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SHSAA is seeking financial support for our 2024
Scholarship
Campaign. Consider a contribution as you approach the end of the 2023 tax year. Your contribution is tax deductible and supports our top priority.





A Vision for Our Future

e trust this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we fondly reminisce about the days gone by, we're also eagerly looking ahead to the vibrant future of SHSAA.

Our association has flourished over decades, predominantly composed of members from the graduating classes of the '50s, '60s, and '70s. Yet, for our sustainability and vitality, we must embrace fresh approaches to connect with the younger generations of alumni.

As we stroll down memory lane, it is equally important to map our path forward. While the dedicated Board of Directors has been crafting ideas to achieve this, we are excited to invite alums from the '80s, '90s, and 2000s to actively participate in shaping our future.

Our initial plan is to recruit new leaders from these more recent classes. One such newbie is SHS Coach George Yates (class of 1999) joining our Board of Directors.

Many innovative ideas have surfaced, and we will consider and evaluate the most promising ones. As we embark on this journey, we invite you to join us in building a brighter, more vibrant future.for SHSAA, where our best memories seamlessly blend with exciting new horizons. Here are some initial ideas.

- 1. **Project 2024:** Create and launch the *Project 2024* initiative to frame SHS class pictures in our archives from the early 1900s to today and display them on the walls of the second-floor hallway near the library. This historical display will celebrate our school's legacy and provide a visual journey through time for all alums and students.
- 2. Music Extravaganza: Music has the incredible power to unite people across generations. Let's organize music events focusing on different types and eras. From classic rock concerts to jazz nights and hip-hop showcases, these events will entertain and attract alums of all ages and take advantage of our newly renovated school facilities by hosting fundraising concerts.
- 3. Reunion Planning Services: Assist SHS graduating classes in planning and conducting milestone reunion events such as 25, 40, 50, and 60-year reunions. Services could include a customized class website, online ticketing, menu planning, facility selection, and promotion to class members.

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President's Message

Summer/Fall of 2023

Summer has come and

and many



Larry Latta '72

plants become dormant.
Fortunately for the Association,
your Board has been anything
but dormant!

SHSAA hosted two significant events this past spring and fall: The Spring Dance on April 22nd and the 22nd Annual Picnic & Car Show on September 17th. Both events were well attended and held at the American Legion Post 144 (Southway Post). The Legion Post has been a great venue, and the Post personnel have bent over backward to accommodate our needs. We have found a home, at least for the near future.

The monthly Meet & Greets has been well received again this year. I'll continue to find new locations on all four corners of Franklin County. If you have a favorite pub or brewery you would like to have featured, please get in touch with me. Each month is a new adventure, especially when Dawgs are in the house!

SHSAA is assisting South High School again with football, basketball, and special event concessions. If you wish to volunteer, please get in touch with me. Head Football Coach George Yates, SHS '99, and Head Basketball Coach Ramon Spears, SHS '88, are working hard to make Bulldog Nation proud of our beloved Dawgs.

Carol Wolfenbarger and the Scholarship Committee have worked extremely hard to make the 2023 SHSAA Scholarship Program even more successful than the 2022 awards. A full report can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Alumni donations are deeply appreciated for this worthy cause and are charitable donations that can be made online by visiting our website. Remember they are tax deductible! https://www.shsaa.family/donate.

Go Dawgs!

Larry Latta ('72)



A Lifetime of Friendship and Dedication

Charles (Chuck) Sailor provided unwavering support and dedication for over 25 years to the South High School



Class of 1964

Alumni Association. Chuck, who

Chuck, who embodied the spirit of South High School, passed away at 77 this summer, leaving a lasting legacy in the hearts of those who knew him.

A man of many titles, Chuck began his journey as an Eagle Scout, showcasing the unwavering commitment and determination that defined his life. He continued to serve as a proud US Marine, defending the values he held dear.

As a proud member of the class of 1964, Chuck nurtured and cherished friendships that spanned more than six decades. He was the unassuming leader of a network of friends who shared their lives, their joys, and their challenges.

As a father and grandfather, Chuck was a source of inspiration and love to his family, always prioritizing their needs and happiness. Yet, he was more than just a family man; he was a friend, confidant, and a source of endless laughter with his trademark dry humor.

In memory of Chuck, let us mourn the loss of a supporter, volunteer, and friend while celebrating his remarkable life. His legacy reminds us of the power of dedication, humor, and the enduring bonds of community.

