
Reception and Induction Ceremony
Keating Theatre
Saturday, September 25, 2010

Welcome

Jim Velten
Director of Development

Remarks

Dr. Dave Holley, KHS '67
Principal

Student Performance

Patrick Jackson, Orchestra Director
Emilee Graham, Double Bass
KHS Sophomore
Accompanied by Nancy Mayo, Piano

Dr. Dave Holley

Induction Ceremony

Deanne Lane
Mistress of Ceremonies

Concluding Remarks

Dr. Dave Holley

— Alma Mater —
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Alumni Hall of Fame

The Kirkwood High School Alumni Hall of Fame was established to honor men and women who have achieved success and who serve as appropriate role models for Kirkwood School District students.

Honorees who were selected met one or more of the following criteria: graduated from KHS at least 10 years prior to the nomination; achieved excellence in the fields of art, music, theater, dance, literature or other related cultural fields; accomplished extraordinary success in trade, business or industry; contributed significantly to society through charitable work or good deeds; or served as an exceptional contributor to their chosen profession whether law, education, medicine, science, journalism or other.

Pioneer Award

The Pioneer Award was established to honor individuals who may not have graduated from Kirkwood High School but who have made significant contributions to the Kirkwood School District.

THE PIONEER AWARD

H. L. Hall

Dory Poholsky, 1951

INDUCTEES

INAUGURAL CLASS OF 2010

Courtney Shands, Sr., 1923*

Marion Brooks, 1932*

Myrtle Agnew Walker, 1938

Earl E. Walker, 1939

John F. Briggs, 1939*

John Yardley, 1943*

Robert Frederick, 1958*

Scott Bakula, 1973

John McDaniel, 1979

John Korty, 1954

David Sanborn, 1963

Tom Kenyon, 1973

Herb Jones, 1951

Theodore Almstedt, 1953

Harold L. Whitfield, 1956

David C. Pratt, 1962

Rodger O. Riney, 1963

Gary Schmidt, 1965

Jim Talent, 1973

Michael Gibbons, 1977

Doug Landis, 1977

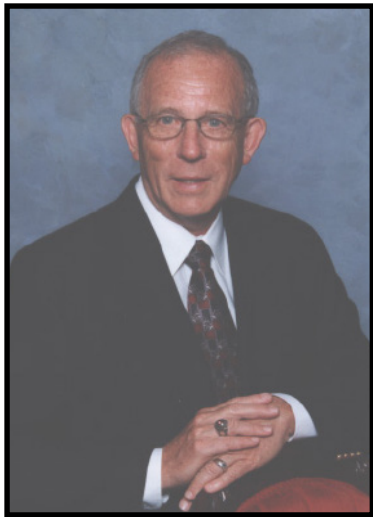
Maria Kanyova, 1984

Jennifer Quinn Williams, 1984

Congratulations Inductees!

**Honorees who are being recognized posthumously.*

Homer L. Hall



H. L. Hall was a journalism teacher and publications adviser at Kirkwood High School for twenty-six years. Prior to that, he was a social studies teacher and also advised the yearbook and newspaper at North Kirkwood Junior High School for eight years. During Mr. Hall's tenure at Kirkwood High School, the Kirkwood Call student newspaper and the Pioneer yearbook were charter members of the National Scholastic Press Association's Hall of Fame because both received ten consecutive All-American ratings. Both publications received numerous Gold Keys from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and numerous Pacemaker awards from the National Scholastic Press Association under Mr. Hall's tutelage. Both the Gold Key and the Pacemaker are the highest honors scholastic publications can receive from these organizations. The Call received the George Gallup Award, the highest award presented by Quill & Scroll, every year Mr. Hall advised the paper.

While teaching in Kirkwood, Mr. Hall served as president of the Sponsors of School Publications of Greater St. Louis, president of the Missouri Journalism Education Association, and president of the National Journalism Education Association. He also received numerous honors including the Missouri Journalism Teacher of the Year and Missouri Teacher of the Year. In 1982, he received the Dow Jones National Newspaper Adviser of the Year Award. He was the first recipient of the Journalism Education Association's (JEA) National Yearbook Adviser of the Year Award in 1995. In 2000, he was the first teacher in the nation to receive the JEA Teacher Inspiration Award. He is still the only teacher in the country to receive the highest honor for both yearbook and newspaper. JEA also presented him its Carl Towley Award in 1991, the organization's top award. In 1982, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association presented him the Gold Key Award, its highest honor. The National Scholastic Press Association presented Mr. Hall with the Pioneer Award, its highest honor, in 1992. Also in 1992, Oklahoma University inducted him into the National Scholastic Journalism Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the Missouri Scholastic Journalism Hall of Fame.

Mr. Hall has presented workshops and seminars on journalism in more than forty states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and he has also spoken in four foreign countries. In 1969, Rosen Publishing Company published his first textbook, *Junior High Journalism*; it is currently in its tenth edition. In 1986, Rosen published his second textbook, *High School Journalism*; it is currently in its fifth edition. Mr. Hall and Logan Aimone co-authored the most recent editions.

