

# 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

Colonel 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

Major General 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

As 2014 comes to a close, we are looking forward to two opportunities in 2015. Our first goal is to double our membership. To reach this goal, we are asking each current member to solicit one new member (friend or family) to our membership roll. Our second goal is the establishment of our capital fund. This is the first time since the CHSAA was formed that we have had the opportunity to be part of an expansion project on the CHS campus. Please review the information that we have enclosed with this newsletter and consider making a tax deductible contribution to this effort. If you would like additional information regarding the capital fund or any of our programs, please contact us.

Brad Coffey, President

## 2014 Distinguished Alumni

The seventh annual Distinguished Alumni Ceremony will be held on **Friday, November 21, 2014**. Our 2014 inductees are listed below. The assembly for the student body will begin at 1:50 p.m. 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) or 618-322-6100. **Plan to join us for this outstanding day!**

## The 2014 CHSAA Distinguished Alumni



**Don Beckmeyer (Class of 1980)** Serves as Deputy Director of Engineering and Test at NASA's Stennis Space Center. With 26 years of experience, Don leads an organization that is responsible for Engineering and Project Management of Government and Commercial Rocket Engine Test Programs.



**Dr. Nancy A. Evers (Class of 1964)** Served as Dean of the College of Education, Head of the Department of Education Leadership, and Program Coordinator of Education Leadership at the University of Cincinnati. Nancy is the recipient of the University Council for Educational Administration Master Professor Award.

**Commander J. Shannon Parker Jr. (Class of 1992)**

Serves as a Naval Aviation Commander attached to the Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility. Shannon served as U.S. Navy Representative to NATO and flew over 200 combat missions in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Enduring Freedom.



## 2015 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, 2015** to be considered for 2015 inductees.

## CHSAA Scholarship Fund

CHSAA has now awarded 32 scholarships since 2008. The goal of the association is to recognize CHS student achievement and encourage further education.



*At left, Bethany Coffey, attending Maryville University, receives a CHSAA scholarship from Principal Reid Shipley. At right, Abbi Capps receives the Van/Vickie Bell Leadership Award at the Academic Pep Assembly in May 2014. Abbi is attending SIU-Edwardsville. This is the third year Van/Vickie Bell (1964/65 graduates) have awarded this \$2,000 scholarship and we appreciate their continued support.*



## Wild Bunch Scholarship

Duane K. (Tripp) Kessler III and Ryan Shipley, 2014 CHS graduates, were each awarded \$3,000 from the Wild Bunch Scholarship Fund at the CYFL golf tournament in May 2014. Trip is attending the University of Illinois and Ryan is attending Concordia University Chicago.

*Pictured at right are: Cindy Kessler, Keith Kessler, Principal Reid Shipley, Shannon Shipley, Bob Kell, Bill Still, Jim "Al" Danielwicz, Mike Ellis, Trip Kessler, Mike Steinmann, Ryan Shipley, Tom Miller, Coach Dick Carpenter and Coach Don Smith.*



## Fantasy Sports Raffle

The third annual Fantasy Sports Raffle raised \$17,488 this year bringing the grand total raised over three years to \$54,258! This money is used only for scholarships. We sincerely appreciate the support from Jim "Al" Danielwicz each year to organize this event and provide all the prizes. So, when this event kicks off in 2015, let's all support it as this has been a tremendous project to provide scholarships for CHS students.

## Homecoming Tailgate 2014/Post Prom 2015

The CHSAA sponsored its fifth annual homecoming tailgate in 2014. It was a beautiful day and with donations from local businesses/organizations, students and alumni members enjoyed free food/prizes prior to the homecoming game. Everyone had a great time and showed their "Orphan Spirit". CHSAA will again assist with Post Prom 2015.



## CHSAA Exempt Association/Memorial Donations/CHSAA Email Address Book

Just a reminder that CHSAA is a **federally tax-exempt association** and all scholarship, landscaping, and general donations, excluding dues, are **tax deductible**. Receipts will be provided in January for previous year donations.

Memorial donations are also an excellent way to honor a relative/classmate and promote the alumni association at the same time. When memorials are received, correspondence is sent to the family acknowledging the remembrance of their loved one. Please consider CHSAA the next time you want to honor an alumni.

If you are not part of the CHSAA email address book or if you have changed your mailing address/email address/internet provider, contact Kim Copple at [kcopple@centraliahs.org](mailto:kcopple@centraliahs.org).