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Parkway Alumni Association Hall of Fame Celebration

Sat., Nov. 15, 2014

Reception (5:30 p.m.)

Dinner (6:30 p.m.)

Welcome (7:15 p.m.)

Alumni Association Video

- John Kilper – President, Parkway Alumni Association

History of Parkway

- Bill Myer, Parkway Central High Principal (Retired)

Presentation of the Albert Awards

- John Kilper

Opening Remarks

- Jenny Marquart, Parkway North High Principal
– Master of Ceremonies

Keynote Speech

- Ray Hartmann – Parkway Hall of Fame 2012
Journalist, Entrepreneur

Presentation of Inductees

- Jenny Marquart

Concluding Remarks



Master of Ceremonies **Jenny Marquart, Ed.D.**

Jenny Marquart has been principal at Parkway North High School since 2000. She is known throughout the school district as a dedicated, compassionate, intelligent and gifted communicator who leads by example. She is credited for creating a school environment that encourages participation, acceptance and high achievement, which reflects her passion for helping every student to succeed.

Marquart has worked diligently to increase student leadership at North by teaching a leadership class, increasing participation on the student council, and guiding the development of several advisory groups. She also initiated the school's cadet teaching program to provide classroom experiences to students considering a career in education.

Prior to her service at North, she was an assistant principal at West High for six years. She taught Spanish at Union and Kirkwood high schools for seven years before embarking on a career in education administration.

In 2010, she received a Pillar of Parkway award for her outstanding contributions to the school district and her community. She is on the board of directors for the Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce.

Marquart received her bachelor's degree in education at Missouri State University. She earned a master's degree in educational administration at St. Louis University, and a doctorate degree in educational leadership at Maryville University.

Guest Speaker **Bill Myer**

After 37 years in the classrooms, board rooms, hallways and athletic fields of Parkway, Bill Myer knows the district and its people well.

Beginning as a teacher at West High, he later served as assistant principal and principal at Central Middle, principal of Central High, and finally as the district's assistant superintendent for secondary education. He was a favorite administrator among the thousands of students whose lives he affected, frequently showing his great sense of humor and willingness to listen while keeping his expectations for achievement high. When he left Central High to accept the position as a district administrator, the Colts used his photo as the cover of their yearbook, affectionately and respectfully entitling it, "Commander in Chief."

Myer is known for his ability to build and keep relationships— he probably still knows the names of students in his history and economics classes from 1973. He maintains contact with many of them, including **Brad Cohen [Central '92, HOF '10]**. Cohen has had Tourette syndrome since childhood, but went to college and became a teacher and motivational speaker. He wrote a book about his life experiences, and when Hallmark turned it into a movie, Myer was correctly portrayed as the junior high principal who helped Cohen teach his classmates about his condition.

Though Myer retired in 2008 and no longer sets his alarm clock for early morning meetings, he is no stranger to the Parkway community. When someone in the district has a question about Parkway's history, a former staff member, or any issue that ever affected K-12 education, Myer gets a call. And he doesn't get the call because he'll provide the correct answer. He gets the call because he'll provide the correct answer wrapped in a great story.

Central '70 • Parkway Hall of Fame '12

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with short, dark hair, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light-colored dress shirt, and a patterned tie. The background is a dark, textured wall.

Hartmann's contributions to journalism include the City and Regional Magazine Association (2012 Finalist for columns) and The Great Plains Journalism Awards (Magazine Column Writing). In 2010, he was inducted into the St. Louis Print Media Hall of Fame. He has received the American Civil Liberty Union's Civil Libertarian Award, and was twice named as a recipient of the Missouri National Education Association's Horace Mann Award for contributions to public education in journalism. He also has been honored by the Missouri Association for Social Welfare, the Association of Black Journalists of Greater St. Louis, and the Freedom of Choice Council of Greater St. Louis.

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The Albert Awards

The Parkway Alumni Association is pleased to announce the annual Albert Awards, named in honor of Dr. Al Burr—a retired teacher, coach, and long-distinguished principal in the district. Throughout his half century in education, Burr has motivated countless educators by his professional practice and his public speaking.

The award is funded by the Association's Educators Make a Difference Fund to recognize teachers who are inspiring others in the earliest stages of their career. By sponsoring this award, the Parkway Alumni Association is doing its best to ensure that this tradition continues and flourishes!



Sam Skibbe, Craig Elementary School (2013)

The year 2013 was a very big year for music educator Sam Skibbe. He was named Teacher of the Year at Craig Elementary, then as Parkway's Elementary Teacher of the Year, and finally as the Parkway District Teacher of the Year! In only two years, he has shown a bright spark that has ignited his students' enthusiasm for music education and performance. Skibbe has a long history with Parkway—he began his education journey at Carman Trails and later graduated from South High. In college, he completed his student teaching at Craig. He has maintained the fine balance of getting students to deliver what he wants while allowing them to have fun with music. He has great enthusiasm and passion for what he does, and his students respond.



Maria Flick, South Middle School (2013)

Maria Flick left a successful sales job to pursue a degree in education. As a result, she came to the classroom both energized and excited to meet the needs of her students. Now a successful teacher, Flick has created podcasts, movies, blog posts and life-sized character replicas to engage her students in language arts. She regularly attends sporting events, school plays and after-school activities. She is a mentor to both students and teachers, encouraging them to work harder, be more creative and love what they do. Flick has served on school committees for character development, technology and literacy. She has revolutionized the year-book club, which has produced an award-winning book for the school.



Jason Tiearney, South High School (2013)

As a second-year teacher, Jason Tiearney has an imaginative, student-centered approach to teaching his class. Latin is a rigorous content area that has a tendency to scare some students, but he uses several non-traditional techniques to teach the classical language—such as drawing, acting and writing—to help them demonstrate what they've learned. When reading Latin, students are often so eager to find out what happens in a story assignment that they request to do the literacy portion of their work as soon as class begins. Their excitement about his class is proof that Latin studies with Mr. Tiearney isn't frightening at all—it's a pleasure!



Sarah Reeves, Central High School— Geometry (2014)

Although she is only in her third year of teaching, Sarah Reeves already has made tremendous contributions to her school and to the district. During the summer before her first year at Central, she met with Algebra II colleagues and suggested a new way to organize and deliver the math curriculum. Units were divided into learning targets and student checklists were developed. It didn't take long for students to become the drivers of their own learning; they could see which concepts they had mastered and which ones needed more

work. Learning targets have now become common practice for many of Parkway's Professional Learning Communities as a result of Reeves' ingenuity.



Rebecca Bradley, South Middle School— English Language Arts (2014)

Rebecca Bradley is quiet by nature, but her colleagues at South Middle know that her reserve is only a thin cover for a dynamic, forward-thinking and brilliant teacher. She creates a vibrant classroom for her students and sets the bar of achievement high. She is a member of the sixth-grade professional learning community for English language arts; a coach and co-director of South Middle's after-school intramural program; co-director of the Outdoor School program for her team; and the

leader of her sixth-grade team. In addition, Bradley serves on the school's technology committee and has been a valuable resource to staff in navigating new technology. In the past five years, she has earned two masters degrees.



