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Stingaree pride leads to record scholarships for 43 Miami High seniors

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These recent Miami Senior High graduates were awarded scholarships donated by alumni of the historic school, the oldest public school in Miami-Dade County. MIAMI SENIOR HIGH

(Editor's note) Did you ever wonder how MHS scholarship recipients were chosen? Below is a shortened article written by Christina Mayo which appeared in the Miami Herald on September 18, 2019. Kudos to our MHS Alumni President, Cory Llopiz Cibran '71 for the great interview. Stingaree pride leads to record scholarships for 43 Miami High seniors In 1903, when Miami Senior High was established, classes were held in a tiny frame bungalow on Northeast First Avenue. By 1905, there were 29 girls and 20 boys in school.

Today, the oldest high school in Miami-Dade County is in its fourth building and it serves almost 3,000 students. And though there have been many years of tumultuous change, for Miami and for the school, the Home of the Stingarees has prevailed. Its alumni, a long and distinctive list, have always taken great pride in their school and in giving back.

"This past May, with donations from our alumni, we awarded a record \$26,500 to 43 deserving seniors," said Cory Llopiz Cibran, Class of '71 and president of the Miami High School Alumni Association.

"Our scholarship application process was one that allowed us to get to know these students, to mentor them and share some of the challenges they may face in college and life," Cibran said.

The application process began with an essay, Cibran said. A video was also required and finally, a face-to-face interview with the scholarship committee. Other factors that were considered were student GPA and community service.

"I see in the eyes of the scholarship recipients the excitement and pride that I think we felt as we walked the halls of our Alma Mater," Cibran said. "It is amazing to me that through all the decades of change and challenges that our beloved Miami High has been through, Stingaree Pride is alive and well and these young Stings realize that they are in a special place.

"As we interviewed the scholarship candidates, what was striking were not the differences but the similarities that we all felt to be in a special school, at a special time in our lives. Our Sting Pride is the fabric that binds us together and is already a part of what these scholarship recipients feel and know."

For the full article please see :

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/education/article235203197.html#storylink=cpy>

(Editor's note) AS THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR moves forward, our Scholarship Committee is preparing to meet seniors who are readying to apply for scholarships as they graduate in 2020. Please renew your newsletter subscription, make a donation in a classmates honor or memory, or just send in a scholarship donation in any amount so we can increase last year's scholarship awards. We are STINGAREES FOR LIFE.

Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) and your contributions are tax deductible

President's Message

I wanted to update you on several initiatives that the MHS Alumni Association has undertaken this year. As indicated in the Newsletter, it was another record year for scholarships. Thanks to alumni donations \$26500 was awarded in scholarships to 43 deserving Stingarees to assist them as they go on to college or technical schools. We conducted the "Tools for Life" workshop on Saturday, September 28th. Plenty of future leaders in the students who attended. Please see the article on the workshop in this Newsletter. We will be accepting donations for replacement of four royal palms in the front of the school, so that the royal palms can again "stand proudly". You can donate through our website at www.miamihighalumniassociation.com. Coming attractions include MHS Alumni elections on Saturday, November 16th at 10AM at the MHS library and the "Happy Hour" on January 11th, 2020, with funds collected going to scholarships and the royal palms replacement. Please mark your calendars. We want to see all of you there!

Happy Halloween
Stingarees for Life!

-Cory Llopiz Cibran '71

"It isn't what we say or think that defines us but what we do."

-Jane Austen

ELECTIONS

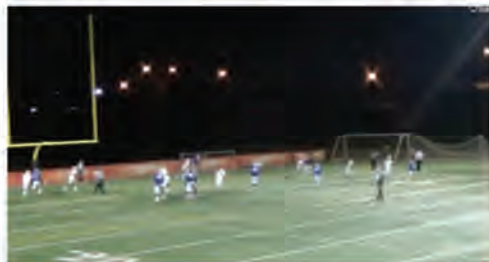
2019 MHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS - Saturday, November 16, 2019 10AM Media Center
Interest in running for the Executive Committee or Director at Large? Please email us at:
contact@miamihighschoolalumniassociation.com
attn: Pat Massey

MHS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



From Fred Darwick: "MHS 2019 Football season has begun. I attended the rather sluggish first half evening game against Miami Springs. BUT, I missed the fireworks as we won 41 to 12".

