

# Centralia High School Alumni Association

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## Distinguished Alumni

### 2002 Inductee

Captain Larry Knolhoff-Class of 1968

### 2008 Inductees

James S. "Jim" Brady-Class of 1958

Roland W. Burris-Class of 1955

Col. Paul Mason Carpenter

Class of 1976

Thomas Dwight "Dike" Eddleman

Class of 1942

Stephen M. Francois-Class of 1966

William Ronald "Bill" Norwood

Class of 1955

### 2009 Inductees

Glen Daum-Class of 1958

Jimmie Evers-Class of 1930

Roy Lambert-Class of 1950

Bobby Joe Mason-Class of 1955

Ric Swartzlander-Class of 1978

### 2010 Inductees

Dr. David Blackwell-Class of 1935

Ken Coleman-Class of 1960

Maj. Gen. Thomas Eggers-Class of 1959

Andy Kindle-Class of 1964

Dr. Barbara Loughman Linder

Class of 1958

### 2011 Inductees

James "Al" Danielwicz-Class of 1970

John Capellupo-Class of 1952

### 2012 Inductees

Verle Besant-Class of 1953

Gary Gaetti-Class of 1976

Robert Hight-Class of 1958

### 2013 Inductees

Colonel Fred W. Johnson

Class of 1980

Dr. Jay E. Niepoetter-Class of 1983

### 2014 Inductees

Don Beckmeyer-Class of 1980

Dr. Nancy A. Evers-Class of 1964

Com. Jack Shannon Parker Jr.

Class of 1992

### 2015 Inductees

Clifford J. Berger, D.M.D.-Class of 1964

Thomas E. Holloway-Class of 1968

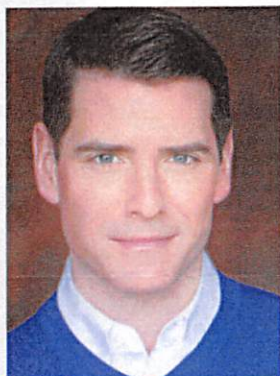
Annete V. Shores, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Class of 1983

What a great year it has been! I would like to start by saying "THANKS" to everyone for your involvement in the alumni association. Without your support, we would not be able to provide scholarships, the homecoming tailgate, and the post prom party. Thanks especially to the Van and Vicky Bell and Jim Danielwicz and the "Wild Bunch" for their continued generous contributions for scholarships. Through our fundraising efforts, the CHSAA has continued to landscape the campus by adding trees around the new football stadium and the purchase of an all-purpose utility vehicle being utilized by the sports teams and band. Most recently, the CHSAA has received a donation from Patricia Carlyle-Hicks, Class of 1946, to renovate the cafetorium. The renovation will make the current facility capable of hosting plays and musicals and will include curtains, wireless microphones, additional performance lighting, and audience risers. I am looking forward to another great distinguished alumni ceremony and hearing from this year's nominees. It is always exciting for me to meet our alumni and hear their success stories.

## 2016 Distinguished Alumni Inductees

The ninth annual Distinguished Alumni Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 4, 2016. An afternoon assembly, beginning at 2:00 p.m., is planned for the student body and is open to the public. The evening program will be held at the Community Arts Center in Centralia beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25/person and reservations can be made by contacting Kim Copple at [kcopple@centraliahs.org](mailto:kcopple@centraliahs.org)/618-322-6100 or Reid Shipley at 618-532-7391 ext. 3001. ***Get together with some of your alumni friends and join us for this outstanding day!***



**Chad Beguelin**  
Class of 1986

Broadway Author  
BFA in Drama and  
Dramatic Writing and  
MFA in Dramatic Writing  
from New York  
University's Tisch School  
of the Arts



**Shelvy Haywood Kegl**  
Class of 1966

Clinical Psychologist  
BA in Sociology-1970 and  
MA in Rehabilitation  
Counseling-1974 from  
Arkansas State University  
Ph D in Psychology-1979  
Indiana University



**Corey Stevens**  
Class of 1973

Professional Musician  
BS in Music Education  
from Southern Illinois  
University-1978  
Had a Top 10 album Blue  
Drops of Rain on  
Billboards Blues Chart

## 2017 CHSAA Distinguished Alumni Nominations Sought

To submit a nomination, go to [www.chsalumniassociation.org/nomination.htm](http://www.chsalumniassociation.org/nomination.htm) to print the form and mail it to the CHSAA address at the top of this newsletter. Nominations must be received by **June 1, 2017** to be considered for 2017 inductees.