Jenny Lutz, Oak Brook— Kindergarten (2014)

An alumna of Parkway Central High School, Jenny Lutz has taught kindergarten at Oak Brook for five years and is a leader among her colleagues. She has served as a collaborative team leader, NEA representative, a progress monitoring and intervention committee member, and a student enrichment class leader. Last year, she was a mentor for a new kindergarten teacher. Lutz—who sometimes is called “mom” by her students—is cherished by both her students and their parents for her ability to build relationships with families. She already has earned her master's

degree and completed an additional 30 hours of graduate courses. She is a committed teacher who works feverishly to provide students with the best practices available to help them succeed.

The Parkway Alumni Association thanks those who have made donations in honor of people who have made significant contributions to society and in memory of outstanding alumni.

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Dean Anthony

Robin Hill • North Jr. • North High '82



Enjoying a 25-year career as a performer on international opera stages and television, Dean Anthony was often referred to as “The Tumbling Tenor.” He created over 100 roles and was highly praised as a character artist for his vocal, dramatic and acrobatic abilities. He later established himself as a dynamic stage director on the operatic scene with his energetic, gritty productions.

Anthony has directed a multitude of performances in his career, including *Pirates of Penzance* at the Nashville Opera and *La Boheme* at the Pensacola Opera in 2014. He is in his eighth season with the Janiec Opera Company at the Brevard Music Center in Brevard, N.C. He also has joined the music faculty at the University of Memphis as co-director of the opera program.

In 2013-14, he directed *Carmen* at the Tulsa Opera and Pensacola Opera, *Elixir of Love* at Opera Delaware, *Barber of Seville* at Opera Naples, *Speed Dating Tonight!* at Amarillo Opera, *Falstaff* at Winter Opera in St. Louis, and *Albert Herring* and *Sweeney Todd* with the Janiec Opera Company at Brevard. He also was on the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis, where he delivered his unique master class series based on movement and acting for singers.

Other productions that Anthony has directed include *Glory Denied*, *Carmen*, *Sweeney Todd*, *I Pagliacci*, *The Magic Flute*, *Trouble in Tahiti*, *Arias and Barcarolles*, *The Merry Widow*, *Falstaff*, *Threepenny Opera*, *Elixir of Love*, *Suor Angelica*, *Tintypes*, *HMS Pinafore*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Tosca*, *Sacco and Vanzetti*, *Marriage of Figaro*, *Rigoletto*, *Barber of Seville*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *Don Giovanni*, *Manon Lescaut* and *The Fantasticks*. From 2009-12, Anthony was the resident stage director and director of production at the Shreveport Opera.

As a character tenor, Anthony was in particular demand for his portrayals of Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Little Bat in *Susanna*, Curley in *Of Mice and Men*, the Witch in *Hansel and Gretel*, Pong in *Turandot*, Bardolfo in *Falstaff*, Beppe in *I Pagliacci*, Pedrillo in *Die Entführung aus dem Serail*, Sancho in *Man of La Mancha*, Monostatos in *Die Zauberflöte*, Alfred in *Die Fledermaus*, Brigella and Tanzmeister in *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Njegus in *The Merry Widow*, the Four Servants in *Les Contes D'Hoffmann* and Goro in *Madama Butterfly*.

Anthony made his European debut with Theater im Pfalzhaus in Ludwigshafen, Germany, as the character Daniel Buchanan in an acclaimed production of *Street Scene*. The production was televised worldwide, with subsequent performances in Berlin at Theater des Westens. His other television appearances include PBS broadcasts of *An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan* with the Boston Pops Orchestra, and the world premiere of Robert Greenleaf's *Under the Arbor*.

In 1989, he was the winner in the New England Metropolitan Opera National Auditions and received a Richard F. Gold Career Grant from the Shoshanna Foundation. He performed the role of Kaspar on a Grammy-nominated recording of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, produced by the NAXOS label in 2008. His performance as Danny Buchanan in Francesca Zambello's *Street Scene* was video-recorded by Image Entertainment in 1995.

Anthony earned his bachelor's degree at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo., in 1986. He received his master's degree in 1989 at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.



Ken Aston

Fern Ridge Elementary • North Jr.

North High '77

Ken Aston has been a leader in the commercial real estate industry since 1982, and has made significant contributions to the preservation of historic properties in the St. Louis community and other areas.

He is a managing partner of the St. Louis office of Berkadia Real Estate Advisors. During his 32-year career as an apartment advisor, he has received numerous achievement awards from his industry and has a career sales volume of \$4 billion.

Aston's real estate career began in 1981 with CBRE (formerly known as Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate Services) as an apartment advisor specializing in the sale of apartment complexes. He later became president of Mills Realty before founding Apartment Investment Advisors in 1996. In 2005, he sold his firm to a national apartment brokerage, Hendricks & Partners, which later sold to Berkadia (a Berkshire-Hathaway subsidiary).

In addition to his work in the commercial real estate sector, Aston has redeveloped historic and distressed properties in various states. His most significant project of historical value was the creation of the Henry Avenue National Historic District in Manchester, Mo. Aston led a grass-roots effort against several governmental entities by rallying the citizens of Manchester and surrounding communities to defeat an attempt by the government to demolish a noteworthy historic area for a road-widening project. He secured a national historic nomination for the area, which included 23 historic structures and Henry Avenue. One of the saved structures– the Louis Dependahl farmstead– was built by Aston's great-grandfather in 1910. Aston restored the house and now it houses his real estate operations. For his significant contribution to historic preservation, he received the 2003 McReynold's Award from The Missouri Preservation Alliance, as well as the 2003 Excellent Adaptive Reuse award from the St. Louis County Historic Building Commission.

Aston has donated his time and resources in support of many community activities over the years. He is a board member of the Friends of Sheldon Concert Hall. In the past, he has served as president of the Chesterfield Jaycees, Boy Scout leader and a youth coach. He also has been active in various capacities with Incarnate Word Catholic Church, Parkway United Church of Christ and St. Louis University High School.

Regarding his days as a Parkway student, Aston says, "I remember every teacher's name from kindergarten through high school, as each one clearly made a lasting impression on me. I feel fortunate to have graduated from Parkway because I was able to get a terrific education and make friends who remain some of my closest friends today."

Aston earned a bachelor's degree political science from the University of Missouri in 1981.

He lives in Clayton with his wife Lori (Shikany) ['78]. They have four children and one grandchild.

Randy L. Biggerstaff

Central Jr. • Central High '69



With an interest in athletic training that dates back to his high school days, Randy Biggerstaff has worked tirelessly to improve the field of athletic training for his peers, athletes and non-athletes for many years.