Congrats to MHS alum Coach Corey Smith, former Coach Luis Sanabria, the team and Principal Benny Valdes. We are so proud of our MHS football team. As of this writing they beat Miami Springs (preseason) 31-6; Homestead 30-0; Mater Charter 62-0; Coral Reef 22-6 and Southwest 20-7. Go Stings.



Up coming games (If you can attend, your support of the team is appreciated.)
Jackson October 3, at Curtis Park 7:00 p.m.
Coral Gables October 11 at Tropical Park 7:30 p.m.
Palmetto October 18 at Southridge Stadium 7:30
Sunset October 25 at Curtis Park at 7:30 p.m. *** Homecoming game
Miami Beach November 1 at Memorial Stadium 7:30 p.m.



EVENTS AND REUNIONS

Mark Your Calendars

FOR THE LATEST HAPPENINGS CHECK OUR WEBSITE www.miamihighschoolalumniassociation.com

January 11, 2020 2nd Annual Happy Hour to raise funds for Students Scholarships.

January 24-25, 2020 MHS Stingaree Jubilee in Sebring, Fl. Bill Eades'64 will provide info at a later date.

January 24, 2020, Class of 1959 is having a reunion dinner on Friday evening at Inn on the Lakes in Sebring. If you are not on Ed Fleck's email list, you can get on by sending an email to eeffleck@aol.com. No computer, no problem, call 352.717.3555.

May 1-2, 2020 Class of 1970 50th Reunion. Pullman Hotel. For info/to register, go to miamihigh1970.com. For more info, mhsreunion70@gmail.com

May 1-3, 2020 Class of 1960 Reunion at Shula's www.miamiseniorhighclassof1960.com

Sept. 21, 2020 Class of 1964 55th Reunion Hilton Blue Lagoon. Contact anne-louise.petri@chello.at

October 24, 2020 Band Reunion 94th Aero Squadron 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$60 Contact Jeannie.Heitz@yahoo.com

STING STARS, THANK YOU DONORS

JUAN ROJAS '81
 RANDY SOSA '72
 ANITA FARINA SHOWER '64
 MARIA LEON RODRIGUEZ '70
 CARMEN ZUAZO '71

LETTY MACCONNELL TOWLES '59
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 ELENEA UBALS '70

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 MARIA E. PRIETO '72
 MARIA E. VELOSO '70



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 TONY SOCARRAS '69
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 BILLY MEHAFFEY '70
 LUIS SANCHEZ '70
 GEORGE FERNANDEZ '85
 RANDY LENCE '02
 MARTA CUETO '71
 NEYDA NAVARRO '67
 IRV HABERMAN '59

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Airman Apprentice Orlan Garcamo MHS 2009 is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard its newest aircraft carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford, homeported in Norfolk, VA. As a Navy airman, Garcamo is responsible for coordinating planes and being able to maneuver them around the hanger bay, and making sure they have proper equipment to handle casualties with the aircraft. Garcamo credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Miami. "I learned about discipline and taking responsibility for your own mistakes," Garcamo said. "Owning up to your mistakes will get you farther than pointing fingers. Garcamo is playing an important part in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy. Garcamo is proud of graduating boot camp and raising his hand to join the Navy. "I'm the first person in my family to join the military," Garcamo said. "The recognition has been more than I thought; everyone is so proud of me and supportive." "Joining the Navy means a fresh start. I feel like I had reached a dead end, and joining has given me the ability to start over and get back on my feet. I've been able to get my feet wet and get a good understanding of ship life. It's about getting familiar with seamanship and learning to be comfortable around such a big ship."

ANNUAL HAPPY HOUR



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Questions: contact@miamihighschoolalumniassociation.com

CLASS OF '64 55TH REUNION



TOOLS FOR LIFE WORKSHOP

On Saturday, September 28th, we had our second annual "Tools for Life" workshop hosted by our Alumni Association. Alumni volunteers led talks about Communication, Interviews, Finances, Life Choices, Cool, Calm and Collected (self esteem, stress, anger management, manners and community service.)

