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A newsletter serving alumni, friends and family of Riverside University High School

June 2006

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Riverside University High School MISSION STATEMENT

Riverside University High School is committed to being a diverse multicultural urban high school with a primary focus on the preparation of students for success in post-secondary educational settings. The shared efforts of students, parents, and staff will result in life long learners and productive citizens in the global community.

This Foundation newsletter will update everyone on how, and how well, the school actually carries out this Mission Statement on behalf of its 1,500 students.

Special Edition – This is a special edition of *Come Home To Riverside Foundation News*. The Foundation, which is funded almost entirely by annual membership dues and additional donations from Riverside alumni and friends, will continue to solicit the \$40 annual dues through its December newsletter. We are sending this more extensive June newsletter to all of those persons who have ever donated any amount of money to the Foundation. In addition, this special edition of the newsletter will be sent to all retired Riverside staff as well as the graduating classes from the past three years. It is our hope that all Foundation supporters will continue to 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 urban student body.

Foundation Services

Web site — The Foundation web-site address is www.chtrf.com. Our web site is a work in progress as we continue to try to meet the needs of our members. If we are notified of planned class reunions, we will be happy to post the information on our web site and include it in one of our two yearly newsletters. Suggestions for changes and improvements to our web site can be e-mailed to Jim Gibson at gibsonj5@aol.com.

Alumni Database — The Foundation maintains a database of names and addresses of approximately 23,000 Riverside alumni and retired staff of which nearly 7,000 are known to be accurate as of the December, 2005. We are constantly receiving updates on name and address changes. The Foundation uses this database solely for mailing our two yearly newsletters. However, upon receipt of a written request from an alumnus who is part of a class reunion planning committee, we will provide a copy of our database for that graduating class only. The only thing we ask in return is that the reunion planning committee provides us with a copy of their updated list of names and addresses after it is completed. Requests for class lists for reunion planning purposes can be e-mailed to Mr. Gibson at gibsonj5@aol.com.

Class Reunions — Although the Foundation does not plan class reunions, we would be happy to provide a tour of the Riverside University High School building as part of such alumni functions. In addition, we would appreciate the opportunity to speak at any alumni function concerning the efforts of the Foundation to assist Riverside in continuing to provide a high quality urban education to all of its students.

Mary Ann Zapala Is On The Move

The current Foundation President is moving out of town and therefore needs to relinquish her leadership position. During her tenure as principal of Riverside, Mary Ann actively supported the Foundation's work and encouraged many others to do likewise. Since her retirement, Mary Ann has continued to serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors, most recently as its President. Mary Ann's passion and dedication to Riverside's student's have motivated her to work diligently to increase the Foundation's fund-raising efforts. Having struggled first-hand with increasing enrollments, reductions in staff and diminishing financial resources, Mary Ann believes strongly that the Foundation can serve a vital role in helping the school maintain its longstanding record of academic excellence. The Foundation is grateful for Mary Ann's steadfast leadership and service.

School Funding Crisis Continues To Harm Riverside

The lack of public support for public schools continues to provide significant challenges to the administration, staff and parents at Riverside University High School as they attempt to maintain a high quality education for their students. While adults on both sides of the public school funding issue continue to argue the merits of their respective positions, Riverside students recognize that they are the ones who are suffering. In the May 6, 2006 issue of "Word on the River", the Riverside student publication, student writer Jabril Faraj noted that the Riverside operating budget has been reduced from \$16 million dollars to \$14 million dollars in the past five years resulting in the reduction of more and more staff positions "leaving fewer teachers to teach more students". Faraj questions how the school can fulfill its main goal of "the preparation of students for success in post-secondary education settings" if "it is not given the resources to do so".

2006 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Although there are many senior students who are very deserving of scholarships, the Come Home To Riverside Foundation has limited resources at this time. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement at Riverside, participation in school and community activities and on financial need. The Foundation has decided to award its 2006 scholarships to the students listed on page three.

Alumni News

The Come Home To Riverside Foundation invites alumni to send us information about professional accomplishments, new jobs, weddings, retirement, relocation and obituaries. You can send such items with the Membership Form insert in this newsletter or E-mail them to www.chtrf.com.

Class of 1929

Elmer Winter, Co-founder and past President – Manpower, Inc.