Though Chuck may have left this world, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know him.

Association News

A Vision for Our Future

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- 3. **Alumni Art Show**: Showcase the artistic talents of our alums, including sculptors, photographers and painters. These events can attract younger alums who are passionate about the arts and provide a platform for showcasing their work.
- 4. **Community Engagement**: Organize events that engage and support other SHS alum groups, both formal and informal, in the community. This involvement not only benefits the community but showcases the positive impact of our alumni.
- Alumni Band/Choir Reunions: Encourage alum bands to reunite and perform at special events. These reunions can be a nostalgic and captivating experience for older and younger alums.
- 6. **Meet and Greet Opportunities**: Organize events that bring together different generations of alum. These gatherings can provide a platform for sharing career advice, stories, and personal experiences. SHSAA can host mixers that cater to all members' interests and needs.
- 7. **Diverse Committees**: Encourage younger alums to join committees that align with their interests and skills. This involvement will give them a sense of ownership within the association and a voice in shaping its future.
- 8. **Volunteer Opportunities**: Offer opportunities for alums of all ages to volunteer in all SHSAA fundraising activities. This serves a purpose and brings people together for a common cause.

Contact *Jerry Driggs* (1969) with ideas, questions and suggestions. 412.680.1602

Class of '63 Celebrates 60









Coach George Yates ('99) joins SHSAA Board of Directors



HELP — Concession volunteers needed!! Contact Larry at 614-203-8737



Make a donation today for our 2024 Scholarship Fund. https://www.shsaa.family/donate

SHSAA: 20 Years of Empowering Students

By: Carol Wolfenbarger ('61)

SHSAA has guided students on their academic and career journeys for over two decades. Thanks to the generous support of SHSAA alums, members, and supporters, we've upheld South High School's tradition of excellence, awarding over \$125,000 in scholarships in recent years and \$25,700 to our 2023 scholarship winners.

SHSAA actively promotes scholarships and opportunities for post-high school education and career prospects. Our application process is open to graduating South seniors, active SHSAA members' families, and college students needing financial support.

Our flagship scholarship, the \$10,000 William R. Davy Academic Excellence Award, has been a cornerstone for the past three years. A cohort of South's top academic achievers is identified by South staff and invited to compete for the award. In addition to meeting the academic requirements, applicants create projects to inspire and mentor South High juniors in achieving success during their senior year. They showcase their understanding of success, goal-setting, and achievement by presenting their unique projects.

This year's *Davy* applicants displayed remarkable creativity through various media formats. They built interactive websites, demonstrated success through video gaming, displayed mastery of Microsoft presentation software, and even designed an engaging game with flashcards.

Our judges closely engaged with each student, captivated by their insights, creativity, and skills. This interactive process provided valuable insights into their character and academic prowess. The 2023 William R. Davy applicants were exceptional, with senior **Austin Keokhonang** winning the award for his fascinating project that combined creativity, knowledge, and technical competence. All other cohort members received SHSAA scholarships.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Annie Fletcher, South High's dedicated scholarship counselor, for her pivotal role in supporting these exceptional students. Her unwavering encouragement ensured they reached their full potential. Initially uncertain about his creativity and reluctant to participate, Austin was motivated by Ms. Fletcher to engage. Ultimately, the committee applauded his ingenuity, content, and technical skills, selecting him as the recipient.

As we celebrate two decades of dedication to student success, SHSAA continues to be a driving force behind South students' aspirations and achievements, fostering a community where excellence thrives.

SHSAA's Scholarship Categories

The first category is the William R. Davy Academic Excellence Award. This \$10,000 competitive scholarship award is provided in memory of Bill Davy, SHS class of 1966. It goes to the SHS student who demonstrates the highest academic achievement and overall potential for success.

The second category is **Bulldog Support awards.** These scholarships each range from \$500 to \$3,000. Key award considerations include academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and well-defined plans for the future.

The third category is **SHSAA Legacy Awards**. These awards are set aside for relatives of any current member of SHSAA. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through our online application process.

The fourth category, the Jim Driggs Memorial Scholarship Award, is a \$2,000 scholarship provided each year in memory of Jim Driggs ('68) for his unwavering support of South High School and his service to the Southside of Columbus. This award goes to the applicant who best exemplifies Jim's life values.

The fifth category, *Career Pathways*, provides \$5,000 a year in varying amounts to students pursuing careers in the trades or other professional fields.

