

WASHINGTON PARK HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER '08



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Please welcome your class of 2008

2008 Inductees

Four Park High School alumni were inducted into the school's Hall of Fame at the annual graduation day luncheon on June 8th. Now numbering 219 of Park's most illustrious graduates, the Hall of Fame was begun in 1974 by directing Principal James C. Thompson. Inductees include graduates from as far back as 1929 and as recent as 1991.

Hall of Fame members must be Park graduates, have graduated at least 10 years ago and achieved noteworthy status in the person's profession or in the area of humanitarianism. A brief letter of nomination indicating the nominee's name, year of graduation and accomplishments may be sent to Park High School. A committee of Park teachers and administrators reviews resumes submitted by nominees before the final selection is made. This year's inductees are:

CHERYL R. BUCKLEY (1965) ROBERT O. DAVIES M.D. (1973)
DOUGLAS C. JULIUS (1958) RICHARD J. MERRILL (1949)

Hansen Brothers Rally Support for Hall of Fame

Earlier this year, three Hall of Fame brothers, Harlan Hansen ('50), Forest Hansen ('49) and W. Lee Hansen ('46) approached the Hall of Fame committee asking if they could help secure finances to keep the Washington Park High School Hall of Fame going far into the future. With their ideas, their letter writing and Harlan's envelope – sealing, they organized a very successful campaign to support the Hall of Fame. THANK YOU! Those two small words don't begin to convey how grateful we are to them for their efforts. We also wish to thank all of you for responding to their appeal. To date, this campaign has raised \$9725! The Park Hall of Famers are truly a special group! We thank you all for your generosity!

Our Special thanks to:

John & Barb Salvo	Julia Lewal	Donna Peterson	Richard Hofman
Roger Nichols	Harlan Hansen	Walter Stenovich	John Pierson
Pamela Nelson	Annastasia Batikis	Owen Evans	C. Richard Nelson
Rosemary Fritchen	Lee Hansen	James Grant	Larry Fennigkoh
Robert Thomson	J.H. Rohan	Marilyn McGoldrick	John Wendt
Bruce Renquist	Betty Pace	Allan Yousten	Robert & Barbara Bruner
Richard Schultz	Ozetta Kirby	Doris Redmond	Don Sandy
Robert Kime	Harry & Pearl Schultz		Don Olson
Gerald Szczepanski	Bonnie Anderes	Karen Gunderson	Marie Abbott
Waye Hansen	Forest Hansen	A.J. Anderson	Susan & Charles Baker
L. & D. Grenier	Brian Bagley	Patricia & Robert Bennett	
Paulette & Wesley Davis		Dr. Nimmer	James Haight
Robert Teska	Hyko & Tami Gayikian		Jerome Augustine
Robert Nowak	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bogus		Ann & Jon Hammes
Thomas Geshay	Jerry Rannow		William Harris

At the end of this newsletter you will find a statistical breakdown of the 219 members of the Hall of Fame. Do you know which class has the most members? Do you know the earliest and most recent classes to have members? Did you know that Hall of Fame inductees are assigned a category at the time of their induction to indicate the major area of their accomplishments? Categories include science, education, government, humanitarianism, business, and the arts. The next class to have eligible members for induction into the Hall of Fame is the class of 1998.

Hall of Fame Scholarship

A scholarship program started in 1986 and funded by contributions from Hall of Fame members awarded two \$2000 scholarships to seniors Kyle Cooper and Nicole Orlando.

Throughout his life, Kyle has always demonstrated a high degree of self-motivation. In elementary, middle and high school, he achieved high honors every step of the way. In high school he participated and excelled in both Soccer and Swimming. He worked extremely hard, never believing in any limitations of his abilities, always striving to be better at everything he did. As a junior Kyle was inducted into the National Honor Society. He always understood the importance of the time and energy he was putting into the classroom. He balanced his activities, giving his all in the order he prioritized them: academics, athletics, community service and employment. Kyle was very involved with soccer through numerous organizations and has enjoyed passing on his love for the game to youth, by volunteering as a coach in his community. He is especially proud of his work with the Appalachia Service Project, a summer volunteer camp similar to Habitat for Humanity. Kyle plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is thus far undecided for his major.



Kyle Cooper

During her four years at Park, Nicole has been very active both in and out of the classroom, participating in many activities. She ran cross country for two years, played soccer for four years and was a soccer captain her Senior year. Participation in music is also important to Nicole. She has taken private lessons for nine years. In addition she has played in band for three years, jazz band for four years, [participated in solo/ensemble competition and played one year in the Wisconsin High Level Honors Band. Nicole also spent time volunteering her church, for Homeward Bound, and the Eco-Justice Center. Student groups that she participated in include Science Team, National Honor Society, and the Western Field Studies program. Next year she plans to attend the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. Focusing on her passion for the environment she plans to major in Wildlife Ecology. Nicole states that much of her passion for the environment comes from participating in the Western Field Studies program. Because of that program, she wants to educate people about what's really out there and what they have to do to keep it that way.



