



Hall *of* FAME

University City High School

Friday, September 29, 2023

Reception 5:30 p.m.

Ceremony 6:45 p.m.

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7401 Balson Avenue
University City, Missouri 63130



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If the halls of University City High School could talk, they would recall nearly a century of history, tradition and legends – legends of students who have gone on to achieve great things personally, professionally or philanthropically. Thanks to the development of a Hall of Fame, the halls resonate with the successes of its graduates, and today's students are influenced by some of the school's highest achievers.

The impressive list of past inductees includes a great American playwright, business leaders, lawyers, Pulitzer Prize winners, philanthropists, an astrophysicist, Grammy and Academy Award winners and nominees, sports legends, musicians, advocates, activists, physicians, politicians, a Rhodes Scholar, music promoters, architects and builders, journalists, authors, a mountain climber, attorneys, a rabbi, educators, volunteers and organizers of volunteers, a television pioneer, war veterans, artists, a newspaper publisher, judges and many more.





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University City High School

honoring
INDUCTEES *2023*

Karl Van Meter* – 1917

Dr. Michael Shannon* – 1970

W.L. Hadley Griffin* – 1936

Richard Zane Smith – 1973

Arthur Litz* – 1941

Jerryl Christmas – 1981

Maureen Arthur* – 1952

Gary Boyd – 1982

Richard Breiner* – 1953

Petra Jackson – 1982

Sheldon Breiner* – 1955

Dorthea B. Nevils – 1984

Justina Bricka – 1961

George Eugene Harper Jr. – 1987

Stephen Gerber* – 1965

Roderick Smith* – 1987

Sheri Sherman – 1965

Michael Silverman – 1989

Richard Weiss – 1969

Tanya Smith-Johnson – 1994

* Awarded Posthumously

Master of Ceremonies

Alan R. Spector

Alan Spector, UCHS class of 1964 and 2011 UCHS Hall of Fame inductee, earned his electrical engineering degree from the University of Missouri-Rolla. Following a successful 33-year career with Procter & Gamble, he retired as Director of Worldwide Quality Assurance. In retirement, Spector has authored 12 books, including “Hail Hail to U City High” and “University City Schools: Our First 100 Years.”

Spector has also lectured in UCHS creative writing classes and spearheaded

Lifeplan, a UCHS mentoring program that supported freshmen. He was a founding partner of three businesses and is deeply involved with social service organizations, community initiatives to reduce violence and education programming. As a management consultant, he helps The School District of University City with strategic planning. He is a baseball and pickleball player, nonprofit board member, frequent traveler, speaker, blogger and, most importantly, with wife Ann, proud grandparent of four.

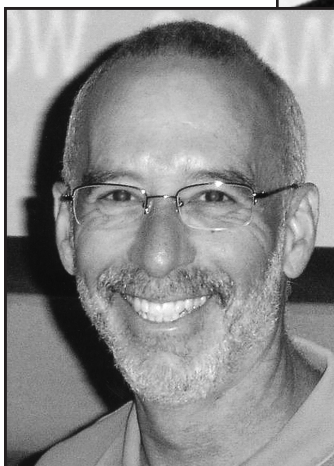
He was most recently inducted into the Academy of Miner Athletics at Missouri S&T and into the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.



**Alan R.
Spector**

Class of 1964

*2011
Hall of Fame
Inductee*



Friday, September 29, 2023

Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction

5:30 p.m. Reception

6:45 p.m. Program

Program

Welcome Michael Peoples, PhD
*Director of Secondary Education
Principal, University City High School*

Ehress Peoples
Senior Class Co-President, University City High School

Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley, PhD PHR
Superintendent of Schools, The School District of University City

Presentation of Inductees

Master of Ceremonies..... Alan Spector
Class of 1964 and 2011 UCHS Hall of Fame Inductee

Closing Remarks..... Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, PhD PHR

*Slideshow presentation courtesy of Jeff Cohen and Kenny Schwartz, Class of 1967.
Thank you to Gary Boyd, Class of 1982, for donation of curtains for the reception.*

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HIGH SCHOOL

Hall of Fame
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Karl Van Meter

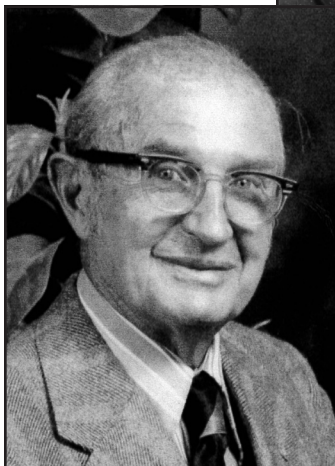
Karl Van Meter was the first male graduate of the new University City High School after transferring into the school. He went on to receive bachelor's and master's degrees from Washington University. In college, his passion for public service enabled him to secure a fellowship grant in 1923 to enroll in the university's new graduate school of economics, which convened in the Washington home of University President Robert Brookings.

Van Meter then worked as an economic analyst for the New York Telephone Company, which later became AT&T. He also hosted the radio program "Air College," discussing current events and utilities

in the city. In 1936, when it became highly unlikely that the next World's Fair would be staged in Europe due to the unrest there, he served as a member of the 1939 New York World's Fair Corporation.

During World War II, Van Meter served as chairman of the New York City Red Cross War Fund Drive, raising more than \$800 million for relief efforts. Van Meter's dedication to supporting servicemen and servicewomen continued as the executive vice-president of the National USO, overseeing clubs and providing entertainment to more than 100,000 patients in military and veterans' hospitals.

In the 1950s, Van Meter served as a founder and first national executive director for United Cerebral Palsy, organizing local chapters nationwide and raising funds for affordable and accessible care for individuals with cerebral palsy. Upon retirement, he moved to Florida. He died in 1981.



**Karl
Van Meter**
Class of 1917

*Posthumous

W.L. Hadley Griffin*

W.L. Hadley Griffin was an exemplary scholar-athlete. A member of the National Honor Society and student council, he served as the editor of the University City High School newspaper. He ran track for three years and helped the team secure a state championship, in part, to his first-place finish in the 880-yard run. After graduating from Williams College in 1940, Griffin served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later earned a law degree from Washington University.

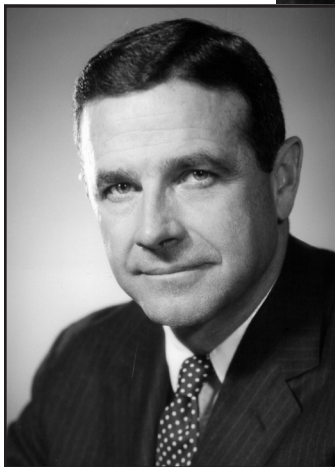
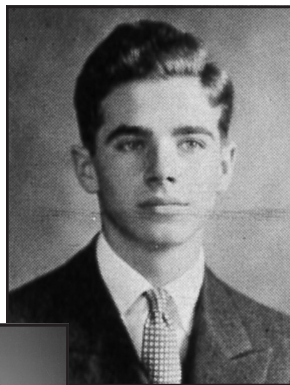
At Wohl Shoe Company, which later merged into Brown Shoe Company, he served as president and CEO. He boosted growth and

expanded sales to rank Brown Shoe among the top U.S. shoemakers. He also chaired the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank and the Smithsonian National Board.