Mr. Hall retired from Kirkwood High School in 1999. He and his wife, Lea Ann, moved to Tennessee to be closer to their two daughters and their families. He served as director of the Tennessee High School Press Association for six years and continues to lead workshops and seminars around the country.

Dory Engelhardt Poholsky, Class of 1951



Dory Poholsky entered the business world immediately after high school. Her first position was serving as instructor and office manager for Jinia Strauss Modeling. Upon moving to Chicago, she was an Administrative Assistant to the Kaiser Aluminum division president, and later in Oakland, California. After returning to St. Louis, she became the Administrative Assistant to the president of Emerson Electric.

In 1965, she married Tom Poholsky, a former St. Louis Cardinal pitcher and civil engineer. Dory became step mother to Mike and Tim. Upon Tom's retirement from baseball, the couple founded Redbird Engineering Company and Red Bird School Equipment Company. They also owned and operated a guest ranch in Annapolis, Missouri.

Mrs. Poholsky loved volunteering as a room mother for thirteen years, attending field trips, and participating with the KHS Mothers Club. She served as the Keysor PTO president and Parents Association for Instrumental Music (A.I.M.) president. She also worked with various school district committees as well as fundraisers. She devoted many years of volunteer service for the city of Kirkwood including serving as Chairman of the Greentree Festival, originating as well as chairing the Greentree Folklife Festival for fifteen years, and helping the Kirkwood Celebration 125 Steering Committee produce the musical *We Touch the Future*.

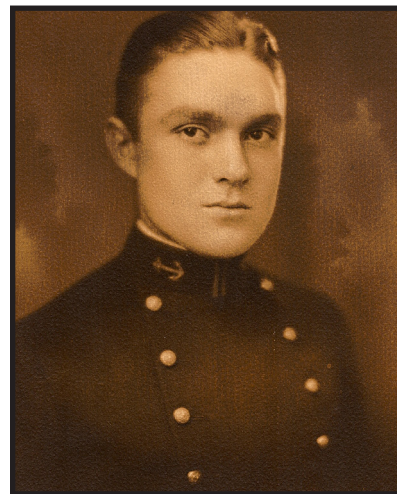
Mrs. Poholsky had an integral role in the planning and production of the play *Peace Child*. She was responsible for the placement of fifteen children and five adults from the Soviet Union in Kirkwood homes and all non-rehearsal and performance activities during the play's month long run. *Peace Child* became a remarkable and memorable experience for the Kirkwood community. Mrs. Poholsky also acted as chairman of the St. Louis Pinch-Hitters "Ball-B-Que" (wives and women associated with professional baseball). This annual event raised money for many organizations serving children with mental and physical disabilities for approximately forty years. She was an active member of Kirkwood United Methodist Church and helped with mission trips to Appalachia in North Carolina. Mrs. Poholsky also organized "Shine for Judevine-Kids Helping Kids." This involved twenty-two St. Louis area schools working together to raise approximately \$100,000 for the Judevine Center for Autistic Children.

In 1988, Mrs. Poholsky was named the Kirkwood Citizen of the Year by the Kirkwood Chamber of Commerce and received the Service to Mankind Award from Sertoma International. In 1989, she also received the "Missouri Individual Volunteer" award from the Missouri State Legislature.

Mrs. Poholsky is the grandmother of seven grandchildren ranging in age from 2.5 years to 25 years.

Courtney Shands, Class of 1923*

Courtney Shands graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned in 1927. While at the Academy, he was the captain of the water polo team and played center on the football team. He was a fighter pilot during World War II and was awarded the Navy Cross, Air Medal, and the Purple Heart. He fought in the Battle for Malta; he led the air attack on Guadalcanal from the USS Wasp, was injured when the ship was sunk, but went on to fly fighters out of Henderson Field until he was severely wounded. At the end of the war, he was the skipper of the carrier USS Takanis Bay and during the Korean War was skipper of the USS Oriskany, then the largest carrier in the fleet. Late in his career, he headed up the social weapons (atomic) command. During his career, he logged 5,000 flight hours and 327 carrier landings. He retired from the Navy as a Rear Admiral.



Mr. Shands passed away in 1968 and is survived by his wife Elizabeth Jones Shands, his son Courtney, and his daughter Bettie.



Marion Brooks, Class of 1932*



Marion Brooks was an award winning educator and life-long teacher to the children of the Kirkwood school community. Since Missouri schools were segregated until 1954, Mrs. Brooks attended Kirkwood schools for African American students until high school. She then attended Sumner High School, a high school for African American students from throughout the St. Louis area.

After graduating from Sumner High School, she attended Harriet Beecher Stowe College (now Harris Stowe State University) and earned a bachelor's degree. Mrs. Brooks later received her master's degree from Washington University. In 1947, she began teaching for the Kirkwood School District at Booker T. Washington School. After the school closed in 1950, Mrs.

