



Parkway Alumni Association Hall of Fame Celebration

Sat., Nov. 17, 2012

Reception (5:30 p.m.)

Dinner (6:30 p.m.)

Welcome (7:15 p.m.)

Alumni Association Video

- Nichole (Emnett) Wren – President, Parkway Alumni Association

History of Parkway

Presentation of the Albert Awards

- Dr. Al Burr, Guest Speaker

Opening Remarks

Anne Steffens – Master of Ceremonies

Keynote Speech

- Dr. William G. Nelson – Parkway Hall of Fame 2004
Physician, Cancer Researcher

Presentation of Inductees

- Anne Steffens

Concluding Remarks



Master of Ceremonies

Anne Steffens

Anne Steffens (West '85) is a six-time Emmy award winner who has parlayed her passion for and experience with communications into Steffens Communications, a small company that helps other small companies and non-profits tell the story about who they are and what they believe.

Steffens brings 20 years of broadcast media, public relations, media relations, media training, crisis communications and video production experience to her clients.

Prior to creating Steffens Communications, she served as the chief communications officer for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Previous to that, she was a reporter/anchor for 10 years at KMOV-TV (CBS) in St. Louis.

She was inducted into the Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame as a member of its charter class in 2004, and currently serves as a board member of the Parkway Alumni Association.

Guest Speaker

Albert Burr, Ph.D.

Al Burr arrived in St. Louis County in 1957 to teach mathematics and help open Parkway's first secondary school, Parkway Jr./Sr. High School. He became Parkway's first assistant principal, first junior high principal, first director of Parkway Adult Education and first director of the Parkway Summer School. He served as principal of Parkway Junior High School, Parkway High School and Parkway West High School over a 20-year span.

Burr was named one of the 60 most exemplary principals in the United States in a study by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. In 1990, he was recognized as one of the nation's 100 most outstanding school executives.

He served as national chairman of the National Honor Society, as a member of the board of directors of the National Merit Scholarship Program, and as chairman of 19 North Central Association evaluation teams. He was president of both the Missouri State High School Activities Association and the National Federation of State High School Activities. Burr received the highest awards presented by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals and the Missouri State Department of Education, the Robert Howe Award and the Missouri Pioneer in Education Award, respectively. On July 8, 2000, he was inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Most of all, Burr is an educator who loves kids and has unlimited respect for them. He is perhaps best characterized by the fact that for 30 years he memorized homemade flash cards that matched the names and faces of his incoming freshmen and new students so he could greet everyone by name on the first day of school. As his schools often had over 2,300 students, this was quite an accomplishment.

Since retiring from the principalship in 1991, Burr has conducted educational and leadership seminars and served as a keynote speaker at conferences throughout the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and the Virgin Islands.



Keynote Speaker
William G. Nelson, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Bill Nelson, Ph.D., is the Marion I. Knott Professor of Oncology and Director of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. He is also a professor of urology, pharmacology, medicine, pathology and radiation oncology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, with a joint appointment in environmental health sciences at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Nelson completed his M.D. and Ph.D. training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, earning honors for both research and clinical excellence, and then pursued internal medicine residency training and medical oncology fellowship training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, earning American Board of Internal Medicine certification in both disciplines. In addition to his administrative duties as Cancer Center director, he directs a research laboratory focused on discovering new strategies for prostate cancer treatment and prevention. The laboratory has discovered the most common acquired genome change in cancer cells, a finding that has led to new approaches to prostate cancer detection, diagnosis, screening, and prevention.

Outside of Johns Hopkins, Nelson has become a recognized leader in translational cancer research. He was one of three co-chairs of the National Cancer-Institute Translational Research Working Group, which reported its findings to the National Cancer Advisory Board in June of 2007.

A member of the American Association for Cancer Research, he has served as a member of the board of directors, the Clinical Research Committee, the Public Education Committee, the Special Conferences Committee and the Science Policy and Legislative Affairs Committee. Nelson has also served as the president of the National Coalition for Cancer Research, on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Prostate Cancer Foundation and of Stand Up 2 Cancer, on external advisory boards of six NCI-designated cancer centers, and on the scientific advisory boards of several companies focused on the development of new technologies and treatments for human cancer.

He is a senior editor of Cancer Research and an associate editor of Clinical Cancer Research and Cancer Prevention Research.

When he isn't working, he loves to play rock-n-roll music on his guitar.

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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 both his professional practice and his public speaking.

The award is funded by the Al Burr Educators Make-a-Difference Fund for the purpose of recognizing teachers who are inspiring others at the very earliest stages of their careers. By sponsoring this award, the Parkway Alumni Association is doing its best to ensure that this tradition continues and flourishes!



Frank (Chip) Darr, Green Trails Elementary (2012)

Now in his fourth year of teaching, Chip Darr values what individual students have to offer. He strives to connect with students on a personal level and then teach them in a motivating way. He holds high expectations for his students and encourages them to create work that is meaningful to them, without labeling their work “right” or “wrong.”

Darr initiated the school’s Empty Bowl project to make students more aware of hunger issues in the community. Clay bowls are created and sold by fifth-grade students, and the money is donated to a local food bank.



Darryl Diggs, Jr., South Middle School

When he teaches sixth-grade science, Darryl Diggs tries to be innovative. He loves labs and hands-on learning. He uses technology as a tool in the classroom and does a great job of developing interdisciplinary lessons. But the lessons his students remember long after the unit is finished are the ones when he blows things up!

Now in his fifth year of teaching, Diggs’ greatest strength as an educator is his ability to connect with students. He is intramural chairperson at South Middle and attends many activities after school to support students and his colleagues.



Joel May, Alternative Discipline Center

Not many first-year teachers would choose to work with suspended students. But Joel May possesses a clear understanding of his students’ struggles while being committed to their education and well-being.

May’s classroom consists of students in grades six through 12. He successfully keeps them engaged and focused in communication arts. He works tirelessly to establish relationships and to provide them with individualized assignments that both challenge and captivate them. He also uses physical exercise and chess to engage them in constructive activities during study breaks.



Karen Diekroeger, Fern Ridge High School

To reach students at Fern Ridge, a teacher must connect with them both as a teacher and a friend. In addition, the curriculum must be differentiated and relevant. Karen Diekroeger understands this perfectly.

For the past three years, she has dedicated her career to this special population of students. She is committed to ensuring that they achieve the same or greater level of success as their traditional high school counterparts. Her enthusiasm for learning and her uncanny wisdom benefit both her students and colleagues.