Griffin's notable philanthropy included chairing the 1972 St. Louis United Way of Greater St. Louis campaign and leading boards at Civic Progress and Washington University. His commitment to the arts helped elevate the St. Louis Symphony to world-class status.

Griffin supported initiatives benefiting minority and disadvantaged individuals. As Brown Shoe President in 1969, he opened a plant in the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood. In 1974, he supported a fundraiser for Meharry Medical College, which trained more than half of the African American doctors and dentists in the United States with 65 of them practicing in St. Louis

Griffin was named Man of the Year by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in 1973 and honored with the Urban League Award of Merit in 1980. The student commons in Washington University School of Law's Anheuser-Busch Hall was named in his honor.



**W.L. Hadley
Griffin**

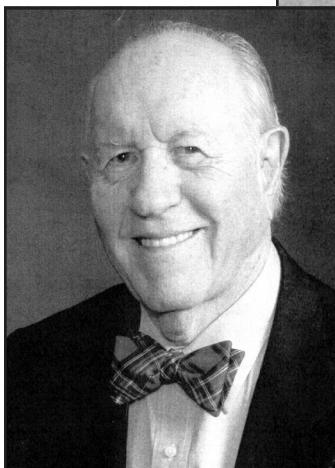
Class of 1936

*Posthumous

Arthur Litz*

After graduating from University City High School, Arthur Litz earned a bachelor's and master's degree in history from Washington University before attending Harvard Law School, where he obtained his law degree in 1947.

He returned to St. Louis and practiced law. In 1975, he was appointed as a St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge in St. Louis County, a position he held until 1993. He served as presiding judge from 1980 to 1982. During his tenure on the bench, he presided over approximately 400 civil jury trials and garnered a reputation as an astute and fair judge.



**Arthur
Litz**
Class of 1941

Litz participated in many legal associations and organizations, including his service as president of the Missouri State Trial Judges Association. He also worked as an arbitrator and mediator for U.S. Arbitration & Mediation and the American Arbitration Association from 1993 to 2014.

From 1972 to 1975, Litz served on the St. Louis County Civil Service Commission, including a year as chair. He was a longtime book reviewer for the St. Louis Bar Journal and also served as an adjunct professor at Laclède Law School.

Litz remained committed to preserving history. He was the founder of the St. Louis County Historical Society. His dedication to education was evident as he volunteered as a religious school teacher at Temple Emanuel and served as a Harvard alumni interviewer for admissions. This year, he would have celebrated his 100th birthday.

*Posthumous

Maureen Arthur*

Maureen Arthur was a captivating actor best known for her role as Hedy La Rue in the Broadway hit “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.” Throughout her career, she spoke fondly of her time at University City High School, where she was an honor student and part of many student activities. She was a founder of the high school’s popular Wigwam teen dance night at the University City Community Center.

Arthur’s lively La Rue won hearts in a national tour, then on Broadway in 1961. It ran for 1,400 shows, earning seven Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize. In 1967, she starred

as La Rue in the film adaptation alongside Robert Morse, Rudy Vallee and Michele Lee. Her memorable entrances in the film were accompanied by a playful “va-va-voom” drumbeat.

Born to a theater-owning family, she sang at the Fox Theatre with organist Stan Kann. She later studied drama at New York City’s Neighborhood Playhouse and debuted in the 1958 film “Hot Rod Gang.” She appeared on TV in shows that included “Whirlybirds,” “Bourbon Street Beat,” “Richard Diamond, Private Detective,” “Mork & Mindy,” “Perry Mason,” “Get Smart,” “Love, American Style,” and “Murder She Wrote,” among others. Her talents brought her to Steve Allen’s “Tonight Show,” where she impressed with Marilyn Monroe impersonations. Besides “How to Succeed,” Arthur had memorable roles in films like “Thunder Alley” (1967), “The Wicked Dreams of Paula Schultz” (1968), “Killers Three” (1968) and “A Man Called Dagger” (1968).

Arthur was most proud of her involvement with Variety Club, the Children’s Charity. She traveled the world as a spokesperson and entertainer helping to raise millions of dollars for children. She appeared on hundreds of telethons worldwide.



**Maureen
Arthur**
Class of 1952

*Posthumous

Richard Breiner*

Richard “Dick” Breiner, a lawyer and judge, dedicated his life to civil rights and justice. He graduated from University City High School, earned a history degree, Phi Beta Kappa, and a law degree from the University of Missouri where he headed the Law Review.

A former U.S. Army first lieutenant, he served in California and South Korea. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Labor and a California law firm.

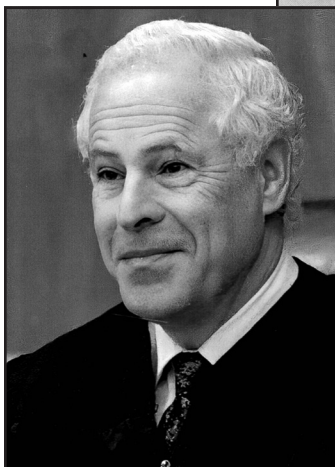
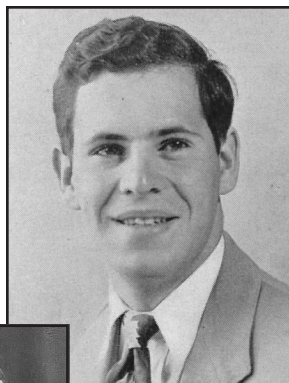
In 1964, Breiner volunteered in Mississippi, gathering depositions from African American citizens unjustly denied their right to vote. Despite threats, he collected testimony submitted to Congress that contributed to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Breiner served in California as a deputy public defender, city attorney and special counsel. In 1977, he was appointed to the Marin County Superior Court, often serving as the presiding judge and handling notable cases.

After a near-fatal stroke in 1995 that paralyzed his left side, he underwent extensive rehabilitation to regain his mobility and returned to the bench. He later transitioned to a career as a mediator and arbitrator.

Breiner received numerous honors, including the 1961 University of Missouri Law School Outstanding Graduate and the inaugural Marin County Bar Lifetime Achievement Award. He and his wife, Dottie, were also recognized with the Legal Legend Award for their Legal Aid advocacy and dedication to social justice causes.