Since 2011, Biggerstaff has been the athletic training department chair, as well as the director of athletic training services, at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. He has extensive experience in athletic training at the collegiate level, having begun working as a student assistant athletic trainer in 1972 for the football Tigers at the University of Missouri.

Biggerstaff worked for the Granite City School District of Illinois and the St. Louis Hummers (Softball Team) before establishing his own sports medicine clinics in Chesterfield, Mo.; Des Moines, Iowa; Crystal City, Mo.; and St. Charles. He is credited with opening the first sports medicine clinic in the Midwest in 1977. By 1997, he had discontinued his entrepreneurial efforts and became an athletic trainer at other clinics, including St. Luke's Hospital Sports Medicine Center, St. Louis Orthopedic Sports Medicine Clinic and Phoenix Sports Medical Systems, all in Chesterfield. His career at Lindenwood began in 1997, when he accepted a position as program director and head athletic trainer at the university. He later became head athletic trainer and department chair of the health and fitness science department before progressing to his current position.

He has made numerous presentations to coaches' organizations, trainers' associations, teachers and community groups throughout his career. In 1984, he assisted in developing a video, *Player Down!*, as an educational resource to teach proper responses to athletic injuries.

Among the many awards and honors Biggerstaff has garnered are inclusion in the National Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame (2010), the Lindenwood University Athletics Hall of Fame (2009), the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame (2007), the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame (1997) and the Missouri Athletic Trainers Association Sports Medicine Hall of Fame (1995). He also has been the recipient of the College/University Athletic Trainers Association (NAIA) Head Athletic Trainer of the Year award (2007) and the National Athletic Trainers Association's Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer (2001) and Service Award (2001).

He is a member of several professional organizations, including the National Athletic Trainers Association and the Missouri Athletic Trainers Association. He also holds a license as an athletic trainer in the state of Missouri. He has held leadership positions in the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association, the National Athletic Trainers Association and the Missouri Athletic Trainers Association. At Lindenwood, he has held various positions on the board of overseers and the board of directors.

Biggerstaff earned a bachelor's degree in physical education at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1973. He later received a master's degree in health management from Lindenwood University in 1995.

He lives in Wright City, Mo., with his wife, Sue. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Donna M. Deeds

Claymont • West Middle • West High '77

With a rich background in education and business, Donna (Clawson) Deeds is helping to revolutionize high school education with a program that pairs students with professionals in their work environment, producing an immersive learning experience with real-world applications. The skills acquired by students parallel their career interests and place them ahead in a competitive college environment, as well as the global workforce.

Deeds is the regional executive director of the Northland Center for Advanced Professional Studies in Kansas City, Kan. The CAPS program is an example of how private industry and public education can collaborate to educate the workforce of tomorrow, especially in industries related to science, technology, engineering and math. Deeds has established partnerships with 74 domestic and international businesses, hundreds of business mentors, six leading universities and countless education experts. Students learn from global and local leaders such as Black and Veatch, Cerner, Cisco, Sprint, Bayer, Burns and McDonnell, and Garmin. The program serves six school districts and 11 high schools.

Deeds previously served as executive director of the Blue Valley CAPS program in Overland Park, Kan. (2008-14). In 2011, Deeds and her colleagues at Blue Valley CAPS were awarded the Edison Gold Award for most innovative product in the higher education systems category, and in 2013, received an Innovation Incubator Award from the National Business Incubators Association. The program became a model that is being replicated across the country.

Prior to her work in the Blue Valley district, Deeds served as assistant superintendent in Colorado's Durango School District and as an elementary school principal in the Olathe School District. In 1991, Deeds was principal at Indian Creek Elementary when the school received a National Excellence in Education Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education. While living in Durango, Deeds poured her broad range of work experiences into a consulting business (2000-08), Fast Schools, developing innovative products and services for executive education.

She left education for 11 years to gain experience in the corporate world, working as a senior organizational consultant at Lore International and a variety of senior management positions at Sprint. During her tenure at Sprint, she received the Sprint Extraordinary Achievement Award, the University of Excellence Account Manager Award and the Eight Facet Winner of the Chairman's Quality Award.

She has co-authored two books about the experience of designing and implementing the CAPS program: *The Story of CAPS: How a Midwestern Program Broke Through Barriers and Brought the Real World, Relevance and Fun Back Into Education*; and, *CAPS Bigger & Bolder: Lessons Learned Breaking the Status Quo of Education and the Creative Disruptors Who Are Replicating Our Success*.

Deeds received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1980. She earned her master's degree in education policy and administration, educational leadership and administration at the University of Kansas in 1988.

James Fiala

West High '83



Since he opened his first establishment, Jim Fiala has been a respected chef and restaurateur, as well as a champion for the entire St. Louis food and beverage community. His passion for creating and cooking great meals, combined with his sound business sense, have made and kept his restaurants successful.

His company, Fiala Food, includes a portfolio of two restaurants where the emphasis is on local, farm-fresh ingredients. In 1998, Fiala and a business partner opened The Crossing in Clayton, serving cuisine that reflects both Italian and French influences. In 2007, he opened Acero in Maplewood, an artisan Italian restaurant. Acero (the Italian word for “maple”) was featured in Bon Appetit magazine’s 2008 cover story on the “Best Italian Food in America” – the magazine included the restaurant’s recipe for cauliflower ravioli with guanciale. Fiala also has operated two other restaurants in St. Louis: Liluma in the Central West End (2002-12) and The Terrace View at Citygarden (2009-11).

His restaurants have won “best of” awards from a variety of local publications, such as The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and The Riverfront Times, and have garnered glowing reviews in the New York Times. The Zagat Survey’s 2013 list of the top 10 restaurants in St. Louis included both The Crossing and Acero.

Fiala says, “Every day, in both restaurants, we strive to find the complexity in the simple; we want our guests to enjoy the nuance of the ingredients’ natural flavors as they’re inventively combined and prepared.”

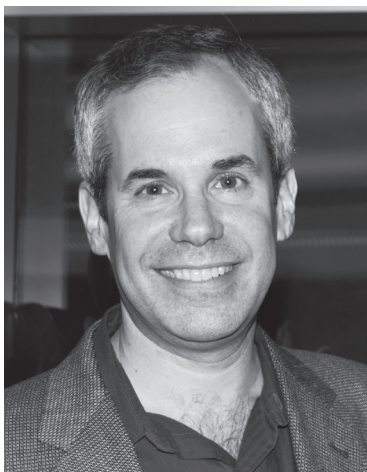
Although he grew up dining on delicious fare in various cities with his parents, Fiala’s love for preparing great meals did not begin in a restaurant. After graduating college with a business degree in finance, he initially worked for an organization that promoted professional wrestling. But he later took a job on a cruise line, where he discovered his love for cooking in the galley of a ship. He returned to St. Louis in 1991 and worked for a year in food catering before enrolling in the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. While in the Bay area, he worked for chefs Jeremiah Trotter at the Stars restaurant and Patricia Unterman at Hayes Street Grill.

