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YOU have had a direct impact on building Riverside's reputation as one of Milwaukee's top high schools. Today, we need your support! Your gift to the Riverside University High School Foundation provides teachers and students with the tools they need to continue achieving and building on generations of success. Your gift will be used to provide college scholarships to deserving graduates, to provide technology assistance for classroom teachers and to otherwise support the rigorous academic program at Riverside in ways deemed to be of high priority by the administration and staff.

RUHS Class Reunions

If you are planning a reunion, we can get you started with a copy of the Foundation's alumni database for most graduating classes. See our web site: www.riversidefoundation.com for more information

RUHS Class of 1958, 50th Reunion - September 20, 2008. Class members can get further information by contacting Carol (Donohue) Tishler at 414-964-2339 or by E-mail at cltishler@yahoo.com"

RUHS Class of 1988 - Contact the Reunion organizers at www.Riverside1988.myevent.com.

Summer 2008 Donation Form

The Riverside University High School Foundation

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Your Continued Support of Riverside Is Greatly Appreciated.



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

SUMMER 2008

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Family of Foundation Scholarships Continues To Grow

The number of scholarship funds established through the Foundation by Riverside alumni, staff and friends continues to grow.

Foundation General Scholarships -

Established by the Foundation in 1998 to reward students who have worked diligently to maintain the high academic standards

of Riverside University High School. Recipients must also demonstrate an active involvement in school extracurricular activities as well as community service. To date, the Foundation has awarded \$63,500 in scholarships. The 2008 recipients are pictured below clockwise beginning with the back row left:



Antonio Soto (Crisostomo and Quiles Brothers Scholarships), Megan Kohnke - \$1,000, Anthony Zollicoffer - \$1,000, Nicole Montriell - \$500, Nadreen Bagown - \$1,000, Anna Strattner - \$1,000, Stephanie Polenz - \$1,000, Christopher Moss (Larry Leonard Scholarship) Maikeng Her (Bookstore Scholarship), Veronica Briggs - \$500 Sean Loughran (Wisniewski Scholarship), Jose Ortiz (Wisniewski Scholarship), Not pictured - Bao Thao - \$1,000

Rosenberg Scholarships -

Jack Rosenberg, a 1937 Riverside graduate and co-founder of the Riverside University High School Foundation, established a scholarship fund through the Foundation in 1998. Prior to his untimely passing in 2006, Mr. Rosenberg paid out over \$110,000 in Foundation scholarships to deserving Riverside graduates.

Leonard, an Assistant Principal who passed away in 2002. Mr. Leonard was greatly loved and highly respected by the entire family of Riverside students, staff and parents. A total of \$3,500 in scholarships has been awarded to date. The 2008 recipient is:

Christopher Moss - \$1,000
(See picture above)

Joan Crisostomo Marathon Scholarship Fund - Ms. Crisostomo is currently the Director of Guidance Services at

Riverside. Beginning in 2007, she decided to combine her decision to run a full marathon race with her desire to assist a deserving Riverside graduate attend college. She funds her Foundation scholarship through tax-deductible pledges from Riverside staff, family and friends. This fund has paid out a total of \$3,200 to date. The 2008 recipient is:

Antonio Soto - \$1,200
(See picture above)

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Quiles Brothers

ScholarshipFund – Three Quiles brothers, all of whom attended Riverside, have established a Foundation scholarship fund to honor what they describe as a “sibling legacy” where an older sibling attended Riverside and positively influenced a younger sibling’s experience at Riverside. Rudy ('90), Nick ('92) and Israel ('98) Quiles raise money for their scholarship fund through charity runs, and personal donations.

The 2008 Recipient is

Antonio Soto - \$1,000

Scott Wisniewski Engineering Scholarships

– Scott is a 1998 graduate of Riverside who currently works for Microsoft Corporation in Seattle, Washington. He has recently established a Foundation Scholarship to reward one or more graduating Riverside students who have demonstrated a considerable aptitude in the field of computer science. He funds his scholarship through a personal donation which is then matched by his employer.

The 2008 Recipients are

Sean Loughran - \$2,500

Jose Ortiz - \$2,500

Kate Windorski Memorial Scholarship Fund

– Ms. Windorski taught vocal music at Riverside for many years. She was instrumental in re-establishing the annual school

musical production as well as the swing choir and the madrigal choir. She passed away in 2006. This scholarship fund was established through contributions from her family, friends, former students and Riverside staff. It is intended to assist a student who intends to pursue their interest in music at the higher education level. Four scholarships were awarded in 2007 for a total of \$3,000. No qualified students applied this year.

Bookstore Service Scholarship

– This fund was established for the first time this year by the Riverside School Bookkeeper, Lori Burgos, who wanted to honor a student who had demonstrated a high degree of school service through volunteer work in the School Bookstore.