*Posthumous



**Richard
Breiner**
Class of 1953

Sheldon Breiner*

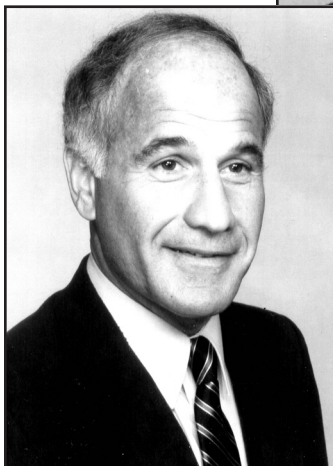
During his time at University City High School, Sheldon “Shelly” Breiner was an active member of the a capella choir and excelled as a varsity wrestler. The yearbook hailed him as “a natural leader who fearlessly embraced every endeavor.”

He attended Stanford University, earning bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in earth sciences. There, he began work with magnetometers, instruments that detect hidden objects through magnetic waves.

Breiner's work in magnetometry included inventing magnetometer gradiometers. Initially designed for finding

minerals and hydrocarbons, his inventions were found effective on small magnetic objects. This led to the creation of security metal detectors worldwide. His magnetometers were placed in ski boots to aid avalanche recovery, used by the U.S. government to locate sunken submarines, predicted earthquakes through rock stress measurement and supported archaeological expeditions. Using this tech, ruins thought to be from Sybaris were discovered in southern Italy and Olmec artifacts (1200 BCE to 400 BCE) were discovered in southern Mexico. Breiner uncovered the buried axle of the “8th Wonder of the World” Ferris Wheel from the St. Louis 1893 and 1904 World's Fairs, concealed beneath Skinker and Forsyth Boulevards.

Breiner's commitment to innovation persisted throughout his life . He founded multiple tech companies, authored more than 30 technical papers and a key book on magnetic object detection. He also co-founded the Peninsula Open Space Trust, preserving more than 80,000 California acres for conservation.



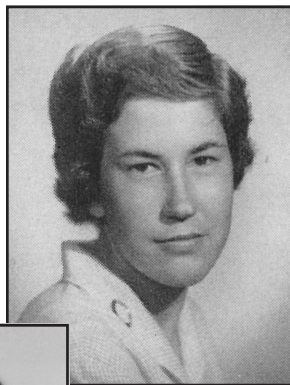
**Sheldon
Breiner**

Class of 1955

*Posthumous

Justina Bricka

Justina Bricka made her debut at the U.S. Open (then known as the US Championships) at just 16 when she was still a high school student. In a stunning display of skill and determination, she defeated tennis icon Billie Jean King in the first round. In 1961, Bricka was ranked #5 in women's tennis in the United States and remained ranked in the top ten for three consecutive years. Her performance led to her selection to the United States Wightman Cup team, in which she played a crucial role in helping the U.S. team regain the prestigious trophy. She traveled around the world to compete. In 1965, Bricka reached the quarterfinals in singles at Wimbledon.



**Justina
Bricka**

Class of 1961

Her exceptional competitive skills also extended to doubles. In 1962, she partnered with Australian champion Margaret Smith, the winner of 66 Grand Slam titles. The pair went on to win seven tournament titles and secure a runner-up finish at the French Championships as well as numerous quarter- and semi-final finishes.

After retiring from the women's tour, she became the head referee for the Women's Pro Tour, then known as the Avon Tour. Returning to her roots in St. Louis, Bricka became the first female head tennis professional at St. Louis at Triple A in Forest Park. In 1981, she assumed the role of head pro and manager at the prestigious new indoor tennis facility, Frontenac Racquet Club, where she later became a co-owner.

Bricka, along with fellow top-ranking U.S. women players Carol Hanks Aucamp and Mary Ann Eisel Beattie, was part of the golden age of tennis in St. Louis during the early 1960s when numerous players went on to compete nationally and internationally.

Stephen Gerber*

Stephen “Steve” Gerber received a degree in communications at Saint Louis University. Graduating in 1969, he relocated to Los Angeles where he began to make a mark in the animated film/television and comic book industry. Over his long career, he worked on 51 signature comic, animation, television and film projects.



**Stephen
Gerber**
Class of 1965

One of Gerber’s most notable achievements was the creation of the beloved Howard the Duck when he worked for Marvel Comics. Howard the Duck was adapted into two major science fiction action movies. The overwrought duck from outer space had no superpowers, but his adventures always embodied social satire and parodied genre fiction.

Aside from Howard the Duck, Gerber made significant contributions to the world of animation. He received an Emmy for his work on “The Batman/Superman Adventures.” He also wrote for television, including an episode of “Star Trek: The Next Generation,” which focused on the Romulans. He worked on popular comic titles such as “Iron Man,” “The Hulk” and “Man-Thing.”

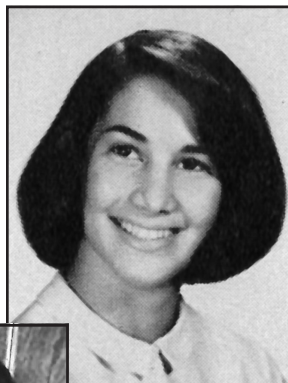
Gerber was honored with a plaque in the Comic Book Hall of Fame at the Will Finger San Diego Hall of Fame. Howard the Duck continues to make cameo appearances in movies like “Guardians of the Galaxy” and as a playable character in video games.

*Posthumous

Sheri Sherman

From her early leadership at University City High School, Sheri Sherman found a lifelong passion for service. After earning an interior design degree from Washington University in 1969, she dedicated five decades to championing projects and causes, leaving an indelible mark on the St. Louis community.

Ten years ago, she joined the Midwest Children's Burn Camp, co-chairing the annual fundraiser, which raised nearly \$200,000 for young survivors' recovery and growth. She founded and remains involved as co-chair and advisor with The St. Louis Jewish Light's Unsung Heroes event, which honors community volunteers.



**Sheri
Sherman**
Class of 1965

In the arts, Sherman's leadership shines. As co-chair of the St. Louis Jewish Film Festival and the nationally acclaimed St. Louis Jewish Book Festival, she's crafted experiences that draw hundreds annually to events that foster cultural dialogue.

She has held lasting leadership roles and served on various local boards, including Access Missouri, Burns Recovered, Edison Theatre, Jewish Community Center, The New Jewish Theater, Women at the Kemper, Women of Achievement, Women's Philanthropy, Women's Society of Washington University and other groups supporting arts, education and social services. She also contributed to producing the play "Hana's Suitcase," a Holocaust remembrance teaching tool for students nationwide, including at University City High School.

In 2010, she received the national Woman of Worth Award and, in 2015, she was honored as a Woman of Achievement for Humanitarian Concerns. In 2018, she received the Above and Beyond Award from the St. Louis Press Club for co-chairing an event at Neiman Marcus providing scholarship money for journalism students. In 2018, she also became an honorary Unsung Hero.

Richard Weiss

Richard “Dick” Weiss has dedicated his professional life to journalism, racial understanding and community-building in the greater St. Louis area.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in Russian studies from Colgate College. He began his newspaper career at the Kansas City Star before spending 30 years at The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where he served as a reporter, editor and writing coach, mentoring and inspiring young reporters.