After graduating from CCA, Fiala worked in Chicago at Spiaggia, starting at \$6.50 per hour and doing every job required of the kitchen staff. In 1992, his career continued to flourish in New York City, where he worked at Restaurant Daniel and was on staff when the establishment earned its four-star rating in the New York Times. He later was recruited to work in Puerto Rico at the Horned Dorsett Primavera resort. He returned to St. Louis in 1997 and opened his first restaurant.

Fiala earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1987 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and graduated from the California Culinary Academy in 1991.

Fiala, his wife Melissa and their three children live in St. Louis.





William Goldman, Ph.D.

Claymont • South Jr. • West High '73

William Goldman is a professor, researcher and an international lecturer on respiratory diseases such as histoplasmosis, pertussis and pneumonic plague.

Since 2008, Goldman has been chair of microbiology and immunology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His laboratory's research focus has been on the molecular basis of microbial pathogenesis of infectious respiratory diseases. Much of this research has been to understand how microorganisms avoid or subvert the host immune response and how lung cells are damaged during infection, which has important implications for the prevention and therapy for lung infections. Goldman holds a patent for the treatment of pertussis.

With interests spanning both fungal and bacterial pathogens, Goldman has published over 100 articles in scientific journals and other professional literature. He has served as editor of the journal *Molecular Microbiology* (2001-2008) and is currently on the editorial board for several other professional journals, including *Current Opinion in Microbiology*, *Cellular Microbiology*, *Trends in Microbiology*, *Eukaryotic Cell* and *PLoS Pathogens*. He is an ad hoc reviewer for many other professional publications.

He also has given more than 200 lectures at international conferences, research institutions, and regional meetings in the U.S. and 16 other countries. He has chaired selected international conferences on microbial pathogenesis, including a summer research conference for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (2000) and a Gordon Research Conference (2002).

Goldman was selected as a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology (2002-present) and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2012-present). He also is on an advisory committee for the Burroughs Wellcome Fund and is a member of several professional societies and organizations.

Prior to his appointment at Chapel Hill, he was on the faculty of Washington University-St. Louis for 25 years. From 1975-2007, he held several successive positions in research and teaching in the School of Medicine. He also was director of the university's graduate program in molecular microbiology for nearly 10 years (1998-2007).

Goldman was the recipient of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund Scholar Award in Molecular Pathogenic Mycology (1996-2001). He has been awarded dozens of other research grants from the National Institutes of Health and various foundations and corporations.

In 1976, Goldman earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology at Indiana University in Bloomington. He received his Ph.D. in bacteriology and immunology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980, and finished his post-doctoral training at Washington University-St. Louis in 1982.

Goldman and his wife, Virginia Miller (also a microbiologist), live in Chapel Hill, N.C. His daughter, Rachel, works for a casting company in New York City.

Tracy Elsperman Hart

Henry • Clayton Woods • West Jr. • West High '80



Tracy Elsperman Hart is president of Tarlton Corporation—a general contracting company that has completed many St. Louis landmark projects. She is the first woman to become president of a major general contracting company in St. Louis, and one of a few nationally.

Hart's father and grandfather managed the Tarlton company after purchasing it in 1946. Since taking the helm in 1990, Hart has tripled the company's size and further solidified its market share. In 2014, Tarlton had revenues in excess of \$170 million. The company is capable of managing \$100 million projects for large institutional, government, power and energy, and commercial clients in the Midwest. Under Hart's leadership, Tarlton has been certified as a women's business enterprise by the Women's Business Education National Council. Her brother, Dirk Elsperman, is chief operating officer and executive vice president of the company.

Hart has been instrumental in winning contracts and overseeing projects that include the Saint Louis Art Museum East Building addition; the Olin Business School expansion at Washington University in St. Louis; and the first phase of the MetroLink expansion. Sustainable building projects by Tarlton include the Earth and Planetary Sciences Building at Washington University in St. Louis (the city's first LEED project), a lab building at Bio-Research and Development Growth Park in Creve Coeur, and Tarlton's corporate headquarters in St. Louis.

Hart has received much acclaim as a successful business leader. The St. Louis Business Journal presented her with its 40 Under 40 award, and named her as one of the region's 25 Most Influential Business Women. She also received the Trailblazer Award from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. With Hart as president, Tarlton has received a multitude of awards for architectural design, sustainability, engineering, safety and business practices. In 2013, the American Institute of Architects recognized the company for its design work at the Saint Louis Art Museum.

Hart has served on the executive committee of the board of directors for the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association since 2002, and chaired its Energy and Environment Committee. She is a commissioner and trustee of the St. Louis Science Center, serving as the facilities committee chairman. She is a member of The Muny Board of Directors, serving on the executive committee, and on the board of trustees for St. Louis Children's Hospital, where she also chairs the community benefit committee.

In 2008, she was elected as the first woman chairman of the Associated General Contractors of St. Louis, having served on that board since 1996. In 1993, she received the Chair of the Year award for her accomplishments as chairperson of the local AGC Quality in Construction Committee. On the national level, she is a life director for the AGC of America and was the first woman to be named chair of the AGC National Quality in Construction Committee.

For the first five years after college, Hart worked as a coordinator of marketing and public relations for Pepper Construction Company in Chicago. When she made the move to Tarlton in 1990, she worked in many capacities, progressing from entry-level project engineer to vice president.

Hart earned her bachelor's degree in English and communications at the University of Michigan in 1984.

Hart lives in St. Louis and has two sons. In her spare time, she enjoys running, competing in triathlons and teaching Sunday school.



H. Carl Hoefer, Ph.D.

South Jr. • West High '80

A distinguished professor of the philosophy of science at the University of Western Ontario and director of The Rotman Institute of Philosophy, H. Carl Hoefer has dedicated himself to a discipline that makes sense of how the world works through the lens of philosophy, particularly the philosophy of science.

Hoefer's writing and lectures include topics such as determinism (the idea that everything can, in principle, be explained), probability as it applies to modern physics, and the nature of space-time and gravity. He has written more than 20 published journal articles, five encyclopedia articles, numerous book reviews and has co-edited two books. He has delivered dozens of talks on the philosophy of science at conferences and universities throughout the United States and Europe, including Italy and Croatia.

In addition to his professorship at the university, Hoefer has been director of The Rotman Institute, based in London, Ont., since 2013. The Institute explores the philosophical questions that emerge from contemporary science, helping scientists and policy makers to grapple with important issues. Research at the Institute takes an interdisciplinary approach, bringing together philosophers and scientists to focus on theoretical issues and their practical and ethical implications in areas that include cosmology, conservation ecology, evolutionary biology and medicine. The Institute is engaged in research projects that involve physicists, cognitive neuroscientists, environmental scientists and medical researchers. Members of the Institute have collaborated on projects with partner organizations such as the Western University's Centre for Human Immunology, which studies the immune system and how it mediates human health in the context of infections, inflammation and chronic diseases.

