



# Southport High School

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## A Message from Our President, Brent Bockelman



Cardinal Nation,

This past July, I took over as President of the Southport High School Alumni Association. I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank past president, Rich Elkins. I served as Rich's vice president during his tenure as president. Rich was an incredible leader and his dedication was inspiring and integral to the growth of the association. Under Rich's leadership, I witnessed first-hand the expansion of the scholarship program and the continued development of various social events held throughout the calendar year. We have a great team in place and I am eager to be at the helm and look forward to helping the association grow and improve in years to come. This is a particularly exciting time for me. Last May, our scholarship program topped the one million dollar mark in total scholarships given since our inception nearly thirty years ago.

With current restrictions in place due to the pandemic, we are unable to host our annual Homecoming Tailgate and other social functions are on hold for the time being. That being said, our goal is to continue to build our scholarship program and we are currently putting together a business directory of Southport graduate-owned businesses.  
(See details later in this letter)

Go Cards,  
Brent Bockelman (2001)



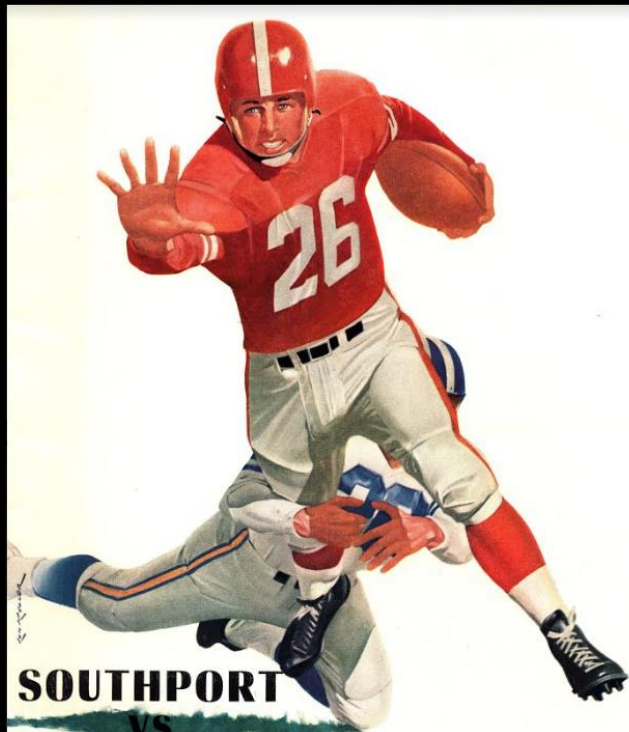


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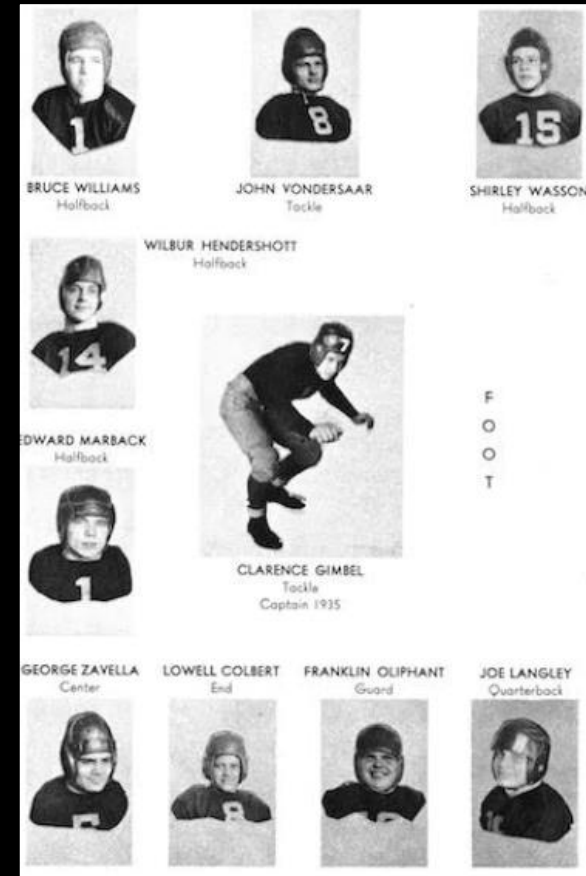
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Our resident historian, David Ladd, has searched the catacombs to provide a look into past fall events.