2023 Scholarship Awards



William R. Davy Academic Excellence Award

Austin Keokhonang stands out in this year's graduating class. In a very close competition, Mr. Keokhonang demonstrated a unique combination of academic excellence, maturity and creativity. He is enrolled at Ohio State University where he will pursue a career in zoology. HIs qualifying project was a simulated video game designed to provide the SHS junior seeking advice on how to be successful in his/her senior year. His narration provides a step-step-guide that is easy to understand and follow. Please check out his video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqbsk5qA mU

HIS \$10,000 award reflects the high standards Bill Davy had in mind for this scholarship.



Adavian Bankston

Jim Driggs Memorial Award - \$2,000 Career Pathways Award - \$3,000

Adavian excelled at South academically and as an athlete. HIs leadership skills and practical, common sense approach has enabled him to overcome challenges. His work ethic and communication skills are strong assets. He is attending Ohio Dominican University where he is pursuing a

Bulldog Support

Award - \$2,000

Bulldog Support

Award - \$1,000



Bulldog Support Award - \$2,000

Bulldog Support

Isabela Rodriguez Ortiz

Isabela is a sophomore attending Ohio Wesleyan University where she is majoring in



Rose Wanjema

Rose is attending Wittenberg University. She is exploring majors that will enable her to create social impact.



Melvonna Smith

Award - \$2,000

Melvonna is attending Columbus State where she is pursuing a career in nursing.



Frankie Madosky

Frankie is attending Capital University.



Bulldog Support Award - \$1,700

Tiasia is attending Otterbein University and is considering various majors.



Hannah Yochem

Award - \$2,000

Legacy Award

Hannah is attending Ohio State University and is majoring in Sports Industry and Communications. She is the granddaughter of Sandra Kipp ('63).

In Memoriam

Ourr last *Bulldog Bulletin* was released in September of 2022. One telling feature of this issue is our section reserved for remembering the alum friends and classmates that we have lost.

This IN MEMORIAM report cites over 100 notices of South High School alums, staff, and friends who have passed since our last publication.

As you go through the names listed here, imagine them in their teen years as they experienced growing up while attending South High School.

Although the generations stretch across more than 75 years, we all shared everyday experiences on Ann Street that influenced the rest of our lives.

And then we became adults. We had careers, families, accomplishments, and disappointments. Our lives were influenced by our high school years. Each name represents a *life story* with a joint chapter titled *SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL*.

SHSAA is proud to remember our friends and classmates. If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please notify us so we can include them in our next issue.

First Name	Last Name	Class
Tony Eldon	Lee	1979
Jeff	Dane	1981
Beth Ann	Rich	1981
Gilbert P.	Thomas	1981
Wesley F.	Pullen	1983
Megan Elaine	Miller	1989
Angela	Saunders	1990
Tera Michelle	Towers	1994
Misti Ann	Hatfield	2006
Roger Louis	Dumaree	Principal
Byrl	Spencer	

First Name	Last Name	Class
Phyllis Ann (Rein)	Sonnen	1940
Bernice Margaret (Biggs)	Brisk	1943
Evelyn Marie	Trieb	1943
Evelyn Jean (Burton)	Hamilton	1945
Ruby Viola (Wears)	Spencer	1945
Martha Jean (Harris)	Melton	1946
Bitle E. (Berrisford)	Ballou	1947
Beverly Jean	Burnis	1950
Jerald Lloyd	Fridley	1950
David Lee	Garlinger	1950
Phyllis	Schottenstein	1950
Helen (Nuabeck)	Rodenfels	1951
William (Will)	Brumfield	1952
Martin (Marty) Sampson	Robins	1952
Berbara	Woodall	1953
Carol Ann (Jackson)	Goetz	1954
Illene Frances (Stertzer)	Lewis	1954
David Wallace	Macklin	1954
Patricle A. (Wesmus)	Pagnanelli	1954
Maud Elaine (Pennington)	DiRosario	1955
Greg	Cook	1957
Aithur	Puetz	1957
Nancy Cordle	Stoltz	1957
Ronald Lawerence	Kimberly	1958
Linda K.	Glenn	1960
Karol Ann (Washington)	Taylor	1961
Linda	West	1961
Sharon (VanDeWater)	Hollis	1962
James	Lanfear	1962
Donald Dale	McKitrick	1962
Linda Kay (Boots) Barton	Smith	1962
Paul J.	Воуа	1963
Janet Sue (Glines)	Donath	1963