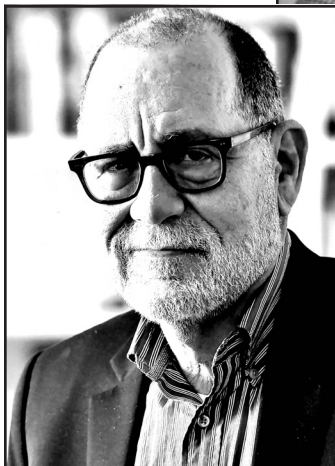
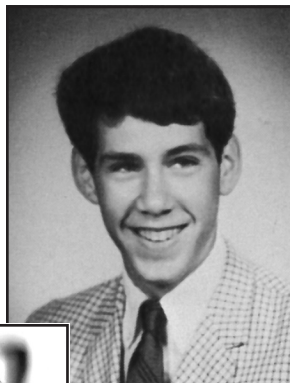
His reporting covered many historical events. He is most proud of his work amplifying the voices and experiences of African American youth in marginalized communities.

After retiring from the Post-Dispatch, he co-founded The St. Louis Beacon, a digital news pioneer that later merged with St. Louis Public Radio.

At 67, he established Before Ferguson, Beyond Ferguson, a non-profit journalism organization highlighting voices and experiences of individuals impacted by regional racial segregation and its lasting impact.

When the pandemic struck, Weiss saw further opportunities to highlight health disparities through The 63106 Project, which focused reporting on health inequities and how one of St. Louis’ most distressed neighborhoods coped with a global pandemic. In 2021, Weiss ensured continued reporting on race, inequity and differing voices and perspectives by co-founding the River City Journalism Fund, which supports independent journalists and shares their work with legacy media and their audiences.

Weiss continues to be a powerful supporter of The School District of University City through his writing, reporting and his deep inquiries regarding the District’s history, its students and its resolve for racial equity and academic excellence.



**Richard
Weiss**
Class of 1969

Dr. Michael Shannon*

During his time at University City High School, Michael Shannon joined the Biology Club, performed in the senior play “Brigadoon” and ran for Student Council President. He aspired to become a doctor even though medicine was not accessible to most African Americans.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Washington University and a medical degree from Duke University. His pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital Boston deepened his passion for children’s care and the impact of toxin-related health issues.

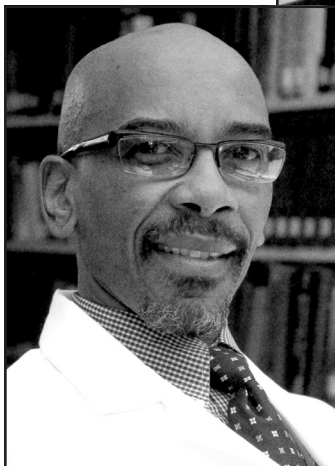
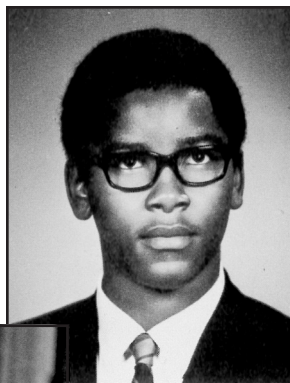
He was the first African American full Pediatrics professor at Harvard

Medical School, breaking barriers for future generations. He also held the distinction of being the initial African American division chief at Children’s Hospital Boston, serving as chief in emergency medicine and clinical pharmacology. He treated children affected by toxins, including lead paint and medication overdoses. With more than 50 peer-reviewed articles, he established himself as a premier pediatric toxicologist. He advocated worldwide for child protection from environmental hazards.

Shannon discovered deep satisfaction in dance, showcasing both strength and grace. Renowned as “The Dancing Doctor,” he performed annually in “Black Nativity” and assumed the role of Drosselmeyer in “Urban Nutcracker.”

Several prestigious awards bear his name. The Michael Shannon Award from the American Pediatric Association recognizes outstanding abstracts. The Michael Shannon Humanitarian Award by the American Academy of Pediatrics honors clinical care and mentoring in pediatric emergency medicine. The Michael Shannon Dance Champion Award celebrates Boston’s dance community contributors over 60.

*Posthumous



**Dr. Michael
Shannon**

Class of 1970

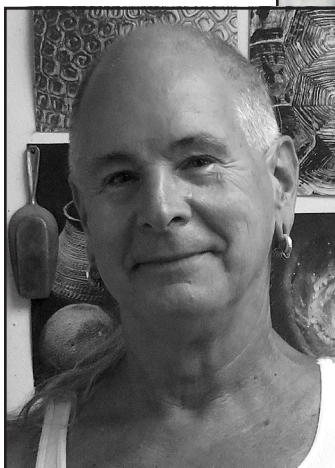
Richard Zane Smith

Richard Zane Smith is a renowned ceramic artist from the Wyandot Nation, which was originally based in northeastern woodlands near Toronto and is now in Kansas and Oklahoma. He developed his passion for the fine arts while at University City High School where he worked with clay and other natural materials, including wood, leather and stone. He earned an art associate's degree at Meramec Community College and pursued pottery at the Kansas City Art Institute. Enchanted by family stories about his Wyandot heritage, he began exploring his roots.

In 1978, Smith moved to Arizona, where he served as an art instructor at a Navajo mission school. In Arizona, he worked with native clays and discovered ancient Puebloan potsherds and fragments that influenced his designs and a new style of pottery. Smith's creations are reminiscent of prehistoric corrugated pottery found in the Southwest, featuring exposed and rough-textured coils that pay homage to the ancient basketry of the Wyandot people and further blends influences of Anasazi pottery. His creations have been recognized internationally, and pieces are on permanent display in museums and galleries throughout the United States.

Smith is also actively involved in revitalizing the Wyandot language. Since its decline in the 1960s, Smith has studied and taught the language with the help of trained linguists. He teaches the language, songs and dances to the Wyandotte people of Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma.

Through his art, studies and community collaborations, Smith bridges past and present, celebrating his heritage's beauty while impacting the art world.



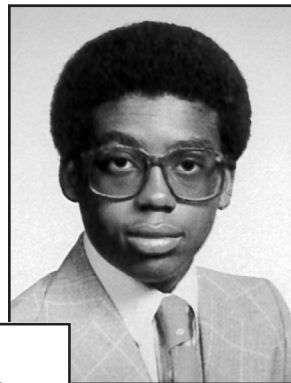
Richard Zane Smith

Class of 1973

Jerryl Christmas

Jerryl Christmas actively supports local and national social justice causes, applying his legal skills to significant cases involving the policing of African Americans. He earned his bachelor's in speech communications and criminal justice administration from Central Missouri State University.

After graduating college, he worked in juvenile and criminal justice, initially with the Missouri Department of Youth Services and later as a parole officer for the Georgia Board of Probation and Parole. He earned a law degree at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston.



