



RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING MILWAUKEE'S OLDEST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

EST. 1868

150 years of Academic Excellence!

NOVEMBER 2017

Foundation Short On Funds

The Riverside University High School Foundation has a financial problem. We do not have enough money to do all of the things that need to be done to help Riverside students achieve their academic dreams. We want to continue to help teachers meet their classroom needs. We want to continue to provide scholarships to outstanding graduating Riverside students. We want to upgrade and expand the Wall of Honor so that it continues to inspire Riverside students to work hard toward their life goals. We want to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Riverside with a number of alumni activities but it takes seed money to plan those events. We want to continue to publish at least two newsletters each year to promote

the good things going on at the school as well as the various ways that the Foundation helps the school. We want to continue to do all of these things but it takes money to do them. The Foundation has no Endowment Funds. It has no large savings account. Basically, the money that we take in through alumni donations each year goes directly back to the school and the students through our various programs. We are asking all Riverside alumni to donate to our efforts. You are all part of the incredible history of this great institution. Please consider donating generously to the Foundation's efforts to help the school maintain its unique and important history as a culturally diverse public high school that focuses on high academic achievement.

Principal Michael Harris Departs



Mr. Michael Harris a 1986 graduate of Riverside and its Principal since 2013 resigned his position in October to assume a district office administrative position in the Clarke County, Georgia School District where he is rejoining his

mentor, Dr. Demond Means, who is himself a graduate of Riverside. Mr. Harris previously served as the Middle School Principal in the Thiensville/Mequon School District where Dr. Means was the Superintendent. Both men are members of the Riverside University High School Wall of Honor. Ms. Maria Gonzalez, a long-time Assistant Principal at Riverside will serve as the interim Principal In Charge until MPS Superintendent Dr. Darienne Driver

appoints a permanent replacement. During his tenure at Riverside, Mr. Harris infused an incredible amount of energy and talent into moving the school forward in its mission to provide a pre-college education to some of the finest students in Milwaukee. He proved to be one of the most positive and enthusiastic administrators in the history of the school. He exuded an infinite amount of confidence in Riverside students, staff and parents. He worked tirelessly to build a "team" approach to improving the academic achievements of Riverside students. He will be sorely missed. In the 150 year history of Riverside, the school has been fortunate to have a long list of school leaders who cherished, protected and promoted the reputation of Riverside as a school of high academic achievement. Mr. Harris has contributed greatly to this tradition. He has left his mark on this school. All of the school's stakeholders need to make sure that they build on Michael's legacy and assure that all of Riverside's students continue to "do their best, try their hardest and give their all".

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Foundation Tries To Meet Teacher Classroom Needs

The Riverside University High School Foundation Board of Directors is committed to spending as much of the Foundation's financial resources each year on teacher classroom needs as it does on student scholarships. As the school is forced to tighten its budget, teachers are finding it increasingly difficult to find the resources they need to fully meet the needs of their students. That is where the Foundation comes in. The following are a few examples of how the Foundation has helped teachers meet their classroom needs in recent months:

1. Three English/Social Studies teacher resource binders that will allow teachers, in a multi-disciplinary fashion, to help students develop their argumentative writing skills.
2. Foam core materials for an Art project that will involve students designing individual puzzle pieces that can be displayed throughout the school. The theme of the project will be "We are all connected".
3. Lab coats for Medical Interventions students who are all in their final year of the school's unique Biomedical Sciences program.
4. On-line Smart Music subscriptions for all band and orchestra students. This program allows students to visually observe their instrument playing and have it reviewed for wrong notes, tempo, etc.
5. Wooden drum kits for Adaptive Physical Education classes. These physically and mentally challenged students will assemble and decorate the drum kits and then use them in drum circles led by a physical therapist and an Adaptive PE teacher.
6. Purchased 45 copies of a supplementary reading book, "The Giver", for an English 10/Creative writing teacher who would otherwise have had to copy the book herself.

Wall of Honor

The Wall outside the main office at Riverside has contained a display of Riverside graduates who have achieved distinction in the areas of public service, business and the arts following their graduation from the school. The Wall of Honor serves as a source of inspiration for current Riverside students. If they "do their best, try their hardest, and give their all", they too can achieve great things in life. The current display area is too small to add the additional four alumni who have been added in the past two years, much less the alumni who will be added in the future. The Foundation is currently attempting to raise funds to replace the picture plaques with a digital display that can be easily expanded and will be more attractive to students, staff and school visitors.

On the opposite wall outside the main office, the Foundation has recently installed a set of story boards celebrating the 150 year history of Riverside. We also have a display case containing a few of the school memorabilia donated by alumni. We are always looking to add to our collection which we are carefully cataloguing and displaying. As school alumni




or their heirs clean out attics, basements and garages and find such items, we would gladly give them a safe home. In describing the rich history of Riverside, these items of memorabilia give definition and color to that history.

Sounds of the Season

RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL'S
150TH YEAR CELEBRATION
KICK-OFF EVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2017

Entertainment by
Riverside's Swing Choir

hors' d'oeuvres and libations
will be served


**URBAN
ECOLOGY CENTER**
1500 East Park Place
Milwaukee, WI 53211



For MPS "Year of the Arts"
Riverside's Spring Musical Presents!



150 Years
RUHS

Show Dates
March 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2018

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

**RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY
HIGH SCHOOL
HOMECOMING - SEPT 2018**

Celebrating 150 Years
of Academic Achievement and Honoring Athletic
Excellence

Establishing
The RUHS Athletic Hall of Fame
Friday, September 28, 2018

Homecoming Rally, Parade & Game
Saturday, September 29, 2018



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AUGUST 10, 2018

FOR A GALA EVENT
AS

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**CELEBRATES 150 YEARS
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HOTEL & CASINO

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MILWAUKEE WI 53233
AUGUST 10, 2018 @ 5:30PM

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Friday • May 18, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday • May 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drop off items on Thursday • May 17, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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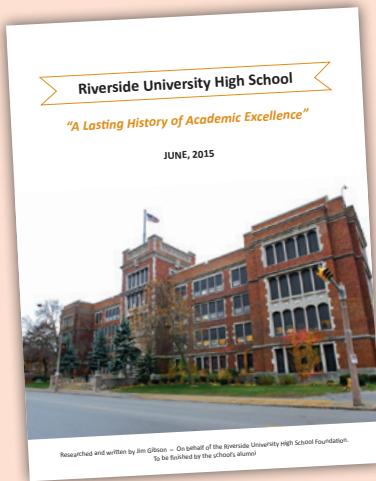
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Riverside History Book #2



The second Riverside High School history book is scheduled to be published in June, 2018. It will expand on all of the information contained in the first edition concerning the buildings/locations, the teachers, administrators, students, programs, athletics and distinguished graduates of the school. It will also include new information regarding the participation of Riverside alumni in military service particularly in World War I, World War II, the Viet Nam War and in Project Desert Storm. The story of how Riverside students and staff worked their way through the racial conflicts of the late 1960's and early 1970's will also be told. The distinguished athletic history of the school will be expanded upon. As the very first public high school established in the City of Milwaukee in 1868, Riverside has an interesting and important place in the history of public schools. Riverside's ability to maintain its rich history as a school of academic rigor and high academic achievement makes for an interesting and compelling story.

Look for this new book in June, 2018.

In Memoriam

Judge Rudy Randa, 1958

Nancy Ruth Roberts

Coach Bob Wirth, Retired Riverside Teacher/Coach

Tom Suits, 1951

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Thanks.

Jim Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer
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