First Name	Last Name	Class
Deanna Jean	Harless	1963
Rhes (DeWitt)	Hook	1963
Eugenia (Tinsley)	Massey	1963
Susan Harriet (Kish)	Mentes	1963
Rudy	Setdlertz	1963
Cheryl Ann (Kirby)	Orivea	1964
Flonald L.	Kemnerling	1964
James Michael	Lyle	1964
Clyde William	Potter	1964
Charles (Chuck)	Sailor	1964
William (Bill)	Sims	1964
Sherry Laynett	Long	1965
Donna	Yarbarough	1966
Bonnie Jean (Gregory)	Barnhill	1968
Everett J.	Blevins	1968
Janet Frieda (Baum)	McCoy	1968
Carie Mason	Draffert	1969
David	Lyons	1969
Carrie	Mason	1969
Susan	Temple	1969
Joanne R	Dalia	1970
Floyd	Bruce	1971
Charlotte	Frazier	1971
Earl Anthony (Tony)	Henderson	1971
Michael J.	McDaniel	1971
Donna Maria (Walters)	Quick	1971
Esther	Conrad	1972
Cindy Lee (Spohn)	DeWeese	1972
Charles	Dillard	1972
Charlotte	Frazier	1972
Robert (Iggy)	Heimann	1972
Cindi	Moder	1972
Kathryn	Skeen	1972

Last Name	Class
Stevens	1972
Winbush	1972
Cordell	1973
Dye	1973
Guthrie	1973
Hodge	1973
Halbrook	1973
Hunter	1973
Lewis, Jr.	1973
Loper	1973
Sandillipo	1973
Santer	1973
Taylor	1973
Wheeler	1973
Williams	1973
Young	1973
Norman, Jr.	1974
Rockhold	1974
Weaver	1974
Anstaett	1975
Black	1975
Darity	1975
Fields	1975
Harper	1975
Hill	1975
Hunter	1975
Hunter	1975
Jennings	1975
Watson	1976
Windbush	1976
Click.	1977
Davis	1979
Hurley	1979
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Spotlight On South High Alumni

Dwight Lauderdale, Angela Pace, Jeffery Thompson

Media and Performing Arts: South High Graduates Attribute Career Success to Lessons Learned and Opportunities Provided at 1060 Ann Street.

by: Jerry Driggs ('69)

Three South High School graduates, Dwight Lauderdale, Angela Pace, and Jefferey V. Thompson, are in the spotlight today. Their careers span over four decades. Two became award-winning journalists and personalities in major media markets, influencing thousands of viewers nightly, and one, Jeffery Thompson, an established entertainer, actor, dancer, and singer with a career anchored in New York City.

Their journeys have taken them from growing up in the heart of Columbus' Southside to careers in vibrant media hubs like Miami and Fort Lauderdale, where **Dwight Lauderdale** excelled, and the Columbus market, where **Angela Pace** has captivated audiences night after night for over 30 years. Their work has informed and inspired thousands of viewers, shaping public discourse and illuminating the world with their unique reporting style, journalistic integrity, and content.

Jeffery Thompson made his mark in New York City as an actor, singer, dancer, director, writer, on stage, and character actor on television and in movies. He's performed on Broadway (Tony award-winning Eubie! Amen Corner. and Uptown..It's Hot!- to name three), avant-garde plays off-Broadway, and in regional theatre. Law and Order fans and movie buffs may have seen him in different character roles.

Dwight's, Angela's, and Jeffery's recollections of their formative years at 1160 Ann Street are inspirational and amazingly similar. In our interviews, they shared how the values and contacts instilled at South High School were the bedrock for their remarkable 40-year careers.

Be sure to watch the full video of these interviews at our website. https://www.shsaa.family/



Dwight Lauderdale ('69)

South High School Provided Opportunities...

Dwight Lauderdale's high school days were a whirlwind of activity and ambition. He was a young man on the

move with a list of extracurricular involvements: drama, choir, ensemble, youth forum, speech, debate, and student council. Little did he realize then that these early pursuits would serve as the foundation for an awe-inspiring career in broadcast journalism.

Dwight's journey into journalism was set in motion during his time at South High School, thanks to what he could only describe as "opportunities that presented themselves." Surrounded by the unwavering support of his family and instilled with the enduring values of hard work and self-sufficiency, he became a master at seizing the chances that crossed his path.

But the turning point in Dwight's life arrived when Earl Greene, the renowned news anchor at WTVN Channel 6, requested to speak with the young high-school senior Dwight Lauderdale. With that call, the course of his future was forever altered.