**Jerryl
Christmas**
Class of 1981

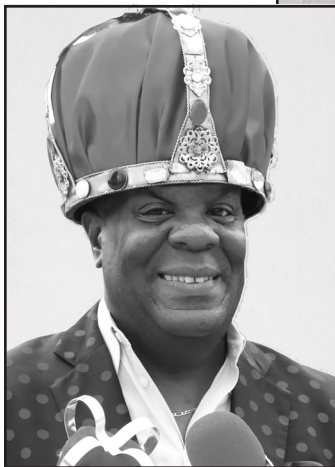
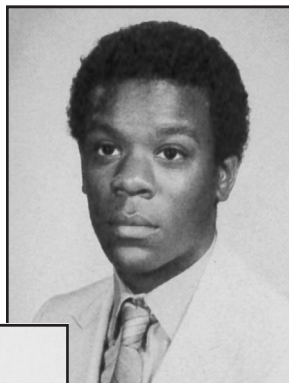
Starting in 1994, he spent seven years at the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office, initially as an assistant prosecutor and later as the senior prosecutor in the sex crimes unit. In 2001, he founded his own law practice, handling criminal, civil and wrongful death cases. He played a role in high-profile policing cases, especially after Michael Brown's death in Ferguson. Collaborating closely with social justice advocates, politicians and local organizations, he's championed social justice, youth empowerment and racial equity.

Christmas has made notable contributions to several organizations, serving on the Central Missouri State University Alumni Board, the Mound City Bar Association and as regional legal counsel with the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He was honored by the National Conference of Negro Women and Lane College. His cases have gained national media attention and he often shares legal expertise on national and local TV and radio programs. He serves as a mentor in the Kilalo Rites of Passage program at Central Baptist Church and is active in various associations, including the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, 100 Black Men Metropolitan St. Louis and University City Alumni Association.

Gary Boyd

Gary Boyd is a St. Louis-based hospitality professional, community advocate and TV/radio host. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, he has more than 40 years global hospitality experience.

Known as “Mr. Gary,” he hosts “Them Yo People,” in which he hits the streets with his crown and scepter, showcasing St. Louis stories in an engaging, uplifting way. His show educates, engages, excites and entertains diverse communities, spotlighting often overlooked families, organizations and small businesses. He interviews notable celebrities, national leaders and accomplished individuals from various fields.



**Gary
Boyd**

Class of 1982

An ardent supporter of his alma mater, Boyd often covers special events in The School District of University City on his show. He can be found celebrating University City High School students and alumni on the first day of school, during homecoming events and at special assemblies featuring hand-picked entertainment and music acts. In 2022, he organized two assemblies to aid University City families and students impacted by severe flash flooding in local neighborhoods.

In his career, he collaborated with hotel chains, convention bureaus, corporations and professionals, organizing events for various groups like fraternities, religious organizations and the renowned UniverSoul Circus. He holds leadership roles in the University City Alumni Association, University City Fair and The Gateway Classic – actively contributing to religious conference management, diversity boards and community events like the Dr. Martin Luther King Annual March and Inner-faith Service

Outside of work, he’s active with the NAACP and Mizzou Alumni Association. He attends LaSalle United Methodist Church and participates on the St. Louis Mayor’s Committee on Racial Harmony.

Petra Jackson

Petra Jackson's childhood passion for basketball developed when she played with her brother in the driveway and received mentoring from her next-door neighbor, the great Hasan Houston, who told her to "just keep shooting." She honed her skills in pickup games supervised by her dad, a juvenile detention officer. At University City High School, she played varsity girls basketball, volleyball and softball for three years and competed in track and field. In her junior year, she led the basketball team to a 12-1 league record with a 22-point average per game. In her senior year, she averaged 25 points and 10.8 rebounds per game, and had a remarkable 38-point game.



**Petra
Jackson**
Class of 1982

She attended Southern Illinois University-Carbondale on a full athletic scholarship, accumulating 1,475 career points (fourth all-time at SIU-Carbondale). She led the Salukis to four 20-win seasons, including a perfect 18-0 conference record and a remarkable 25-4 overall record in 1985-1986 that earned SIU-Carbondale its first-ever consecutive NCAA Tournament bid.

In 1995, Jackson played for the St. Louis River Queens in the Women's Basketball Association, earning league MVP honors. She currently coaches the St. Louis Surge in the Global Women's Basketball League. She has also held head coaching positions at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, Shoreline Community College and Block Yeshiva High School. Jackson served as an assistant coach at both Harris-Stowe University and Saint Louis University. Additionally, she coached a local AAU team with players from Visitation Academy, Wellston, Ladue, Rosati Kain, Vashon, Cor Jesu and Lafayette High Schools.

Throughout her coaching career, she has supported local causes and once served as an AAA/ACE Ambassador for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

Dorthea B. Nevils

Dorthea B. Nevils began teaching English at University City High School in August 1988. In her 31-year career, she made countless contributions to the school and the lives of her students.

She actively engaged with students, dedicating time outside of the classroom as a class sponsor, club sponsor and choir sponsor, supporting numerous extracurricular activities. She initiated Dress for Success days, revitalized Friday Black and Gold Days and organized events, including the “Love Jones” Poetry Night and talent shows featuring both students and staff members. Additionally, she

founded and directed the UCHS Alumni Gospel Choir which raised funds for student scholarships.

Dedicated to the betterment of the high school culture, she served as a character education building representative, building representative for the University City Federation of Teachers and building liaison for the University City School District Council. In these roles, she effectively communicated building concerns and advocated for student and faculty needs.

Nevils engaged in school/community initiatives, including planning and performing in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. She sang the national anthem at the UCHS Air Force Junior Officers Training Corps Veterans’ Day programs and at other school and community performances.

Her dedication and contributions were recognized when she received the Excellence in Education Award in 2018 through the St. Louis American Foundation. Retiring in 2019, Nevils remains an active presence at University City High School and in the community.

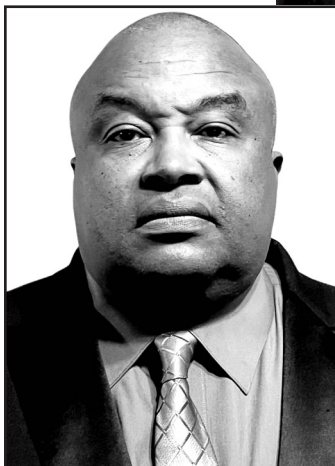
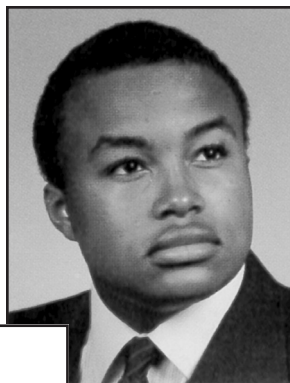


**Dorthea B.
Nevils**

Class of 1984

George Eugene Harper Jr.

Retired Naval Petty Officer First Class George Eugene Harper Jr. is affectionately known as “Big George” by his peers and family. Upon graduation, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy and found his purpose in serving and defending democracy both domestically and abroad. He earned dozens of prestigious accolades, including three Navy Achievement Medals, four Sea Deployment Ribbons, two National Defense Service Medals, a Kuwait Liberation Medal, a Southwest Asia Service Medal, a War on Terrorism Medal, five Navy Good Conduct Medals and the Humanitarian Service Medal.