The workshop was very well attended with over 87 student leaders from the various service clubs at MHS. We had a wonderful time sharing our experience and knowledge with this impressive group of Stingarees as they go on to college and life. Our beloved Alma Mater continues to be in good hands and with these students as well as tremendous leadership and dedication from the MHS staff.



NEWS FROM AND ABOUT OUR CLASSMATES

Due to limited space, some items have been edited.

Betty Jane Allen Johnson Luttrell '48 Even though I graduated many years ago, I still like the news of what the Stings are doing. Through all the changes these years have brought, Miami Senior High is still the #1 high school! May the future be great also.

From Ed Fleck'59 and Ed Abboud ' Many of us did not know that the past President of Miami Dade College (re-named Miami Dade Community College) is a Miami High grad.

Eduardo J. Padron, MHS '63. Padron was born in Cuba and was fifteen years old when he arrived in the United States in 1961 as an unaccompanied minor in Operation Pedro Pan. Upon arrival, Padrón did not speak English and struggled in a school system that did not yet include bilingual education programs. He graduated from Miami High School, attended Miami Dade College and then earned an undergraduate economics degree from Florida Atlantic Univ. He attended graduate school at U of F. He was selected MDCs President in 1995 and retired this summer 2019. On May 17, 2019, the MDC InterAmerican campus was renamed in his honor, and a section of SW 6th Street in Little Havana was also renamed Eduardo J. Padron Street.

Henry Langston '57 retires after 50 years! Henry (known as Hank) Langston attended his MHS 60-year reunion. Many of you recall Henry from Miami High and Citrus Grove. After 50 years of service at Gulliver Preparatory School in Miami, Henry was honored for his dedicated service to and incomparable impact on Gulliver Preparatory School, which began in 1969. He served over the years as a camp director, math teacher, counselor, middle school principal, faculty dean, and much more. It is only fitting that Hank decided that he would retire this year at the end of his fiftieth year at Gulliver, and so brings to a close a career and a milestone that really is unequalled at the school. Hank touched the lives of over 20,000 students and thousands of faculty and staff. His institutional knowledge of Gulliver is boundless and irreplaceable. Hank's list of achievements and impact would fill a book. (Thanks to Ed Fleck and Fred Darwick for this information).

From Dr. Jerry Kennedy Pinsel Thank you for sending the recent Stingaree Alumni News to my father, James Jerome Kennedy, Jr. '39. His brother Gordon had given him a lifetime membership and he enjoyed it very much. I am sorry to relate the news that he has passed away. He was predeceased by his sister, Sarah Kennedy Thompson and his brothers Maurice (Bill) Kennedy and Abraham (Gordon) Kennedy. All the Kennedy siblings were graduates of Miami High.

Mary Stanley It is with great sadness that we write of the passing of Miami High's beloved teacher, Mrs. Mary Stanley, who recently celebrated her 95th birthday. Ms. Stanley taught English and Spanish at Miami High from 1954 to 1979 and was the Class of 1959 Sponsor (Faculty Advisor). She remained very active with her 1959 class even after retirement. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was a faithful supporter of all Miami High sports programs and was inducted into the Miami High Sports Hall of Fame as an Honorary Member. Anyone wishing to make a donation in her memory may send it to Miami High School Alumni Assn. (MHSAA PO Box 260993, Miami, FL 33126. Cards of sympathy may be sent to her family c/o her son Don Stanley.

We love hearing from you. Please send your news and comments to
contact@MiamiHighSchoolAlumniAssn.com mail to
P.O. Box 260993, Miami, Florida 33126-0018.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON GET TOGETHERS

Editor's Note...THIS SAYS IT ALL..... At an Orlando area MHS luncheon, the 55-year-old son of one of the classmates attended and his comment to his mother after was: Now I know why you talk about those luncheons all the time & how much fun you have. I also had a great time. Plus how great your high school was."

Check out the MHS Alumni luncheons in or near your area and come. No matter which year you graduated, I promise you will have a great time being with your fellow Stingarees.