Class of 1932

Charles (“Chappie”) Fox, Director, Circus World Museum, Baraboo - Wisconsin, Creator, Circus World Parade - Milwaukee

Class of 1936

Gordon Zahn, President and National Director – Center of Conscience and War

Class of 1937

Jack Rosenberg, Founder of Telecheck, Inc., Philanthropist, Co-founder and Past-President of The Come Home To Riverside Foundation

Class of 1942

Colleen Dewhurst, Broadway actress (*Desire Under the Elms*, *Children of Darkness*, *A Moon For the Misbegotten*), Television Actress (*Murphy Brown*, *The Civil War*, *Anne of Green Gables*), Movie Actress (*Dying Young*, *Obsessed*, *When A Stranger Calls*, *Annie Hall*.)

Class of 1945

Charles LaBahn, President, Orion Corporation

Class of 1954

Terrance Pitts, Lawyer, former Milwaukee County Supervisor

Class of 1958

Rudolph Randa, Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge
Roberta Beyer Erdmann, elected the first female mayor in the 157-year history of Berlin, WI in April 2005

Class of 1959

Terrance Evans, Chief Judge, Federal Court

Class of 1961

Fred Tabak, Lawyer, former Milwaukee County Supervisor

Class of 1964

Thomas Nardelli, Former City of Milwaukee Common Council Alderman, 15th District

Class of 1965

Fred Jones, Owner, Fred Jones Pontiac/GMC, Brookfield, WI
Liz Lerman, Founder of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange in Washington, D.C., Recipient of numerous Choreographer awards, Author of *Teaching Dance to Older Adults* (1983)

Class of 1966

Spencer Coggs, State Assemblyman, 1982-2002, State Senator, 6th Senate District, since 2003
David Riemer, Former head of the Department of

Administration for the City of Milwaukee
Sheila Payton, Miller Brewing Co. Executive, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, President of Sales and Marketing Communications Associates, Inc.

Class of 1967

David Schultz, Former Milwaukee County Executive

Class of 1969

Chris Rao, Elected to the UWM Hall of Fame in 1991

Class of 1971

Mary Fowlkes, Only MPS teacher to serve in the Gulf War, Riverside Phy. Ed. Teacher

Class of 1972

Karen Kohlberg, Author, keynote speaker, producer, co-founder of Comedy Sportz
Kathryn Sorenson, County Commissioner In Dade County, Florida since 1994

Class of 1973

Mary Washington, MD specializing in kidney disease and hypertension

Class of 1977

Sheri Williams Pannell, Member, Wisconsin Performing Arts Hall of Fame

Class of 1978

Victoria Drake, Professional harpist

Class of 1979

Daniel Bader, President of the Helen Bader Fund, a Milwaukee Philanthropic Organization

Class of 1981

Lisa Summerour-Perry, Miss New Jersey, 1986, Film Actress (*Philadelphia Story*)

Class of 1982

Antonio Riley, Former Wisconsin State Assemblyman, currently the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Agency

Class of 1989

Andrea Lee, Inducted into the Wisconsin Track Hall of Fame in 2004

Class of 1990

Demond Means – Former public school teacher at Homestead High School In Mequon, Assistant Principal at Nicolet High School In Glendale, Director for Human Resources and then Co-Superintendent in Wauwatosa, currently Assistant Superintendent in Mequon-Thiensville.

Class of 1991

Paul Spellman (Valedictorian) – PH.D. in Bio-Genetics

Class of 1992

Tamica Ellis – Professional Actor/Singer

Class of 1993

Luke Walrath – Professional Actor – Musical Theater

In Memoriam

The Riverside University High School community mourns the recent death of Mrs. Kate Windorski who taught vocal music at Riverside for many years. Mrs. Windorski was an energetic, creative and inspiring teacher to those students who were fortunate enough to participate in the wide range of student choirs and school musicals which she led. Her grace, her warm smile and her passion for music will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Windorski's family has allowed the Come Home To Riverside Foundation to establish an annual student scholarship in her name. It is hoped that many of Mrs. Windorski's former vocal music students, some of whom have become quite successful professional singers and performers, will be willing and able to support this new music scholarship. Donations to the "Kate Windorski Memorial Music Scholarship" can be sent in the enclosed envelope.