Christina (Bolin) Evans, Oak Brook Elementary

A Parkway alum, Christina Evans has focused on character education in her classroom and school. She has participated on Oak Brook's Character Education Council, sponsored the Kids Character Council and is now pursuing a master's degree with an emphasis in character education. Her participation in workshops and classes is tireless, especially those focusing on technology and curriculum design. Her knowledge of the Language Arts Daily Five model is well respected and has been observed

by teachers from many districts. Passionate about fitness, she continues to hold the high-jump record at McKelvey Elementary (1995).



Nikki Poslosky, Northeast Middle School

To care for and help students' academic, social and emotional growth—these are the reasons that people become teachers, and Nikki Poslosky is an exceptional one. In her communication arts classes, she goes above and beyond what is needed to ensure her students have a multitude of educational resources—even if it means checking out 100 books from the public library and lugging them to school. Reflective, eager to share, compassionate and dedicated, she is an ardent cheerleader

for her students and seeks opportunities for all to succeed.



Joe Rhodes, South High School

Whether he's showing South's Fishing Club members how to cast a line or presenting a history lesson, Joe Rhodes makes an invaluable difference in the lives of his students. The third-year history teacher and cohort leader often works with students after school to reduce the freshman failure rate. He and his U.S. history classes lend their support to meaningful, history-related projects such as the Honor Flight Program, which sends WWII veterans to Washington. An enthusiastic sponsor of

clubs and committees, he is an accessible and motivating educator for students at many levels of achievement and ability.

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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Chandra Brown

West Junior • West High '86

As a leader both in the business world and in her Oregon community, **Chandra Brown** has dedicated her career to providing jobs in the manufacturing industry while assisting many nonprofit organizations.

Since 1994, Brown has been employed by Oregon Iron Works, Inc. Located in Clackamas, Ore., the company is a complex metal fabricator and designer, serving the marine, aerospace, nuclear, transit and renewable energy industries. Brown serves as vice president and is responsible for overall business development and marketing activities. Her expertise has been instrumental in the success of the company, which was named as one of Oregon's 10 Most Admired Companies (2008, 2009). Brown also is the president of United Streetcar, L.L.C., a subsidiary company which manufactures American-built, modern streetcars. Cities that will employ the company's streetcars include Portland, Ore.; Tucson, Ariz.; and Washington, D.C.



In addition to her professional work, Brown serves on many nonprofit boards and volunteers in the community. In February 2010, she was appointed to the Oregon Business Development Commission by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, as well as the Oregon Innovation Council. In August 2010, she was appointed by Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke to serve on the U.S. Manufacturing Council, and is now the council's vice chair. The council seeks to identify and recommend ways for the government to respond to the challenges faced by domestic manufacturers, and to help them increase their competitiveness at home and abroad.

She is on the board of directors and is a past chair of the Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition, a nonprofit organization that supports the advancement of defense work in the region. She is a founding member and on the board of the Oregon Wave Energy Trust, a nonprofit organization with the goal of promoting the emerging industry of wave energy to create jobs and economic development opportunities in the United States.

In 2011, she was presented with the White House's Champion of Change Award. The distinction "honors leaders who have devoted their time and efforts in developing innovative ways that transportation helps their community reach new heights." As a transportation innovator, Brown was selected for providing "exemplary leadership in the growth and expansion of the transportation industry at the local, state or regional level."

That same year, she also was presented with the region's Pivotal Leader Award by a network of her peers for her work in the clean technology sector, and was selected as an Orchid Honoree by the Portland Business Journal. Earlier, she received the Right Stuff Award from the Apollo Alliance (2010), preceded by the Portland Business Journal's Top 20 to Watch (2009), Portland's Top Forty Under 40 Award (2007) and Oregon Business Magazine's Top 50 Business Leaders in the State (2005).

Brown earned her bachelor's degree in political science (1989) and an M.B.A. (1990) in international marketing at Miami University in Ohio. She completed both degrees in four years and was a distinguished academic member of the University's Honors College.

A resident of Southeast Portland, she enjoys international travel, scuba diving, snowboarding, camping and wine.

David Brown

West Junior • West High '81

David Brown is an award-winning communications professional known for his work with charities and support of disadvantaged populations.

Since 1995, Brown has been a meteorologist for WCVB-TV Channel 5, where he also has served as co-anchor of the EyeOpener newscast and as an environmental reporter. With his background in science, he is the main contributor to the Going Green section on TheBostonChannel.com. He also files stories for WCVB's A+ series, which highlights outstanding high-school seniors in the Boston area who have overcome formidable odds to academic success. A familiar figure at schools across the region, he presents science-related lessons to thousands of students during his many visits throughout the year.



Prior to joining Channel 5, Brown was the weekend meteorologist at WISN-TV in Milwaukee, starting in 1993. Both stations are part of the Hearst Television group and are ABC affiliates. He previously served as chief meteorologist for stations in Sacramento and Chico, Calif. He began his forecasting career as a weekend weathercaster and reporter in Terre Haute, Ind.

An avid marathon runner, Brown has raised approximately \$50,000 via races for charity in cities that include Chicago, Boston and Washington, D.C., as well as Ontario, Can. He is a proud finisher of the 110th and 116th Boston Marathon. In 2011, he wrote, reported and produced a half-hour special on running for *Chronicle*, a program that aired on WCVB-TV. Brown was nominated for an Emmy.

He has been recognized for his outstanding community service to several nonprofit organizations, such as The Society for the Blind, the Sacramento Mental Health Society, Boston Living Center, Community Servings and Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. He is involved with AIDS Action and serves as the host and emcee of the annual Boston AIDS Walk, an event for which Brown recently received a community service award. He also is active with the Ellie Fund, Project Place and WCVB's annual Jerry Lewis Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). In 2009, he chaired and managed a \$1 million fundraiser for Fenway Health, where he is on the board of visitors. One of the organizations he supports—Boston Medical Center, the city's public hospital—saved Brown's life in 1995, when he contracted bacterial meningitis and needed life-saving treatment.

When Brown was a high school senior, his family moved to another state. However, an offer from his school principal made it possible for him to finish at West.

"I will forever be grateful to Dr. Al Burr and his family," he says. "That unselfish and loving act speaks volumes of the Burrs and represents the very best of the Parkway School District."

Brown earned his bachelor's degree in journalism at Indiana University ('85), where he was on the IU Foundation's Steering Committee. After pursuing post-graduate work at Mississippi State University, he was awarded the American Meteorological Society's Seal of Approval in recognition of his professionalism in weather forecasting and reporting.

A resident of Chestnut Hill, Mass., Brown enjoys running marathons with his husband, Ben, and spending time with his two children, Matt and Abby.



Jeffrey Burke, Ph.D.

Sorrento Springs • South Jr. • South High '88

With both innate sensitivity and superb analytical skill, psychologist **Jeffrey Burke** has dedicated his career to improving the lives of children who are coping with emotional and behavioral disorders.