The 2008 recipient is:

Maikeng Her - \$1,000

Drew/Washabaugh Friends and Family Newspaper Scholarship

– Catherine Washabaugh, a retired Riverside English teacher and School Newspaper advisor and a family friend of hers, Mike Drew, a Milwaukee newspaper journalist, established a scholarship fund in 2001 to assist graduating students who have exhibited dedication and leadership in the School Newspaper class for at least two years, who have been accepted to attend a college or university and who show financial need. To date, this scholarship fund has paid out \$17,900 in scholarships. Pictured below are the 2008 recipients and

their advisors (see photo below) All of the Foundation’s scholarship funds together have provided a total of over \$208,000 in scholarships since the Foundation was established in 1998.

Establishing a scholarship fund through the Foundation is a wonderful way for alumni to “give back” to Riverside. The process is quite simple. All you have to do is write or E-mail the Foundation President, Jan Gibson, and request a “Scholarship Fund Establishment Form”. Mrs. Gibson can be reached at gibsonj5@aol.com or by mail at 1660 N. Prospect Ave., #2307, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

This form asks you to provide the following information:

1. The name of your scholarship fund;
2. Whether you intend to make this a one-time or continuing scholarship;
3. How you will solicit tax-deductible donations for your scholarship;
4. What the criteria for selecting a recipient of your scholarship will be;
5. What process you will use to select a recipient (applications, interviews, etc.)

This information is then submitted to the Foundation Board of Directors for their approval. It should also be noted that, in order to meet its fiduciary responsibilities, the Foundation Board of Directors must give final approval to any scholarship recipient recommendations.



Mike Drew, Advisor, Allesha Gilbert-Ewing (\$1,500), Jasmine Williams (\$1,000), Anna Strattner (\$500), Brandon Bates (\$1,500), Megan Kohnke (\$500), Randy Jordan (\$500), Mr. Orozco, Teacher and Catherine Washabaugh, Advisor.

Riverside Graduates Involved In Public Service

Given the history of public service by Riverside graduates, it should come as no surprise that there are currently three such graduates serving on the City of Milwaukee Common Council. These three distinguished Riverside Alumni demonstrate once again how well Riverside prepares students to excel in academics while also maintaining a strong commitment to improve their community.

Ashanti Hamilton, a 1991 graduate of Riverside, was first elected Alderman of the city's 1st District in 2004 where he currently serves the citizens of Milwaukee. While attending Riverside, Ashanti excelled not only in the classroom, but also in sports such as track and football and also as a school leader. When a classmate was seriously injured, he was instrumental in organizing other students to have the city install a traffic light on Locust Street. He also volunteered to appear in the first "Hang Tough Milwaukee" documentary in which he spoke out against the abuse of drugs and its negative affects on his family and the community.



Ashanti attended Marquette University where he earned his BA degree in English and became a teacher. He went on to earn his Law Degree at Texas Southern University. Mr. Hamilton currently serves as Chairman of the Common Council's Judiciary and Legislation Committee and he also is a member of the Licenses Committee as well as the Steering Rules Committee.

Milele Coggs is a 1995 Riverside graduate. She was elected in April of this year to serve as Alderwoman of the city's 6th District. After graduating from Riverside, Ms. Coggs attended Fisk University from which she graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. Degree in Business Administration and English. She then attended UW - Madison where she received her Law Degree. In addition to successfully managing several local election campaigns, she has formed her own consulting company, M.A. Coggs & Associates specializing in politics, education and small business development. Alderwoman Coggs currently



serves on the Common Council's Licenses and Finance & Personnel Committees.

Nic Kovac was also a 1995 graduate of Riverside. He was elected in April to serve as Alderman of the 3rd District where he was born and raised.



While attending Riverside, Mr. Kovac took full advantage of the school's college preparatory offerings by earning a total of twenty (20) college credits through UW-Milwaukee. He graduated Cum Laude from Harvard University with a degree in mathematics. He became an acclaimed newspaper editor in New York City before returning to Milwaukee to work for the Shepard Express and Riverwest Currents newspapers. He currently serves on the board of Historic Milwaukee, Inc. and is an active member of the Riverwest Neighborhood Association, the Urban Ecology Center, and the Milwaukee River Work group. Alderman Kovac is a member of the Common Council's Finance & Personnel and Licenses Committees.

Alumni News

Last summer, the Foundation sent out an appeal for donations to help Riverside's resurgent football program remain competitive in an age of diminishing financial support for extracurricular programs in MPS. Over \$7,000 was raised for the program. John Seamon, a 1944 Riverside graduate generously donated \$4,000 of that amount. **Mr. Seamon**



is pictured above accepting a commemorative Tiger Football Team jersey signed by all members of the 2007 team. This memento of gratitude was presented by **Coach Pat Wagner** (on the left) and **Principal Dr. Dan Donder** (on the right).

Gordon Zahn, Riverside Class of 1936 passed away in December, 2007. According to an article in the December 9, 2007 edition of the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel, Mr. Zahn was an internationally known peace activist scholar and author who worked throughout his life on behalf of racial and social justice in the world.

Did you know? Over an average working life of 50 years, the average high school graduate earns \$425,000 more than a high school dropout? (Source: NorthStar Economics, Inc.)