Since 2009, Hoefer also has been the founding editor-in-chief of the European Journal for Philosophy of Science, the official journal of the European Philosophy of Science Association.

"Ever since I first encountered Plato's dialogues when I was 17 and still in my senior year at Parkway West, I have been hooked on philosophy," Hoefer says. "But at the same time, I have wanted to understand physical reality as we have come to understand it through our best scientific theories – especially in physics. After studying physics, mathematics and philosophy as an undergraduate, I turned to philosophy of physics for my doctoral thesis. Today, I continue to look toward physical theories for clues and insights about the nature of physical reality."

In 1991, Hoefer accepted his first academic position as a professor at the University of California-Riverside. In 1998, he left UCR for a position at the London School of Economics, where he was a lecturer in the department of philosophy and later director of the Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Sciences. From 2003-13, he was a research professor at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and led two research groups.

Hoefer earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy and mathematics at Rice University in 1986, and his doctoral degree in philosophy at Stanford in 1992.

Hoefer lives in London, Ont.

Mary Koboldt

Ross • North Jr. • North High '82



Mary Koboldt had an incredible career as an elite-level field hockey player, competing in the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis, the Olympics in Seoul, and the Intercontinental Cup in New Delhi. She has channeled her successful collegiate and post-collegiate playing career into coaching young players, as well as being a representative for a major pharmaceutical company in St. Louis.

“Little Mary,” as her friends knew her at North High, was small in stature, but fast and aggressive in competitive sports. She was an outstanding athlete in track and field, but it was field hockey that would take her to great heights.

After North won the 1981 Missouri State Field Hockey championship game, Koboldt was selected to the Missouri All State Team. Her obvious skill with a stick in midfield and her drive to achieve earned her a full-ride scholarship to the University of Iowa.

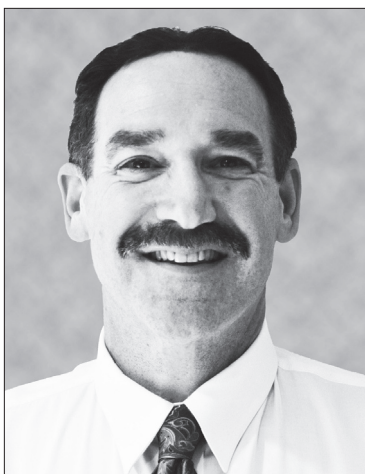
At Iowa, Koboldt was a four-year varsity starter on the field hockey team, earning her First Team All Big Ten honors in each of her last three years. In 1983, she was honored as the Honda-Broderick field hockey nominee for the Top Female NCAA Division I Collegiate Athlete. In 1984, the Iowa Hawkeyes were the NCAA Division I National Field Hockey Championship runners-up; her contribution to the team's success was recognized as she was selected for the 1984 Final Four All Tournament Team and named to the Second Team All American. Her success continued as she was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and was named to the First Team All American. During these years, she also played on the USA 21 and Under National Field Hockey Team and on the USA Junior National Team. She was honored by her university for her outstanding playing career by being selected to the Big Ten All Decade Field Hockey Team for 1981-1991. In 2012, she also was inducted into the University of Iowa Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduation, Koboldt's athletic career took flight on an international level. From 1986-1991, she was a member of the USA National Women's Field Hockey Team. This team competed in the 1987 Pan Am Games in Indianapolis, Ind., earning a silver medal. The following year, she competed on the USA national team at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea; the team earned eighth place. She also competed in the 1989 Intercontinental Cup in New Delhi, India, a tournament that was necessary to win in order to qualify for the world competition; the team placed fifth, missing the cut-off by one place.

At the end of her playing career, Koboldt continued to be deeply involved in the sport. She worked as a coach with US Training and Development Camps from 1991-94. She then returned to St. Louis to coach and serve as a selector for Gateway Field Hockey Camps, training local athletes to excel in elite-level competition and preparing them for success at the high-school and college levels.

Koboldt earned her bachelor's degree in 1986 at the University of Iowa.

Now a Longhorn-area resident, Koboldt resides in Chesterfield, Mo., with husband Pete Watts and their children, Cece and Tyler.



Jeffrey Levy, M.D.

East Jr. • North High '76

Dr. Jeffrey Levy is a physician, educator, entrepreneur and an internationally recognized expert in e-learning. He is the founder and chief executive officer of CaseNetwork, a medical education company that provides the highest quality of case-based medical education, coupled with social media and delivered conveniently on mobile devices.

Prior to his involvement with CaseNetwork, Dr. Levy was cofounder, chief executive officer and chief educational officer of MedCases, an online medical education company, providing continuing education through a case-based approach to physicians around the world.

Dr. Levy has been in the forefront of innovations in medical education for over two decades. His accomplishments include developing over 600 interactive case presentations; the first five educational CD-ROMs/DVDs in the field of obstetrics and gynecology; sophisticated, three-dimensional medical/surgical animations; the first iPhone-simulated patient encounter; one of the world's first virtual-reality surgical simulators; and a variety of other online educational tools for physicians and patients. Through his award-winning programs, Dr. Levy has educated more than 400,000 physicians.

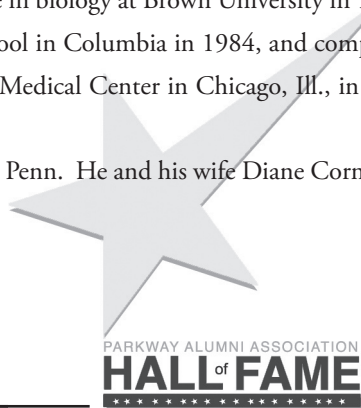
Dr. Levy has also served as the medical director of education and technology initiatives for the University of Pennsylvania Health System, where his responsibilities included development of computerized physician and patient education systems. His other academic roles have included associate chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology, as well as director of resident education and medical student education at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.

As a leading authority on computer-based medical and patient education resources, Dr. Levy has presented over 100 national and international lectures, has authored numerous abstracts and scientific papers, and has developed several patents and inventions.

Dr. Levy is also the cofounder and member of the board of directors for the Institute for Surgical Excellence, a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to improving surgical care, developing new standards and enhancing patient outcomes.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology at Brown University in 1980. He received his medical degree from the University of Missouri Medical School in Columbia in 1984, and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, Ill., in 1988. He had a clinical practice in obstetrics and gynecology for 14 years.

Dr. Levy resides in Philadelphia, Penn. He and his wife Diane Cornman-Levy have two daughters, Alexandra and Cassandra.



CMSgt John Lysaght, Jr.