Burke is an assistant professor of psychiatry and psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. His primary duties within the Department of Psychiatry have been to oversee federal and state funded research projects. His extensive research has generated approximately three dozen scientific publications, primarily focused on the study of behavior disorders in children. He has conducted research in the causes and prevention of violence and on evaluations of treatment for children with behavioral disorders. His recent work has been at the forefront of new research illustrating the role of oppositional defiant disorder in the emergence of mood and anxiety problems in children and adolescents.

The results of his inquiries have changed the understanding of oppositional defiant disorder in children. His work has had international impact, and has influenced the upcoming revisions of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM 5). In 2008, he was named one of the 250 most influential researchers in his field by Thompson Reuters ISI.

Burke is a consulting editor of the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*. He has been an ad hoc reviewer for many other professional journals in psychiatry and psychology, and for national funding agencies in the United States and England.

Burke has made numerous professional presentations, both in the United States and abroad, including addresses for the American Psychiatric Association, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and New York University. He was recently asked to host the 2014 meeting of the Life History Research Society.

Burke also teaches undergraduate courses in Abnormal Psychology and Child Psychopathology in the Department of Psychology, where he has a secondary appointment, and has served on the University of Pittsburgh's Institutional Review Board since 2009. In 2007-2010, he served his community as a member of the Pittsburgh Survivors Network for those Abused by Priests Steering Committee. Additionally, he has provided mental health services for children and families in the Pittsburgh area through his own private practice since 1999.

"The teachers and administrators of Parkway provided me with a strong foundation in science, mathematics and both scientific and creative writing," Burke says. "My career has depended upon skills in all of these areas, and I am truly grateful for their efforts."

Burke earned a bachelor's degree ('91) at Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State University). He then earned a master's degree ('96) and his doctorate in psychology ('97) at the University of Connecticut. He completed an internship in clinical psychology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ('97).

Burke resides with his wife Mary and his sons, Kevin and Ethan, in Bethel Park, Pa.



Bryan Chapell, Ph.D.

South Junior • West High '72



As chancellor of Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, **Bryan Chapell** is highly regarded in the evangelical community as a teacher, author and speaker. His contagious humility and dedication have helped shape the atmosphere of the seminary, where he has served for over 25 years.

He began his ministry serving in churches that include Glen Ridge Presbyterian Church in St. Louis (1976), Woodburn Presbyterian Church in Woodburn, Ill. (1976-80), and Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church in Sparta, Ill. (1980-1986). Chapell then joined the Covenant faculty full-time in 1986 and has since served as a professor, department chair, executive vice president and seminary dean. From 1994-2012, he served as the institution's president. This year, he has been appointed to the role of chancellor, representing the school both nationally and internationally.

In addition to his duties as chancellor at the seminary, Chapell broadcasts a daily internet radio program, *Living Christ Today*, providing listeners with daily inspiration from Bible passages and the Christian faith.

Chapell's academic expertise is in homiletics (i.e., preaching). One of his books, *Christ-Centered Preaching*, is a standard text in seminaries worldwide. Now in its second edition and available in multiple languages, this influential book has been praised by academic journals and leading Christian magazines as the best current work on the value and methods of expository preaching. Other award-winning books of Chapell include: *Christ Centered Worship*, *The Wonder of it All*, *The Promises of Grace*, *Each for the Other*, *Holiness by Grace* and *Praying Backwards*. In addition to works written for theological purposes, he also is the author of a children's book, *I'll Love You Anyway and Always*. Chapell also writes and publishes lyrics to hymns.

A leader in the Presbyterian Church in America, Chapell is also deeply involved in the leadership of a number of national and international religious organizations, including the Lausanne Consultation on Global Theological Leadership, the Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents, The Association of Theological Schools, The Gospel Coalition, The Manhattan Declaration, as well as numerous publications.

Graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism, English literature and American history at Northwestern University (1975), Chapell moved on to Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis to earn his master's of divinity degree in pastoral studies (1978). He then earned his doctorate in speech communication at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale (1987). He was selected for membership by the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Delta Chi Honorary Scholastic fraternities.

Chapell resides in St. Louis with his wife of 34 years, Kathleen. They have four children— Colin, Jordan, Corinne and Kaitlin.

Robert G. Clark

East Junior • Central High '77



When **Robert Clark** was a free-spirited Parkway student, he knew two things about his future: He would work in the construction industry, and he would work for no one but himself. That vision was compatible with attention deficit disorder, a condition which affected his life, but not his determination to succeed.

With his parents' encouragement and the support of his friends, Clark found his groove right after high school. After first launching a successful paint contracting company and a short stint in the equipment business, he transitioned to construction in 1984 and founded Clayco, Inc., based in Overland, Mo. Focused on what he loved to do, he learned about the industry as the company grew into a nationally recognized construction powerhouse.

Today, Clark is chairman and CEO of the privately held company, which specializes in real estate development, engineering, architecture and construction. In 2011, the company's annual revenues topped \$800 million, placing it among the ranks of the country's top builders. Clark spearheads the company's growth strategy and vision, and serves as the business group leader for the company's downtown Chicago office.

Many distinctive buildings in the St. Louis region were built or renovated by Clayco—the Chaifetz Arena, the St. Louis Rams Corporate Headquarters and Training Facility, The Plaza in Clayton, and many of the newer structures on the campus of Washington University. The company has managed major projects in many other areas of the country, as well as Canada and Mexico. Subsidiaries of Clayco include Forum Studio, Concrete Strategies and Clayco Realty Group.

"I don't think anyone in school would have taken me seriously if I had told them I was going to be successful," Clark says, "I lead, recruit, motivate and entertain people every day. Parkway helped me learn those things, plus the math I have to do."

His leadership philosophy was influenced in part by Principal Philip Graham at East Junior. When a serious accident caused Clark to lose an eye, Graham and his staff tutored him during his recovery. Graham often spoke to students about character and values, he says. Clark has tried to instill these values in his own children—Todd, Emily, Shawn and Katie.

Clark also knew his future had to include Ellen Lending [Central '78], his high school sweetheart and later his wife. In 2000-2001, Clark took a partial sabbatical from Clayco to act as executive director for St. Louis' Central Institute for the Deaf, where Ellen had attended school as a child. In 2010, she died of cerebrotinal vasculopathy, a rare genetic disorder.

Clark was selected as Construction Man of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997 by the AFL-CIO Building Trades Council of St. Louis. He also has been recognized by the NAACP, St. Louis Business Journal, Engineering News-Record, Focus St. Louis, March of Dimes (Lifetime Achievement Award, 2003) and the St. Louis Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

His many civic affiliations include the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association (member), the White House Preservation Committee (member), Chicago Economic Club (member) and Chicago Children's Memorial Hospital (director). His educational affiliations include St. Louis University (trustee), the Scientific Advisory Council for Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, the University of Chicago Medical School (trustee) and the Urban Health Initiative for the University of Chicago (board member). In St. Louis, he is on the boards of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and Forest Park Forever.