**George
Eugene
Harper Jr.**
Class of 1987

Harper served around the world in a career that spanned 20 years, participating in operations and historic events that included the fall of the Berlin Wall, the war in Afghanistan, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Harper consistently answered the call of duty, serving in multiple roles in whatever way was needed. This included working as a boatswain's mate; master trainer, rigged bull boat instructor; surface warfare specialist; air warfare specialist; assault boat crewman; and law enforcement specialist.

Harper's deep sense of service to others and a lifelong trait of humility was instilled in him at University City High School, and was a driving force in his naval career. Sailors who served alongside him owe their success and resilience in the military to his mentorship and leadership.

After his honorable retirement in 2008, Harper returned to academia and earned a bachelor's degree in business from Wayland Baptist University and taught in the San Antonio Independent School District. He continues to actively participate in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Roderick Smith*

Roderick Smith demonstrated talents early as part of the University City High School's Jazz Ensemble, football team and Martial Arts Club.

The Jazz Ensemble sparked an enduring career in music as a keyboardist, vocalist, teacher and promoter. After graduating high school, he attended

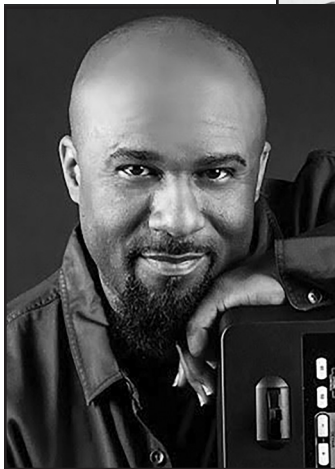
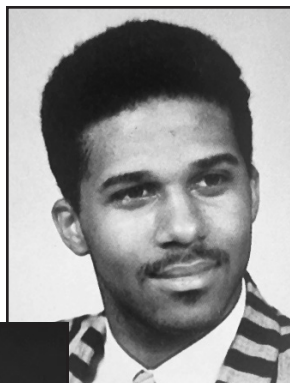
Columbia College in Chicago where he studied music composition. His knowledge in music theory and his skill in keyboarding opened doors to the music world.

He performed with international acts that included Michael Bolton, Fontella Bass, Keith Sweat and Lisa Left-Eye Lopez, the founder of the

sensational female hip-hop group, "TLC." From Lopez, he gained the nickname "LS Bless," which stayed with him for the rest of his life.

Early in his career, he had a passionate interest in the martial art of Kung Fu where he practiced styles that included Mui Tai, Wing-Chun, Tai Chi and Praying Mantis.

Also a professional wiring technician, Smith was devoted to mentoring and supporting the local St. Louis music scene. He was a force behind the creation of "The Dirty Muggs," a popular hip-hop, R&B and pop band in which he frequently performed. At one point in his career, he moved to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, to be the lead keyboardist for "The Soul of Motown," a popular headliner at the famed Grand Majestic Theater. He was also the minister of music in his church, World Changing Word of Faith in Granite City, Illinois. In 2014, he and his wife, Michelle, founded the label Luminary Enterprise, an enterprise that showcased their contemporary gospel duo, "El and Elle," and also provided a variety of musical specialties to the film and entertainment industry.



**Roderick
Smith**
Class of 1987

*Posthumous

Michael Silverman

Michael Silverman took his love of performing in the University City High School's Jazz Ensemble and grew it into an international career as a pianist, keyboardist and composer. He performs and records classical, jazz and New Age music. His touring band, "Bach to the Future,"

performs classics such as Beethoven symphonies and Bach fugues in a variety of styles, including jazz, rock and rhythms from around the world.

Silverman is one of the most downloaded solo pianists in the world, with 6 billion downloads and streams. He has had 14 albums reach number one on the Classical, World Music and New Age charts.

His music is part of mainstream American culture film and TV productions, including "Two and a Half Men," "The Good Wife," "The Leftovers" and "American Horror Story." He and brother, Rob Silverman, are the founders of one of the largest instrumental record labels in the world, Autumn Hill Records.

The Silverman brothers founded several music festivals in the St. Louis region, including the Chesterfield Wine and Jazz Festival, the U City Jazz Festival and the St. Louis Winter Jazz Festival in Grand Center. They are also sponsors of the Old Webster Jazz and Blues Festival, the Clearwater Jazz Holiday, the Gateway Jazz Festival and the Hermann Wine and Jazz Festival.



**Michael
Silverman**
Class of 1989

Tanya Smith-Johnson

Tanya Smith-Johnson, the current president of the National College of Midwifery, is a national figure in maternal health and midwifery, actively working to expand access to quality care in underserved communities and improving maternal health outcomes.



After high school, Smith-Johnson enlisted in the U.S. Navy and enrolled in the B.O.O.S.T College Prep Program. She received initial training at the U.S. Naval Hospital and Bethesda Naval Hospital Clinic, gaining valuable maternity ward experience that sparked her passion for maternal health and her dedication



**Tanya
Smith-
Johnson**

Class of 1994

to addressing the social determinants of health and inequity faced by mothers and babies in marginalized communities. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology and medical science from Hampton University. A mother of six and military spouse who moved frequently, she remains dedicated to social justice around the birthing experience.

In 2013, Smith-Johnson began her midwifery career, obtaining full certification in 2016 from the Midwives College of Utah. As president of the National College of Midwifery, she guides future midwifery students. Additionally, she's the policy director for Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii, developing and implementing programs for vulnerable populations. She was part of the Birth Place Lab's Global Perinatal Task Force, promoting safe maternity care during the pandemic. She also advocated for equitable care as a delegate at the U.S. Birth Summit IV. Moreover, she is co-founder and serves as executive director of the Birth Future Foundation, promoting initiatives on racial justice and equity in midwifery funding.

