

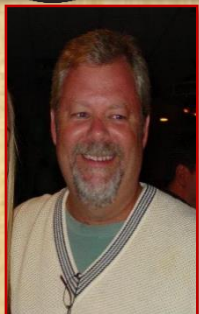


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A Message from Our President



Greetings SHS Alumni!

We have a lot going on at the SHSAA office.

First, we are 2 weeks from celebrating our annual Scholarship Banquet, scheduled for Monday, May 15th. This year, we are providing nearly \$70,000 in scholarships to 68 deserving seniors. We are excited that we have increased the total scholarship amount by over \$4,000 and added 4 new scholarships in the past year. If you are interested in Memorializing a loved one, or a

favorite teacher with a \$1,000 scholarship, please contact either me (richelkins1017@gmail.com) or Cheryl Mead ('80) (cheryl.shsaa@yahoo.com).

Secondly, we have a new Social Chairman. Please help me welcome Darrell Skirvin ('84) to the SHSAA Executive Committee! Darrell and his wife Dawn, have two daughters - Courtney & Payton and a grandson Maverick! Darrell is a business owner in home restoration / home improvements, Skirvin Enterprise.

Finally, we are thrilled to be in the planning stages of our 2nd Annual CARDSTOCK FESTIVAL '17! Like last year we will have three bands - The Knollwood Boys, Scenic Fire and The Woomblies. All three bands have member(s) that are SHS alumni. In addition, we are hosting some of our finest alumni artist in the Cardinal Art Fair. The entire Festival is a Family Friendly event, so bring your kids! We will also have several food trucks at the Festival throughout the day. There will be many, many classmates in attendance to reunite, reminisce and make new memories! CARDSTOCK FESTIVAL '17 will happen on Saturday, August 12th from 11 AM to 11 PM at German Park on South Meridian St, and is only \$5 cover. Mark your calendars for Sat, August 12th and plan to see old friends and enjoy some good art & music at CARDSTOCK FESTIVAL '17!!!

Warmest Regards,
Rich Elkins ('80)
President, SHSAA



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Our resident historian, David Ladd, has been searching the catacombs of SHS and found some interesting bits of history to share.

This is a picture of **Josiah S. Puett** who was the first principal of Southport High School. Puett was principal of SHS from 1891-1905. He owned land from Southport Road up to what is now Banta, and from Shelby street over to what is now Orinoco. He sold off the north part of his farm to Perry Township for the construction of a new high school (presently the PTEC building) and football stadium. The school first opened for the 1930-31 school year, and the stadium construction began in 1936. (The current high school is not on his property).

His home from the 1890s still remains at the corner of Southport Road and Orinoco.





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An aerial
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from 1965