Kenneth Fine, M.D.

Fern Ridge • North Jr. • North High '80

When **Dr. Kenny Davin Fine** takes off his lab coat at the end of the day, he often puts on a cowboy hat and finds his guitar. A board-certified internal medicine doctor and gastroenterologist, Fine is a “physician-musician on a mission” who travels the country, speaking and singing for health, happiness and hope.

Fine is the founder and director of EnteroLab.com, a clinical laboratory in Dallas that provides diagnostic testing and education for patients with intestinal disorders, especially those related to gluten and other food sensitivities. He also founded the Intestinal Health Institute, a nonprofit public educational institute that conducts medical research, educational seminars, and weekend conferences. To complement his professional interests in nutrition, Fine converted his passion for healthy food into an online organic food business called TheOrganicAlternative.com.

Prior to starting his own business ventures, Fine was an attending physician and staff gastroenterologist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas (1992-2000), where he also served as director of a diagnostic laboratory for intestinal disorders and as a staff researcher. At the Dallas Veterans Administration Medical Center, he was an attending gastroenterologist (1992-1998) and was a clinical assistant professor at University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School (1992-2000).

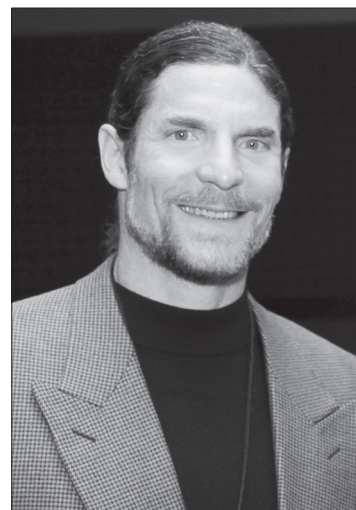
He is internationally recognized for his nutritional/GI research, supported by several grant awards: a Biomedical Research Support Grant from the National Institutes of Health (1990), a Smith Kline Beecham Clinical Research Award from the American Gastroenterological Association Foundation (1994), and a National Institutes of Health RO3 - Treatment of Microscopic Colitis award (1997).

Fine has published many articles based on his research in scientific journals, including The New England Journal of Medicine, Gastroenterology, The Journal of Clinical Investigation and The American Journal of Gastroenterology. He also is the author of many textbook chapters and abstracts on the pathology and treatment of intestinal diseases.

In his musical persona, Kenny Davin Fine is a passionate singer-songwriter, guitar-harmonica player and spiritual journeyman. In addition to his high-energy stage shows with his band, he showcases his “healing voice” in his trademark musical lectures, where he shares his philosophies on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. For children, he has developed a musical, multimedia health-education program called *Get on a Mission of Nutrition*. Occasionally, Fine employs his musical talent in an entirely different venue by singing as a cantor in synagogues.

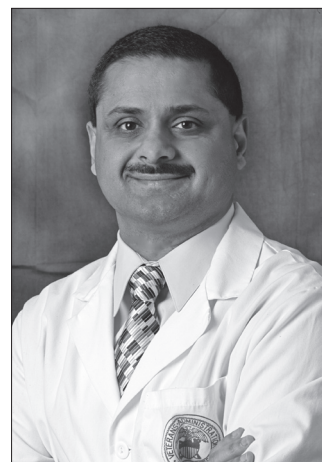
Fine earned a bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (1985), where he also graduated with a doctorate in medicine (1986). He completed his internal medicine internship and residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas (1989), where he also was awarded a research and clinical fellowship in gastroenterology (1989-1992).

When not on the road, Fine resides in Jemez Springs, N.M., where he runs a neighborhood organic produce co-operative and enjoys nature.



Ahmed Ghouri, M.D.

Hanna Woods • South Jr. • South High '84



Dr. Ahmed Ghouri has gone beyond his work with individual patients and is trying to make a difference in the way medical care is provided by doctors worldwide using intelligent and real-time clinical analytics (often called clinical decision support).

A board-certified anesthesiologist and biomedical engineer, Ghouri founded Anvita Health, a medical informatics company where he is chief medical officer, following seed investment by leading St. Louis philanthropists and physicians. Since 2000, the company has provided doctors with an efficient method of supporting new diagnoses and finding optimal treatments using artificial-intelligence like technology which interprets patient data in subseconds. An ancient Sanskrit word, “anvita” means “bridging gaps in understanding.” He writes a blog about emerging healthcare trends at AnvitaHealth.com. In 2007, Anvita was selected to be a principal collaborator and clinical analytics engine for Google Health, which developed healthcare’s first patient-controlled and interoperable electronic medical record.

In 1991, Ghouri was a co-investigator in Phase III clinical trials at Washington University Medical School, where he researched investigational new drugs flumazenil (Romazicon) and desflurane (Suprane) for use for the first time in humans. These medications were later FDA approved and became market-leading medicines in the field of anesthesiology.

Before establishing Anvita Health, Ghouri was an assistant clinical professor at the University of California’s Irvine School of Medicine and an attending anesthesiologist at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills. He has authored more than 70 scientific publications, and has 11 issued and pending U.S. patents in medicine, software design, and biomedical informatics.

Ghouri earned his M.D. at Washington University School of Medicine, where he also completed a clinical research fellowship. Although he matriculated into Washington University’s Medical School before completing his bachelor’s degree, he took undergraduate courses at the university, with a principal interest in mathematics and physics.

Ghouri resides in San Diego, Calif.



Steve D. Harlan, M.D.

Central Junior • Central High '68



A leader in the field of interventional radiology, **Dr. Steve Harlan** is president of Catawba Radiological Associates, an innovative, specialty and subspecialty radiological services group serving a five-county region in western North Carolina. Since 1980, he has treated patients with minimally invasive vascular, endovascular and interventional techniques.

Harlan has served his colleagues and the medical staff of Frye Regional Medical Center as chief of staff, as a 15-year member of the medical executive committee, and for 12 years as the chairman of radiology. He has represented the medical staff for eight years on the hospital board of directors, the board of directors' executive committee and as a senior advisor.

He is professionally active with the Southeastern Angiographic Society, having served as president of the organization and currently serving on its board of directors. He served for six years as a radiologic consultant on the Tenet Health Systems National Physician Advisory Board and on the National Radiology/Cardiology Task Force for Special Procedures.

Harlan has authored scientific papers and made numerous presentations locally, nationally and internationally on a variety of vascular and interventional topics.