**SOUTHPORT  
VS  
COLUMBUS**  
OCTOBER 20, 1954



## 1954 Football Program and Players





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Lynn Browning

Carol Glass

Vivian Zike

Susie Long

Jayne Thompson

## 1965-1966 Cheerleaders



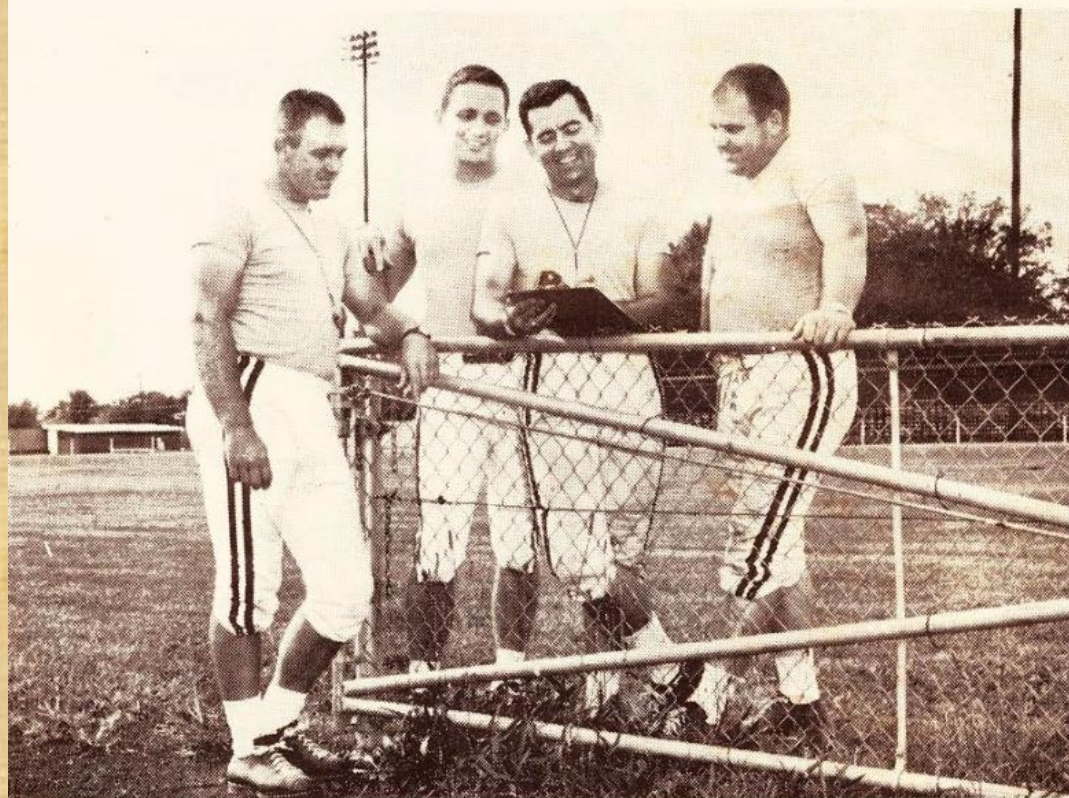


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## SOUTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES



JOHN DWENGER  
Assistant Coach

CHARLES STEVENS  
Assistant Coach

CHARLES ROBBINS  
Head Coach

MARVIN HAWKINS  
Assistant Coach

# 1965-1966 Football Coaches





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## Athletic Council – 1965-1966

### SOUTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COUNCIL



**ALBERT  
THEIL**  
Principal



**ROGER  
RATLIFF**  
Athletic Director



**CARL "Blackie"  
BRADEN**  
Basketball



**CHARLES  
ROBBINS**  
Football



**CHAUNCEY  
McDANIEL**  
Wrestling



**RICHARD  
THEIL**  
Baseball



**RICHARD  
BRUNOEHLER**  
Swimming



**TOM HATHAWAY**  
Track and  
Cross-Country



**EVERETT  
SWANK**  
Tennis



**CARL  
FOWLER**  
Golf





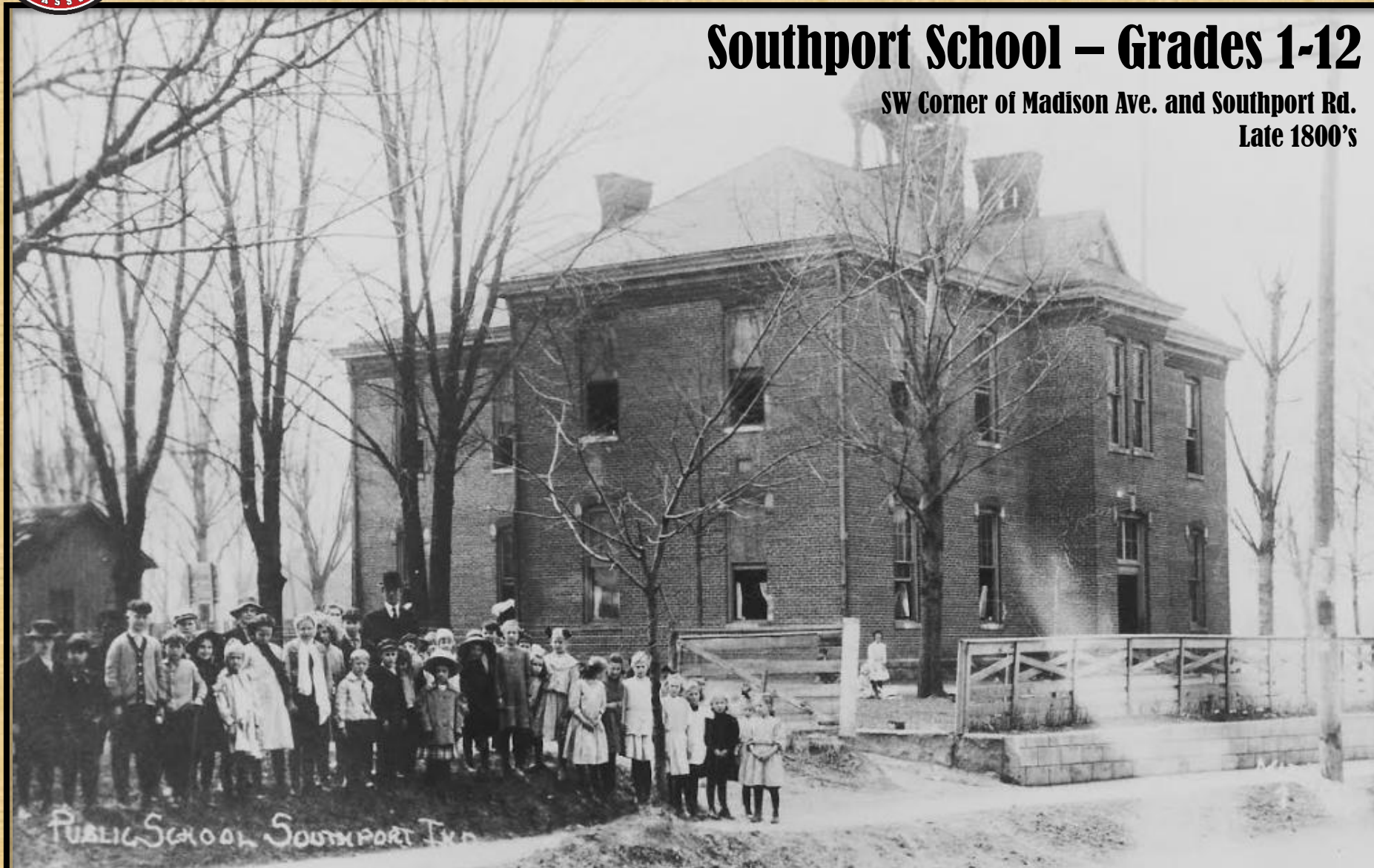
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## Southport School – Grades 1-12

