
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



LET US HELP CREATE YOUR LEGACY!

SUMMER 2019 ISSUE

**Rhodes Alumni Association 2019 Scholarship Recipients!
CONGRATULATIONS!**

\$2500—Outstanding Student Scholarship (2) - Donated by Mike Kraynak—'48

- ◆ Brenda Bermudez—Cuyahoga Community College—Metro Campus
- ◆ Jocelyn Stone—Kent State University

\$1000—Contribution Scholarship—Donated by John Busch—'51

- ◆ Mousa Zaghari—Cleveland State University

\$500—Rhodes Review / Media Scholarship—Donated by Mike Kraynak—'48

- ◆ Joseph Johnson—Baldwin Wallace University

\$500—Outstanding Effort Scholarship—Donated by Mike Kraynak—'48

- ◆ Maleny Cintron—Cuyahoga Community College

\$500—Athletic/Wrestling Scholarship—Donated by Joe Rocco—'49

- ◆ Rasool Jacome—Arizona State University

**\$500—Preparation Scholarship (3) Donated by Rhodes General Scholarship
Fund**

- ◆ Ariadna Muniz—Cleveland State University
- ◆ Jermaine Cooper—Kent State University
- ◆ Anthony Castro—Cuyahoga Community College

Congratulations to all of the recipients—we await your success stories!

In Loving Memory

Cynthia Davis-Robinson passed on June 1, 2019, She was educated in the Cleveland Public School District and graduated from James Ford Rhodes High School in 1989. Cynthia excelled in track and field at Rhodes and during her entire college career. She still holds the shot put record for women at James Ford Rhodes High School as well as the entire Cleveland School District. During her senior year at Rhodes, she earned All Ohio honors for her exceptional performance as a shot put thrower. During her senior year at Rhodes she was also voted by her senior class as the most talkative and class clown. She attended The Ohio State University and Cleveland State University earning her Bachelors and Masters Degrees. In 1999, Cynthia helped found, with the help of several other class of 1988 and 1989 classmates, the James Ford Rhodes Alumni Association. Our first Alumni Association banquet was held at Thistledown Race Track. Cynthia's career path included being a special education teacher for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and a computer assistant at the Cleveland Public Library. She was married to Carl Robinson, a Cleveland police officer, and had two amazing sons, Montel and Carl Jr.

- Article by Tyrone Owens

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

[The Director of Wisdom](#)

There once lived a king, a very benevolent fellow, loved by his community. He ruled a little kingdom tucked away in a pleasant corner of one of those European regions that used to have little kingdoms tucked away in its corners.

One day an army came and overran the castle, making off with half the treasury. The king decided to tell the people he had to increase taxes to make up for the loss. He called in one of his court wise men.



“How can I break the news without inciting a revolt?” he asked.

The wise man pondered—that’s his job—and came up with a gentle way of explaining the theft as a tragedy for the entire kingdom, imploring people for their support. It went over well.

Time passed, and once again the neighboring army raided the castle, this time carrying away much of the food stored for the winter. Once again, the king called upon his wise man—by this time, he was known as the Director of Wisdom—and laid bare the facts.

“What can I tell my subjects this time?” the king asked. “they will lose confidence in me if I can’t defend the kingdom’s food and money.”

Again, the wise man pondered. He advised the king to be frank about the loss, but to say only that it had gone to a neighboring kingdom that seemed to need it desperately. And the king told the people, and asked them to work even harder on the year’s harvest. And they did, and all was well.

By this time, the neighboring army was getting rather good at the raids. Once again they struck, hauling away horses, hay and other foodstock and most of the royal jewels. Once again, the king summoned his advisor, the VP of Wisdom and Sagely Advice. This time, the king was despondent.

“They raid the treasury. They take our food. They steal our livestock,” the king wailed” and the queen’s going to kill me about those jewels. You are my most trusted advisor. What shall I do?”

The wise man hesitated. “I think, he said, “the time has come for your highness to put the water back in the moat.”

The moral of the story is simple—solve a basic problem and you won’t have a many public relations problems.

- Harold Burson. Chairman, Burson-Marsteller Public Relations

[Let’s help educate our students to attack the basic problems of life!](#)

SPORTS LEGENDS OF CLEVELAND

Have you ever thought about how the past is connected to the present or to the future? If not, here is your opportunity to learn more about The Sports Legends of Cleveland History Project. In collaboration with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (**CMSD**) Athletics Department and the **CMSD** Alumni Associations, the project will document the 115-year (1904-2019) history of the **CMSD** (formerly Cleveland Public Schools) sports programs, athletes, athletic directors, and athletic commissioners to connect the PAST to the PRESENT for the FUTURE.