Nicole Orlando

The Hall of Fame is now a feature on the Park High School web site. Please visit the site and view the listings of inductees, articles and information that is available there. If you have ideas for web features, please email us and let us know. Our web address is: www.racinepark.org

The Hall of Fame

CHERYL R. BUCKLEY Class of 1965

Cheryl Buckley graduated Summa Cum Laude from UW-Parkside. She received the 1994 Distinguished Alumna Outstanding Service Award. In 2002, after holding a number of management positions, she retired as the Senior Executive Director of the Metropolitan Chicago YMCA. Upon returning to Racine, she served as Interim Director of the Women's Resource Center and is currently the Executive Director of HALO, Racine's homeless shelter that opened in the fall of 2005. Cheryl has held leadership positions in numerous community service organizations: Program Vice-President and President of the Racine Branch of the American



Association of University Women, first female President of Racine Downtown Rotary Club, founder and Chair of the Racine County Women's Commission, and co-founder of the Founders Club Alumni Association at UW-Parkside. She still volunteers her time and talents to a variety of community groups and agencies. Cheryl currently resides in Racine with her husband Peter and is very proud of the fact that both her children are Park graduates.

ROBERT O. DAVIES M.D. Class of 1973



Dr. Robert Davies graduated Cum Laude from Rice University in Houston, Texas and received his doctorate in medicine in 1982 from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison. He completed his internship, residency, and fellowship at Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California and is a board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist. He has received numerous awards for teaching, research, writing, and community service. His leadership and guidance, in several social services and non-profit agencies in the Los Angeles area, have enhanced the

quality of life for thousands of individuals and families. Dr. Davies is currently head of the Davies Medical Group, Mental Health Specialists in San Pedro, California.

Class of 2008

DOUGLAS C. JULIUS Class of 1958



The late Douglas Julius received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from UW-Whitewater, and his certification in Special Education from Marian College in Fond du Lac, WI. He began his career as a sixth grade teacher at Union Grove Grade School and held several similar positions in the Racine Unified School District before becoming an Assistant Principal at Gilmore Junior High in 1977. From 1983 until his retirement in 1995, Doug served as Directing Principal of four elementary schools in the Racine Unified School District. During his tenure, he was responsible for a variety of innovative educational programs. Doug was also active in a variety of educational and community organizations, including Preservation Racine Inc., Racine Kiwanis' West, and the Racine Theater Guild Board of Directors. He loved the arts and was honored in 2005 for his many years of service, performing in more than thirty plays at the Theater Guild. Doug is survived by his wife Gail, and their sons Bradley and Steven.

RICHARD J. MERRILL Class of 1949

Richard Merrill received a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Michigan in 1953 and served his country as an officer in the United States Navy until 1956. He returned to his studies to earn an M.A. in science teaching and an Ed.D in educational administration from Columbia University. Richard began his career as a science educator at Ramona High School in Riverside, California and has held a number of positions at both the secondary and college level. He has served as President of the Elementary School Science Association of Northern California and the National Science Teachers Association. He has been on the Board of Directors of several other local and national associations. Since his retirement in 1991 from the Mt. Diablo School District in Concord, California, Richard has been involved in various science education projects at the University of California, Berkeley. He still performs community service and is very active in his church. Richard currently resides in Walnut Creek, CA, with his wife, Shannon and their five cats.



And Other Business...

All Hall of Fame members are invited to visit Park and view the Hall of Fame display case located in the Theater foyer. Three solid oak plaques hold individual black brass name plates bearing the name and graduation year of each of the 219 Hall of Fame members. Plaques are arranged according to year of induction into the Hall of Fame. In addition, each year large photographs and accompanying biographical information of the year's current inductees are mounted in a separate display case along with photographs and information about the Hall of Fame scholarship winners. The current inductees display will be available for viewing from July through June of the next year. The display case is an impressive sight. Come and see it! (Please feel free to contact us in advance and ask for a tour of the building as well.)

Over the past few years, we have lost contact with some of our Hall of Fame members. With your help we found many last year! Unfortunately, we've lost a few more. Can you help us again? If you have a current address or information about the individuals below, please drop a note to the Hall of Fame Committee or email us at the addresses listed at the end of the newsletter. Thanks for your help!!

James Carlson ('50)

Audrey K. McCoy ('85)

Gary Huck ('69)

Erland Muoio ('45)

Priscilla (Smith) Hudson ('57)

Mark Nielsen ('72)

R. Clifford Kelsey ('51)

Ruth E. Peterson ('34)

Randall Kohl ('69)

Charles Schoenherr ('43)

James V. Lowry ('30)

Marian C. Widmoyer ('55)

Fletcher McBroom ('44)

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

If you have an address change and would like to continue to receive the newsletter each year, please send your change of address information to us at the address below or email us.