SW Corner of Madison Ave. and Southport Rd.  
Late 1800's







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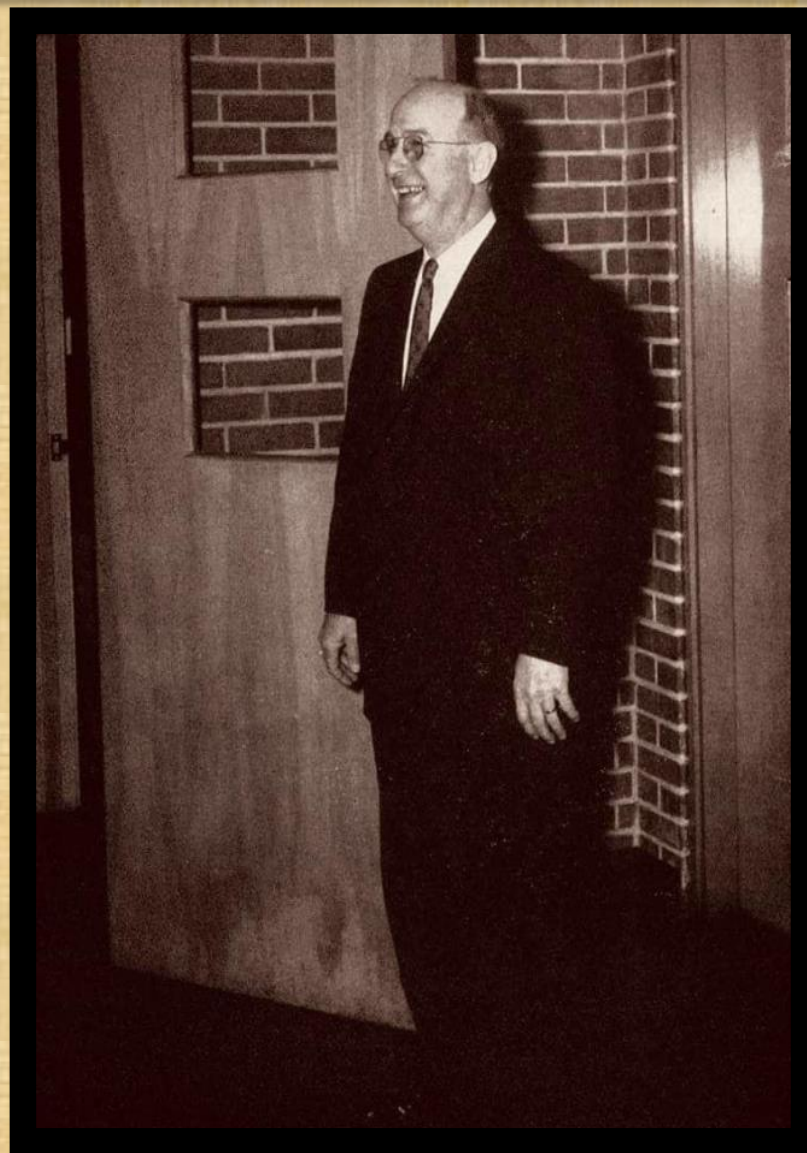
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## Principal Calvin Leedy 1939-1962



C. CALVIN LEEDY  
*Principal*





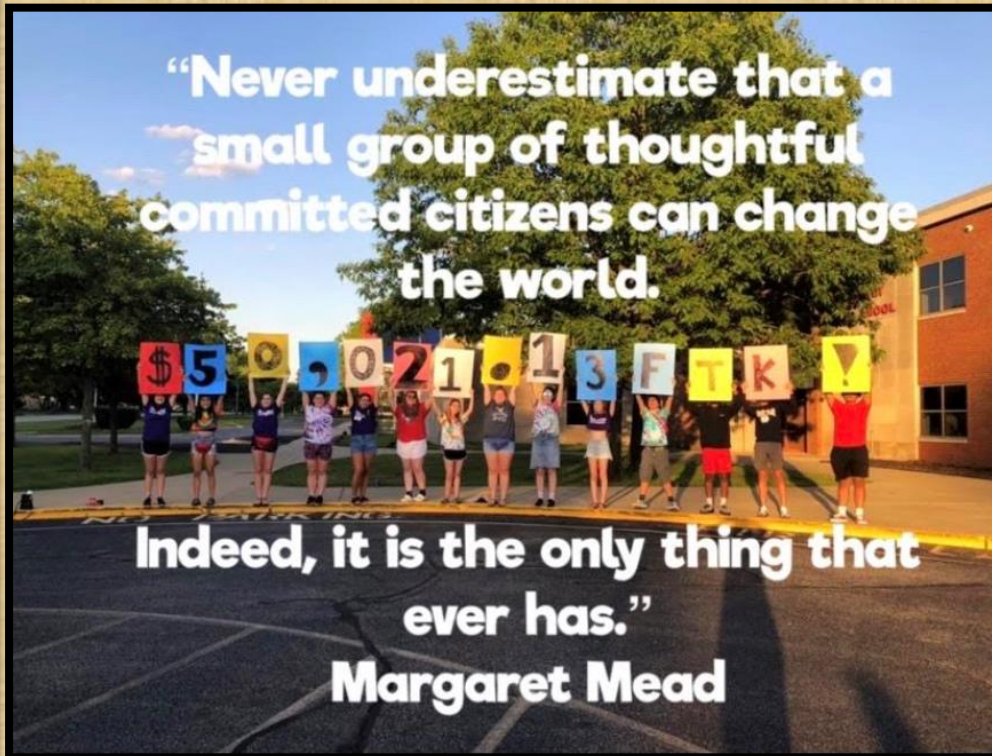


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## -- Around the Building --



