



# RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING MILWAUKEE'S OLDEST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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150 years of Academic Excellence!

JUNE 2018

## Gearing up for the Gala Celebration



The Riverside University High School Foundation is gearing up for the celebration of Riverside's 150th Anniversary as the very first public high school established in the City of Milwaukee in 1868.

"150 Years of Academic, Extracurricular and Athletic Excellence".

**Friday, August 10, 2018**

Potawatomi Hotel and Casino • 1611 West Canal Street • Milwaukee, WI

Registration and Reception (Cash Bar) – 5:30 p.m. • Dinner, Program, Awards – 6:15 p.m.

### Tickets

Riverside alumni can purchase tickets for the "Early Bird" price of \$75 each through June 30, 2018. Tickets will then be priced at \$100 each.

Tickets can be purchased on-line using a credit card at

[www.riversidecelebrationtickets.eventbrite.com](http://www.riversidecelebrationtickets.eventbrite.com)

or

by mailing the form enclosed with this newsletter.

Tickets have already been purchased by alumni from the classes of 1958, 1963, 1964, 1968 (50th Reunion Year), 1970, 1972, and 2003.

Tickets are limited so you are encouraged to order early.

Join all Riverside alumni, staff and friends in celebrating this important school milestone. All proceeds will be used to benefit Riverside students.

### Silent Auction

A Silent Auction will take place before and during the event. It already includes original works of art, gift baskets, gift cards, theater tickets, a Lake Michigan sailing cruise, an autographed Green Bay Packer football and much more.

### Program

Riverside alumnus, Sheri Williams-Pannell, Riverside Class of 1977, will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Gala Celebration. Sheri is a graduate of Spelman College and is a celebrated director, playwright and actress/singer. In 2017, Sheri was commissioned to write "Welcome to Bronzeville" which premiered at Milwaukee's Marcus Center - Todd Wehr Theater. She has performed with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the Florentine Opera Chorus and the Skylight Opera Theater. The Program for the evening will include an original skit written by Sheri covering the history of Riverside, past, present and future.

### Awards

**The Jack Rosenberg Founder's Award** to be presented to Lee and Donna Whitcomb, Riverside Class of 1950 – Presented by Alderman Khalif Rainey, Riverside Class of 1995. Following his graduation from Riverside, Alderman Rainey received a Riverside Foundation scholarship through Jack Rosenberg and credits Mr. Rosenberg for directing him into public service.

**The Community Service Award** to be presented to Milwaukee Alderpersons Ashanti Hamilton - 1991, Nic Kovac – 1995, Milele Coggs - 1995, and Khalif Rainey – 1995. The presenter will be Jerel Ballard – 2013 who is currently employed as a reporter and weekend anchor at WSAW TV in Wausau, Wisconsin.

**The Dedicated Educator Award** – Riverside Educator, Mr. Tom Wild presented by Michael Harris, Class of 1986.

**The Distinguished Alumnus Award** – David Riemer, Class of 1966. Mr. Riemer graduated from Harvard Law School and served in the administrations of Milwaukee Mayor, John Norquist and Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle.

## From the President: Foundation Faces Some Red Ink



Due to an unprecedented convergence of events, the Foundation's General Operating Fund (expenses) is currently in the red. An unexpected low donation return on the June, 2017 Newsletter mailing and an unexpected large increase in teacher classroom needs requests in the Fall of 2017 has resulted in the Foundation General Operating Fund being in the red. The Foundation Board has adopted a series of measures to deal with this problem including a new Budgeting Policy which will keep this from happening again in the future and a series of expenditure restraints to bring the Operating Fund back into the black. This problem points out once again the difficulties in running a charitable organization that relies almost entirely on voluntary donations from school alumni for its revenues. The need to have a financially successful 150th Anniversary Event on August 10 could not be any more apparent. Not only is the School's Anniversary an important milestone for the City of Milwaukee, but it could put the Foundation on solid financial ground for years to come.

Riverside students need your support more than ever.

*Jan Gibson*

Jan Gibson, President, The Riverside University High School Foundation

## Get Your Gala Tickets Today!

Mail completed form and check to :

The Riverside University High School Foundation • c/o Tri City Bank • 4295 West Bradley Rd. • Brown Deer, WI 53209

### **Gala Celebration Ticket Purchase and Donation Form**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO** wish to continue to receive the Foundation Newsletters

By Mail     By Email

I **DO NOT** wish to continue to receive the Foundation Newsletters

Relationship to Riverside (Please check one)

Alumnus—Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher     Administrator     School Support Staff

Friend of Riverside

Gala Celebration Ticket (\$75 each before July 1) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$100 each after July 1)

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to **RUHS - Foundation**  
Remember, all contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law.*

*Thank You!*

*Your Continued Support of Riverside Is Greatly Appreciated.*

*The purchase of full tables can be arranged with a variety of premium add-ons by contacting the Foundation at [riversidefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:riversidefoundation@gmail.com).*

As you requested, you are receiving this Newsletter via E-mail. If you wish to make a donation to the Foundation, you can do so by going to our web-site at [www.riversidefoundation.com](http://www.riversidefoundation.com) and click on the "Donations" section. Then you can either download the donation form and mail it to us or you can make your donation by clicking on the PayPal "Donation" button. We greatly appreciate your continued interest in Riverside. We desperately need your financial help.

Thanks.

Jim Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

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