In 2003, Harlan and his wife Katheryn founded Through Healing Eyes, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting breast cancer awareness, diagnosis and treatment. As executive director of the organization and with Katheryn as president, they donate their time and all the proceeds of the organization to this mission.

As a marathoner, century cyclist and triathlete, Harlan is an advocate for healthy living and promotes an active lifestyle. He is a medical consultant to DeFeet International, an athletic clothing company named 2011 North Carolina Small Business of the Year by Business North Carolina magazine.

Harlan easily traces his interest in science and medicine to his days at Parkway, specifically his biology and advanced biology classes with Melba James.

"Dr. James was an exceptional teacher," he says. "She taught us to become critical thinkers and encouraged us to explore nontraditional avenues for learning and problem solving. The yearly science fair and the weeklong scientific field trips were exceptional learning experiences, promoting collaborative thinking among bright and motivated students from the entire school. These skills have been invaluable in medical school, residency and private practice."

Harlan earned his bachelor's degree and M.D. degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He completed his residency at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He is board certified by the American Board of Radiology, and achieved C.A.Q. in vascular and interventional radiology.

Harlan and his wife reside in Hickory, N.C. They have three children.

Ray Hartmann

Weber • Central Jr. • Central High '70



An independent journalist and entrepreneur, **Ray Hartmann** has crafted a successful career in both print and television by illuminating the political and cultural scenes of St. Louis while making enduring contributions to his profession and community.

Hartmann is known to many St. Louisans as founder of *The Riverfront Times* and as a participant on KETC-TV's lively political discussion program, *Donnybrook*. Though he no longer owns the *Times*, he continues to be a panelist on the show, a position he has held since 1986.

Since selling the paper in 1998, however, he has channeled his off-camera efforts as a journalist into his role as CEO and columnist for *St. Louis Magazine*. The award-winning publication provides news and feature stories on the culture and people of the region. He also contributes articles and regular blog posts to the magazine's website on topics ranging from the city's sports teams to local and state politics. He and his staff have expanded the magazine to include *St. Louis At Home* and *St. Louis Family*, as well.

Hartmann began his career in St. Louis in 1977, when he founded Hartmann Publishing. A few months later, the *Riverfront Times* made its debut. The *Times* eventually evolved into one of the nation's 10 largest alternative news weeklies, attracting readers with its combination of investigative journalism and entertainment writing. It was twice recognized as Missouri's top news weekly paper and garnered two Missouri Press Association Gold Cup awards. Prior to launching his company, Hartmann was a reporter for the *Albany Knickerbocker News* and then a speechwriter for Missouri Gov. Christopher Bond.

Hartmann graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1974. He was the only person in the school's history to serve four semesters as editor of *The Maneater*, the school's official student newspaper.

Many organizations have recognized Hartmann for his contributions to journalism, including 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.

He also has been lauded for his civic work, including serving as a board member for the Starkloff Disability Institute, Paraquad, the Eagle Scout Association of St. Louis, and the Clayton Child Center.

Hartmann resides in University City, Mo., with his wife Kerri and their two children, Benjamin and Brielle.

Mark Lemley, J.D.

**Green Trails • Shenandoah Valley
Central Jr. • Central High '84**



Professor Mark Lemley is an expert on intellectual property law, computer and Internet law, patent law and antitrust.

He is the William H. Neukom Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and the director of the Stanford LLM Program in Law, Science and Technology. He also is the faculty's co-director of its Transatlantic Technology Law Forum.

Lemley has taught intellectual property law to federal and state judges at numerous Federal Judicial Center and American Bar Association programs. He has testified seven times before Congress and numerous times before the California legislature, the Federal Trade Commission and the Anti-trust Modernization Commission on patent, trade secret, antitrust and constitutional law matters. He has filed numerous amicus briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court, and the federal circuit courts of appeals.

A founding partner of Durie Tangri, LLP, Lemley also litigates and counsels clients in all areas of intellectual property, antitrust, and Internet law. He has argued ten federal appellate cases and numerous district court cases. Additionally, Lemley is a founder and board member of Lex Machina, Inc., a company that provides data and analytics around intellectual property disputes to law firms, companies, courts and policy-makers.

Lemley has authored seven books (most in multiple editions) and 129 articles, including the two-volume treatise *IP and Antitrust*. His works have been cited in seven United States Supreme Court opinions as well as in books and law review articles. His articles have been reprinted throughout the world and translated into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Italian and Danish.

Lemley was named California Lawyer's Attorney of the Year (2005), Best Lawyers' San Francisco IP Lawyer of the Year (2010), and a Young Global Leader by the Davos World Economic Forum (2007). In 2009, he received the California State Bar's inaugural IP Vanguard award. In 2002, he was chosen Boalt's Young Alumnus of the Year. He has been recognized as one of the top 50 litigators in the country under 45 by the American Lawyer (2007), one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the nation by the National Law Journal (2006), one of the 10 most admired attorneys in IP (2010) by IP360, one of the 25 most influential people in IP (2010) by the American Lawyer, one of the top intellectual property lawyers in California (2003, 2007, 2009, 2010), and one of the 100 most influential lawyers in California (2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011) by the Daily Journal, among other honors.

Lemley earned a bachelor's degree (with distinction) at Stanford University ('88). He then earned a juris doctorate degree at the University of California Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) ('91).

After graduating law school, he clerked for Judge Dorothy Nelson on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, then practiced law for several years for firms in California's Silicon Valley. He later served as the Marrs McLean Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law, and the Elizabeth Josslyn Boalt Professor of Law at the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley.

Lemley lives in Los Altos, Calif., with his wife, Rose Hagan, who is an artist.

Stephen Lieberman, M.D.

Weber • Central Jr. • Central High '69



Getting an “F” in handwriting was the beginning of long and happy Parkway association for **Dr. Stephen Lieberman**. As a third grade student, he was unable to produce legible script and his school performance was mediocre, a combination noted by his principal. But, after reviewing Lieberman’s standardized test scores and class assignments, the principal determined two things: Lieberman had potential to be a high achiever and needed accelerated classes; and, his handwriting was a sight to behold and needed immediate attention.

With many years of rigorous education now behind him, Lieberman attributes his confidence to enter medicine to the strong foundation in education and academic challenges he received in Parkway.

“I’ve cared for thousands of patients, chaired the department of urology, and contributed to the medical literature in the areas of prostate and bladder cancer and kidney stones,” he says. “Looking back, I often wonder if this would have ever happened had I gone to another high school.”

Since 1987, Lieberman has been chief of the Kaiser Permanente Department of Urology in Portland, Ore. He also serves as a clinical investigator for Southwest Oncology Group and is an associate clinical professor at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. An active clinical researcher, he has served as a chief investigator for many studies on cancer and urological health.