Brooks taught at Turner School in Meacham Park until 1955. In the fall of 1955, Mrs. Brooks became a teacher at Kirkwood High School where she taught economics, government, and family courses. Mrs. Brooks retired from the district in 1984. After retiring, Mrs. Brooks continued to teach from her home by developing a summer program and a tutoring program for students.

As an exceptional educator, Mrs. Brooks was named the Kirkwood School District Teacher of the Year and the Missouri Teacher of the Year for 1977-78. She was one of only six finalists for National Teacher of the Year.

In early August of this year, Mrs. Brooks learned that she was selected to be one of the honorees to be inducted into the Kirkwood Alumni Hall of Fame. Mrs. Brooks passed away on Monday, August 16, following a stroke. Her induction is a testament to the many children and adults whose lives she touched during her lifetime as a Kirkwood resident and Kirkwood School District teacher.

Mrs. Brooks' memory lives on through her daughter Rene Aitch, numerous family members, and former students.

Myrtle Agnew Walker, Class of 1938

Earl E. Walker, Class of 1939

Myrtle Agnew and Earl Walker met in biology class at the original Kirkwood High School located on South Kirkwood Road; that old school building is now part of Nipher Middle School. They subsequently graduated, married in September 1942, and in 1952 founded Carr Lane Manufacturing Company, which supplies products for the metalworking field. The company has grown with sales to the automotive, aerospace, defense, and appliance industries throughout the world.



Dedicated philanthropists, Mr. and Mrs. Walker focus especially on initiatives for children and students. They have sponsored scholarships and grants at both Kirkwood High School and Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School, funded an endowed professorship in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Washington University, funded an endowed scholarship at University of Texas at Austin, created the Myrtle E. Walker Scholarship Fund at the School of Art at Washington University, and established scholarships through the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation.

Additionally, over the years they have made substantial contributions to The Magic House, St. Joseph's Hospital, the Kirkwood-Webster YMCA, City of Kirkwood, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Trinity Lutheran Church, Ranken Technical College, University of Missouri-St. Louis, YMCA of the Ozarks, St. Clare Hospital, and KidSmart. In 1988, with the St. Louis Scottish Rite organization, Mr. and Mrs. Walker co-founded the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders, which has served over 14,000 children with speech and language disorders in the St. Louis area. They have also been instrumental in various improvements to the Kirkwood High School campus including a commons area for students, the tunnel to the orchestra pit in the theatre, and the new science building, which was completed and opened in 2008. And, we are all familiar with Myrtle's Turtles that grace several locations in Kirkwood, the YMCA of the Ozarks, and Camp Tuckaho.



Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of four KHS graduates; they have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

John F. Briggs, Class of 1939*



John Briggs was a decorated World War II (WWII) hero and the first African American aviator to be employed by the Federal Aviation Administration. Since Missouri schools were segregated until 1954, Mr. Briggs attended Kirkwood schools for African American students until high school. He then attended Sumner High School, a high school for African American students from throughout the St. Louis area.

After graduating from Sumner High School, Mr. Briggs joined the United States Army Air Corps at Tuskegee Institute (now known as Tuskegee University). In 1943, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and flew the P-40 fighter aircraft. As a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, he flew combat missions out of Italy. Lieutenant Briggs flew a total of 125 combat sorties over Naples during Harbor Patrol. His mission was to escort Navy ships to the Anzio Beach Head, where he strafed ground targets. Lieutenant Briggs was also assigned to the 15th Air Force flying seventy combat missions. These missions included the strafing of German airfields and escorting B-17 and B-24 bombers to targets in Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia as well as the invasion of France. During WWII in the European Theater of Operations, he shot down a ME-109 and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters. At the young age of twenty-four, he had completed a total of 200 combat missions; as a result, he spent the remainder of the war giving advanced pilot training to other African Americans at Tuskegee. Following WWII, Mr. Briggs continued to serve his country in the United States Air Force; after a total of twenty-one years of military service, he retired from the Air Force in 1963 with the rank of Major. In 1963, he became the first African American pilot to be employed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as an Air Carrier Inspector. After serving the FAA for twenty-three years, Mr. Briggs retired in 1986. The mural "Black Americans in Flight" at Lambert International Airport honors Lieutenant Briggs and other African American aviators.

Mr. Briggs passed away in 2007 at the age of eighty-six and his memory lives on through his brother, Adolphus C. Briggs

John F. Yardley, Class of 1942*

John Yardley earned a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in 1944 from Iowa State University. He was in the United States Navy Reserves for three years ending in 1946; at that time, he began his career with the McDonnell Aircraft Company as a stress engineer. While employed at McDonnell, he worked on his Master of Science in Applied Engineering from Washington University and received his degree in 1950.



In 1958, Mr. Yardley began as project engineer for the design of the one-man Mercury space capsule and transferred to Cape Canaveral to serve as launch operations manager. Following his return to St. Louis in 1964, he became lead technical director for the Gemini program. In 1974, Mr. Yardley was asked by NASA to head up the space shuttle program. His job as associate administrator of manned space flight was “to get the bird off the ground.” He was responsible for taking the space shuttle from concept to first flight. In 1981, Mr. Yardley returned to McDonnell Douglas to serve as president of the McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co., and later as senior vice president of McDonnell Douglas Corp. until his retirement in 1989.