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MIAMI HIGH ALUMNI TREASURE COAST LUNCHEON IN FT. PIERCE

From Bruno Diaz '63-64: I would like to thank everyone who attended the August 21, MHS Treasure Coast luncheon in Ft. Pierce. A few of our "regulars" were out of town or recovering from an injury: Pat Knox '59 had a fall but is recovering; Dennis Selle had a stroke but the surgery was 100% effective and he is recovering in North Carolina. Special thanks to Judi Avant '59, coming down from Orlando with some great MHS "T" shirts & banana bread.

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

The next luncheon is at the Ft. Pierce Golden Corral, 5091 Okeechobee Rd (SR 70), Contact Bruno at (772) 341-3941 brunodiaz@aol.com.

MIAMI HIGH ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT THE VILLAGES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palmer Legends Country Club in The Villages, 1635 Palmer Way. Please RSVP to or contact for more information - Marcie Sperber Arrendale at ma1941@aol.com or Rita Gruber Bryan at brita5125@gmail.com. .

MIAMI HIGH ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT RED LOBSTER IN MIAMI

Another fun turnout of 42 Stings (plus guests) with 2 FIRST TIMERS enjoying birthday cake provided by Sergio Franco '83 to celebrate the August birthdays of Don MacInnes 91, Fred Darwick,85 and me, Linda Levine (not telling)! Next luncheon October 23 at Red Lobster by The Falls. Contact Fred Darwick for full details.

MIAMI HIGH ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT TAMPA

Thursday, October 17, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I HOP Restaurant, 408 E. Bearss Avenue, Tampa. Please RSVP to Thomas Hagan at thomasbrainpower@hotmail.com.

MIAMI HIGH ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT ORLANDO

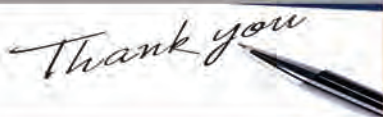
Hello Stingarees, When you love and laugh abundantly, You live a beautiful life. (Auth. unknown). On August 14th, 2019, we had an abundance of love and laughter. This was the first time we met at the newly built, prototype, Olive Garden. located at the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. Bad weather slowed some people driving to downtown Orlando but the sun came out as we ate. Then as we left, dark skies & thunder appeared. I hope everyone got home safely. We had 30 at our August luncheon with Sallie Ann Poulsen Gould '53 driving down from Merritt Island. This was her first time attending our luncheon along with our other first-timer Eddie Acosta '59.. Attendees ranged from class of 1948 to 1960. At our next luncheon, November 13, we will try the seating area next to where we were. This area has seating for close to 50 people. My sister Jeanne Nelson Bolick told us about a project she would like the Orlando group to participate in. As you probably heard, our sister, Joanne Nelson Apel '47 passed away this past April. She had played in the MHS band and the FSU band and majored in music. She graduated in 1951 in the first graduating class of FSU, after it was once called Florida State College for Women (FSCW). She became the band director in Adel, Ga. and Quitman, Ga. before returning to Miami. As a dedicated music major, we would like to honor and remember her by donating a flute to the current MHS band. We made a collection at our luncheon that totaled just over \$100.00 with more expected. Have a STINGTASTIC Day. Judi Nelson Perkins Avant '59 H - 407-877-3733; C - 407-376-3624 (text). PS. T-shirts are still available. Send me a note and I will explain how to get one. (or more).

For information on the TALLAHASSEE AREA MHS LUNCHEON Please contact Ed Fleck '59 Luncheons are held at TALLAHASSEE ELK'S CLUB, 276 N. Magnolia Drive.

