2004?

In the planning stage with practically no funds available we decided upon a small fee for alumni membership for which we would supply members with a newsletter in which we solicit donations for:

- Scholarship for seniors
- Rewards for outstanding effort / success in school activities
- Improvement of equipment to aid students in academic and other school activities
- Funds requested for an activity where students didn't necessarily accomplish anything. In this case we would supply them with a product that they can sell to other students, parents, relatives, etc. The Alumni Association will pay for the product and all the proceeds (including the cost of the product) will go to the students' activity.

Where are we today?

[Here's a list of some of the projects that your Alumni Association has accomplished!](#)

- Funding annual scholarships
- Purchased cafeteria tables and chairs
- Purchased track equipment
- Upgraded sound system at Rhodes
- Supported regional Championship Robotics Team trip to Atlanta competition
- Purchased pitching machine for Senate Championship Baseball Team (boys)

- Purchased uniforms for girls Championship Softball Team
- Funded band and concert competition trip to New York
- Funded startup of New Review (Rhodes school newspaper)
- Support Rhodes Hall of Fame Dinner every other year to honor qualified alumni and teachers
- Established a web site at www.JamesFordRhodes.org for those interested in Rhodes activities
- Started a yearly golf outing for Alumni—great fundraiser and fun for all attendees
- Twice yearly, we send an Alumni newsletter to our members keeping them up to date on Rhodes and Rhodes Alumni activities
- Donated \$1,000 to NROTC program to send six students and their leader to our alumnus WWII hero, (Donald Owens') burial at Arlington Cemetery
- Purchased 5 scanners which will remain with the school after the alumni yearbook project is complete
- Funded \$2,500 for a Robotics Team for the participation in the Vex World Competition in Anaheim, California
- Currently funding \$3,500 in scholarships for qualifying seniors each year
- **\$105,000.00 in our treasury**

[This is why your yearly membership and donations are so important to Rhodes!](#)

Where are we going?

We believe that most of us would agree that education is the foundation for the future success of our students. Our older graduates have seen many changes, for better and for worse, in our education system. Our country, more than ever, needs better educated and trained workers. We are determined to help our Rhodes High students get the best education and training to allow them to have a strong foundation to be successful in their college and vocational training endeavors. We feel it is important to do our part to make our Rhodes High students the best that they can be as they move along in life. We will all be better off as they succeed.

We are considering installing a self-directed endowment fund or joining one with the Cleveland Foundation which will allow the fund to grow while paying for our scholarship obligations out of the earnings of that fund.

Scholarship News!

Here are the scholarship awardees chosen by Myra Stone and a teachers committee at Rhodes High School for 2012-2013

John Busch '51, - \$1,000 scholarship: for the senior who has done the most for Rhodes High School and the community. The only requirement is that the senior must be going to college or vocational training.

Shawn Priorie will be attending John Carroll University. He has succeeded throughout his academic career at Rhodes finishing with a G.P.A. of 3.70. Shawn was recently honored by becoming an Eagle Scout. He refurbished (secured donations of paint, refinished, etc.) a church auditorium which is being used for community gatherings. Shawn actually received his Associates Degree in International Business from Cuyahoga Community College BEFORE receiving his high school diploma.

Mike Kraynak '48—\$1,000 scholarships: \$500 to the senior contributing most to the publication of the Rhodes Review. Was not awarded. This school year, the leaders at the Rhodes Review are juniors.

\$500 to a student with outstanding effort to get to college—not necessarily based on academics.

James Douglas will be attending Mercyhurst College. He has shown great leadership and teamwork as a pivotal player on the basketball team as well as the baseball team. He has overcome great obstacles in his life and will be graduating from Rhodes with a 2.78 G.P.A.

Joe Rocco '49—\$500 scholarship: For the senior wrestler with outstanding effort and accomplishments

Jacob Stulic Will be attending Cleveland State University this fall. At the top of his class with a 3.97 G.P.A., Jacob has worked hard to become an excellent wrestler.

3— \$500 scholarships: For seniors who have expended great effort to prepare themselves in their pursuit of college or vocational training certification.

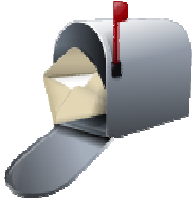
Stanley Levec has been accepted to Cleveland State University. He has a 3.32 G.P.A. He has demonstrated compassion and leadership by helping out his school, his community and by participating as a member of the High Tech Academy at Cuyahoga Community College.

Ashley Perolta will be attending Cleveland State University in the fall. She has not only kept a strong G.P.A. of 3.21, she has also lead her class as a class officer, as a member of the Rhodes Student Council and as a devoted member of the Culture Club.

Amber Kirby will attend Cleveland State University. She is a good student who played on Rhodes Women's Championship Basketball team. She wants to become a veterinarian assistant.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—PLEASE RESPOND!
2013—2014

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 scholarship fund
- _____ Academic and extra-curriculum activities
- _____ 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 _____

Email address (please print clearly) _____

In order for us to estimate funds available for disbursements for the student programs would you please **respond at the latest by October 15, 2013. As we don't have a full time staff to disburse funds and make monetary decisions, the sooner you mail in your membership and contribution the easier our job will be.** Our membership drive each year is August 31 – October 15. **Thank you for your consideration!**

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

Mail to: (please note the new address)

**Rhodes Alumni Association
P.O. Box 41463
Brecksville, Ohio 44141**



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 earth's beauty. Who never fails to look for the best in others or give the best of themselves.