He wrote numerous publications focusing on the areas of space and flight. Mr. Yardley was a member of several honorary societies. He received numerous awards including the NASA Public Service Award (NASA’s highest civilian honor) for both the Mercury and Gemini programs; the Goddard Memorial Trophy from the National Space Club; the American Astronautical Society Space Flight Award; and the Washington University Alumni Achievement Award.

Mr. Yardley was a down-to-earth person who loved a good laugh. His many hobbies included model airplanes, computer programming, boating, camping, and spending time with his family. Mr. Yardley passed away in 2001 at the age of seventy-six. His memory lives on through his wife Phyllis, four daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Herbert (Herb) S. Jones, Class of 1951



Herb Jones was mayor of Kirkwood from 1984 to 1992. He has given over fifty-five years of service and leadership to Kirkwood and the metropolitan St. Louis area. He has been the board president of a dozen organizations including St. Joseph Hospital, Magic House Children's Museum, Cupples House Foundation at St. Louis University, and the Kirkwood Chamber of Commerce. In 2006, Mr. Jones was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Chamber of Commerce. He has received numerous other awards recognizing his leadership achievements.

Mr. Jones played a key role in the downtown Kirkwood revitalization, in the rewriting and implementation of the Kirkwood Charter, and in the establishment of the Kirkwood open air market, the Kirkwood Memorial Walk, the Greentree Festival, and the Meacham Park annexations and revitalization. Over thirty Kirkwood public and commercial buildings have been touched by his involvement, many of which have significantly improved the tax base of the Kirkwood Schools. Other noteworthy achievements include his service as Kirkwood City Council member and Charter board member of the Kirkwood School District Foundation. Mr. Jones became President and co-owner of Messenger Printing and Publishing in 1965 and remains in that position.

He currently resides in Kirkwood with his wife Mary; they have three grown children and six grandchildren.

Theodore Almstedt, Class of 1953

Theodore Almstedt served the United States with honor and distinction in the United States Navy for thirty years, rising to the rank of Admiral. Admiral Almstedt graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1957. His sea assignments included Chief Engineer of two nuclear powered cruisers and commander of three other ships: the USS Havre PCE-877, USS Schofield FFG-3, and the USS Bainbridge CGN-25. His shore assignments as a Navy flag officer included serving as Director of the Navy's Congressional Liaison Office, Foreign Security Assistance Command, and the Defense Nuclear Agency. After retiring from the Navy, he served eleven years in senior management positions with two engineering and software companies. His military awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and Navy Unit Commendation Medal.



Admiral Almstedt and his wife, Barbara, live in California and have three daughters and two grandchildren.



John Korty, Class of 1954



John Korty started as an animator at the young age of sixteen. Mr. Korty graduated from Antioch College with a liberal arts education and began to produce animated television commercials. In 1964, he won an Oscar for the five minute commercial *Breaking the Habit*; in the following year, Mr. Korty was praised for his short film *Crazy Quilt*. In 1966, he started his own film company and remains president of the company. Mr. Korty received both an Emmy Award and a Directors Guild Award for the 1974 movie *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*. In 1977, he won an Oscar and an Emmy for *Who Are the Debolts? And Where Did They Get 19 Kids?* Mr. Korty has directed over thirty-eight films and short features including the animation for *Sesame Street*, *Twice Upon a Time*, *Who Are the Debolts? And Where Did They Get 19 Kids?*, *A Christmas Without Snow*, and *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*. Mr. Korty has won several national awards for his documentaries, dramatic films, and animation.



Harold Whitfield, Class of 1956

Harold Whitfield was a student at Douglass High School prior to integration; thereafter, Mr. Whitfield attended Kirkwood High School. He attended Washington University to receive his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and his Juris Doctor. In 1962, he went into the United States Army for two years. In 1968, he received his license to practice law in the state of Missouri. Throughout the years, his practice of concentration has been wrongful death and personal injury. In 1966, he became the Director of Conciliation for the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and remained in this position until 1970. Commencing in 1970, Mr. Whitfield worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Regional Director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission for four years. In 1972, he was elected as a Kirkwood City Council member and served until 1976. In 1974, he founded Whitfield, Montgomery & Staples, P.C. (now known as Harold L. Whitfield & Associates). From 1976 to 1994, he was a partner in Whitfield and James Mortuary with Frances “Cookie” Whitfield. He is a member of the NAACP, Olive Chapel AME Church, and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Whitfield has received the Legend of Law Award given by the Mound City Bar Association. Mr. Whitfield currently serves as the Provisional Municipal Judge for the city of Kirkwood and as an adjunct Professor of Law at the Washington University School of Law.



Mr. Whitfield and his wife, Frances “Cookie,” have two daughters and one grandson.

