



The Riverside University High School Foundation

Serving alumni, friends, and families of Riverside University High School

Racquel "Rocky" Cannon Riverside's Best



Racquel Cannon is the 2012 Riverside University High School Valedictorian. She is graduating with a 3.9 grade point average. She had one "B" in four years at Riverside. She is too modest to admit it but she is the most popular student in her graduating class. She was a star on the Girl's Soccer Team, the Girl's Swim Team and was Captain of this year's Wrestling Team. That's right, the Wrestling Team. There is a very good reason why her classmates and friends call her "Rocky" and the nickname results from more than just her athletic prowess. Rocky's life easily could have turned out a lot worse when her parents divorced when she was five years old.

Her mother abandoned Rocky and her older sisters and the divorce started her father on a long slide toward depression and alcoholism.

How do young people survive such tragedies? How can young people be so resilient? It happens more frequently than most people realize and a safe, nurturing and challenging school environment has a lot to do with it.

Read more of Rocky's story in her own words on the Foundation web site at www.riversidefoundation.com.

Advanced Placement Program Riverside's Shining Example of Academic Excellence

Advanced Placement is a program of college level courses and examinations that gives high school students the opportunity to receive advanced placement and/or college credit.

Riverside University High School provides a comprehensive Advanced Placement Program to its students. The Advanced Placement Program reflects Riverside's rich tradition of academic excellence.

Students who succeed in AP Courses save thousands in college tuition. For more on how an \$87 investment in an AP Test fee can save a student and his/her family nearly \$1,400 in college tuition costs, see the Foundation web site at www.riversidefoundation.com.

The RUHS Foundation Board of Directors has established an "Advanced Placement Program Test Fee Fund" from which all AP exam fees will be paid that are not already paid through other funds. An application form must be filed by the student and signed by a parent or guardian and a RUHS guidance counselor.

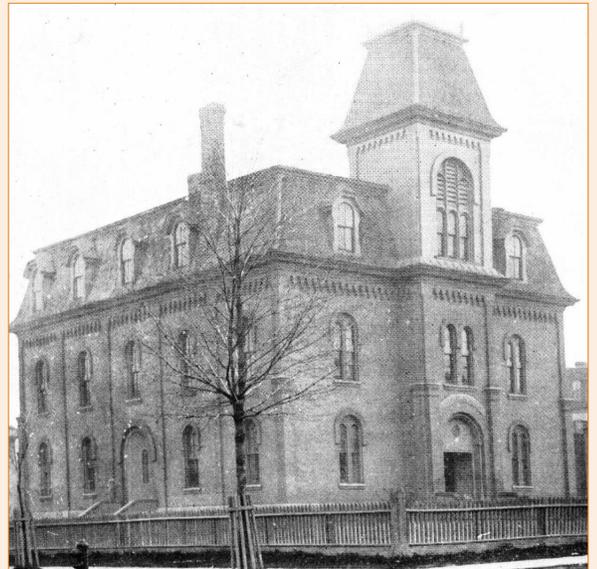
We are appealing to all Riverside Alumni to assist with the funding of this important program. See the enclosed Donation Form to see how you can contribute to this program with tax deductible dollars.

A Storied History

Milwaukee High School - East Side High School - East Division High School - Riverside High School - Riverside University High School. Despite all of the name changes over the past 143 years, one thing has remained constant: our school has always represented academic excellence.

Riverside University High School is the direct descendant of Milwaukee's first high school established in 1868 in the attic of the Seventh Ward Grade School. The 100th Anniversary of the current school building will be held during the 2015 - 2016 School Year. Planning is currently underway. The 150th Anniversary of the original building will be held during the 2019-20 School Year. In preparation for these celebrations, the Foundation is compiling a complete history of Riverside including not only the physical changes in the building but also the significant achievements of its staff and students in academics, sports, performing arts, extracurricular activities and community service.

We invite all alumni to send us their stories about their years at Riverside so that we can include such anecdotes in our Riverside retrospective. You can send them to us by regular mail at: Riverside University High School Foundation, 1615 East Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53211 or by e-mail at contact@riversidefoundation.com. Look for regular "Did You Know?" updates on the Foundation website.



Riverside Students and Staff Support "Habit For Humanity"



In 2000, the Riverside Student Council and National Honor Society members decided to help do something about the problems of hunger and homelessness in Milwaukee. They have organized and participated in an event called "Box City" that is held in March of each year where students stay overnight in cardboard boxes on the Riverside campus.

Students raise funds while learning about what life is like for a homeless

person in Milwaukee and the challenges that such persons face on a daily basis just to stay alive. On the night of the event students are involved in a variety of activities inside the school building sponsored by agencies such as the Hunger Task Force. Students solicit donations from friends and relatives to support their participation in this activity. Supervision is provided by adult volunteers from among Riverside staff and parents.

Over the past eleven years, Riverside students have raised in excess of \$60,000 through the "Box City" events. Recently, Riverside student leaders presented a check for this amount to the Habitat For Humanity organization. A community philanthropist was so impressed when he heard about the student's commitment to this activity that he offered to match the amount raised by the students and, as a result, two new houses were built this past summer by Habitat For Humanity with Riverside students and staff participating on the work crews. On October 15, 2011, Habitat For Humanity presented its first philanthropist award to Riverside University High School for its efforts on behalf the Milwaukee homeless community. Student advisor, Tom Wild is pictured here accepting the award on behalf of the school.

This is just one more example of how Riverside continues to set high standards for its students for support of the community in which they live.

Opting Out of the Foundation Newsletters

In an effort to reduce newsletter printing and postage costs, the Foundation is asking any recipients who no longer wish to receive our twice a year newsletters to please let us know so that we can take you off of our mailing list. See the enclosed "Donation Form" for the way to do so.

Military Veterans Honor Role

The Foundation Board of Directors has decided to give Riverside alumni an opportunity to honor classmates who have served our country in our armed forces. The new "Military Honor Roll" will be posted on the Foundation web-site and featured in our Newsletters. See our web site at www.riversidefoundation.com for more information.

Riverside Athletic Hall of Fame

Plans to establish an Athletic Hall of Fame at Riverside are continuing. We have previously asked alumni to nominate former athletes for this honor. We have received nominations for six former Riverside athletes so far. We welcome additional nominations at any time. Please e-mail them to contact@riversidefoundation.com or mail them to Riverside University High School Foundation, 1615 E. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53211. See the Foundation website for a list of current nominees.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the very first State Champion Girl's Basketball Team came from Riverside High School. Well actually, from its predecessor "East Division High School", in 1903. That's right, 1903! Their team mascot was the Horned Toad. See our web-site for more interesting information about this story.

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Thanks.

Jim Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer
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