Bill Putich, president of Rhodes Alumni Association, commencement comments

As president of the Rhodes High School Alumni Association I want to congratulate you on becoming a Rhodes alumnus. As you know we strive to support student programs at Rhodes and give scholarship help to seniors when they pursue a college degree and /or vocational studies.

Being a parent let me offer you some advice. No matter what your goals are as you start your life after high school, your attitude will be key. A bad attitude is like a flat tire—you can't get very far until you change it, and it can break a relationship, a company, a church, a home.

In life, attitude determines your altitude. Maintain a positive attitude.

To be successful in life you must do four things: **Drink, Steal, Swear and Lie.**

Drink from the fountain of friendship and happiness

Steal a little time to do an act of kindness for someone and not ask for anything in return

Swear to do your job a little bit better

Lie down at night and thank God that you live in a free country. God bless all of you.

Advice to Young People

- 1. Expect rejection, but expect even more strongly to overcome it. There will be many failures sprinkled among the successes you enjoy. A failure becomes just one bad time at bat if you refuse to let it defeat you.**
- 2. Whatever life's work you decide upon, avoid choosing it primarily for reasons of security or because of the money involved.**
- 3. So long as you are not being merely impetuous, do not be reluctant to follow your heart.**

- Marvin Levy, coach, Buffalo Bills



UPCOMING GOLF OUTING

We are hoping to increase the number of golfers in the Alumni Association who wish to take advantage of golfing with friends and colleagues. As in the past it will be a four-person scramble. If you think you might be interested in attending either as part of a foursome or as a single to join another foursome we would love to have you join the fun. As in past years, I am sure a great time will be had by all the attendees. This years event will take place on Friday, August 30th at the Bob-O-Links golf course in Avon. The course is located at 4141 Center Road (Route 83) in Avon, OH 44011. Registration will begin at 11AM with a light lunch at 11:30AM and a shot gun start at 12:15. The cost will be \$63.00 per golfer and that will include golf, golf cart, prizes, lunch, snack and dinner buffet. If you are not golfing but would enjoy having dinner with the golfers—think about attending the dinner which is \$25.00 per person. Thanks for your support. Dig out your clubs and shoes and have some fun while helping the Rhodes Alumni Association. Tell a friend! Bring a friend! - Thanks, Jeff Burke!

Consider sponsoring a hole with personal or company recognition at a tee.
Cost is \$55.00 with a check made out to Rhodes Alumni Association—
P.O.Box 41463—Brecksville, Ohio 44141. Thank you!

call Debbie or Bill @ 440/526-8600 or Jeff Burke @ 216-780-6007

GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

Get your reservation in as soon as possible to guarantee your spot!
In order to eliminate some confusion at the golf course we request that you
pay by 8/20—cost will be \$63.00 per golfer—after 8/20- \$70.00 per person.
Register EARLY!!!

Name _____

Number (Names) in your group _____

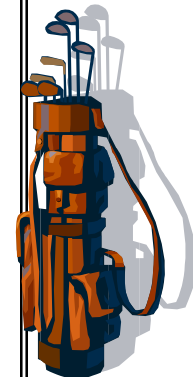
Address, City, Zip _____

Phone # & Cell # _____

Amount of check (\$63.00 per golfer) _____

Make check payable to: **Rhodes Alumni Association**
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Rhodes Sports News

Mahagony Jones, James F. Rhodes class of 2009, bolstered the Nittany Lions with a victory in the 100 meter dash. She also participated in two other relay events that placed, which led her team to the title. Jones has solidified her position as one of the top sprinters not only in the conference, but in the nation with her performance at the Big Ten Championship. Mahagony led her team to victory by scoring 21 points.

Penn State will be represented by junior, Mahagony Jones (Cleveland, Ohio) in the 100, 200 meters and the 4 x 400 relay. The Big Ten champion has emerged as one of the top sprinters in the nation with her blazing time of 11.32 seconds in the 100 meters. At the conclusion of the NCAA nationals, Mahagony earned recognition for her efforts by being honored as a member of the All American second team. She placed 10th in the 200 meter dash and 16th in the 100 meter dash. Jones also clocked a lifetime best 200 meter dash of 23.05 seconds. Her time in the 200 meter dash ranks Mahagony among the world's best sprinters.

It should also be recognized that another outstanding Rhodes track star (Ron Addison, class of 1971)'s daughter, Rebecca Addison, representing the University of Michigan became an All American in the 800 meter dash and 1500 meter dash. Mahagony and Rebecca have exchanged greetings at the Big Ten meet and the nationals. Both runners have a Rhodes connection, one is a Rhodes alumnus and the other is the daughter of Ron Addison, also a Rhodes alumnus.



MAHAGONY JONES

RS-JUNIOR
CLEVELAND, OHIO
SPRINTS/RELAYS