Dr. Robert E. (Bob) Frederick, Class of 1958*



Bob Frederick was a life-long educator, basketball coach, and college athletics director. He treated everyone with dignity and respect and taught his players and students to do the same. These were characteristics he cultivated as a student at Kirkwood High School where he succeeded academically and lettered in basketball and football.

After high school graduation, he went on to earn three degrees from the University of Kansas—a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1962, a master's degree in secondary school administration in 1964, and a doctorate in educational administration in 1984. While attending KU as an undergraduate, he was a skilled basketball player on the men's varsity team.

Dr. Frederick taught high school chemistry and government while coaching the boys' basketball teams at Rich Central High School, Chicago, IL; Russell High School, Russell, KS; Lawrence High School, Lawrence, KS; and Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, KS. Additionally, he was an assistant men's basketball coach at the University of Kansas, Brigham Young University, and Stanford University. Dr. Frederick was the athletics director at Illinois State University from 1985-1987 and at the University of Kansas from 1987-2001. After he retired as the KU Athletics Director, he served as an assistant professor and department chair until his death in 2009.

Dr. Frederick was the Chair of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Basketball Committee and the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship & Ethical Code and served as a member of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics. He was on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Directors of Collegiate Athletics, the American Football Coaches Association, and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He was a consultant to the Government of Qatar re-establishing "The Aspire Sports Academy." Additionally, he chaired numerous civic and educational boards and committees. He was the President of the KU Friends of the Lied Center for Performing Arts, the Board of Directors of the Lawrence (KS) Memorial Hospital, and the Josephson Institute National Board of "Character Counts." He was on the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, the Lawrence Public Library, and served as a volunteer for the Presbyterian Manor for over ten years.

Dr. Frederick was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence, Kansas and chaired several church boards. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and the Lawrence Rotary Club. He received numerous awards and honors for his leadership skills and efforts. The National Invitation Tournament recognized Dr. Frederick by giving him the Distinguished Service Award and the Man of the Year Award. The University of Kansas created an award in his name to honor the most outstanding male and female athletes each year.

Upon his death, the NCAA created the "Bob Frederick Sportsmanship Award" in his memory. Several scholarships were also established in his name. Dr. Frederick's organ donations saved three lives. He lives on through his many students and friends, his wife of 37 years, Margey, and his four sons, Brian, Brad and his wife Jocelyn, Mark, and Chris, along with grandson Benjamin Robert. Dr. Frederick's sister, Susan Frederick Schrepel, graduated from KHS in 1954.

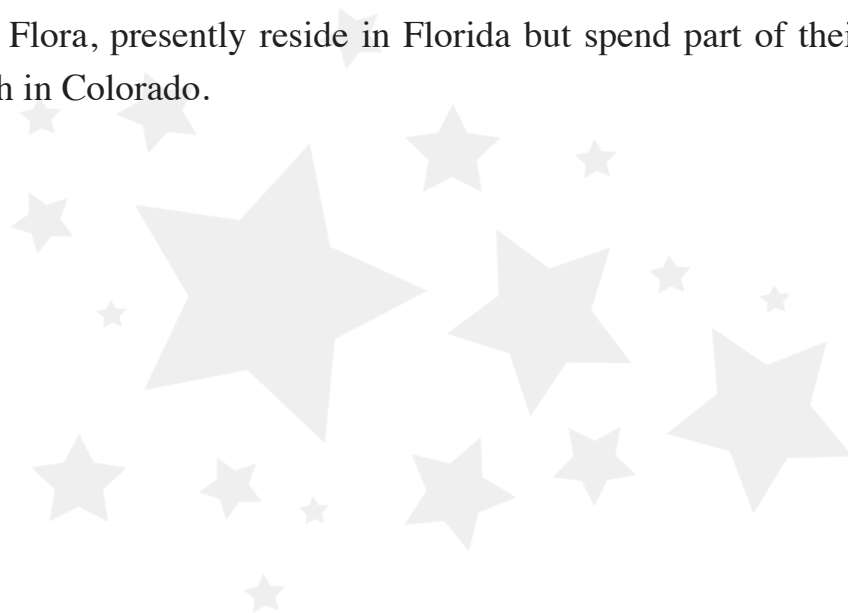
David C. Pratt, Class of 1962

David Pratt attended Southern Methodist University and Arizona State University. After attending college, he served in the United States Coast Guard from 1965 to 1971. Following his Coast Guard service, he founded United Industries Corp., which was a national consumer packaged goods company involved in the pesticide, lawn products, fertilizer, and personal insect repellent business. Mr. Pratt sold United Industries in 1999; since that time, he has served as Chairman of Rex Realty, Chairman and CEO of Gander Mountain Companies, and as an owner of the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals.



Mr. Pratt is a past director of Rossman School, Whitfield School, John Burroughs School, DePauw University, Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, and St. Luke's Hospital for which he served as chairman from 1992-1996. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mercy Health System since 1995 and currently serves on their Executive Committee and as chairman of their Investment Committee. Through his private foundation, Mr. Pratt made a substantial gift to the Mercy Health System to create the David C. Pratt Cancer Center on the campus of St. John's Mercy Medical Center.

