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MESSAGE FROM MAA PRESIDENT



Ryan McKee '03

This is the time of year that we reflect, give thanks and make the extra effort to spend time with friends and family. I certainly am thankful for my family and all of the people, places and events that have led me to where I am today. However it is important not only to reflect, but to make sure we keep our eyes and focus pointed ahead. Many of our alumni are still Mobile residents and see the great changes that are taking place in and around our city, and we, the Murphy Alumni Association, want to make sure that Murphy remains a part of that change. Murphy High School has a tradition that rivals not only other high schools in our area, but colleges and universities as well.

It is important for our city that Murphy remains a beacon for public education in Mobile, so how do we ensure that happens? First, and foremost, we must remember that Murphy is and will always be the best public high school. In a recent meeting Murphy's principal, Joe Toomey, reminded us that his desire is for Murphy to be a top tier school not only in our county or state, but in the region and nationally. The transformation he has led over the past 18 months has been incredible and I look forward to what is to come. New Mobile County Public School System

Superintendent, Mr. Chresal Threadgill, also reminded us that any issues which may be present within our schools are the product of adult issues and NOT student issues. Murphy can only have the best and brightest student body if we, the parents of these students, SEND THEM TO MURPHY. I cannot express how much it disturbs me when someone suggests that Murphy is somehow inferior to other schools in our area. I was recently reminded that the only way to stop perception from becoming reality is to change your perception.

As I briefly mentioned in our last newsletter, we are working to make this publication more green. What does this mean? Hopefully, you received an email containing this newsletter in addition to a physical copy mailed to your home address. We are asking those who are willing, to receive the newsletter in electronic format only. Simply send an email to board@murphyalumni.org to request to be removed from the physical mailing list. This not only reduces paper and waste, but allows us to more appropriately allocate the funding graciously given by our Alums.

Finally, I would be remiss not to remind everyone that the Murphy Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and we welcome gifts of all sizes in this time of giving.

Murphy Student-Athletes Honored

Four Murphy High School student-athletes were honored on Wednesday, Sept. 19, for their exemplary character and good sportsmanship. These students received the Alabama High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award, presented by the AHSAA and Alabama Sen. Vivian Figures at a 10:15 a.m. ceremony.

“These student-athletes represent their teams, their school, their families and their community in a way that makes all of us proud,” said AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese. “We are happy to make these presentations and are glad that Sen. Figures will join us in recognizing the students’ great character.”

The Alabama High School Athletic Association, founded in 1921, is a private agency organized by its member schools to control and promote their athletic programs. The purpose of the AHSAA is to regulate, coordinate and promote the interscholastic athletic programs among its member schools, which include public, private and parochial institutions.



Congratulations to Ryan Langhinrichen-Rohling, Charles Kennedy, Sanaz Tafazoli & Isabella Valdivieso, who received Sportsmanship Awards from the Alabama High School Athletic Association. Thanks to Senator Vivian Figures for helping us recognize our students!

This year’s Panther Pride 5K Run/Walk will be on Saturday, January 19th! More information soon to come.



Congratulations to UA Early College student Ja'Kyla Lewis for being selected to be the MCPSS Brigade Cadet Command Sergeant Major!



Raise your hand if you have University of Alabama professors who teach on your campus. Oh wait, it's only Murphy High School! Our GPA for 110 Murphy students taking college classes at Bama last year was 3.578. Take notice parents and grandparents of 8th graders! There's no place like Murphy!

PROJECT STEINWAY BENEFIT GALA PRESENTED



The 2012 Christmas Day tornado severely damaged Murphy's Steinway piano. The Four Arts Club at the school is spearheading the effort to raise \$200,000 for a new Steinway Grand Piano. A benefit gala was presented in the beautiful Murphy auditorium to help fund this project. Those attending enjoyed the music of outstanding piano artists Robert Holm, and Kadisha Onalbayeva, and soprano Shelby Bowling Milgram. The Murphy Four Arts Clubs also entertained with singing and dancing. The ticket of \$25 was a small donation to this large project but there are more opportunities to donate. The school is asking a hundred alumni of each class to donate \$50. When you make a donation, make sure to note your graduating class! Visit www.mhspanthers.com to donate online.



Classes of '88 and '98 celebrated their reunions in September. Daniel Leonard from '88 put in several light posts on campus as part of his Eagle Scout project. Publish your reunion in the newsletter and on the web site.

FORKS & CORKS GALA

The students did an awesome job Friday at the Forks and Corks Gala Competition in Dauphin Island. The students demonstrated leadership, team work, and professionalism. Please acknowledge the efforts of the following students: Beniya Allen, Terri Brown, Daelyn Ford, Jordan Johnson, Malaysia Thornton, Savannah Weaver, Branson White. Thanks everyone for your support of the Culinary Academy.

Kimberly Curtis, Ed.S.
Hospitality and Tourism Teacher



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For more information contact Marion Stille, 251-665-0509.

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