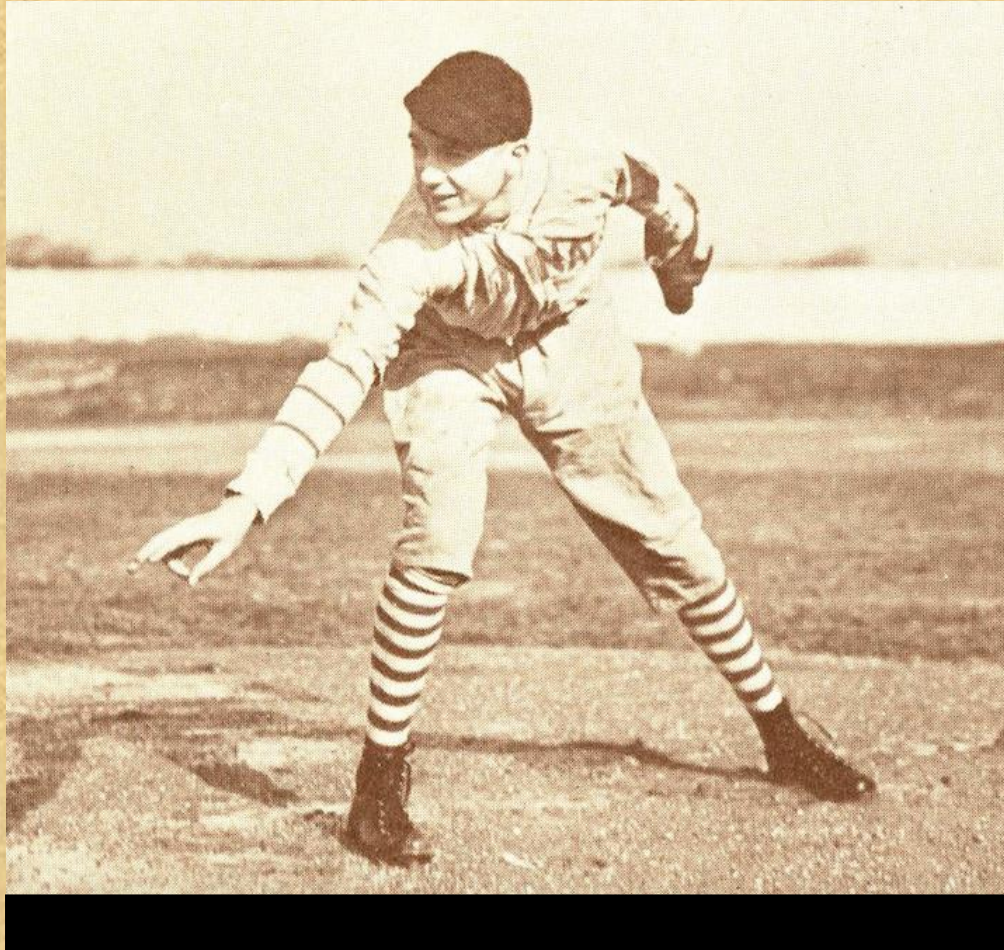


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A baseball
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The 1939 Band performs in the old Southport High School gym.

Featured Cardinal



**Ebony
Deloney**

Class of 2008

Professional Actress

This issue's Featured Cardinal is Ebony Deloney. Ebony is a 2008 graduate from SHS. During her senior year, she served as the senior class president. After graduating, Ebony moved to New York to study at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy where she majored in Musical Theater.

Upon graduating college, Ebony began working with Disney Cruise Lines onboard both classic ships, *The Disney Wonder* and *Disney Magic*. She was a character performer and stage performer in the Walt Disney Theatre and considers herself lucky to have worked with the company for five years.

Her time with Disney afforded her the opportunity to travel the world. Through her work, Ebony has traveled to the Eastern Caribbean, Western Caribbean, Mexican Riviera, Panama Crossing, Mediterranean, and Alaska and was able to visit the amazing ports of call along the way.

In between Disney contracts, Ebony performed as Daisy Dog in a show called *The Ohmies* – a children's interactive yoga musical that ran off Broadway. One of her favorite performances was at the "White House Easter Egg Roll" where she performed with other artists, met athletes, and got to spend the day singing on the great lawn while the Obama family watched the show.

As for now, Ebony is performing mostly in regional theatre - her most recent performance being at the Ocean City Theatre Company (NJ) playing Sister Mary Hubert in the musical *Nunsense*. Some of Ebony's hobbies include: shoe shopping, attending Broadway shows, cycling, hanging with friends, traveling, and keeping in touch with friends and family back in Indianapolis. As a professional actress, Ebony loves sharing her passion with others through song and dance. She is now turning her focus to film and television with hopes of moving to L.A. to break into the Hollywood scene.

*** If you know of any cardinal alumni that would be good candidates for the "Featured Cardinal" section of our newsletter, please send suggestions to Brent at bbockelman@perryschools.org



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-- Around the Building --



The Cybercards were selected to be in the top alliance and went all the way to the state competition. Unfortunately, the team did not win but did bring home beautiful red medals. In addition to the strong performance, the team also won the Industrial Design award sponsored by GMC for the design of our robot. These are both awesome accomplishments for our team!



Southport High School junior Andrew Tapp spoke in front of the Indiana House Education Committee on Tuesday, February 14th in support of HB 1130, a bill that would broaden press freedom for student journalists. Since November, Andrew has served on the student planning committee for the bill. Andrew is the news editor of Southport's student newspaper, The Journal.



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Mark Your Calendars

Cardstock 2017 is in the planning stages! Tentatively, SHSAA is working to host our second annual *Cardstock* on Saturday, August 12th.

The event will take place at German Park. Live music, food, and beverage will all be available.

We will update you with more details as they come in!



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Please consider signing up for the SHS Alumni Association Golf Outing. The date is July 17th and the event will be held at the Legends Golf Club in Franklin. You can register by using the link below.

https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=126907

This event helps generate the money the Alumni Association will use to put together the scholarships that benefit our students. So find a foursome and enjoy some golf to help the association continue to help our students.



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THE JOURNAL

Curious what's happening around the building? Check out the links below to stay in the loop. These articles were written by current SHS students and appeared in *The Journal*.

-Here's a great story covering "The Rock"-

<http://thejournalrewired.com/8949/news/painting-tradition-continues-to-rock-rivalry/>

-Mr. Schott says goodbye to SHS-

<http://thejournalrewired.com/8945/news/i-wont-be-too-far-away/>

-Some details regarding this year's scholarship recipients-

<http://thejournalrewired.com/8941/news/alumni-give-66000/>

-An inspirational story highlighting SHS students and their uplifting new program-

<http://thejournalrewired.com/9000/sports/unified-track-combines-heart-and-running/>

-SHS students raise over 50 thousand dollars for Riley Children's Hospital-

<http://thejournalrewired.com/8999/entertainment/dancing-to-the-rescue/>



Your SHSAA Executive Team:

(left to right) Rich Elkins, Ken Raasch, Ruth Mercer, Daryl Skirvin, Mike Zinser, Brent Bockelman,
Steve Hussey, Dave Ladd

Interested in getting involved? Contact:

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Brent Bockelman – Vice President (bbockelman@perryschools.org)