Mr. Pratt and his wife, Flora, presently reside in Florida but spend part of their time in St. Louis and on their ranch in Colorado.



Rodger O. Riney, Class of 1963



Rodger Riney graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Civil Engineering. In 1969, he joined Edward D. Jones & Co. in St. Louis as a stockbroker and later became a partner. He worked for Edward Jones for ten years; during his tenure there, Mr. Riney established the human resources department. In 1980, Mr. Riney became the founder and CEO of Scottrade. This online investing firm has 3,300 employees and over 475 branches across the United States. He has received numerous awards for his company including being listed on Fortune’s “100 Best Companies to Work For” three years running, winning the J.D. Power award for highest customer satisfaction eight of the past ten years, and being on Computerworld’s “Best Places in IT” for the past two years. Mr.

Riney is a member of several organizations including Kirkwood Baptist Church, Alzheimer’s Association Advisory Council, and the United Way Tocqueville Society.

He and his wife, Paula, have two sons, one daughter, and two granddaughters.



David Sanborn, Class of 1963

David Sanborn is an alto saxophonist who has been playing the alto saxophone since high school. He has released over twenty solo albums; his unique style mixes jazz, instrumental pop, and R&B. Mr. Sanborn has worked with artists such as David Bowie, Bruce Springsteen, and Stevie Wonder. Mr. Sanborn has received many awards including six Grammy Awards. Since the late 1980s, he has appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman* as a member of Paul Shaffer's band. Mr. Sanborn returned to Kirkwood High School for the dedication of the Thomas N. Keating Performance Center in 1995, and he also recorded a DVD for the "Dress Up the Band" fundraiser held in 2007. Mr. Sanborn was advised to play the saxophone because he suffered from polio as a young child. The doctor believed if he played the saxophone his breathing would improve and his chest muscles would be strengthened. He continues to perform and play music on his saxophone throughout the world.



Gary Schmidt, Class of 1965



Gary Schmidt graduated from Westminster College in 1969, where he was an All-American runner and Scholastic All-American. Following military service, including duty in Vietnam, he graduated from law school in 1974. Mr. Schmidt was first elected as a judge in 1978, and he served as a judge for twenty years. He received the Irvin A. Keller Distinguished Service Award in 2007 from the Missouri High School Activities Association. In 2002, Judge Schmidt succeeded U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia as the Distinguished American Jurist, an award presented at Mississippi State University. Following retirement from the bench, Judge Schmidt served four years as Corporations Counsel for the State of Missouri, and then was the Acting Director of Fraud and Noncompliance for the State.

Mr. Schmidt is the son of Arthur R. and Mittie Jane Schmidt, who still live in Kirkwood. He and his wife, Chris, have two grown children and live in Jefferson City.

Scott Bakula, Class of 1973

Scott Bakula is a well-known actor of stage and screen. In 1988, he performed in the Broadway musical *Romance/Romance*; this performance led to a Tony nomination. Mr. Bakula later played a leading role on the NBC television show *Quantum Leap*; he received a Golden Globe Award for best actor in a television series in 1991 for this program. Mr. Bakula was awarded five Viewers for Quality Television Awards for best actor in a drama series for his performance in *Quantum Leap*. In 1998, he received a leading role in *Major League: Back to the Minors*, which led to roles in *American Beauty* and *Star Trek: Enterprise*. Over the years, he has received four Emmy nominations and three Golden Globe nominations. Mr. Bakula has made guest appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Hollywood Bowl. He now plays the character of Terry Elliot on TNT's *Men of a Certain Age*.



Dr. Thomas (Tom) Kenyon, Class of 1973



Tom Kenyon received an athletic scholarship in 1973 to compete as a diver for Indiana University from which he graduated in 1977. During his undergraduate years at IU, he was named to the NCAA All-American swimming team in addition to winning the Big Ten Championships and competing as a finalist in the U.S. Olympic Diving Trials. He received his M.D. in 1981 from the University of Missouri-Columbia and completed training in pediatric medicine at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson in 1984. In 1993, Dr. Kenyon completed a Master of Public Health in international health from the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health and in 1996 completed training as a medical epidemiologist in the prestigious Epidemic Intelligence Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition to serving as a pediatrician in Tucson, Arizona and as Communicable Disease Director for the Chicago Department of Health, Dr. Kenyon has devoted his twenty-five year career to international health issues that claim the lives of many millions each year. Along with his family, he has lived more than nineteen years abroad working as a clinician, researcher, and country program director for Project HOPE and the CDC in Grenada, the West Indies, and numerous African countries including Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, and Ethiopia. His work with host governments and local civil society has established numerous effective and country-owned programs to prevent HIV transmission and to care for adults and children with AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and other diseases of public health significance.

