



The Broadcaster

Academic Foundation Newsletter

This edition of the Salem Community High School Academic Foundation Newsletter is bringing you a collection of news and events from the last few years. We want our members, contributors, and possible new members to see what projects the Foundation has undertaken and the support that has been provided to the school. Included with this newsletter, you will find a membership form. If you are a current member and have already renewed your membership, please pass the form along to someone you feel might be interested in supporting our students and school.

Take a moment and see what a difference the Foundation makes in supporting our students, our teachers, and the school as a whole.

Thank you,

The Board of Directors of the SCHS Academic Foundation

Scholarship Recipients

2016 Scholarship Recipients

Academic Foundation Scholarship

Ryan Byers \$1000

Shannon Heflin Memorial Scholarship

Michael McGuire \$1000

Richard E. Cruise Music Scholarship

Ryan Cape \$500

Selmaville Educational Association Scholarship

Emily Baer \$500

Veterans Scholarship

Allysa Buerster \$500

Debra K McCullum Memorial Scholarship

Allysa Buerster \$500

Jillin Williams \$500

Class of 1950 Nursing Scholarship

Malory Daniels \$300

Ben Baggett Scholarship

Sophia Hofelich \$1000

Herschel and Nina Rose Agriculture Scholarship

Joshua Williams \$500

SCHS Health/Science & Biotechnology Scholarship

Andrew Banning \$1000

Michael McGuire \$1000

Austin Freeman Memorial Scholarship

Jaylen Wayer \$500

SCHS Alumni Scholarship

Ashley Alvis \$400

For more information on the SCHS Academic Foundation Scholarships and other scholarships available at the Salem Community High School visit:
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Teacher of the Year



2016

Lisa Stephenson

English



2014

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Science

2015

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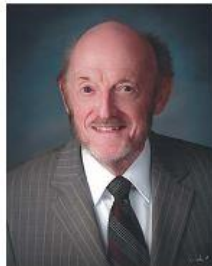
2013

Mary Walker

English

Fourth Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Michael Benchoff - Class of 1954



Michael Benchoff, resides in Phoenix, Arizona and is a noted and extremely awarded successful attorney specializing in criminal law. He was a graduate of Notre Dame in 1958 and attended Law School at Columbia University receiving his credentials in 1961. In a listing in the publication "Best Lawyers in America," Benchoff's brief bio states, "Benchoff is known to be combative, intense, feisty, and tenacious – all to the benefit of those whom he defends." It further stated he has probably handled as many homicides, white-collar crime, and other criminal defense cases as any lawyer in Arizona during the past few decades. Benchoff is also a member of the SCHS Sports Hall of Fame for his efforts in football, basketball, and track.

Dr. Cynthia Hines - Class of 1978



Dr. Cynthia Hines has been selected for induction into the Academic Hall of Fame based upon her success in 3 major fields. After attending Kaskaskia College, Hines finished her nursing degree at Central State University in Oklahoma. She followed her nursing career with the pursuit of a law degree. She was awarded her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law and practiced law in Texas and Oklahoma where she specialized in commercial litigation and insurance defense. She received an additional Doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in the field of anesthesiology. She shared her knowledge with the people of Tanzania, teaching classes in anesthesia. She currently acts as the CEO and serves as a staff anesthesiologist at the Same Day Surgicare of New England in Fall River Massachusetts.

Donald Miller - Class of 1968



Donald Miller has been awarded placement into the Hall for his outstanding efforts in the field of education in Illinois. Miller has spent his entire career as an educator. Miller graduated from Kaskaskia College and received his B.S. in Elementary Education, along with a Master's and Specialist's degrees from SIU-Edwardsville. Miller taught in Grant Fork to begin his career then moved to a teaching principal position in Litchfield. Following 15 years of service, Miller moved to his first full time administrative position as principal of Nashville Grade School then up the ladder to assistant superintendent and finished the last years of his career as the superintendent of Nashville Elementary Schools. During his tenure as principal, Miller was selected by his colleagues to represent Illinois administrators and received the prestigious "National Distinguished Principal" award from the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the U.S. Department of Education.