Hanna Woods • South High '87



Chief Master Sgt. John Lysaght, Jr., is the squadron superintendent for the 33rd Maintenance Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, where he supervises, leads and mentors 219 personnel from the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps supporting the Department of Defense's only multi-service F-35 wing. Serving as the commander's senior enlisted advisor, he validates maintenance and manpower requirements while executing a \$450,000 annual budget, managing \$9.8 million in facilities, and providing organizational- and intermediate-level maintenance support for 44 F-35A/B/C aircraft across three fighter squadrons and two partner nations.

Although he started college at Southeast Missouri State University in Fall 1987, it became apparent he was not in the right frame of mind for college. Following the advice of his parents, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1989 and began his career as an aircraft structural maintenance specialist. Along the way, he has filled a myriad of roles, including additional-duty first sergeant, a member of the initial cadre supporting CV-22 flight test operations, and superintendent for a detachment of Air Force maintainers embedded with the United States Marine Corps' MV-22 test and evaluation squadron. His assignments span several stateside bases, South Korea and Germany, as well as deployments supporting Operations Provide Comfort and Iraqi Freedom, and V-22 sea-trials aboard the USS Essex (LHD-2), USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) and USS Bataan (LHD-5).

Lysaght has earned distinguished graduate honors at two of the three levels of USAF Enlisted Professional Military Education, as well as earning a bachelor's degree in management (with honors) in 2008 from American Military University in Charles Town, W.V. Additionally, he graduated the USAF Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School in 2012, a school traditionally attended by commissioned officers.

Lysaght has earned several major awards and decorations, including the Air Force Special Operations Command's Lt. General Leo Marquez Award for Excellence in Aircraft Maintenance, and Hurlburt Field's Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year award, both in 2007. He was selected for promotion to chief master sergeant in 2012, a recognition earned only by the top one percent of Air Force enlisted personnel. He's been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal four times each, as well as the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

"Most people would agree our parents do the bulk of the work in shaping the child into an adult," Lysaght says, "but I feel my years in the Parkway School District knocked off the rough edges. My teachers at Parkway South showed me that leadership, at any level, requires humility, empathy, and the ability to make the tough calls, even though the position might not be a popular one."

Lysaght lives in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., with his wife Maureen and their children— Alexander, Zoie and Hannah. His oldest son Ian lives in Denver, Col.



Terri McLain

West High '71

As president of Mercy Hospital Washington in Washington, Mo., Terri McLain has relied upon her leadership skills as well as her vast personal experience as a nurse to inform her decisions affecting healthcare for residents of the Franklin County region.

Since taking the helm at the Washington facility in 2007, McLain has vastly improved the services and quality of care provided to patients. She has been instrumental in creating or expanding life-saving emergency, cardiology and cancer care services. She has introduced hospitalist (physicians specializing in hospital care) and intensivist (physicians specializing in critical care) programs to provide a higher level of care to patients. She also launched the renovation of the hospital's intensive care unit. Today, Mercy is the only Level III trauma center between St. Louis and Jefferson City, Mo., and serves more than 150,000 residents in the counties of Franklin, Gasconade, Crawford, St. Charles, St. Louis and Warren. The hospital employs more than 870 coworkers and is supported by 113 Mercy Clinic physicians.

McLain's background in healthcare began when she enrolled in a work-study program at West High as a senior, leaving at noon each school day to work in the nursery at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur. McLain found she liked helping people regain their health, so she enrolled in the nursing program at St. Louis Community College while continuing to work at St. John's as a nursing aide to help pay her tuition. She eventually earned her bachelor's degree from Maryville University and her master's degree from Saint Louis University. After working at several St. Louis area hospitals, she moved to Oregon, Ohio, to become president of ProMedica Health System's east region and the Bay Park Community Hospital. She was responsible for the design and construction of a 70-bed hospital in a highly competitive market outside of Toledo, and for recruiting physicians and other staff to work at the new facility.

When she took the helm at Mercy in 2007, she stepped into a contentious situation between the hospital and a local physician's organization that had taken a toll on morale and business at the hospital. McLain was instrumental in facilitating a merger between the two parties, earning her the respect and appreciation of all involved. Over time, she also improved the financial stability of the hospital, which had reported revenue of \$161 million in 2014.

In 2013, McLain was named Most Influential Businesswoman of the Year by the St. Louis Business Journal, as well as Maryville University's Most Outstanding Alumni. Her leadership and management skills also were evident in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's selection of Mercy Hospital-Washington as a Top Workplace in the Region in 2012 and 2013.

McLain serves on the Missouri Highway 47 Bridge Committee and the Franklin County United Way Planning Team for Mental Health. She has served as a side walker for an equestrian program, which provides therapeutic riding opportunities for people with disabilities. She also has supported Rotary International, having served as a chapter president, and is ranked as a Paul Harris Fellow of the order.

McLain earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Maryville University in 1986 and a master's degree in nursing from Saint Louis University in 1989. She is a certified health care executive by the American College of Healthcare Executives.

McLain lives in Washington, Mo. She has three daughters and four grandchildren.

Timothy Patrick Riley

McKelvey • North Jr. • North High '85

Timothy Riley is a trailblazer in the music and marketing industry, discovering and developing musical talent for a variety of media. Journalists from Rolling Stone, Playboy, Billboard, the LA Times and MTV have lauded his creativity and business acumen. He has worked with many artists during his career, including The Rolling Stones, Jay-Z, Eminem, Muse, Kanye West, Led Zeppelin, Lady Gaga, Taylor Swift, The Sex Pistols and Metallica.

Riley is the founder of the music and marketing collective Westies, Inc., where he creates savvy endorsement deals with top-tier talent and builds engaging brand experiences. Located in Venice Beach, Calif., the company has served clients that include General Motors/Chevrolet, Super Bowl XLVII and Jay-Z, since 1997.

As the global head of music at Activision/Blizzard (2003-2014), Riley bridged the gap between music and technology in the video game industry. He built an internal music department at the company and eventually directed a renowned, global music production and marketing team. Working with artists and talent management, he produced award-winning soundtracks, structured unique marketing partnerships, managed budgets totaling more than \$3 million, negotiated licensing agreements for nearly 4,000 songs, and orchestrated over 60 celebrity-based characters in games such as *Guitar Hero*, *DJ Hero*, *Spider-Man* and *Tony Hawk*. His work on the music component of *Call of Duty: Ghosts*, helped catapult the company's flagship product to record sales on the day of its release in 2013, selling more than \$1 billion into retail outlets around the world.

In 2004, he received the first MTV Video Music Award for best video game soundtrack for *Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2*. Six of the songs or soundtracks he produced for Activision have earned Grammy Award nominations.

Riley has contributed his expertise to other projects, as well. While working as the music supervisor for the feature film *Couples Retreat*, he provided the inspiration for the main character Dave, who is a *Guitar Hero* salesman. He is a regular guest lecturer at the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of Southern California. He also has been a guest speaker at more than 50 industry events, including the Billboard Music Conference, the CMJ Music Marathon (showcase coordinator), South by Southwest and North by Northwest. In 2012, he co-authored the book, *Music + Gaming*, earning a PIASC Print Excellence Award.