In addition to providing patient care, teaching urology residents, and conducting research, Lieberman has authored many professional articles and made significant contributions to the medical literature for publications that include Transplantation, Current Pediatric Therapy, Journal of Urology, Permanente Practice and Effective Clinical Practice. He also has been a presenter at many medical meetings and conventions.

Lieberman is co-chair of the Kaiser Permanente Regional Urology National Chiefs Group and member of the Kaiser Permanente National Prostate Cancer Guideline Committee. He has held executive positions with the Northwest Urological Society and the Oregon Urologic Alumni Association. In 1984, he received the Distinguished Physician Award from Kaiser Permanente/Northwest Region. He also has received the Ferenc Gabor Resident Teaching Award (1996) and the OHSU Alumni Association Meritorious Achievement Award (1997). Portland Monthly selected him as one of their “Top Docs” in their yearly publication between 2005 and 2008.

Lieberman earned a bachelor’s degree in biology at Northwestern University (1973) and his M.D. at the University of Southern California’s School of Medicine in Los Angeles (1977). He completed his internship at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland (1978) as well as his urology residency training (1977-82).

An avid Cardinal fan and amateur athlete, Lieberman and his wife Virginia reside in Lake Oswego, Ore., and have two daughters, Emily and Elizabeth. He coached competitive youth soccer for many years at the Lake Oswego Soccer Club (1998-2010) and is a charter member of Stanford University’s Positive Coaching Alliance (1998-present). In 1993, he scored a hole-in-one at the Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Tournament, held in Harbour Town, S.C. In 2002, he attended the St. Louis Cardinal Fantasy Baseball Camp in Jupiter, Fla.

The Rev. Dr. Erica Longfellow

Claymont • West Jr. • West High '93

Combining a love of theology with a passion for English literature, the **Rev. Dr. Erica Longfellow** is Dean of Divinity and Chaplain at New College, Oxford in England, as well as an expert in English Reformation literature.

New College is one of the oldest colleges of Oxford University and its first choral foundation, where a choir of men and boys have sung services since its founding in 1379. Today visitors from all over the world come to services in the chapel and listen to its webcasts. Since 2011, Longfellow has been in charge of chapel services and also has acted as chaplain to the students of the college and its choir school.

In addition to her pastoral vocation, Longfellow is a respected scholar of English literature as a member of the Oxford University English faculty. From 2000-2011, she was a professor at Kingston University in London, where she was known for her innovative teaching methods, and was awarded a teaching fellowship for introducing a very successful peer learning program that was copied by other departments and universities. She also devoted herself to research, completing her first book, *Women and Religious Writing in Early Modern England* (2004), and a number of articles for academic journals and books. She was also awarded two prestigious research grants. In 2006, while on a brief visit to Princeton University to deliver a lecture, she found in the university library a small book that turned out to be the handwritten autobiography of Elizabeth Isham, a gentlewoman who began writing her story in 1638, and who may be the first woman to write her complete life story in English. With a generous grant from the British Academy, Longfellow and a colleague, Elizabeth Clarke, produced an online edition of this remarkable woman's writing.

From 2007 Longfellow worked on another innovative project, consulting with the charity Historic Royal Palaces on the re-design of Henry VIII's palace at Hampton Court in honour of the 500th anniversary of his accession to the throne in 1509. The collaboration was the first in the humanities to receive Knowledge Transfer funding from the British government, and in 2011 Longfellow and her colleagues received the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Award for Best Application of Humanities for the Creative Economy. The project has established a new standard for bringing cutting edge historical research to the public.

Longfellow earned her bachelor's degree in English at Duke University in 1997, where she was an Angier B. Duke Scholar and valedictorian of her class. She then earned a doctorate of philosophy in 2000 with a thesis that formed the basis for her first book. Longfellow trained for the ministry from 2002-2005 at the Southeast Institute for Theological Education, and was ordained a priest of the Church of England in 2006. She continued to work full time at Kingston University but also served parish churches in suburban London. Now that she is in full-time ministry, Longfellow continues her research, completing a study of prayer in England after the Reformation and editing a volume of the *Oxford Edition of the Sermons of John Donne*.

Longfellow resides in Oxford, England.



Chris (Lee) Nicastro, Ph.D.

Manchester • South Jr. • Central High • West High '69



As the fifth person to serve as the state's commissioner of education, **Chris (Lee) Nicastro** has been a teacher and administrator in Missouri public schools for 37 years.

With a desire to teach from an early age, she loved school and credits her mother and teachers with giving her the confidence and determination to be the first in her family to earn a college degree.

Parkway began preparing Nicastro and her classmates for the world at Manchester Elementary, where they learned Russian during the Sputnik era. Later, after taking high school courses with Roland Klein, she was inspired to become a history teacher and explore the world beyond West County. She explored a new frontier within Parkway in 1968, when West High opened; she left Central and became part of the new school's charter group, helping to establish many of the Longhorns' traditions.

Nicastro's tenure as commissioner has been marked by a number of major accomplishments. She launched an improvement initiative for student performance in Missouri to rank among the top 10 performing states by 2020. She also guided the development of a revision of the Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP), helping schools better prepare students for the challenges of postsecondary education and the workplace. She worked to persuade the federal government to release Missouri from provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, allowing Missouri to use its own state-developed accountability plan. She led the development of a model educator evaluation system, providing Missouri school districts with tools they can use to evaluate and strengthen the practice of teachers, principals and superintendents. Also during Nicastro's tenure, student scores on the state's Missouri Assessment Program testing have risen, high school graduation rates have increased, and more students than ever are taking advanced placement courses and tests.

Nicastro was superintendent of Missouri's Hazelwood (2002-09) and Riverview Gardens school districts (1995-02), and assistant superintendent in the Ritenour (1984-95) and Northwest R-I (1981-84) school districts. She began her education career as a social studies teacher in the Northwest R-I district in House Springs, Mo. (1976-81).

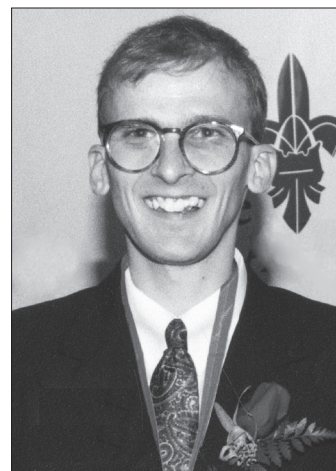
She has been recognized many times for her contributions by professional and community organizations. The University of Missouri-St. Louis has recognized Nicastro with the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Trailblazer Award and the Presidential Citation Award. St. Louis University has designated her as a Distinguished Alumnus. Her numerous local, state and national leadership awards include Missouri Superintendent of the Year, the Missouri NEA-Horace Mann Award and the Outstanding Communicator Award from the National School Public Relations Association. For her service to children and families, she has received recognition statewide and nationally for her work to promote women and minorities.