## Homecoming Tailgate-September 23, 2016

The CHSAA recently sponsored the seventh annual Homecoming Tailgate. Donations were received from local businesses, clubs and individuals to provide an outstanding, fun-filled afternoon of games, food and prizes before the Homecoming game. It was a "warm" but very enjoyable afternoon for everyone!

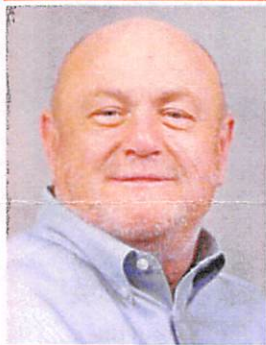


### 2016 Scholarships

The CHSAA awarded five \$1,500 scholarships to 2016 CHS graduates. Students receiving scholarships this year include from left, FRONT ROW: Natalie Stratemeyer (attending U of I) and Niayr Maines (attending Lincoln College) BACK ROW: Ben Ashby (attending Murray State University), Ashley Higgins (attending Kaskaskia College), Chris May (attending U of I), D'Aaron Owens (attending Lincoln Land Community College and recipient of the Van/Vicky Bell Leadership Award) and Principal Reid Shipley. This is the fifth year that Van/Vicky Bell (1964/65 graduates of Centralia and CHSAA members) have awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating senior for outstanding leadership and academic performance.



The "69" CHS Wild Bunch Football Team awarded three \$2,500 scholarships at the CYFL golf tournament on May 14, 2016, bringing their total to \$29,000 over the last five years. Pictured at right are "69" CHS Wild Bunch football team members, coaches, scholarship recipients and parents: Front row: Crystal Hutton, Reanna Hutton (attending Kaskaskia College), Colton Kracht (attending Kaskaskia College), and Deven Toennies (attending Kaskaskia College). Second row: Tony Weiss, Bob Kell, Ken Smudrick, Mike Ellis, Marianna Toennies, Bart Toennies, and Tommy Miller. Third row: Mike Hutton, Bill Still, Bruce Dunbar, Coach Don Smith, Jim "Al" Danielwicz, Coach Dick Carpenter and Roland Fetgatter.



Mark Robbins, Vice-President of the CHSAA since its inception, passed away suddenly on July 26, 2016. Mark was loved by everyone! He always had a smile and a joyful laugh. We sincerely appreciate his dedication and commitment to the CHSAA and he will be missed by everyone!



The CHSAA Capital Fund was recently able to purchase an all-purpose utility vehicle to be used by sports teams and the band. It has been a tremendous help!

### CHSAA Funds

- CHSAA is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations above dues are federally tax deductible. Receipts will be provided in January for previous year donations.
- Memorial donations are always an excellent way to honor a relative/classmate and promote the alumni association at the same time.
- **Scholarship Fund**-All donations to this fund are used strictly for scholarships to CHS students.
- **Landscape Fund**-The CHSAA would like to do additional landscaping around the new campus.
- **Capital Fund**-This fund was established to assist CHS with additional items/expenses around the new football field complex and other areas of the new campus. Several needed items have already been purchased through this fund.
- **CHSAA Email Address Book/Update Your Information**-If you are not part of the CHSAA email address book or if you have changed your email address/internet provider, contact Kim Copple at [kcopple@centraliahs.org](mailto:kcopple@centraliahs.org). Also, if you relocate, please send us your new mailing address to the address at the top of this newsletter or to [kcopple@centraliahs.org](mailto:kcopple@centraliahs.org).