He is a voting member of both the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (Grammy Awards) and the music committee for the Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences Guild of Music Supervisors. In St. Louis, he is a director on the executive board for the National Blues Music Hall of Fame.

Before his tenure at Activision/Blizzard, Riley amassed many years of experience with other companies in the artists and repertoire area of the music industry, including Jive Records-Zomba Publishing, Revolution/Giant Records/Warner Music Group and Geffen Records.

Riley earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications at Southeast Missouri State University (1991). He also earned an executive certificate in leadership and management from the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business (2014).

He lives in Venice, Calif., where he enjoys music, art, fishing, surfing and snowboarding.





Sen. Jill (Seltzer) Schupp

North Jr. • Central High • North High '73

When Missouri Sen. Jill (Seltzer) Schupp was elected as student body president of North High's first graduating class, she hit the first mark in many to come that would define her career in public service.

Now completing her third term of service in the Missouri House of Representatives, Schupp serves the 88th district, which includes most of Creve Coeur and Olivette, as well as parts of Ladue, Frontenac, Town and Country, and Chesterfield. Her first term began in 2009, when she was elected freshman class caucus chair and invited to serve on the minority caucus' leadership team. She initiated a publication for her party that is still used today, the Freshman Democratic Handbook. During her second term, she was elected by her colleagues to serve as leader of policy and member engagement for the Democratic caucus. The house speaker also appointed her to serve on the board of Children's Trust Fund and to the Joint Committee on Life Sciences. On Nov. 4, 2014, Schupp took her service to the next level when she was elected senator of the 24th Missouri senate district.

Before beginning her first term as a state representative, Schupp held other positions in local government. She served on the Creve Coeur Planning and Zoning Commission. She was elected to the Ladue Board of Education (2000-06), and served two terms as president. Her platform, which was implemented during her tenure, included instituting a reduced class-size policy, implementing strategic and capital spending plans, introducing an elementary foreign language program, improving district communications and air-conditioning the schools. She was later elected to the Creve Coeur City Council (2007-08), where her focus was on economic development and sustainability.

After graduating from college with a combined degree in education and recreation, she worked for the City of Richmond, Calif., developing a program for elementary students that incorporated exercise into the curriculum. After moving back to St. Louis, she worked as a teacher's aide in the Parkway School District and as a teacher in the Normandy School District. Her project management skills then took her to the advertising sector for the next 20 years, working as a media buyer at D'Arcy McManus and Masius, and then as a senior executive at Weintraub Advertising.

In addition to her service as an elected official, Schupp has worked as a volunteer on many projects that have benefitted the community. Through her work at Congregation Shaare Emeth, she formed a partnership with the National Council of Jewish Women and created a nationally recognized educational program on legislative advocacy. She also helped her congregation initiate a partnership with Catholic Charities to find homes for the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina. She is both the founder and chair emeritus of the Missouri Veterans History Project, a non-profit corporation which interviews and records the stories of Missouri veterans.

She is a former board member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Congregation Shaare Emeth, the Creve Coeur Pension Board, the Ladue Finance Advisory Committee and Creve Coeur's Climate Action Task Force.

Schupp graduated early from the University of Missouri in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in education/recreation. She attended leadership training in 2010 at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. In 2011, she became a graduate of Leadership St. Louis.

She lives in Creve Coeur with her husband Mark. They have two sons, Brandon and Alex.

Manish N. Shah, M.D.

McKelvey • East Jr. • North High '88



Dr. Manish Shah is an associate professor of emergency medicine, public health sciences and medicine (geriatrics/aging) at the University of Rochester in New York. His award-winning research focuses on innovative approaches to enhance the emergency medical services provided to older adults.

Since 2001, Dr. Shah has been an emergency physician at Strong Memorial Hospital, caring for acutely ill and injured patients at the region's only academic medical and trauma center. He has served as the medical director for Livingston County, N.Y., deputy medical director for Monroe County, N.Y., and the medical director for numerous EMS agencies in the Rochester region. He recently completed an eight-year term as chief of the division of prehospital medicine within the department of emergency medicine.

As part of his faculty duties at the university, he is the associate chair for research in the department of emergency medicine, directs the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Certified Research Fellowship Program, and teaches or mentors a large number of students, residents and faculty members. In addition to his professorship at the university, he teaches in the paramedic program at Monroe Community College, where he also serves on its advisory board.

As one of the national leaders in geriatric emergency medicine research, Dr. Shah commits himself to translating his research findings to successful and sustainable programs that benefit communities. He has received funding for his research from many sources, including the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Disease Control, and many foundations, with a career total of over \$15 million. He has published over 200 manuscripts, abstracts, and other publications, and is on the editorial boards of Academic Emergency Medicine, Prehospital Emergency Care and the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

Dr. Shah and his research team have received many academic and industry awards. In 2012 and 2013, his team received the Geriatric Research Award by Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rochester. In 2010, his team's contributions to medical education were recognized when he was presented the Editor's Choice Award by the Portal of Geriatric Online Education for geriatric video podcasting. His team was presented the Program Champions Award by the US Administration on Aging in 2008 for his work with the Livingston Help for Seniors program in Livingston County, N.Y. Between 2003 and 2009, he was awarded every EMS leadership award in the Rochester area, including the Young Investigator Award by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine in 2006.

He became a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians in 2004. His professional memberships include the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, the National Association of EMS Physicians and the American Geriatric Society.

In 1996, Dr. Shah received his doctoral degree from the University of Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry. He completed his emergency medicine residency training in 1999 at The Ohio State University, where he was also chief resident. He completed further training in research as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Chicago in 2001, where he also earned his bachelor's degree in biology in 1992. In 2006, he completed a master's degree in public health at the University of Rochester.

Dr. Shah lives with his wife, Dr. Mindy Shah, and daughter Alice in Rochester, N.Y.



Jason Sklar

Weber • Bellerive • East Jr. • North High '90

As the bespectacled half of the popular twin team with a multitude of comedic acting and hosting credits, Jason Sklar entertains audiences with wit, intelligence and great timing.

After college, Sklar and his brother Randy nixed law school in favor of seeking their livelihood in the world of entertainment. In 1997, they moved to New York and got their first break hosting *Apartment 2F*, a comedy show on MTV that launched the dynamic duo into their performance careers.

Since then, the Sklars have cut their chops as guest stars or hosts on numerous other television shows, including an Emmy Award-winning episode of HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm* (2002), the FX network hit *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* (2007), and Adult Swim's *Childrens Hospital* (2010). They starred as conjoined twins in a memorable episode of *Grey's Anatomy* (2006) and as warring entertainment agents on HBO's *Entourage* (2007). For the History Channel, the brothers hosted the critically acclaimed *The United States of America* (2012), a docu-comedy that used statistics to tell the story of America. The brothers provided the voices of the animated twins Biff and Chip on *The Oblongs* (2000). In 2014, the tag-team jokesters will host *All Star Celebrity Bowling*, a new, unscripted show with Chris Hardwick.

