



# The Riverside University High School Foundation

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

## 2011 Membership Dues Drive

The Riverside University High School Foundation is funded almost entirely by annual memberships and additional donations from Riverside alumni and friends. The annual dues are \$40 and are being solicited through this newsletter. It is our hope that all Riverside Foundation donors will continue to renew their annual memberships and

donate generously so that the Foundation can continue to support Riverside in its mission to provide a high quality, college preparatory education to its diverse student body. The enclosed "2011 Membership Dues and Donation Envelope" can be used to make your donations. Thank-you in advance for your support.

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## 2010 Graduates - A Class of High Achievers

100% of the members of the Class of 2010 that started the 2009-2010 School Year graduated at the end of the year. **100%!!** 89% of the 2010 RUHS graduating class are currently enrolled in college. The ninety (90) highest achievers among this group received in excess of \$2.8 million dollars in scholarships!

## RUHS Coffee Mugs and Alumni Directories For Sale

The Foundation has a limited number of great looking Riverside University High School coffee mugs for sale. These orange mugs with the Riverside school logo embossed on them can be purchased for **\$10** each including shipping and postage. We also have a number of copies of the new Riverside Alumni Directory that was printed just last summer. It contains thousands of up-to-date names and addresses of Riverside graduates. If you are searching for a high school friend or classmate, this could be a very valuable resource. You can purchase one of these directories for **\$25** including shipping and postage. To submit your order, simply e-mail the Foundation at "riversidefoundation.com" and provide us with your return address.

## Riverside High School Circa 1938

Bob Zigman, Riverside Class of 1938, was kind enough to send us an accounting of his recollections of the history of the school. For instance, Bob discovered from archives of the "Mercury" that "Milwaukee High School", the forerunner to the current Riverside University High School, was the only High School in Milwaukee in 1892. Milwaukee West Division and Milwaukee South Division had not yet been built. The first mention of Riverside's school colors, orange and black, was in the December, 1893 edition of the Mercury where students were encouraged to wear these colors.

Other tidbits: Most of Riverside's teachers in the early days had Ph.D. degrees and were called "Professor"; A notice in the November, 1892 School Newspaper read - "Anyone who brings us information as to who sets the Assembly clock ahead every day will be suitably rewarded"; In the early days, male members of the faculty actually played on the school's football team; The enrollment in 1900 was 471 students, 252 boys and 219 girls. Note: In 2009-10, the total enrollment was 1,580 of which 781 were female and 799 were male.

## Scholarship Winners Are Off to School

Thanks to the generosity of the Foundation donors, we were able to distribute thirty-seven (37) scholarships this past year to deserving graduating seniors. These one-time grants included thirty-four (34) in the amount of \$500, one at \$750 and two at \$1,000. Although these amounts will hardly make a dent in the cost of college for most of these students, they are a recognition that these students did what we told them that they had to do to be successful at Riverside **and they made it!** The gratitude of these students is reflected in the many "Thank-you" letters that we received from the students. Common among the comments were the following: "I greatly appreciate the scholarship and want to thank-you for helping me in my journey into college life. It is a true blessing that someone would invest this much money in my future!" "I want to assure you that this money is a sound investment in my future. I won't let you down". "Thanks to the academic preparation I received at Riverside and with the financial support of the Foundation and others, I believe that I have a bright future ahead of me and I can't tell you how excited I am with the possibilities and how anxious I am to get started on the next phase of my life".

## **Principal's \$100(+) Black and Orange Awards**

### **\$100-\$149**

Jan Aker (D/W)  
 Margo Anderson (1995)  
 Roger Beaumont (FOR)  
 Douglas Bradley (1948)  
 Glenna & Brad Brin (D/W)  
 Susan Bullock (D/W)  
 Dennis Conta (D/W)  
 Rev. Janice Cummings (FOR)  
 Donald Elliott (1940)  
 Ruth Emerson (1941)  
 Robert French (1941)  
 Millard Frohock (1944)  
 Judith Gertsma (D/W)  
 Jim & Jan Gibson (FOR)  
 Robert Goodsitt (1950)  
 Paul Grayson (1935)  
 Fr. Guy Gurath (D/W)  
 Lorrie Gustin (1942)  
 Jane Tanner & William Hable (D/W)  
 Ellen & Art Hartz (D/W)  
 Kathryn Holt (1956)  
 Peter Holyoke (1947)  
 Julia Ihlenfeldt (1973)  
 Henry Kerns (1950)