UCHS *Hall of Fame* INDUCTEES

Name.....Graduation Induction

Herbert Abelson	1958	2019
Nicole Hutcherson Adewale	1986	2007
James “Jamie” Allman.....	1981	2004
Maureen Arthur*	1952.....	2023
Peggy Austin	1974	2015
Myrna Balk	1957	2009
Kathryn (Pierce) Banks	1993	2021
David Bass	2008	2019
Blair E. Baston, MD	1937	2015
Donald Beil.....	1959	2002
Gregg Berger.....	1968	2019
William Bernoudy*	1929	2000
Jesse “Jack” R. Bodine	1944	2009
Gary Boyd	1982.....	2023
Jennifer (Roman) Boykin.....	1982	2021
Richard Breiner*	1953.....	2023
Sheldon Breiner*	1955.....	2023
Justina Brieka.....	1961.....	2023
Allen Brockman.....	1964	2002
Ronnie (Goldberg) Brockman	1966	2002
Kevin Bryant.....	1989	2015
James Ronnie Burrage.....	1978	2013
Donavan “Donny” Nelson Butler.....	1989	2021
Neal Caine	1991	2011
Honorable Michael A. Cherry.....	1962	2013
Jerry Christmas.....	1981.....	2023
Robert Cohn	1957	2001
Allieze Ruby Curry	1971	2019
Jeremy Davenport.....	1988	2001
Dr. Renee (Ewing) Davis.....	1974	1999
Carl Dennis.....	1957	2002
Vaughan “Bing” Devine	1933	1999
Gilbert “Chick” Early III	1954	2015

Name.....Graduation Induction

Charles L. Edson	1952	2003
Ava Ehrlich.....	1968	2007
Marty Ehrlich	1973	2009
Fred Epstein	1953	2004
Gale Epstein	1964	2019
Gerald J. Fishman	1961	2013
Jack Fishman, PhD.....	1966	2017
Stan Ford.....	1975	2000
Marilyn (Widman) Fox	1952	2004
Kenneth C. Foxworth.....	1976	2013
SuEllen Fried.....	1950	2005
“Mama Lisa” M. Gage	1980	2009
Robert “Bob” Gale.....	1969	1999
David Garroway*	1931	2001
Stephen Gerber*	1965.....	2023
Bernard Gilkey	1984	1999
Joel Goldstein.....	1971	1999
Reena Goldthree.....	1999	2021
Dr. Roger E. Gollub.....	1973	2009
Jay Goodman*	1957	2015
Suzy Gorman.....	1979	2009
Judge Ronald Gould	1964	2001
Hadiyah-Nicole Green	1999	2019
Ernest E. Green III	1982	2005
Gerald Greenwald	1953	1999
Glenda (Gerstein) Greenwald	1956	1999
W.L. Hadley Griffin*	1936.....	2023
Robert “Bob” Hamilton	1956	2009
Dr. Marc Hammerman	1965	2007
Marlene (Scheinkman) Hammerman	1969	2017
George Eugene Harper Jr.	1987.....	2023
William C. Harris, Jr.	1983	2013
Cornell “Nelly” Haynes, Jr.....	1993	2003

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Martin “Marty” Hendin.....	1966	2004
Dr. Ira Herskowitz*.....	1963	2003
Ken Holtzman.....	1963	2001
Dr. Thomas F. Hornbein	1948	2000
Hasan Abdul Houston*.....	1976	2017
David S. Hunsicker.....	1952	2013
Carol Ann Jackson Ph.D.....	1974	2009
Petra Jackson.....	1982.....	2023
Frank Jacobs	1950	2002
Sheila (Stuhlbarg) Johnstone.....	1959	2004
Linda “Cookie” (Dickson) Jones.....	1983	2021
Michael A. Kahn	1970	2000
Robert Kalish.....	1958	2017
Sheldon Kaplan	1965	2019
Carol Kaplan-Lyss.....	1959	2019
James A. Katzman.....	1964	2017
Daniel Kaufer*.....	1977	2021
Earl Kessler.....	1959	2021
Zale Kessler*.....	1956	2019
Rabbi Myron H. Kinberg*.....	1963	2000
Michael R. King.....	1976	2009
Vivian King.....	1983	2005
Wolff Kirsh.....	1948	2015
Wallace Klein.....	1940	2001
Dr. Ira Kodner.....	1959	2001
William Kohn.....	1949	2001
James Kornberg.....	1965	2015
Sanford “Sandy” J. Kornberg.....	1960	2013
Kenneth Kranzberg.....	1955	2005
Nancy (Spirtas) Kranzberg.....	1962	2003
Christopher Krehmeyer	1980	2011
David K. Lee	1977	2007
E. Desmond Lee	1936	2000

Name.....Graduation Induction

Louis M. Leipziger*	1929	2000
David Levi.....	1977	2021
Dr. Leonard Williams Levy.....	1940	1999
Steven Z. Levy.....	1967	2000
Fred Henry Leyhe*.....	1935	2000
Denise Lieberman	1987	2015
Dr. David A. Lieberman.....	1968	2011
Joy (Orenstein) Lieberman.....	1949	2002
Arthur Litz*	1941.....	2023
Carolyn Werner Losos.....	1950	2000
Wayne J. du Maine.....	1983	1999
Marylen (Lipkind) Mann	1954	2001
Kenneth R. Mares	1961	2011
Sandra (Sandy) Nelson Marsh.....	1973	2007
Peter H. Martin.....	1987	2011
Prof. William A. Massey.....	1973	2001
Thomas McConnell.....	1935	2002
Dr. Terre Quinn McGlothlin	1980	2011
Jason McManus.....	1952	2000
Eric P. Mink	1965	2000
Ramon J. Morganstern.....	1951	2013
Anthony W. Neal.....	1979	2017
Dorthea B. Nevils	1984.....	2023
Eric Jesse Norman, Ph.D.	1959	2009
Lilburn M. Ochs.....	1934	2005
Col. Henry J. Ochs, Jr., USAF Ret.	1929	2007
Charles F. Ochs*.....	1932	2001
Virginia E. Palmer	1979	2017
Robert Person.....	1987	2003
Lester Pines.....	1968	2019
Mark Platt.....	1973	2003
Dr. Steven I. Plax.....	1953	2005
Sanford “Sandy” E. Pomerantz J.D.	1958	2009

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David Prelutsky	1972	2019
Wiley Price	1975	2007
David Raziq	1978	2001
Dr. Frank O. Richards, Jr.....	1971	2009
Leonard Roberts.....	1991	2007
Sheldon H. Roodman.....	1959	2013
Alvin Rosenfeld*	1937	2001
Steven F. Schankman	1966	2000
Susan M Schechter*	1964	2013
Paul Schoomer	1957	2003
Saunders Schultz.....	1946	2005
Howard Schwartz	1963	2001
Stephen E. Schwartz	1959	2019
David T. Senay.....	1974	2013
Dr. Michael Shannon*	1970.....	2023
Sara “Sue” (Hirsch) Shear*	1936	1999
Helene (Wagman) Sherman.....	1962	2021
Sheri Sherman.....	1965	
Michael Silverman.....	1989	
Jerome “Jerry” Sincoff	1951	2004
Richard Zane Smith	1973	
Roderick Smith*	1987	
Tanya Smith-Johnson.....	1994	
Irl S. Solomon.....	1957	2004
Alan R. Spector.....	1964	2011
Arnold R. Spirtas.....	1951	2004
Richard Stack.....	1970	2021
Harlan Steinbaum	1950	2011

