

# 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 was a great year for the CHSAA organization. Thanks in part to the help of Mr. Jim Danielwicz,, our scholarship program expanded immensely. We again sponsored the homecoming tailgate, assisted with post-prom last spring and saw our membership continue to grow. We also added three individuals to our outstanding list of distinguished alumni. As we move forward into 2013, we will be looking at additional ways to provide support to CHS and its students. Expanding our membership is key to the continued growth of our organization, so please encourage your fellow CHS graduates to join. Thank you for supporting CHSAA!

Brad Coffey, President CHSAA

## **CHSAA is a Tax-Exempt Association/Memorial Donations**

Just a reminder that CHSAA is a **federally tax-exempt association** and all scholarship, landscaping, and general donations excluding dues will be considered **taxable deductions**. The CHSAA will keep records of such contributions and return a notice to each individual in January for all donations made during the previous calendar year.

Also we are beginning to receive donations as memorials to former graduates. This is an excellent way to honor a relative or classmate in a very positive manner 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.

## **2012 Distinguished Alumni**

The CHSAA is once again set to host its fifth annual Distinguished Alumni Ceremony. Since the first ceremony in 2008, CHS students and the Centralia community have enjoyed meeting the honorees and listening to their life lessons and motivational speeches. CHS students are amazed every year that such influential and successful individuals once walked and lived in their community or neighborhood. The 2012 ceremony will start with an all-school assembly on Friday, October 26th, beginning at 1:45 p.m. in the CHS gym. The public is welcome. That same evening the CHSAA will host a dinner reception for each of the honored guests at the Community Arts Center, 1250 E. Rexford, Centralia with social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner reception are \$25 a person or \$200 a table. You may call the alumni office at the school (618-532-7391 ext. 3035) for tickets. This is always a very enjoyable event, so we hope many of you will gather a group and join us for the evening!

### **The 2012 CHSAA Distinguished Alumni**

**Verle Besant-Class of 1953– Owner of the Insurance Partnership. Serves on the board of St. Mary's/Good Samaritan Hospitals. He has served on numerous boards and committees locally and state wide.**

**Gary Gaetti-Class of 1976– Played professional baseball from 1982-2000. Gary was the American League Championship Series MVP while with the Twins in 1987. Earned trips to the All-Star game and several Gold Glove awards.**

**Robert Hight-Class of 1958– Member of SIU All Decade Football Team. Held NFL contracts with various teams. Successful high school football coach and teacher.**



## CHSAA Scholarship Fund

2012 marked the fifth year in a row that the CHSAA was able to provide graduates with a scholarship of \$500. The association has awarded 21 scholarships since 2008. The goal of the alumni association is to continue to increase the number of annual scholarships given to graduates of CHS. With continued support and donations of former CTHS and CHS graduates, we will continue to promote student achievement and higher education.

This year Van Bell (1964 graduate) and his wife, Vicky, awarded a \$2,000 scholarship through the alumni association and we sincerely appreciate their support!

The Centralia High School Alumni Association awarded four \$500 scholarships to 2012 graduates. Students receiving scholarships are: FRONT ROW, from left-Brietta McClelland, attending Kaskaskia College and Stephanie Aarons, attending Eastern Illinois University. BACK ROW, from left-R.J. Shaw, attending St. Louis College of Pharmacy; Rachel Tockstein, recipient of the Van/Vicky Bell scholarship and attending Lipscomb University; Mitchell Schultheis, attending Kaskaskia College and Principal Reid Shipley.

## Fantasy Sports Raffle

This past spring, Jim Danielwicz, 1970 graduate and 2011 distinguished alumni, was instrumental in organizing our first ever fantasy sports raffle to raise money for our scholarship fund. Raffle prizes included 8 sets of four tickets and accommodations to sporting events in St. Louis and Chicago. Many of you bought or sold the tickets that were mailed to you and we sincerely appreciate your support as **\$12,188 was raised!** Plans are to make this an annual event, so ***if you have a prize that you would like to donate and expand this fundraiser, please contact the alumni office by December 1, 2012.***

The Wild Bunch (1970) Football Team also established a scholarship fund through the alumni this past year, starting out with \$7,300. They awarded 2012 graduate, Adrian Williams, a \$3,000 scholarship. Adrian is attending Lindenwood University and playing football. It is the group's intention to continue to award scholarships to football athletes each year.



## Homecoming Tailgate 2012

The CHSAA sponsored its third annual homecoming tailgate on September 21, 2012. With donations from many community businesses and clubs along with the the help of volunteers, parents, and alumni members, students enjoyed a great time of free food and games prior to the homecoming football game. The tailgate was moved inside due to the prediction of inclement weather, but it did not dampen the spirit. There was a great turnout and a fun time was enjoyed by everyone!



2011 CHSAA Distinguished Alumni Inductees  
at CHS student assembly, October 28, 2011.

**James "Al" Danielwicz**  
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