

COME HOME TO Riverside Foundation News

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

December 2004

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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.

Endowments

An endowment is a tax deductible gift as are all contributions to the Riverside Foundation. An endowment however, uses only the interest on the gift for program projects.

Class Reunion Tours

During the class of 1954 reunion weekend, we were pleased to provide the class with a tour of Riverside University High School. The class toured the “new” (1980) addition to Riverside. This addition includes the pool, fitness center, computer rooms and art classes. If your class would like such a tour, please contact Ms. Jan Gibson by e-mail at: gibsonj5@aol.com.

Paypal

The Come Home to Riverside Foundation now has the ability to accept donations over the internet. Check us out at www.chtrf.com

U.S. Department of Education Grant

Riverside University High School has received a second funding of \$400,000 to create smaller learning communities. We are focusing on ninth grade students who need help in core subjects (English, Math, Science, Social studies). In addition, Riverside has a program to help teachers to develop more ways to engage reluctant students. The grant will also help us to create smaller student groups that meet with a staff advisor. A varied curriculum is being developed for these advisory groups and student leaders are being trained to lead advisory groups.

Reunion Announcement

The Class of 1956 is planning a 50-year reunion to be held in September/October of 2006. For information, please contact Pat Dibble at patz56@wi.rr.com or phone Pat at (262) 797-9914.

Riverside Auditorium and Gym

We think many of you have very fond memories of the Riverside auditorium. Many all school programs (sing-alongs, Pigtail Day) and other events were held there.

In the last 100 plus years, the Riverside auditorium has had very few improvements. The present stage curtains do not provide the environment that is needed to allow proper sound. The lighting system now uses nails to turn the switches on the lighting board off and on.

In addition, the “new gym” (1980) does not have an adequate sound system.

Would a Riverside University High School graduating Class or an individual graduate like to have the Riverside auditorium named after them? These auditorium/gym improvements will be costly. Milwaukee Public Schools does not have and can not provide money for these much needed improvements. If you or your Class would like to contact the Riverside auditorium manager Mr. Van Pelt, he can be reached at myp1114@ameritech.net

Men's Baseball Team — Arizona Trip

The Riverside Varsity Men's Baseball Team, after barely missing qualifying for the state baseball tournament last year, is planning a trip to Arizona during Spring Break, 2005. The team will practice, sightsee, and play games with high school teams in the area during the trip. The Team has raised \$13,000 of the \$22,500 that will be needed to pay for the trip. The team is asking for additional donations to cover the remaining \$9,500.

Donations can be sent to: Riverside University High School, Attention Mr. Matt Parlier, Head Baseball Coach, 1615 E. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53211.

Letters of Appreciation

The Riverside choral music department students and teacher, Ms. Walker, would like to thank the Foundation for its contribution of \$300. The money was used to help pay for the Wisconsin State Music Association Competition entry fees.

The Riverside Science Department would like to thank the Foundation for its help in purchasing a SMART Board. The SMART Board allows 3D imaging of bio-molecular structures with the ability to point out key features of a molecule and allow the students to see what previously was invisible and non-manipulative.



Riverside teacher, Ms. Steele, uses the SMART Board donated by the Come Home To Riverside Foundation to illustrate an important scientific principle to her freshman science class.



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2004 Riverside University High School Principal's One-hundred Dollar Black and Orange Awards

The following individuals have generously donated \$100 or more to the Come Home To Riverside Foundation this year. Their commitment, along with the efforts of all other Foundation donors, to maintain the high quality educational excellence standards at Riverside are greatly appreciated. The \$100+ donors are:

Gary Bezella
 Ted Cohen
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***Note:** We had a computer crash this summer and we have been unable to retrieve all of the names of \$100 contributors. If you have donated \$100 or more in this past year and are not on the above list, please E-mail us and we will place your name in the Spring, 2005 Foundation Newsletter. Please accept our apologies for this problem.*

Our Mission:

To provide funds for technology, scholarships, and a student awards program (Renaissance) for Riverside University High School. These funds are used for programs not available through other means.

One of the most important gifts we can give others is education. We hope you can continue to support the efforts of the Come Home to Riverside Foundation.

We're on the Web: www.chtrf.com

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Enclosed is my **\$20 Annual Membership Donation:** \$ _____

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Thank You!

Your Continued Support of Riverside Is Greatly Appreciated.