In a celebratory manner, a Sports Legends of Cleveland Benefit Gala will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 6:00 pm—11:00 pm in the Glassock Ballroom at Cleveland State University by bringing together ALL the high schools (open and closed) for ONE event (Benefit Gala) to celebrate ALL the accomplishments from past and present student athletes over 115 years.

The vision of the project is to revitalize the middle school and 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. To achieve the vision, the mission is to reestablish a sports model that can be implemented throughout the middle school and high schools within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District that is sustainable.

As Alumni of a **CMSD** school, we need to present and represent showing our school pride at this HISTORIC event because this is the **FIRST** time in the history of the school district that any group has planned an event of this magnitude.

To learn more about the project, visit <http://sportslegendsofcleveland.com/>. To purchase tickets to the Benefit Gala, visit <http://sportslegendsbenefitgala.eventbrite.com>. To follow the project on Facebook, join the group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/sportslegendsofcleveland>. This is a non-profit event.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the project, send an email to:

info@sportslegendsofcleveland.com.



Spring Sports Wrap-up—CONGRATULATIONS!

Girls Softball – Senate Champions- 6th consecutive year
Boys Baseball – Senate runner-up
Boys Track – Senate runner-up
Girls Track – Senate runner-up

Congratulations to the boys track team for earning second place in the Jesse Owens Senate Track Championship. Rhodes had two meet MVPs. Senior Chase McDaniel won Sprinter MVP honors and Senior Rasool Jacome won the Distance MVP award. Pictured below is Rasool Jacome, Coach Courtney Garguilo, and Chase McDaniel



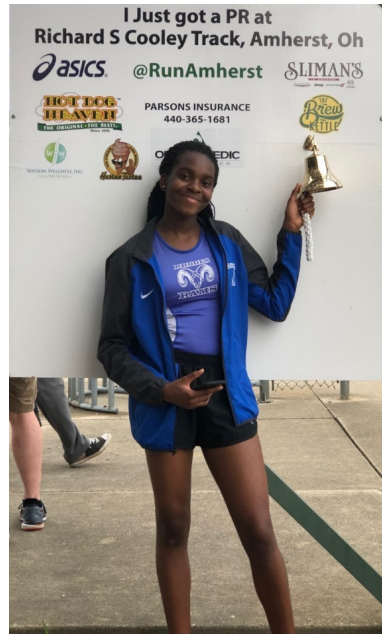
Chase McDaniel also qualified to the regional track meet in the 400 meter dash. He will be attending Ashland University this fall on a football scholarship. Rasool will be attending Arizona State University with a cross country and track scholarship.

Congratulations to the girls track team for also earning second place at the Jesse Owens Senate Track Championship for the second year in a row.



Congratulations to Rhodes Athletes!

Freshman runner Promise Edeh is the first female since 2006 to qualify for the regional meet, running a personal record in the 400 meter dash. She also won the Senate Championship in the 400 meters.



We, in the Alumni Association are so very proud of the students who have been recipients of our scholarships. It is such an honor to have some small part in their continuing education and success. It is the hope of the Alumni Association that we will eventually be able to offer more scholarships to more deserving students. This is our primary goal.

Thanks for your continued support!

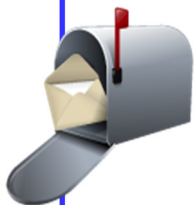
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –PLEASE RESPOND!

DUES FOR 2020!!



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.

Your Membership Committee

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DUES FOR 2020

_____ \$10.00 yearly membership dues
_____ Donation for scholarship endowment fund
_____ Donation for academic & extra curricular activities
_____ Total

Please return this form with your check or money order— **no cash please.**

Make checks payable to: RHODES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Class (year) _____ January _____ June _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Phone# _____

Email address _____

In order for us to estimate funds available for disbursements for the student programs would you please **respond as soon as possible !!!!** **Thank you!**

Remember all donations are tax deductible!! Your Alumni Association
is a 501 (c)(3) organization recognized by the IRS!

Make check payable to Rhodes Alumni Association and mail to:

P.O.Box 41463—Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Rhodes High School 12th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, August 23, 2019—

Valleaire Golf Club—6969 Boston Rd.—Hinckley, Ohio 44233

Hope you are planning to join us for this great event!

Questions please contact Suzie Putich at 440/526-9200

apsuzie@gmail.com



Lunch at the Turn

Dinner after golf

Awards & Raffle after dinner

REGISTRATION AFTER 7/23 \$95.00 PER PERSON

Payable by check to: Rhodes Alumni Associaton

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IF YOU'VE NEVER PARTICIPATED BEFORE

This might be your year!

