



**MURPHY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**THE  
ALUMNUS**  
December 2010

**MESSAGE FROM MIKE**

**Murphy Alumni Association  
Executive Committee**

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Brenda Howell '68  
Irvin Grodsky '64  
Monetta Noland '60  
Barbara Harris '60  
Tim Reed '60

**ALUMNI EVENTS**

**Class of '91** 20th Reunion 06-18-11  
Contact Kim Sweet, 251-455-2646

**Class of '61** Reunion 06-11-11

**Class of '60** Ladies meet monthly.  
View the website, murphy1960.com,  
for more information.

**Class of '51** will celebrate their 60th  
reunion on 04-02-11 at Oak Hollow  
Farm in Fairhope, AL. Contact Beth  
Cannon Holsonback at  
beth@holsonback.net.

As we approach the end of 2010 and look forward to 2011, we will have a tendency to revisit the past and look to the future. As graduates we are very proud to have attended Murphy High and/or taught there, and we wish to ensure that we continue to have that pride in the future.

The Murphy Alumni Association is dedicated to that ideal, by continuing to maintain the campus. Projects have included assistance with the wrought iron fence, sidewalks, the panther statue, outside lighting, landscaping, trees, fountains, and others. A need always exists.

We also aid student organizations periodically, as well as hosting alumni events. In this issue you will read about our homecoming festivities. YOUR participation is needed to make this Alumni organization successful.

Our primary source of funds for these projects is dues from our members. Please remember to renew your membership in January. Another source of revenue is gifts from classes when they have their reunions. Please keep this in mind and discuss it with your reunion committee.

A memorial gift in honor of deceased members of your class would be an excellent way to honor the past and preserve Murphy for the future. Such a gift will be acknowledged in our newsletter.

Our next Executive Board meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, at 5:30 PM at my office located at 2151 Government St. All members are welcome to attend and your participation and input into all of our activities is needed.

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**HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

The eleventh annual Hall of Fame event is planned for April 2011. Murphy has educated many distinguished alumni who have accomplished and contributed much to their community. Included in the current newsletter is the nomination form for recommending an alum to the Hall of Fame. Forms are due by February 15, 2011. This is a special occasion to honor past Murphy students who have made a profound imprint on the lives of others through their career, service, talents and achievements. It is an opportunity to have fellowship with other alumni and honor a few of the distinguished alums of Murphy High. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

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## Murphy High School Homecoming

The October 14 pre-homecoming game event was a success with excellent service and food by Naman's Catering. The Murphy Alumni Association provided a tailgating tent where about 100 alums and their families enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and drinks and the opportunity to visit before the game. Friends who have not seen one another since graduating were reunited and enjoyed comparing embellished stories about the past. Even more importantly, alumni spanning decades of Murphy High attendance enjoyed comparing stories of past football victories and cheerleader enthusiasm. Merchandise such as T-shirt, caps, seat cushions, and shakers were available for sale. The sale of these items provide funds for alumni projects.

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## CARLEN HOUSE PROJECT

The Alumni Association in conjunction with a non-profit organization is considering acquiring the Carlen House on the north side of the Murphy High School campus. The house traces its history back to the 1860's. After serving as the Carlen farm house, city museum and an art studio for Murphy High School students, the house is currently vacant and is need of major renovation. This project has been under consideration since 2007 and needs alumni involvement. The Alumni Association is attempting to identify any person who might be interested in devoting time and energy to assist or spear-head in the much needed renovation. All alums interested in becoming involved in the Carlen House project are encouraged to attend the next board meeting on January 18, 2011.

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**The Murphy High School DECA Chapter** (an Association of Marketing Students), hosted a charity event for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, Nov. 6th. The evening was a high success with over \$1,100 raised to help send MDA children to summer camp. Models competed for numerous awards, and top awards were given to Miss Angelica Sewer as the Overall winner. Murphy's DECA Chapter has won the Diamond Award as the top contributor to MDA for the last four years in the State of Alabama.

Please email future Alumni Class Events for the newsletter to [www.romonet1@comcast.net](mailto:www.romonet1@comcast.net).

## 2011 Upcoming Events

- January 8** PTSA Campus Beautification Workday  
Time: 8:00 A.M.
- January 15** 5K Panther Pride Run  
Time: 8:30 A.M., Begins at Carlen House & ends in the horseshoe.
- March 17** "Grease" by the Drama & Chorus  
Time TBA
- May 2** MHS Band's Spring Concert  
7:00 P.M., Auditorium

## MURPHY'S JROTC HURLBURT FIELD AIR FORCE BASE DRILL MEET

Murphy's JROTC competed against 12 other schools from Alabama and Florida in the Hurlburt Field Air Force Base drill meet on Saturday, 6 November, 2010 in Fort Walton Beach Florida. Female color guards led by Candace Valrie and Mya Matt won 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. The inspection team lead by Marcella Griffin place second. Drill teams led by Mya Matt and Candace Valrie won first place in unarmed exhibition and second place in unarmed regulation drills. Murphy won first place overall.