Dwight's exceptional performance in a senior-year oratory competition, one that Greene had the privilege to witness, led to a life-changing offer. He was invited to the newsroom after school, where he would experience the intricate workings of the industry and "learn the ropes." As Dwight would recount, "Here was a person who was willing to take a chance on a 17-year-old kid who didn't look like him. It transformed my life."

Dwight Lauderdale's remarkable journey from a bustling high school life to a legendary career in broadcast journalism is a testament to the power of seizing opportunities and the profound impact of a single act of belief in the potential of a young, aspiring individual.



Angela Pace ('70)

At South, We Were Allowed to Be...

Angela Pace was destined to leave an indelible mark on the world. Her journey began at Poindexter Village on the near east side of Columbus,

where she grew up, and later at South High School. Her family was a steadfast pillar of support, with her grandmother serving as her unwavering anchor and her mother as her rock.

During her senior year at South, life took an unexpected turn when her mother passed away. In the face of this profound loss, Angela and her grandmother took on the responsibility of raising her younger siblings, placing their well-being at the forefront of their lives.

Amidst these challenges, South High School emerged as a beacon of hope and opportunity for Angela. She fondly recalls a group of young, dynamic teachers who joined the faculty in the late 1960s, describing them as a "breath of fresh air." They encouraged her to broaden her horizons and supported her dreams, and aspirations.

Angela paused her college education three years after high school to contribute financially to her family. By chance, she reconnected with two of her former South High teachers who were alumni of Capital University. Upon hearing that she was no longer in school, they arranged interviews and meetings with Capital University faculty and administrators, including the President, that resulted in Angela's enrollment at the university on the same day as the interviews.

South High School instilled values, a strong work ethic, and an unyielding determination. Armed with these tools, she forged a career that endeared her to thousands in her hometown. She became a Columbus icon, a role model, and an advocate for diversity, balance, and journalistic excellence. Angela's journey is a testament to the transformative power of resilience, the importance of family, community, and the pursuit of excellence.

Join us on a captivating journey as South High School alumni Dwight, Angela, and Jeffery share their incredible stories of growth and success. Through exclusive 90-minute YouTube interviews on our website, these remarkable individuals reflect on their journeys from South High School to major market anchor chairs and broadway performances. https://www.shsaa.family/



Jeffery V. Thompson ('70)

South High School is Where our Life was...

Jeffery grew up in a household filled with caring, nurturing, and supportive people. His grandmother was a storyteller

and instilled in him the power of stories to inspire and inform. Undoubtedly, he was called to the theater because of his desire to "tell stories" as a profession.

At South High, Jeffery's talents stood out - acting, singing, and dancing were his passion. Many students marveled at his ability to assume the persona of a character in *Lil Abner or The Music Man* with such ease.

Jeffery attracted other student performers as friends because they shared his passion for expression. Together they went to extraordinary lengths to support each other. He said, "South High School was where our life was!"

More than 50 years later, Jeffery confirmed how his entire career is built on values and priorities established in high school. He has lived in Manhattan Plaza, a unique artist community in the heart of Times Square, for more than 50 years. This is the same community where Alicia Keys grew up, where he remembers her playing a toy piano in the playground. Tennessee Williams lived there for a period. He remembers when he first arrived in New York. He was involved in a production where Samuel L. Jackson was the prop man. His elders included Della Reese, James Earl Jones, and Ozzie Davis.

He was on Broadway just eight years out of high school in the Tony Award-winning production of *Eubie!*

Although those accomplishments are extraordinary, he is most proud of now being considered one of the "old heads." As a director and mentor, he recognizes that "Acting asks you to get emotionally naked in front of people. I can create a space where people feel safe doing that!"

At 72, his once effortless dance moves are now limited. What he has not lost is the joy he feels celebrating performers who live to share their talents.

BTW - for the last 50 years, whenever a family member or friend comes to New York to see a performance he's a part of, they stay at his place, just like when he grew up on Champion Avenue.

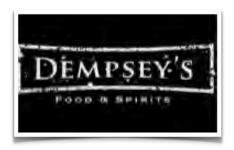
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Annual Membership Meeting

The SHSAA annual membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023. In an effort to ensure the highest likelihood that we will be able to meet in person, we ask that everyone observe the health and safety protocols at place at the time of our event. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM and end around 11:00. Our program will include a year end report, a Q&A session, and the election of SHSAA directors.

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