

## The Riverside University High School Foundation November 2018



There is a lot to learn about your alma mater in the new book, “Riverside University High School, 150 Years of Academic Excellence.” You may know by now that Riverside is the direct descendant of the first public high school in the City of Milwaukee in est.1868. But did you also know that:

- Riverside started in the attic of the Seventh Ward Elementary School located approximately where the MSOE soccer stadium now exists.
- Riverside had several names: “Milwaukee High School” from 1868 to 1894 when South Division was opened, and our school was renamed “East Division High School.” When the current building was opened in 1915, the school was renamed “Riverside High School.” Then in 1984, the name was changed to “Riverside University High School” to reflect its emphasis on preparing students for college. There is an interesting story in the book on how our school almost became “Potter High School” in 1943.
- At least 15 Riverside students have returned to teach at the school.
- Riverside is the only public high school in Milwaukee that has staged an annual musical since 1986.
- Lester Maitland, a 1917 Riverside grad, was the first US Pilot to fly faster than 200 miles per hour and the first person to fly 2,416 miles across the Pacific Ocean from Oakland, California to the Hawaiian Islands. Maitland Field, Milwaukee’s first airport, was located near the current Summerfest grounds.
- A Riverside alum captained the USS Arizona when it was sunk during the Pearl Harbor attack.
- These and hundreds of other interesting facts and anecdotes can be found in this 240-page book. You can order it by sending a check for \$30 to:

The RUHS Foundation  
c/o Tri City National Bank  
4295 W. Bradley Road  
Brown Deer, WI 53209  
“Riverside History Book”

Also available for sale are Riverside High School “Tiger Paw” lapel pins for \$15 and 150th Anniversary Commemorative Orange and Black Coffee Cups for \$20. All proceeds go toward helping Riverside students and teachers. Visit the website for more information.

Alert: Watch for the full RUHS Foundation Newsletter in December.

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