## Murphy's Nathan Campbell

17, from Mobile, who is the 2010-11 Alabama Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of America, spoke at our annual Southeast Chairman's Dinner in Atlanta. Nathan shared his story about what his local Club—Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama—means to him. Actress, comedienne and talk show host, Sherri Shepherd, served as the event's emcee.

## MURPHY HIGH DIVER, ROBERT RALEY BREAKS STATE RECORDS

Congratulations to junior, Robert Raley on setting a new AHSAA state record. He won the Men's State Diving Championship on Friday, December 3, 2010 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Raley's score of 520 won him FIRST PLACE and he also broke the state record that was set in 1982. This was Raley's fourth consecutive title making him the first diver to win four consecutive titles in the State of Alabama.

## Access Distance Learning Brought to Murphy High School

With MHS teachers serving as *facilitators*, over 100 Murphy students connect to an Alabama Distance Learning instructor each day, fully reaping the benefits of an *on-line distance learning experience*. For those unfamiliar with ACCESS, *Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, and Students Statewide* (ACCESS) uses online and interactive video conferencing technology to link classrooms and offer coursework, including Advanced Placement and languages, to students in schools where those courses may not be available. ACCESS allows students from any part of the state to learn in a virtual classroom environment. According to State Superintendent Joseph Morton, "ACCESS Distance Learning is revolutionizing education in Alabama. It provides students with opportunities that never existed before and totally removes the barriers of walls and geography that limited students' exposure in the past".

# MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Murphy Hall of Fame Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1 -Activities While At Murphy**

**Student Government/Class Government**

- President (4 points)
- Other Officer (3 points)
- Representative (2 points)
- Committee Member (1 point)

Points Earned				
Year				
9	10	11	12	Total

**Newspaper/Annual School Publication**

- Editor (4 points)
- Manager (3 points)
- Staff (2 points)

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**Musical Organization**

- Band (2 points)
- Choir (2 points)
- Orchestra (2 points)
- Drum Major/Majorette (2 points)
- Receiving Individual Music instruction (2 points)

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**Stage Production**

- Performer (2 points)
- Production Crew (1 point)

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**Academic Teams/Honors**

This would include debate, National Honor Society, academic teams, etc.  
List no more than two (2) per year.


- Officer (2 points)
- Member (1 point)

**Athletic Teams**

Captain or Co-Captain (2 points), Team Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per year, with points earned for each. Do not include club or intramural sports.


**Club Membership**

Clubs authorized and sponsored by the high school. Officer (2 points), Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per year, with points earned for each.


*Please Attach Additional Sheets for Sections 2, 3, and 4.*

**Section 2 - Community Service Activities  
Community Organization Membership**

List Activities And Memberships In Non-Profit Or Other Community Service Organizations.

**Professional Memberships/Activities**

List Membership/Activities In Professional or Career Related Organizations.

**Section 3 — Personal Achievements/Awards**

List the ten (10) most outstanding achievements and awards of the nominee with date and description.

**Section 4 — Essay**

Each person submitting a nomination will be responsible for preparing a one-page essay justifying why his/her choice should be inducted into the Murphy High School Hall of Fame. The purpose of the essay is to provide the judges with a deeper insight into the character and beliefs of the nominee. (Please attach the typewritten essay to this form.)

**Section 5— Certification And Information Form**

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Candidate's Name

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Candidate's Address

City

State Zip

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Candidate's E-Mail Address

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Area Code/Phone Number

Date of Birth

Murphy Class Of

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Nominator Name

Area Code/Phone Number

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Nominator's Address

City

State

Zip

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Nominator's E-Mail Address

***Please remit this form, along with attachments, in its entirety to:***

***Murphy High School Alumni Association  
Post Office Box 66158  
Mobile, Alabama 36660***

# Murphy Alumni Association, Inc.

## Membership Application/Renewal/Gift

(Membership Dues are renewable annually in January)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **2011 YEAR GRADUATE** Receives Newsletter, *FREE*

\_\_\_\_\_ **PANTHER LEVEL** Receives Newsletter, **\$25 INDIVIDUAL** or **\$35 COUPLE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **BLUE LEVEL** Receives Newsletter *AND* MHS Certificate, **\$50 INDIVIDUAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ **GOLD LEVEL** Receives Newsletter *AND* MHS Lapel Pin & Certificate, **\$100 INDIVIDUAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOWER LEVEL** Receives Newsletter *AND* One Memorial Brick, **\$250 INDIVIDUAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: MEMORIAL BRICK. \$45 (2 lines) OR \$50 (3 lines) CHECK IS ENCLOSED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: AUDITORIUM SEAT. \$100 CHECK IS ENCLOSED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to send a GIFT MEMBERSHIP TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE.**

**(I will notify the alumni or friend my gift has been donated. I understand  
the Alumni Association will not notify the person of my gift.)**

For more information contact Becky Pardue, 251-599-7950.

**Forms for bricks or seat inscriptions will be sent to the above address.**

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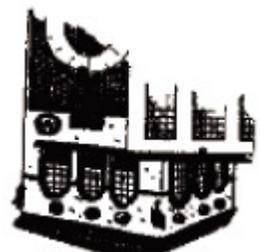
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