Nicastro earned a bachelor's degree in history at Indiana University; a master's degree in educational administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and a Ph.D. at St. Louis University. She holds Missouri certification as a teacher, principal and superintendent.

Nicastro and her husband, Charles, have three children and seven grandchildren.

Jeffrey S. Ottenad

River Bend • Central Jr. • South High '91



Although many paths in life were an uphill climb for **Jeffrey S. Ottenad**, one path suited him and his natural athletic ability especially well: running.

Standing at six feet, two inches, and weighing 128 pounds, he ran in the Missouri Special Olympics for over 20 years. He won numerous gold medals for long-distance track events at local and state competitions, and won a silver medal in the 5,000M race at the 1995 World Special Olympics, representing Team USA in New Haven, Conn. In 1998, he was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

He discovered his love for running as a student at River Bend Elementary, where he attended school in a Special School District classroom. Although Ottenad was born mentally and physically handicapped, he was determined to do the same things as other students. With the encouragement of his physical education teacher, Ron Edwards, he entered and ran The Great American River Bend Road Race.

As a South High student, Ottenad was determined to participate in sports and decided to try cross country and track. Coach Jim Schmuck welcomed him, nurtured his love of running and challenged him to meet his goals. Although Ottenad never came in first place, he was proud to say that he never came in last place. He was especially proud that Coach Schmuck challenged other runners on the team to be better, based on his example. At the conclusion of the 1989 season, his fellow athletes selected him as “Most Improved Runner.”

Despite his disabilities, Ottenad insisted on earning the same high school diploma as his classmates without disabilities. He found an ally in Principal Craig Larson, who agreed to give him that opportunity. Ottenad’s determination and hard work resulted in him being the school’s first special-needs student to graduate with a regular high school diploma.

Following high school, Ottenad worked full-time at Olive Garden as he continued his running pursuits. For six years, he proudly joined police officers in running a leg of St. Louis’ Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, a leg that has been named in his honor. He also continued to fiercely support South High, returning often to visit with the cross country team while they practiced at Schroeder Park.

While training for the St. Louis Marathon in 2000, Ottenad fell and subsequently was diagnosed with bone cancer. Despite having one of his legs amputated and numerous hospital admissions for treatment, he eventually trained with a prosthetic leg and continued participating in the Special Olympics and the Torch Run Relay. In 2002, however, he succumbed to the bone cancer.

Blessed with a great sense of humor, Ottenad was nicknamed “Cheese” by his teammates because he always smiled. His love of life and his strong determination led him to achieve his goals in spite of the obstacles. Sometimes he would tell his brother John that, although he would never be as smart as John, John would never beat him in running. Then Jeff would add, “It’s what’s inside that counts.”

Ottenad is survived and loved by his family—parents Marilyn and John, and brothers John and Jason.

Peter Schuessler—

CW4 (Ret), US Army

Ross • Robin Hill • Mason Ridge

East Jr. • West High '79



When Pete Schuessler earned his wings as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, he began a career that would lead him to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment-Airborne [SOAR(A)]— the Night Stalkers, an elite helicopter Army unit whose motto implies that quitting is not an option. With the best helicopter aircrews in the world, their specialty is flying under the cover of darkness.

Schuessler has more than 5,000 hours of experience using and managing complex flight, navigation, and communication systems in Blackhawk helicopters. He was chosen to be a flight lead with the 160th SOAR(A), a position only a select few aviators attain. Flight leads are responsible for leading the multiple aircraft flight to a target area in support of special operations forces anywhere in the world and arriving at the target at the specified time, + or - 30 seconds.



He held positions as lead trainer and standardization instructor pilot, team leader and lead planner for countless combat missions in the global war on terrorism, including Afghanistan, Iraq and the Philippines, as well as operations conducted within Central America, South America and other locations. He served as their operations officer (2000-04), making certain that all crews were trained for any environment and ready for any contingency mission worldwide. From 2004 until his retirement in 2007, he was the battalion's lead instructor pilot and advisor to the commander for all aviation operations. During his tours, he conducted numerous presentations to foreign corporate executives, diplomats, military officials and heads of state.

Although Schuessler retired from the Army in 2007, he has made excellent use of his unique knowledge base. Since May 2010, he has worked as a civilian mission instructor pilot with the 160th SOAR(A), teaching specially selected Army aviators the special operations mission in a highly modified Blackhawk helicopter at Fort Campbell, Ky. He also is an expert on the MH-60L/M flight simulator and was selected to supervise major modifications to the simulator (2009-10). He also worked as a program manager (2007-09) for aircraft modifications, overseeing projects and contracts worth millions of dollars for private-sector contractors who conduct business with the United States government. He managed the development and fielding of the Air Force's TH-1H helicopter trainer, as well as modifications to other aircraft.

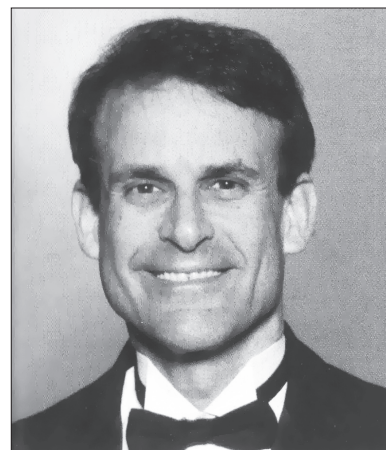
Earlier in his career, Schuessler was a Medevac instructor pilot and assault pilot in support of operations in the U.S., Central America, Desert Storm and Korea.

Schuessler graduated with a bachelor's degree in aviation technology from Central Missouri State University ('83). In 1987, he entered the Army and became a Blackhawk pilot in 1988, completing his helicopter flight training with honors.

Schuessler resides in Pleasant View, Tenn.

Robert Spiegelman

North High '75



When music director Robert Spiegelman accompanied his Lindbergh High School marching band to the Tournament of Roses Parade in 2011, he called it “marching band nirvana.”

The five-mile trek through the streets of Pasadena, Calif., was a long one for him. He was in the late stage of cancer, but was elated with one last opportunity to showcase his students’ talent and hard work. That New Year’s Day was a fabulous finale to his career, one that had instilled the joy of music and the pride of achievement in thousands of high school students. To him, musicians were all one big family.

Spiegelman dramatically expanded the music curriculum at Lindbergh High School when he became band director in 1993. Student participation in the band program more than quadrupled. He directed the school’s symphonic band, jazz ensemble and the Spirit of St. Louis Marching Band, which had over 200 members. He introduced the music department’s technology program, which focused on recording and production and included a 20-station laboratory. Students could choose to participate in any of 10 instrumental ensembles, including three concert bands and three jazz bands, as well as additional student-led ensembles.