From 2006 to 2008, Dr. Kenyon served in the Department of State in Washington, D.C., as the Principal Deputy Global AIDS Coordinator and Chief Medical Officer for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which is the largest commitment in history by a country to a single disease. PEPFAR now supports more than two million people around the world with life-saving AIDS treatment, provides care for more than ten million affected by AIDS, including orphans and vulnerable children, and has prevented millions of new HIV infections, including from mother-to-child during pregnancy. He has published a number of studies in peer-reviewed scientific journals and has served on advisory committees to the World Health Organization and other UN agencies. Dr. Kenyon is in Africa serving as Country Director for the CDC in Ethiopia where he is helping implement President Obama's Global Health Initiative. He has been married to Laurie "Sibo" Bopp (Class of 1974) for twenty-eight years; their two children, Austin and Jessie, are in college in Tucson, Arizona.

James M. (Jim) Talent, Class of 1973

Jim Talent graduated from Washington University and University of Chicago Law School. Following his law school graduation, Mr. Talent clerked for Judge Richard Posner of the United States Court of Appeals from 1982 through 1983. In 1984, Mr. Talent was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives and served four terms. In 1988, he became the House Minority Leader; he served in that capacity until 1992 when he was elected to Congress to represent Missouri's Second District, which he did until 2001.



While in Congress, Mr. Talent served on the Armed Services, Small Business, National Security, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Education and the Workforce committees. He introduced the Real Welfare Reform Act in 1994, which became a part of the Personal Responsibility Act of 1996. In 1997, Mr. Talent became the Chairman for the House of Representatives Small Business Committee and co-sponsor of the Community Renewal Act for welfare reform. In 1998, he became the co-sponsor of the first Patient's Bill of Rights.

From 2003-2007, Mr. Talent served the state of Missouri as a United States Senator. During his tenure in the Senate, he served on four key committees: the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee; the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; and the Senate Aging Committee. In 2005, he was the co-sponsor for the Combat Meth Act, which later was enacted into law. Mr. Talent also served as Vice Chairman of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism.

Mr. Talent has received numerous awards including Friend of the Farmer Award, National Public Policy Award, and three Legislator of the Year Awards. He and his wife, Brenda, have three children: Michael, Kate, and Chrissy.

Michael R. (Mike) Gibbons, Class of 1977



Mike Gibbons graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College in 1981. Thereafter, he attended Saint Louis University School of Law. After earning his Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University in 1984, Mr. Gibbons began practicing law alongside his father at Gibbons Law Firm in Kirkwood. He maintained his law office there for twenty-one years. He now practices law at Stinson, Morrison, Hecker LLP. In 1986, Mr. Gibbons became the youngest person ever elected to the Kirkwood City Council; this election began his twenty-two year career representing the people of this area. From 1992 to 2000, Mr. Gibbons was the Missouri State Representative for District 94; thereafter, he was elected as the Missouri State Senator for the 15th Senatorial District and served from 2000 to 2008. During his tenure in the Senate, he was the Chairman

of the Ways and Means Committee for two years, Majority Floor Leader for two years, and President Pro Tem for four years.

Mr. Gibbons is a member of several organizations including serving as Adjunct Professor at Westminster College; Director, YMCA of Greater St. Louis; Director, The Empowerment Network; Governor, Des Peres Hospital Board of Governors; Trustee, STAGES St. Louis; Trustee, State Historical Society of Missouri; and Member, Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce.

He has received numerous awards including the Family Leadership Council Winston Churchill Leadership Award, the Missouri Sheriffs' Association Missouri Senator of the Year Award, Missouri Autism Project Legislative Award, St. Louis Business Journal Legislative Award, Missouri Youth/Adult Alliance to Reduce Underage Drinking 2007 Outstanding Leadership, National Association of Women Business Owners Legislator of the Year, St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association Lewis and Clark Statesman, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Outstanding Support of the Goal to Provide Equal Justice to All, Missouri Bar Legislative Award, The Olive Chapel AME Church 2007 Olive Branch Award, Crider Center for Mental Health Heroes Award, Judicial Conference of Missouri Justice Award, and Citizens for Modern Transit Chairman's Award.

Mr. Gibbons and his wife, Liz, reside in Kirkwood and have two children, Danny and Meredith. They are all Kirkwood High School graduates.

Doug Landis, Class of 1977

Doug Landis was a high school student when a wrestling accident in 1975 left him a quadriplegic paralyzed from the neck down. On a bet from his brother, Mr. Landis began drawing with his mouth. Confined by his limited reach, Mr. Landis taught himself how to draw upside down and sideways in order to create larger images and to give his work the intricate detail for which it is known. While working on his art, Mr. Landis earned a B.A. from Webster University and a M.F.A. from the California Institute of the Arts. His concern for wildlife became a series of intricate pencil works titled, “Vanishing Breeds.” This series has been exhibited in Brussels, Belgium; Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; and St. Louis, Missouri. In 2006, Mr. Landis was accepted into the International Mouth and Foot Painting Artists Association.



Mr. Landis wants the public to know that “because I’ve found this hidden talent within me, I believe everyone of us has hidden talents that each person can find in themselves.”