MHS OCTOBER 2019 JAMBOREE

From William H. Eades '64, (786) 426-1174 & Charlie Kimner '66, (865) 599-8258 Your Jamboree Coordinators MHSfile@yahoo.com LAST CALL to invite you, your family, and friends to the 5th Annual MHS Stingaree Jamboree in Chattanooga & Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, taking place October 22-23-24, 2019. If you have not reserved the particular events you wish to attend, or made your hotel reservations, please do so as soon as possible, then register online for the Jamboree itself to be included in our headcount. Tuesday Morning, October 22nd Start at Tennessee Valley Rail Road's Missionary Ridge Local Excursion trip beginning at Grand Junction Station in Chattanooga. Tuesday Afternoon, October 22nd: a Three-Hour Cruise, departing from Pier #2, downtown Chattanooga. We will cruise through the Grand Canyon of the South and the famous Tennessee River Gorge aboard the Chattanooga Riverboat Southern Belle. Wednesday Evening, October 23rd: Enjoy a great meal and show at the Dolly Stampede in Pigeon Forge TN. Thursday Morning, October 24th. For Golfers we have a Tennessee Golf Tournament at the Sevierville Golf club Shotgun Start tee time 8:30 AM EST · Thursday Evening, October 24th. Conclude Jamboree at the Button Willow Civil War Theater located in Pigeon Forge TN The owner, Steve Gipson, has invited us to enjoy the Civil War theater production. Looking forward to seeing you in Tennessee.

THANK YOU



A special thank you goes out to our newsletter contributors; Jorge Cibran, Fred Darwick Maria Dieguez-Prieto, Eddie Abboud, Pat Massey and Tatiana Escobar from Inklab Signs, Inc.

IN MEMORIAM

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| 1939 Delia Mae Cooper | 1952 Geraldine Smith Tucker | 1953 William (Bill) James Blackburn, Jr. |
| 1939 James Jerome Kennedy, Jr. | 1952 Joann Queen Reynolds | 1953 Paul Collins Dotson |
| 1939 Anna M. Landrove Hallbert | 1953 Jack Crouch | 1956 Joseph (Joe) Rive Leary III |
| 1943 Gloria Evelyn Click | 1953 Richard Fleisher | 1959 Ernest (Skip) Albert Barthel II |
| 1946 William (Billo) Buslinger | 1953 Ann Hardgrove Moore | 1961 Gary E. Mitchell |
| 1946 John Hornick | 1963 Julian Laughinghouse | 1962 Michael Edmund Fortier |
| 1947 Stanley H. Apte | 1953 Esta Kanigher Lieman | 1962 Gilbert Freeman |
| 1947 Bryan Lee Hathcock | 1953 Mary Lou Pessolano Ali | 1963 Art Saluk |
| 1947 Ray M. Shaw | 1953 Norman Neiman | 1965 Leslie Nielsen Owen |
| 1950 Mary Tsiggenis Venable | 1953 Rhea Warren | 1967 Josephine (Josie) Faith Loughry Adamack |
| 1951 Arthur Lewis Pepper | 1953 Sandra Joy Prince Pepper | 1972 Steve J. Poulos |
| 1951 John Malcolm Stribling III, MD | 1953 Carole Savitt Detora | 1975 Raimundo (Ray) Cosio |

From Barbara Blake Dick '54: A dear and longtime friend, Carole Savitt Detora '53 passed away in July this year. Carole married and moved to Los Angeles CA. We kept in close touch through the years. Carole attended the class's 50 year celebration in 2003. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

From Chuck Schaefer '64: I remember that Joe (Leary '56) played on one of Coach Schaefer's best teams. They lost one game and that was to Jackson when they froze the ball for the whole game. Joe was not the most talented player but he was one of the toughest I had seen. His father treated me for a knee problem and through him I found out how very smart Joe was. The '56 team that won state was the third in a row for MHS.

From Judy Avant '59: Death notice for Pat Gleis Colley. Mhs grad '50. Started attending our Mhs Orlando Luncheon just a couple of years ago. Pat was my supervisor at Southern Bell on Alhambra Circle in Coral Gables back in '60-'62. Had no idea she had relocated to Winter Park. Found her on Classmates & we reunited our friendship. She loved coming to our luncheons!

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SPECIAL NOTICE

We have received several inquiries about the various MHS Alumni groups out there. To clarify, we are the only official Alumni Association recognized by MHS. 99% of monies we raise, including dues and donations, go directly to benefit MHS and it's student body.

The official MHS Alumni Association website is <https://miamihighschoolalumniassociation.com>

The official Facebook group is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/miamiseniorhigh/>

We want to hear from you - any suggestions, feedback, notifications, events or reunions updates - it's all good!

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