Jeff Trammel - Class of 1980

Jeff Trammel is a 1980 graduate of SCHS who went on to graduate from McKendree College in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications. After graduation, Trammel was hired as the Assistant Director of Public Relations/Media Relations for the St. Louis Blues Hockey Club and served in the position until 1995. He left the Blues organization to work for the St. Louis Post Dispatch as the Public Relations Manager where among other things, he promoted and planned more than 50 yearly special events including speaking series, music concerts, educational programs and regional spelling bees. He returned to the Blues in 1997, where he first served as the Director of Communications, and later as the Director of Multimedia and Publications. Trammel left the hockey club in 2003, and spent the next four years as the Director of Communications for the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. In that capacity he had daily contact with local and national media and served as the official spokesperson of the Symphony on numerous occasions. From 2007 to 2015, he was the Director of Communications & Marketing for GO! St. Louis. Trammel has recently taken on yet another challenge and has accepted the job of Communications Executive for Ameren Missouri, a Fortune 500 public energy company.



Dr. Don Roberts - Class of 1987

Dr. Don Roberts is an Associate Professor in the field of computer science at the University of Evansville in Indiana. Roberts has been involved in technology since he was introduced to the early desktop computers of the early '80s, and it has been a love affair that has been developed into a long term relationship. Roberts regularly teaches students at the university in programming and software engineering while also being involved with independent consulting projects providing many major improvements to software which interfaced to their existing program improving overall operations for their technology. Roberts has collaborated with other colleagues to author 13 publications in the field of technology and computer science. He has also designed special helps for various projects for commercial use. They include the Refactoring Browser for Smalltalk which was the first commercial refactoring tool which has since been ported to every major dialect of Smalltalk. Also, S# is a Smalltalk compiler for Microsoft's .NET framework and, according to Roberts, it is a completely new implementation of the Smalltalk language and allows programmers to interoperate with Microsoft's .NET framework and build standalone executables. He is also responsible in part for the SmaCC program transformation framework generator that allows users to easily create program transformations for various programming languages with a minimum of effort.



Dr. Jon Schoonover - Class of 1995

Dr. Jon Schoonover is being awarded a place in the SCHS Academic Hall of Fame for his efforts in the impacts of land use on water across multiple land uses such as floodplains, forests, agricultural land use, and urban-rural interfaces. Schoonover received his education at Kaskaskia College and finished his B.S., and M.S. in Forestry then completed his PhD in Forest Hydrology at Auburn University in Alabama. Schoonover and colleagues have written for several grants at SIU-C and have been awarded funding in the amount of \$3,484,839 since January, 2006 in various fields of related areas of hydrology and several related fields. Schoonover has his name on several journal publications over his career in the science of Forest Hydrology and Water Chemistry.



Purpose of the Academic Foundation

The Academic Foundation is a non-profit association devoted to supporting, enhancing, and promoting academic opportunities for the Salem Community High School. The Foundation is run by a volunteer board of directors. Opportunities are made available to staff at SCHS for implementing programs in their classrooms and throughout their departments. One of the opportunities is the mini-grants made available to teachers each year. Mini-grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas.

Mini-grants are modest cash awards that help educators make a positive difference in their classrooms.



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Maiden Name if Alumnus: _____

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Several business owners have joined the Foundation as Corporate Sponsors. Corporate membership categories include:

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INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION



Special \$100 donations are being collected to fund resources for classrooms. Contributor's names are displayed on a **Donation Plaque** at SCHS.

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Often Asked Questions About The Foundation

Q. Is the Foundation a part of the Board of Education?

A. The Foundation is completely independent of the Board of Education. The Foundation draws together businesses, community agencies, and individuals who are interested in improving educational opportunities at SCHS.

Q. Who is controlling the funds?

A. The Foundation leadership is comprised of private citizens interested in education and SCHS.

Q. How will the funds be spent?

A. Proposals are submitted by SCHS staff members for grants. Scholarship forms are available in the Student Services office for students. A selection committee of Foundation Board members review requests and award grants and scholarships to projects that enhance, rather than duplicate, existing programs.

Q. Can I make donations or pay member fees online?

A. You can pay your member fees or make a donation by credit card or Paypal online at: <http://academicfoundation.salemhigh.com/>