Educator Honor Roll

Honor a favorite Riverside teacher, administrator or educational support person that has made a difference in your life. Your name and the name of your honoree will be included in the next Foundation newsletter along with any comments about the honoree which you may wish to make. Please provide the following information regarding your honoree and mail it along with the membership form above and your additional \$25 donation in the enclosed envelope:

1. Name of person you are honoring
2. Position person held (teacher, administrator, educational support person)
3. If the person is/was a teacher, indicate year(s), grade, subject level
4. Reasons why this educator was important in your life.

Foundation Progress Report

The Come Home To Riverside Foundation was formed in 1996 by a small group of Riverside High School graduates whose goal was to raise charitable funds in order to provide scholarships to deserving Riverside graduates and to support the program efforts at the school in the face of dwindling public financial resources. The Foundation raises funds in three ways:

- 1. Individual annual memberships and donations.** Since the inception of the Foundation in 1996 hundreds of individual donations totally between \$10 and \$100 per person have been received by the Foundation. Other totals are as follows:
 144 people have donated between \$100 and \$200
 47 people have donated between \$200 and \$300
 26 people have donated between \$300 and \$400
 6 people have donated between \$400 and \$500
 32 people have donated between \$500 and \$1,000
 8 people have donated between \$1,000 and \$8,000

Class Reunions have raised funds for the Foundation as follows:

- Class of 1949 = \$100
- Class of 1958 = \$200
- Class of 1950 = \$625
- Class of 1993 = \$2,850

- 2. Donations to specific scholarship funds.** The Foundation currently includes three specific scholarships funds in addition to its own general scholarship fund.

- A.** The Jack Rosenberg ('1937) Scholarship Fund (minority male). The late Jack Rosenberg and his wife Lucy have funded these scholarships so far.
- B.** The Larry Leonard (deceased teacher/coach/administrator) Scholarship Fund (African American male). In addition to two individual donors, this scholarship fund is financed by a number of fundraising activities through the school.
- C.** The Drew/Washabaugh Scholarship Fund (School Newspaper). Donations to this fund are raised by Mike Drew, a journalist/journalism mentor, and Cathy Washabaugh, a retired RUHS journalism teacher and her husband Bill. Fifty-seven different donors have contributed to this scholarship fund so far.

- 3. Through additional specific fundraising activities:**

- A.** The biannual Book Sale during Parent Conferences has raised a total of \$1,150 for the Foundation's general fund.
- B.** The first effort last Fall at what is planned as an annual Rummage Sale raised in excess of \$2,000.

To date, the Foundation has supported Riverside and its students in the following ways:

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| A. Annual Foundation Scholarships | \$38,000 |
| B. Jack Rosenberg Scholarships | \$85,000 |
| C. Larry Leonard Scholarships | \$6,500 |
| D. Drew/Washabaugh Scholarships | \$5,200 |
| E. RUHS Program Support (technology, Renaissance Program, classroom needs) | \$38,000 |

2006 Scholarship Winners

\$500 Scholarships:



Sarina James: Overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.915. Ranks 7th in her graduating class. Took a significant number of Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses during all four of her years at Riverside. Was active on the Student Council, the National Honor Society, two school musicals and in numerous community activities. Will be attending Marquette University where she intends to pursue a degree in bio-medical engineering.

Alejandra Lopez: 3.95 GPA. AP courses in Calculus, Economics/ Government, English Literature, Biology and English Language. Active in National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Academic Decathlon, school musicals and talent shows and served on the yearbook staff. Will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Madison where she intends to study biomedical engineering in preparation for entry into medical school.

Kendra Pass: 2.9 GPA. Volunteered at her church, for a YMCA food drive and in collecting items for the Salvation Army. Plans on attending Alverno College where she will prepare for a career in law.



Alexander Vang: 3.92 GPA. Class rank = 6. AP and Honors courses all four years. Participant in the National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon, Model United Nations, Student Council. Volunteer with the American Red Cross First Aid Service Team. Will attend Brown University where he intends to study Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biochemistry.

Fredrick Ballenger: 2.8 GPA. English Honors Course. Active on the basketball team, the debate team and several school plays. Served as an elementary school coach, volunteered at a homeless shelter all while working numerous part-time jobs. Plans on attending Marquette University where he intends to study accounting, business management or law.