Karl Kopp (D/W)  
 David Kornhauser (D/W)  
 Jack Lange (FOR)  
 Louise Larson (1958)  
 Sam Leatherwood (1964)  
 Renee Leavens (1966)  
 TNF LLP (JC)  
 John Lueck (1964)  
 Dr. Ralph Meyer (1958)  
 E. Robert Miller (1949)  
 George Mueller (1936)  
 Lucia & Jack Murtaugh (D/W)  
 William Orenstein (1945)  
 Jim & Pat Parks (BOD)  
 Jane Podemski (1954)  
 Mary Ann Ray (1960)  
 Peg & Tony Remsen (D/W)  
 Bob & Joyce Roesler (BOD)  
 Catherine Schamberger (1963)  
 Donald Starr (1961)  
 Mark Stroock (D/W)  
 Gamber Tegtmeyer (1951)  
 Ingrid Walker-Henry (1995)  
 Al Waraksa (1936)  
 Thomas Weisleder (1956)

William Wenzler (1947)

### **\$150 - \$199**

David Behrendt (D/W)  
 Diana Donald (FOR)  
 Jan Johnson (1973)  
 Ruth Renzelman (1966)  
 Kathleen Ryan (D/W)  
 Vickie & Tim Strattner (D/W)  
 Robert Zigman (1938)

### **\$200 - \$249**

John Banzhaf (1947)  
 Diane Bezella (FOR)  
 Nancy Brazil (FOR)  
 Phyllis Brostoff (D/W)  
 Ed Szopinski & Carol Justin (D/W)  
 Susan Chase (1959)  
 Elizabeth Drew (D/W)  
 Walter Drew (D/W)  
 Shirley Fitzpatrick (1951)  
 Sanford Mallin (1950)  
 Jean & Peter Ottmer (BOD)  
 M. Judith Roy (1953)  
 Clemens Rybacki (1956)  
 Valerie Stefanich (D/W)

Carol White (FOR)

### **\$250 - \$399**

Class of 1995 (1995)  
 Berton Braun (1950)  
 Alice & Mike Drew (D/W)  
 Ben Heineman (D/W)  
 Catherine & Bill Washabaugh (D/W)  
 Steve Wolf (JC)

### **\$400 +**

Michael Holmes (1965)  
 Eileen Kelley (1965)  
 George Menos (1960)  
 Eugene Newcomb (1952)  
 Lee & Donna Whitcomb (1950)  
 Scott Wisniewski (CT)

*D/W = Drew/Washabaugh Newspaper  
 Scholarship Fund*

*JC = Joan Crisostomo Scholarship Fund*

*CT = Computer Technology  
 Scholarship Fund*

*FOR = Friend of Riverside  
 Scholarship Fund*

## **2010 Flood Damage**

In July, 2010, Riverside suffered one of its most destructive natural disasters ever in the form of the severe rain storm and flooding. As the adjacent pictures demonstrate, the entire lower level of the newer part of the building under the new gym and the pool was completely destroyed. An entire computer lab, the whole band/orchestra area, several art rooms and much more were completely wiped out. The floors of the "old gym" downstairs in the older portion of the building had to be completely replaced. Nearly \$6.5 Million dollars in damage in all will be covered by the District's insurance. What will not be covered are the personal teaching supplies of teachers. Lesson plans, mementoes, tests, grade books, art projects, pens, pencils, computer software, computer storage disks, file cabinets, student photos, family pictures, college diplomas, were all destroyed. The Foundation would like to be able to provide each teacher affected in these ways by the flood with a nominal amount of money to replace such items. Please consider giving an extra \$10, \$15 or \$20 for the Foundation's "Flood Relief Program". The faculty will decide how this money can best be disseminated to the teachers who lost personal teaching items in the flood.



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Thanks.

Jim Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer  
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