Lifelong sports fanatics, the Sklars are the go-to guys for humorous, game-related commentary. In November 2006, they wrapped their fourth and final season of *Cheap Seats* on ESPN Classic. They also wrote and appeared in a regular segment on ESPN's *SportsCenter* (2008-09). In an effort to get former St. Louis Cardinal player Jose Oquendo enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame, they created *Utilityman: The Quest for Cooperstown* (2004), a short film that aired on the ESPN network. They are frequent guest hosts on *The Jim Rome Show*, a nationally syndicated radio show about sports. For Earwolf Media, the brothers have recorded more than 220 episodes of their popular weekly sports comedy podcasts *Sklarbro County* and *Sklarbro Country*.

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In addition to maintaining their busy careers, they've raised over \$1 million for organizations that benefit cancer research and other charities, including the St. Louis Men's Group Against Cancer, St. Patrick's Center of St. Louis and The Jewish Federation. They also volunteer with children's organizations in the Los Angeles area to help them develop better skills in literacy, critical thinking and performance.

Sklar earned a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Michigan in 1994.

He resides in Los Angeles with his wife Jessica, son Liev and daughter Noa.

Randy Sklar

Weber • Bellerive • East Jr. • North High '90



As one half of the popular twin team with a multitude of comedic acting and hosting credits, Randy Sklar is part of a unique and hilarious entertainment package that he and his brother have been working on since high school.

After college, Sklar and his brother Jason nixed law school in favor of seeking their livelihood in the world of entertainment. In 1997, they moved to New York and got their first break hosting *Apartment 2F*, a comedy show on MTV that launched the dynamic duo into their performance careers.

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Sklar earned a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Michigan in 1994.

He resides in Los Angeles with his wife Amy and daughters Daisy and Georgia.



Thomas Smith, Ed.D.

West High '75

Over the past two decades, Thomas Smith has contributed to the growth and character development of thousands of students in his roles as a professor, coach, administrator and community member in the St. Louis area.

At Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, Smith is the director of inter-collegiate athletics, as well as an associate professor of education, and health and sport sciences. Having mentored more than 2,500 preservice teacher education students and supervised multiple doctoral students, he is among the area's most influential college educators in the area.

Smith has had a profound impact on the growth of MBU. Serving as director of admissions during 1997-2002, he played a role in increasing student enrollment by 75 percent. This was partially due to his introduction of 17 new athletic programs for men and women, including wrestling, cross country, track and field, lacrosse, tennis, golf, bowling, JV basketball and volleyball. These programs alone have infused over 700 new student-athletes into the campus.

In 2003, Smith became director of athletics at MBU. During his tenure, he has overseen an athletic program with more than 250 All-American athletes and 175 scholar-athletes (2002-14). His high standards for conduct and commitment in student-athletes has led the MBU athletics department to receive the NAIA Champions of Character Award for 10 consecutive years.

He has been involved in Missouri wrestling for nearly 30 years. At MBU, Smith started and coached the wrestling program (2000-03), coaching teams that were consistently ranked nationally. At the high school level in the St. Louis area, he coached at Kennedy, Desoto, Lindbergh, Parkway South and Parkway West. He also spent several years coaching in a youth wrestling league. When Smith was a high-school student, he placed fifth in the Missouri High School State Wrestling Tournament. He wrestled 118 as a student at Southeast Missouri State University.

During 2009-14, Smith was president of the American Midwest Conference for the NAIA. He has been a member of the NAIA's National Administration Council and the National Executive Council. He served as vice president of the National Association of Southern Baptist Professionals for one year.

Smith was named AMC Athletic Director of the Year (2004-05, 2009-10, 2012-13); NAIA Athletic Directors Association Athletic Director of the Year (2004-05, 2009-10, 2012-13); and the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year for the NAIA Central Region (2010-11). He was named MBU's Employee of the Year in 2010, and DeSoto School District's 1997 Teacher of the Year. He has achieved a great deal of professional success through athletic programs, including two national championships and several conference and regional championships.

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in business management and a secondary teaching certification in social studies from Missouri Baptist College. He earned a master's degree in education from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo. He earned his doctoral degree in teacher leadership from Walden University in 2008, focusing his research on adult learning and the theory of multiple intelligences. He also has taken courses at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

Smith and his wife Merry have four children. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, softball and camping.

Liane Holliday-Willey, Ed.D.

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When Liane Holliday-Willey was a child, her family, friends and teachers could see she was not like most children, especially most girls. She rode her bike exactly 10 miles every day. She was fixated on America's Wild West era. She preferred the company of animals instead of people. She swam in circles. Her peculiar ways led to many frustrations and disappointments.

However, she excelled in academics, if not social graces. She eventually earned a doctoral degree in education, got married and had children. But despite her coping skills, her problems with social interaction lingered. At age 35, she finally was diagnosed as a high-functioning autistic woman with Asperger syndrome.

"Finding there was a reason behind my differences was like finding a map to happy land," she says. "I am humbled that people seek my advice and read my books."

Holliday-Willey had built a career as a university professor of education, but she refocused her career and academic research to females with Asperger syndrome. In 1999, she wrote her first book, *Pretending to be Normal*, to educate the public about her unique perceptions and experiences; the book was the basis for the feature film *Adam*. She later became an autism consultant, motivational speaker, and a writer about issues related to autism.

Holliday-Willey's subsequent books include *Safety Skills for Asperger Women: How to Save a Perfectly Good Female Life*, *Asperger Syndrome in the Family: Redefining Normal* and *Adolescents and Asperger Syndrome in the Adolescent Years: Living With the Ups and Downs and Things in Between*. Her articles and Web posts on autism have been published extensively in publications such as *Psychology Today*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek*. She also has contributed to broadcasts for National Public Radio and BBC 4.

As a volunteer, Holliday-Willey serves on several professional boards for organizations that include Imperative Pictures, a Los Angeles-based film company that produces movies focused on diversity issues; The Asperger Association of Michigan; the Asperger Syndrome Coalition of the United States; The Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding; and More Able Autistic People. She is also an educational consultant with the Behavioral Resources and Institute for Neuropsychological Services, and serves as a senior editor for *Autism Spectrum*.

Holliday-Willey began her career as an education instructor at Central Missouri State University, and later taught at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. To support future professionals seeking to work in the field of autism, she and her husband established the Holliday-Willey Scholarship for the Study of Pervasive Developmental Disorders at Grand Valley State University.

In 1981, Holliday-Willey earned her bachelor's degree in speech communications at the University of Missouri, where she also earned a master's degree in educational media in 1983. She received her doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction/psycholinguistics from Mississippi State University in 1988.

She lives with her husband and three daughters in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she also is the owner and operator of a horse boarding facility.

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