



RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING MILWAUKEE'S OLDEST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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150 years of Academic Excellence!

DECEMBER 2018

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The Foundation has been doing business with Tri City National Bank for a number of years. All of the donations from alumni and friends go directly to the bank. The bank processes all of our donations and expense payments expeditiously and then provides us with the reports which we need to keep track of the Foundation finances. A Vice-president of the bank, Audrey (Gholston) Sellers, a 1984 Riverside graduate, serves on the Foundation Board of Directors and provides expert advice on the Foundation's financial procedures.

Tri City National bank has also been a strong financial supporter of the Foundation in its

efforts to support Riverside students and teachers. The Bank has been one of the biggest supporters of the Foundation's General Scholarship Program. They made a significant contribution to the Riverside Robotics Club so that the Club could afford to attend the national competition in St. Louis. They also were a major sponsor of last August's 150th Anniversary Gala Celebration.

The Foundation is fortunate to have Tri City National Bank as a partner and looks forward to continuing to work together on behalf of Riverside for many years to come.

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Riverside Student Becomes First Person in the U.S. With a Mobile Berlin Heart

Christina Johnson, a 20-year old heart patient with Down Syndrome, was able to return to school this year thanks to a portable pump while she waits for a new heart. The pump pushes air back and forth through her implant to mimic heartbeats. This technology has existed for some time, but this is the first time that it has become portable.

Christina has congenital heart disease, a condition common in patients with Down syndrome. Ultimately, she will need a heart transplant. In the meantime, she is able to participate in her transition class at Riverside.

Her teachers were trained on how to use the Berlin Heart. When she walked into her transition class after nearly a year of absence, her teacher announced to the whole class that she was back. Christina got a hug from all her old teachers and classmates. She said that she was excited to be back at school. (reported in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel, 09/08/18)



Family Ties

Riverside has had many families where multiple members have graduated from Riverside. Betty (Maxon) Hogg, a 1944 graduate, informs us that her father, an aunt, her sister, her brother and two of her cousins all graduated from Riverside prior to 1949.

Let us know of your Riverside lineage.
E-mail us at ruhsfoundation@gmail.com.

New Foundation Scholarship

Tom Bauch, a 1960 Riverside graduate has established a new Scholarship Fund within the Foundation's family of scholarship funds. The name of the fund is "The Tom Bauch Scholarship Fund In Honor of Robert Hesselbrock". Mr. Bauch credits his Riverside English teacher, Mr. Hesselbrock, with his life-long love of the English language. One graduating Riverside student who has achieved distinction in English writing and literature and who intends to become a liberal arts major in college will be presented with this \$2,000 scholarship. Mr. Bauch's new scholarship brings the total of all current Foundation scholarship funds to seven.

How To Establish a Scholarship Fund

1. Fill out the Foundation's "Scholarship Establishment Form"

- A. The name of the Fund
- B. Whether the Fund is intended to be a one-time scholarship or a continuing scholarship.
- C. How the money for the Fund will be raised
- D. The criteria for determining who will receive the scholarship
- E. Who will determine the recipient(s) of the scholarship (usually the Foundation's Scholarship Interview Committee in consultation with the Fund donor(s))
- F. The name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address for the contact person for the Fund.

2. Make a donation toward the Fund

The Foundation Store

"Riverside University High School – 150 Years of Academic Excellence" – This 240 page history of Riverside High School includes facts, stories, pictures and records tracing the 150-year history of Milwaukee's very first public high school established in 1868. Copies are available for \$30 each including postage.

Commemorative "150th Anniversary, orange and black coffee cups - \$20

"Tiger Paw" Lapel Pins - \$15

Please clip the form below and send it to:

RUHS Foundation • c/o Tri City National Bank • 4295 W. Bradley Rd. • Brown Deer, WI 53209-1773 • Attention: Audrey Sellers

All donations and all the proceeds from the sale of these items will be used to support Riverside University High School and its students.

Donation and Order Form

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ _____ to support the work of the Riverside University High School Foundation in helping Riverside High School maintain its 150 Year history of Academic Excellence.

Also enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for the purchase of (enter quantity for all that apply):

_____ A 150th Anniversary Commemorative Coffee Cup (\$20)

_____ A Riverside High School "Tiger Paw" lapel pin (\$15)

_____ A copy of the book, "Riverside University High School, 150 Years of Academic Excellence" (\$30)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address: _____

You can also go to the Foundation website at www.riversidefoundation.com and submit your donations or orders by clicking on the PayPal button.

2019 Foundation Rummage Sale

Saturday • May 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Drop off items at the Riverside gym lobby on
Thursday, May 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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What's Going On?



Laura Schultz, a GE volunteer, helps touch up a tiger mascot.

GE volunteers helped to build the Riverside “Zen Den”, a place where emotional de-escalation can take place. GE worked with two of Riverside’s special education teachers, Elizabeth Bart and Drew Rittgers, to design this designated area where students can cool down. The Zen Den is intended to deal with students who have a pattern of behavioral difficulties. The goal is to refocus students on their classwork and increase their productivity and academic success. With dimmed lights, soft music playing and a bubbling fountain in the corner, students can color, meditate, journal and do yoga. One full-time teacher works in the room to monitor students and teach them coping skills. After 30 to 40 minutes, they can return to class.

GE has been working with MPS for its community service day for 24 years and volunteers keep coming back because of projects such as the Zen Den. “We want the students to succeed. They’re the future and we’re investing in them the same way Milwaukee has invested in us (GE),” said volunteer Chad Miller.

(reported in “On Milwaukee”, August 23, 2018)

Former Riverside Student Was a Quiet Poet With a Loud Voice

Riverside creative writing teacher, Robin Harris, could tell immediately that Juan Bernal had a special talent. She noticed that Bernal carried a slim, leatherbound notebook with him everywhere and that it was filled with sprawling verses. He actually had ten such notebooks. Harris persuaded Bernal to join the school’s poetry team where he thrived

Before he began writing a poem, Bernal would visualize it by drawing out its main topic. Before composing a poem about child bullying, for instance, he would sketch the scene of a child being bullied. His artistic styles were as diverse as his poems: hip-hop, classical, and even abstract. The difficulties Bernal suffered as he grew – seeking shelter, finding work, supporting siblings, all while completing his education – informed his work. His poetry dealt with subjects such as child homelessness, police brutality and the public education system.

Bernal was fatally shot on May 28, 2018 at Kern Park near Capitol Drive and Humboldt Boulevard. Police are still looking for suspects.

(reported in the Journal/Sentinel, 08/13/2018)



In Memoriam

The following Riverside alumni and staff have been honored with donations in their names during 2018:

John Heidner, 1949

Tom Suits, 1951

Sue Malik, 1951

Mack Dewar, 1951

Eugenie Scott, 1963

Andy Jirgens, 1963

Phyllis Banks, Riverside Educator