John McDaniel, Class of 1979



John McDaniel is an award winning musician and composer. Mr. McDaniel graduated with a B.F.A. in Drama from Carnegie Mellon University. His musical talents allow him to arrange, compose, produce, and play the piano. In 1992, he won the Los Angeles Drama Critic Award for his music direction of *Chicago* at the Long Beach Civic Light Opera. Mr. McDaniel is best known for writing the theme song for television's *The Rosie O'Donnell Show* and conducting the band for that show on a daily basis. During this time, he received numerous Emmy nominations including wins in 2001 and 2002. While on the show, Mr. McDaniel worked with artists such as Neil Diamond,

Chaka Khan, Barry Manilow, and Tony Bennett. In 1999, his production of *Annie Get Your Gun* received the Tony award for Best Revival of a Musical; he also produced the Grammy Award winning cast recording. In 2000, the Manhattan Association of Cabarets recognized Mr. McDaniel for his powerful impact on the world of cabaret by honoring him with their Board of Directors Award. His Broadway shows include *Brooklyn*, *Taboo*, *Chicago*, and *Grease*. Mr. McDaniel's television appearances include *The Nanny*, *Live with Regis* and *Kathie Lee*, *Rachael Ray* and several Friars Club Roasts. He has produced three solo CDs including *John McDaniel Live at Joe's Pub*. Mr. McDaniel continues to give back to the Kirkwood School District by appearing at school performances for the band and orchestra. He even helped spread the word in New York City about Kirkwood students on "The Road to Carnegie Hall" in March of 2010.

Mr. McDaniel lives in New York City. He is the son of James and Jane McDaniel, who still reside in Kirkwood.

Maria Kanyova, Class of 1984

Maria Kanyova, a.k.a. Mary Jane Posegate, is a well-known opera singer. Her beautiful voice allows her to perform throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. She has received praise for her portrayals of the leading heroines in Italian, French, German, Russian, Czech, and English language operas with companies that include Lyric Opera of Chicago, New York City Opera, Wexford Opera Festival, Houston Grand Opera, Dallas Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Miami Grand Opera, Palm Beach Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Portland Opera, Opera Colorado, Utah Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Central City Opera, and Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. Ms. Kanyova's future seasons include debuts at Canadian Opera Company and San Francisco Opera.



At Opera Theatre, she has performed the role of Pat in *Nixon in China*, Marie Antoinette in *The Ghosts of Versailles*, and Susanna in *The Marriage of Figaro*. Her portrayal of Pat Nixon in *Nixon in China* was released on CD under the Naxos label in 2010. Ms. Kanyova has also been seen on PBS in a live telecast of her portrayal of Mimi in *La Boheme*. Not only has Ms. Kanyova enjoyed an extensive opera career, she also has appeared in concert with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Phoenix Symphony, and Music of the Baroque. In addition, she has appeared at the Ravinia Festival and the Grant Park Music Festival.

Ms. Kanyova has received awards from the National Federation of Music Clubs, the Liederkrantz Foundation, and the Greater Miami Opera Guild. She also has won a Richard Tucker Foundation Career Grant and a Sullivan Foundation Award. After high school, she received a B.M.E./Voice degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and then an M.M./Voice and D.M.A./Voice degree from the University of Kansas.

On May 4, 2010, Ms. Kanyova returned to Kirkwood High School to speak with the KHS choirs and to perform for them. Her other interests include teaching voice, running, and at the top of her list, her husband and three children. Ms. Kanyova and her family live in the Chicago area.

Jennifer Quinn Williams, Class of 1984



Jennifer Quinn Williams was born and raised in Kirkwood, graduating from Kirkwood High School in 1984, and then continuing her education by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Louis University in 1991. Later that year, Mrs. Williams opened Saint Louis Closet Co. with just herself and a van. In 2009, the St. Louis Business Journal named Saint Louis Closet Co. to their list of the Top 25 Largest Women-Owned Businesses in St. Louis. In 1996, Mrs. Williams and her husband created 22 Company, a property management company that owns and operates rental units in Maplewood. Mrs. Williams branched out of closets and real estate in November 2007 to open Saint Louis Cellars, a retail wine store connected to the Saint Louis Closet Co. building. Saint Louis Cellars expanded in 2009 and just recently won St. Louis Magazine's A-List Award for "Best Wine Shop," as voted on by the readers.

Mrs. Williams has been recognized with numerous awards including the Small Business Administration (SBA) Young Entrepreneur of the Year (1996), St. Louis Business Journal's List of Most Influential Businesswomen (2007), the YWCA Leader of Distinction Award (2009), and the SBA Entrepreneurial Success Award (2010).

Mrs. Williams serves on the honorary board of Friends of Wings Pediatric Hospice Care and has been the Honorary Chair for three years running for the Big Bear Brunch. She also speaks frequently to college and high school students about the benefits and challenges of entrepreneurship and to women about the challenges of business ownership.

Mrs. Williams and her husband, Matt, reside in Kirkwood with their two children, Matthew, 10, and Hallie, 9.

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