If you have ideas for information you'd like to see in the newsletter, suggestions for nominations or any other ideas for the Hall of Fame, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at: www.racinepark.org

Please send all correspondence to:

**Washington Park High School
Hall of Fame Committee
1901 12th Street
Racine, WI 53403**

As the Hall of Fame grows so does our mailing list! We are delighted to send you a newsletter each summer. However, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please let us know. You can get in touch with us by email, letter or phone (addresses and phone number are included in this newsletter).

Hall of Fame Scholarship Contributions 2008

The Hall of Fame Scholarship was created at the induction ceremony in 1986 at the suggestion of one of the inductees, Leo Jerome. To date more than \$30,000 in scholarships has been awarded to nearly forty graduating seniors. This year two \$2000 scholarships were given.

We continue to accept contributions to the Hall of Fame Scholarship fund. The fund is invested and scholarship monies are drawn from the earnings each year. Hopefully, we will be able to continue financial support to deserving students next year with scholarship aid. We greatly appreciate your response to our scholarship fund! Please consider joining these members who contributed to the fund during the past year:

Patricia Bennett ('40)

Terry Held ('70)

Donna Peterson ('53)

Kathryn Budzak ('57)

Richard J. Hofman ('62)

E.C. Styberg, Jr. ('47)

Andrew Fenderson ('59)

William R. Kaiser ('55)

Allan Yousten ('54)

James Haight ('42)

C. Richard Nelson ('46)

W. Lee Hansen ('46)

Harry & Pearl Schultz ('36,'35)

You may use Tax Exempt #51-0988377 Washington Park High School
for contributing to this worthwhile Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
fund. Please mail your contribution to: 1901 12th Street
Racine, WI 53403

NOMINATION AND SELECTION INFORMATION

HOW ARE PEOPLE NOMINATED FOR THE HALL OF FAME?

Over the years, many inquiries have been made about the nomination procedure. It is as follows:

1. The Hall of Fame Committee sends a letter to the Journal Times requesting nominations from the community. Letters soliciting nominations are sent to the Journal Times in early December and mid-July.
2. Copies of this newsletter are sent to the contact people who organize the various class reunions.
3. Current Hall of Fame members who receive this letter are reminded of a classmate whom they want to nominate and send in the name.

WHAT ARE THE NOMINATION CRITERIA?

In order to be nominated for Park's Hall of Fame, a person must meet three qualifications.

They are:

1. The nominee must be a graduate of Park High School.
2. The nominee must have graduated at least ten years earlier.
3. The nominee must have made noteworthy achievements and/or contributions to his/her chosen field or to humanitarian causes.

HOW ARE NOMINEES SELECTED FOR INDUCTION TO THE HALL OF FAME?

Not every person nominated can be selected for the Hall of Fame. A faculty selection committee reviews the nominations and biographical data received on each of the nominees, and, based on the committee's decisions, nominees are selected for induction. The selection process takes hours and hours of reading, discussing and reviewing before final selections are made. Nominees who are not selected in one year may be nominated again. This year's Hall of Fame Committee was composed of the following faculty members: Mr. Dan Theilen, Directing Principal; Mr. Matt Geisler, English Teacher; Mr. Jim Kerkvleit, Activities Director; Ms. Mary Samuels, Special Education Chairperson; Mr. Tony Arndt, Social Studies Teacher; Ms. Sherri Babicky, Foreign Language Teacher; Ms. Judy Kuchera, Secretary; Mrs. Barb Salvo, retired Science Teacher and Chairperson, Hall of Fame Committee.

January 31 is the deadline for accepting nominations for any given year.

HALL OF FAME STATISTICS 2008

Number of Inductees per Year

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>#</u>
1974	08
1975	08
1976	04
1977	03
1978	03
1979	01
1980	00
1981	00
1982	03
1983	00
1984	00
1985	15
1986	12
1987	13
1988	16
1989	06
1990	12
1991	07
1992	04
1993	06
1994	03
1995	07
1996	08
1997	07
1998	07
1999	08
2000	09
2001	06
2002	06
2003	06
2004	08
2005	08
2006	06
2007	05
2008	04

Number of Inductees by Field

<u>FIELD</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Arts	28
Athletics	07
Business	33
Education	46
Environment	02
Government	15
Humanitarianism	19
Journalism	03
Law	13
Medicine	26
Military	07
Religion	02
Science	18

Number of Inductees by Gender

Female	47
Male	172

Number of Inductees by Class Year

<u>Class Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Class Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
1929	05	1960	05
1930	03	1961	06
1931	01	1962	02
1932	08	1963	07
1933	04	1964	03
1934	02	1965	10
1935	03	1966	06
1936	04	1967	03
1937	04	1968	02
1938	03	1969	06
1939	05	1970	04
1940	10	1972	03
1941	05	1973	02
1942	07	1974	04
1943	02	1975	01
1944	03	1984	01
1945	10	1985	01
1946	10	1990	01
1947	02	1991	01
1948	04		
1949	04		
1950	08		
1951	03		
1952	10		
1953	02		
1954	03		
1955	10		
1956	02		
1957	06		
1958	05		
1959	03		



TOTAL
219