\$1,000 Scholarships:



Adam Breihan – 4.0 GPA. First in his class. AP classes in Calculus, World History, Biological Science, Comparative Government and English Literature. Active in cross country, track, National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Academic Decathlon, Amnesty International, Peace Action – Wisconsin and the Special Olympics Served as an intern at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Will attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison where he intends to study History and Political Science.



Larresca Lee: 3.0 GPA. AP courses in World History, and Biology. Chemistry Honors course. Active in cross country, forensics, Model UN, orchestra and Amnesty International. Volunteer in numerous neighborhood activities on behalf of elderly and disabled persons. Will attend UW-Eau Claire where she intends to study Biology and Spanish.



Monica Perez: 3.7 GPA. 13th in her class. AP in Spanish Literature. School activities limited by physical disability. Served as a peer mentor, as an assistant at children's support events and participated in school fundraising activities. Will attend UW-Parkside where she will study Bioinformatics, Biomolecular/Biomedical Engineering.



Elga Zetino: 2.9 GPA. Awards for perfect attendance. AP courses in English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, American Government and Psychology. Active on soccer team and assisted with children's programs at her church. Will attend Mount Mary College where she intends to study criminology.

Julian Rodgers (Larry Leonard Scholarship): 3.9 GPA. Ranks 3rd in his class. AP courses in World History, Calculus, Chemistry, and English Composition. Volunteered to tutor elementary students and has participated in an Attorney Mentor program. Will attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison where he intends to study Political Science in preparation for becoming an attorney.



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Riverside Principal's One-hundred Dollar Black and Orange Awards

The following Riverside University High School alumni/friends have each contributed \$100 or more in the past twelve (12) months to the Come Home To Riverside Foundation. Their generous contributions, along with those of hundreds of other alumni and friends, are assisting the Foundation in its efforts to support the continued excellence in education at Riverside.

Lorna Anderson
Amy L. Balge
Mary Barnes
Roger Beaumont
Barbara Bird
Chuck Blyth
Edward Bogenschield
Mark Brickman
Eleanor Crow
Lucinda Davis

Ray Dzelzkalns
Robert E. Einem
Donald Elliott
Jan and Jim Gibson
Jimmie Gibson
Robert Goldsmith
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James Hoelter
Michael Holmes
Jean Holtz
Frances Huxley
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Leon R. Ketchum
Charles LaBahn
Louise Larson

Demond Means
Sandra Meldman
Ralph Meyer
Jonathan Moberg
George Mueller
Margaret Murphy
William Orenstein
Ruth Renzelmann
Eric Riemensneider
Jack Ryan

Mildred Salomon
Catherine Schamberger
Nancy Seay
Mildred Setright
Trish Solsaa
Gamber Tegtmeier
Clyde Wagner
Al Waraksa
Nancy Ward
Benjamin Weiss

Lee/Donna Whitcomb
Elmer Winter
Mary Ann Zapala
Robert Zigman
John Zinda

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Class of 1956:

January & June Grads are planning a 50-Year class reunion to be held the weekend of September 22 to 24, 2006. On Friday the 22nd, there will be a golf outing and a tour of Riverside High School. A dinner and music will follow on Saturday, September 23 at the Italian Community Center. For more information please contact one of the following members of the Planning Committee:

Marvin Jordahl: jordahlmarvin@attbi.net
Ed Regan: regan.ed@att.net
Pat Dibble (Gilane): rgilane@wi.rr.com
or phone Pat at (262) 797-9914

COME HOME TO RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION (Please print.)

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Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone (____) _____
Work Phone (____) _____
E-mail _____

RELATIONSHIP TO RIVERSIDE (Please check one.)

- Alumnus — Year Graduated: _____
 Staff Retired Staff Friend of Riverside

Enclosed is my:

Special Donation: \$ _____

**Kate Windorski Memorial
Scholarship Donation:** \$ _____

Educator Honor Roll (\$25) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to **The Come Home To Riverside Foundation** and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Mail to: **1615 East Locust St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211.** Remember, all contributions are tax-deductible as provided by state law.

Thank You!

Your Continued Support of Riverside Is Greatly Appreciated.