Name.....Graduation Induction

Leon Strauss*	1945	1999
Jerry Sugerman	1959	2017
Dr. Richard Sutter	1927	1999
Elizabeth “Betty” (Henby) Sutter	1927	1999
Rita Swiener	1959	2002
Christopher Thomas	1988	2015
Raymond A. Thomas	1984	2009
Anthony “Tony” Thompson	1978	2002
Tyrone Leon Thompson	1982	2011
Mary Beth Tinker.....	1970	2019
Jim Olyn Triplett Jr.	1996	2019
Karl Van Meter*	1917	
Helen (Mankin) Weiss	1942	2004
Richard Weiss	1969	
Charles A. Werner	1947	2007
Marlon West.....	1981	2002
Lisa Nicole Wilkerson.....	1991	2004
Alex Williams.....	1975	2017
Todd W. Williams.....	1985	2017
Stephanie Williams-Nelson.....	1977	2021
Thomas “Tennessee” Lanier Williams* ..	1929	1999
Michael “Spike” Wilner	1984	2019
Donald Wolff	1955	2000
Lewis Nelson Wolff	1953	2005
Andrew A. Woods	1975	2017
Pete Woods	1974	2015
Dr. Richard “Dick” Yore*	1935	1999
Irv Zuckerman.....	1966	2000

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UNIVERSITY CITY
HIGH SCHOOL

Orchestra Enrichment Program

In the 2021-22 school year, student-musicians in the University City High School Orchestra program experienced a remarkable opportunity: the invaluable mentorship of consummate professionals who proudly serve as members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Each month, symphony mentors and coaches engaged with our students in specialized string instrument sections to prepare them for semester-culminating concerts.

This school year, the program expanded. Symphony mentors now provide one-to-one instruction, creating a private lesson experience for the student-musicians so their talents are nurtured and their musical horizons expanded.

These one-of-a-kind opportunities have been made possible with the support of University City residents and longtime District supporters, Dick and MaryAnn Shaw, Superintendent Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley and our St. Louis Symphony Orchestra coaches – Jessica Hellwege (violin), Kyle Lombard (violin), Chris Tantillo (viola) and Bjorn Ranheim (cello) – all under the guidance and facilitation of UCHS orchestra director and instructor/director Grace Fitter.



UNIVERSITY CITY
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Order of Performance

~**Non so piu** from **The Marriage of Figaro**, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

~**Minuet in G**, Ludwig van Beethoven

Performed by Emily Blackwell (11th grade, violin)
with Orchestra Mentor Jessica Hellwege (SLSO, violin)

~**Quintus**, Larry Clark

Performed by Cailey Shanks (12th grade, violin)
with Orchestra Mentor Jessica Hellwege (SLSO, violin)

~**Minuet**, J.S. Bach

Performed by Dakota Sykes (12th grade, violin)
with Orchestra Mentor Kyle Lombard (SLSO, violin)

~**Step Dance**, Jan Ladislav Dussek

Performed by Joshua Minton (11th grade, viola)
with Orchestra Mentor Chris Tantillo (SLSO, viola)

~ **Le Petit Rien**, Francois Couperin

~ **Siren**, Original Work for Two Cello by Rosemary Shawver

Performed by Rosemary Shawver (12th grade, cello)
with Orchestra Mentor Bjorn Ranheim (SLSO, cello)

University City High School

HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form

The University City High School Hall of Fame seeks to honor graduates who have made an impact at the local, state, or national level through their professional or volunteer endeavors. Individuals may represent any field—business, science, medicine, research, athletics, literature, the arts, public service, etc.—but above all should clearly demonstrate a positive impact on their community and a positive reflection of UCHS.

Nominations should be submitted to:

The School District of University City's Communications Department

c/o University City High School Hall of Fame Committee, 7700 Olive Blvd. University City, MO 63130.

Email: Communications@UCitySchools.org or submit using online form at www.ucityschools.org/HOFNom

Nomination Guidelines:

- Nominees must have graduated from UCHS at least 10 years prior to the year of nomination.
For example, a 2023 inductee must have graduated 2013 or prior. Posthumous inductions are allowed.
- Nominations are limited to the official nomination form and ten additional 8.5 x 11 pages of text or copies of supporting documents.
- The nomination deadline is the last Friday in January of odd-numbered years.
- Nominations will be considered for two induction cycles.
For example, a nomination submitted for 2019 were considered for 2019 and 2021 inductions.
- Incomplete nominations or nominations that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be considered by the committee.
- The decision of the selection committee is final. Nominees and persons submitting nominations or letters of support are ineligible to serve on the selection committee.

For more information or questions about nominations or to volunteer to serve on selection committee, call 314-290-4001.

Name of Nominee: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____ Graduation Year: _____

Current Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other schools attended (elementary/middle/junior high): _____

Please attach additional pages (up to 10 total pages, maximum size of 8.5 x 11) to support the nomination. Information may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Professional resume or biography listing the individuals educational background and current/past positions.
- Honors and Awards
- Major career or volunteer achievements
- Membership or service in community organizations
- Other contributions on the local, state or national level

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Current Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code _____

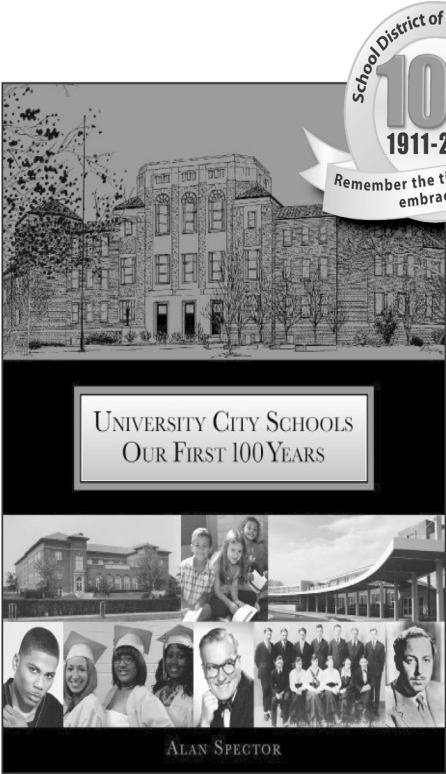
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Relation to Nominee: _____

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The Alma Mater

Hail, Hail to U. City High

All hail to our old gold and black

Hail, Hail to U. City High

Our friendship may she never lack.

Ever faithful, ever true

As we raise our song anew

Of the days we've spent with you

All Hail, U. City High.

UNIVERSITY CITY
HIGH SCHOOL

Fund the Need

Each year, our Hall of Fame Celebration offers a special opportunity to give back to current U. City students and teachers with specific needs that District funding cannot cover.

Here are some examples of extra essentials that will help our students become flourishing adults.

- ACT Prep Boot Camp – \$15,000
- Hands-on Sustainability Gardens – \$800
- Elementary School Believe Rooms – \$4,000
- The Arts – \$8,000
- Teacher Wellness – \$6,000

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UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL
Homecoming ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 30, 2023

- 10 a.m. Homecoming Parade
*(From Lions Gates, west on Delmar, north on Hanley,
east on Balson to UCHS/Muhl-Schemmer Stadium)*
- 1 p.m. Homecoming Football Game Kickoff
University City Lions vs. Affton Cougars
*Tickets available \$5 per person online at
www.ucityschools.org/093023Football*

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