

COME HOME TO Riverside Foundation News

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

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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.

Budget Cuts Continue To Challenge Riverside's Commitment To Educational Excellence

It is becoming increasingly more difficult for Riverside teachers and administrators to maintain the school's longstanding commitment to educational excellence in the face of continuous and devastating budget cuts. Here are a few examples:

2000-2001 — Eliminated one librarian position. This resulted in only one fulltime librarian. Funds for teaching materials, supplies and staff development programs were also cut.

2001-2002 — One teaching position was eliminated. Funds for teaching materials and supplies were cut again.

2002-2003 — Three teaching positions were eliminated (math, social studies and computer instruction). Thirty-five (35) weekly hours of general teacher aide time was cut.

2003-2004 — A curriculum generalist position was eliminated. Schedule E funds (non athletic after school activities) were reduced.

2004-2005 — Riverside was almost forced to cut one physical education teacher position for next year. To save this teaching position, the school has had to eliminate one twenty (20) hour per week paraprofessional teacher aide position as well as one thirty (30) hour per week, general teacher aide position. These staff cuts will result in less classroom teacher support. In addition, Schedule E funds will be reduced even further. Spending for non-athletic, after-school student activities will have been cut in half from \$42,000 to \$21,000. Funds for teaching materials and supplies will still need to be reduced further also.

Small Schools Grant

Riverside University High School is in the second stage of seeking a grant from the Federal Government to implement a comprehensive plan to address students who are having difficulty in the traditional large high school setting. The plan would provide a more supportive environment including programs to elevate the academic achievement of students, improve the knowledge and instruction of the teaching staff, and require greater involvement of all individuals connected with the school. If the proposal for the second stage of the grant is approved, Riverside could receive as much as \$400,000 over the next three years for its implementation.

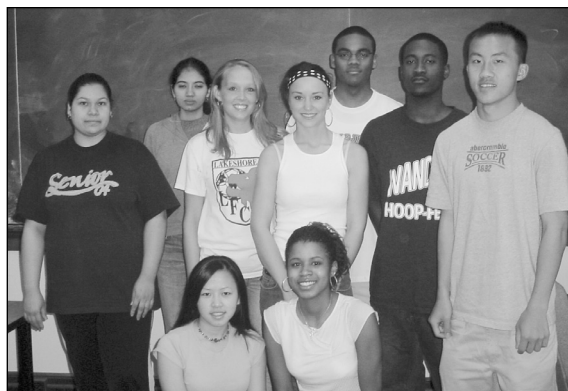
Many teachers, students and community individuals have worked on Stage One of this grant proposal during the current school year.

Reunion Notice — Class of 1979

Riverside University High School, 1979 Class reunion, Saturday, June 19, 2004. The reunion will be held at the 311 Restaurant located at 311 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. Reservations can be made through Joyce (Washington) Feaster at (262) 242-4194, joycfeast@yahoo.com, Mark LaPorte at (262) 789-8181, mark.laports@theflexcompany.com, or Helen Yee at (414) 566-2916, hyee@qg.com.

Senior Foundation Scholarship Awards

The following Riverside University High School students (pictured here) were awarded the Come Home to Riverside Scholarship. Receiving the one thousand (\$1000) scholarships were Tierney Loveland, Saren O'Grady Roberts, Ker Vang, Rocoa Villa and Mai Chee Xiong. Receiving a five hundred (\$500) scholarship were Inderpreet Gihuman and Shardae McKay. Lenzy Crawford and Leonard Taylor received the Riverside Foundation one thousand (\$1000) Larry Leonard Scholarship. Congratulations to all of these very deserving students.





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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:

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Foundation Awards the Science Dept.

The Foundation is proud to announce the awarding of three thousand (\$3000) to the Science Department for the purchase of a SMART BOARD. A SMART BOARD allows teachers to do everything they do on their computer simply by touching the SMART BOARD interactive white board.

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