During his 18-year career at Lindbergh, Spiegelman and his musicians travelled far and wide. In 1997, the jazz ensemble performed at the Paris Air Show for the 70th anniversary of the New York-to-Paris flight of Charles Lindbergh. The marching band journeyed to the King Kamehameha Parade in Honolulu in 2001, as well as the Tournament of Roses parades in 2005 and 2011. In 2007, his concert and jazz bands were the first in Missouri history to perform at the Missouri Music Educators Conference. In 2009, the National School Board Association Conference, with an audience of 8,000 educators and administrators, hosted the school’s jazz ensemble in San Diego. His students also performed for President Ronald Reagan, the football Cardinals and the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals, as well as a U.S. ambassador.

Prior to his tenure at Lindbergh, Spiegelman was the band director at St. Charles West High School (1981-1993).

Spiegelman was president of the Lambda Chapter of the International Band Director Fraternity, Phi Beta Mu. He was a past president and served as the all-state coordinator for the Missouri Unit of the International Association of Jazz Education. He also served as a vice-president of the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association. His other professional affiliations include membership in the Music Educators National Conference, the National Educators Association, Phi Beta Mu, the Missouri Bandmasters Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and the International Association for Jazz Education.

Spiegelman earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he played saxophone in the marching band.

Maj. Gen. Gregg A. Sturdevant

Craig • North Jr. • North High '75

When Gregg Sturdevant was a young man, he had a habit of looking out for others, especially those with mental or physical impairments. He was the guy who others sought for leadership and help. Nevertheless, his friends and family were surprised when he entered the Marines, both the first time and the second time.

Marine Corps Major General Gregg Sturdevant serves as the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) and currently is deployed in Afghanistan. As one of only two “mustang generals” (formerly enlisted men) on active duty in the Marine Corps, he has served with distinction. In 2003, Sturdevant was instrumental in the first successful recovery of a POW since WWII. He flew one of the helicopters used in the rescue of Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was seriously injured and stranded in an Iraqi hospital. He planned the Marines’ role in the action. To those who know him, it comes as no surprise that many personnel who work under his direction request to follow him to future assignments.

He has served in operational helicopter squadrons in Hawaii, North Carolina and California, and was the commanding officer of HMM-165 from July 2001 to May 2003. He had deployed to Okinawa, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom I. Additionally, he served as a flight instructor in Pensacola, Fla., and did a tour with the 2nd Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO) at Camp Lejeune, N.C. From 2006-2008, he was the commanding officer, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. During that time, the unit deployed aboard ship to Africa and various countries in the Middle East.

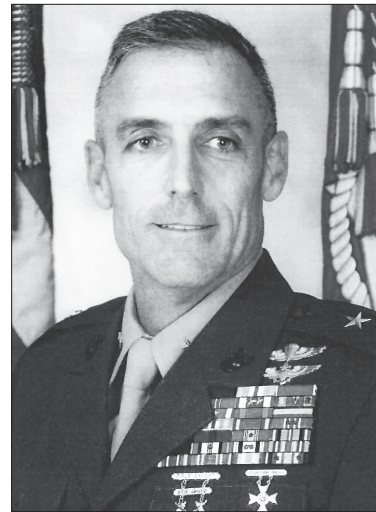
His major staff tours include duty at Headquarters Marine Corps in the Aviation Department’s Plans, Policies, Joint Doctrine and Budget Branch (APP), where he served as the Landing Force Programs Officer, as well as a tour on the Joint Staff in the Operations Directorate, where he served as an Assistant Deputy Director for Global Operations. He also has served in the following general officer assignments: director of public affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps; deputy director for operations, J-3 (NMCC-3), Joint Staff; and assistant deputy commandant for programs and resources.

Sturdevant enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1975. After an honorable discharge in 1979, he earned a bachelor’s of science degree in business administration (1982) at Southeast Missouri State University. He then was commissioned in the Marines and became a naval aviator in 1984.

He earned a master’s of science degree in management from Troy State University (1990) and a master’s degree in military studies from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (1997). He also completed the Air Force Air War College (nonresident program) (2000) and graduated from the National War College with a master’s degree in national security strategy (2004).

Sturdevant has earned numerous personal and unit awards over the course of his career.

He and his wife Tina reside in San Diego, Calif. They have two children.



Kerstin Tebbe

Ross • Northeast Middle • North High '99



While most people avoid foreign countries torn by war and hardship, **Kerstin Tebbe** seeks them. She believes that a key factor to helping people rise above conflict and poverty is establishing a daily routine that includes school for every child, and she has dedicated her career toward that goal.

Tebbe is a coordinator for the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies, an open global network comprised of representatives from governments, non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies. The network seeks to ensure the right of all persons to quality and safe education in emergencies and post-crisis recovery. Presently based in Nairobi, Kenya, she works to convene and coordinate international colleagues for inter-agency collaboration, policy development, advocacy, knowledge generation and sharing on education in conflict and crisis.

Tebbe began her career in education with a fellowship at a literacy-focused, non-governmental organization in Washington, D.C., working to provide free, new books to underprivileged kids. She then worked at the American Institutes for Research in support of the Department of Education's National Assessment for Educational Progress. In 2005, she began working for the International Development Program at AIR, where she supported the implementation of U.S. government-funded projects in Pakistan and southern Africa, focusing on education and reducing child labor.

In 2008, Tebbe joined the small secretariat of INEE based out of the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris. She served as a major contributor and facilitator in the development of a new field—education and fragility—which focused on the role of education in exacerbating conflict or supporting peace. She was instrumental in coordinating an international working group, contributing to new tools for practitioners on financing education in fragile states, taking leadership of major, ground-breaking studies in Liberia and Cambodia, and facilitating workshops in East Africa and the Balkans. She worked extensively with colleagues all around the world, making presentations and garnering support for the effort to provide education in challenging areas.

Since February 2012, she has served as head of a new German government-funded project within INEE to develop the Pan-African Knowledge Hub that acts as a forum for sharing knowledge and experience on funding, planning and managing education in African countries. Through the Knowledge Hub, she facilitates capacity-building processes for African ministries of education that seek to develop peace education programs. She also facilitates communication activities for African organizations working on education.

Tebbe earned a bachelor's degree in English and American literature and minors in politics and sociology at New York University (2003). She also participated in NYU's Study Abroad program in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Later, she completed a master's degree in international peace and conflict resolution, specialization in human rights, at American University in Washington, D.C. (2007). She plans to begin work on her Ph.D. in Fall 2013.