### *Students Raise Over 50K for RDM*

In April, the SHS student-led Riley Dance Marathon Committee managed to host a virtual dance marathon in which they raised over fifty thousand dollars to donate to Riley Children's Hospital. Each year, SHS ranks among the top in the nation in fundraising and the student body did not disappoint this year. With all the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, the student committee was still able to put together a fundraiser on a moment's notice. While they may have fallen just short of their goal, their dedication and work ethic are truly inspiring. Congratulations to the students at SHS on a successful campaign.



# Featured Cardinal



**Casey Smith**  
Class of 2014

Reporter for the  
Associated Press

This issue's featured Cardinal is Casey Smith ('14). After graduation, Casey studied journalism at Ball State University. She continued her studies at UC Berkeley where she focused on narrative science and investigative reporting. Throughout her college and post-college careers, Casey has been deeply involved in journalism. From serving as a college correspondent for *USA Today* to interning as an editorial intern at *National Geographic*, Casey has proven herself a journalist of high regard.

Casey has worked with the *Indy Star* where she covered stories across Indianapolis and the Hoosier State as a Pulliam Fellow. She is currently a member of the 2020 Report for America corps where she has covered the Indiana Statehouse for The Associated Press. Report for America is a national service program that places journalists into local newsrooms to report on under-covered issues and communities. An initiative of the nonprofit media organization, The GroundTruth Project, it is structured to harness the skills and idealism of an emerging group of journalists plus the creative spirit of local news organizations.

Currently, Casey is a Statehouse reporter for the Associated Press where she serves as a watchdog reporter covering elections, with focuses on the state attorney general's race and on U.S. House District 5. During the legislative session, Casey's reporting centers around K-12 funding and the effects of state policies on local districts. Casey also plans to give back to her Southport community. She will be running investigative reporting workshops with students of the current SHS *Journal* staff.

For a look at one of Casey's article that appeared in *The New York Times*, [CLICK HERE](#)

\*\*\* 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](mailto:bbockelman@perryschools.org)





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## Alumni-Owned Business Call Out

Wanting to support their fellow alumni, we often receive inquiries from past graduates regarding businesses owned by Southport Grads. In hopes of establishing a Southport Business Directory, we are asking for your help. If you are a Southport graduate and business owner, (or if you know someone who is), please send the following information to Brent Bockelman at [bbockelman@perryschools.org](mailto:bbockelman@perryschools.org). We will use this information to create a business directory to be shared with our alumni base.

### Include the following information:

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|--|--------------------|
| * Business Name                          | * Business Address |
| * Business Phone                         | * Business Email   |
| * Owner's Name and<br>Year of Graduation | * Web Address      |

## Alumni Bulletin



## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you have an interesting story or update you would like to share on our "Alumni Bulletin" feature? If so, send your info and graduating year to our president, Brent Bockelman at [bbockelman@perryschools.org](mailto:bbockelman@perryschools.org).





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## 2000 Grad Runs Horse in 146 Running of Kentucky Derby



Kaz Ishida/Eclipse Sportswire



Anyone watching the Kentucky Derby this year may have heard a familiar name in the broadcast. 2000 graduate, Ryan Exline, and his team (Exline-Border Racing) ran their horse, *Storm the Court* in this year's race. *Storm the Court* finished 6<sup>th</sup> in its race.





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## Welcome new Board Member

At this year's annual meeting, John Radomski ('09) was voted In as our most recent addition to the board. He joins a hardworking group and we look forward to working together.



### Board Members

David Ladd ('70)

Barry Browning ('70)

Dick Chew ('71)

Cheryl Mead ('80)

Sara Harrell ('70)

Chelsea Hoffman ('11)

John Radomski ('09)

Phil Ohlrogge ('64)

Bria Wright ('13)

### Executive Team

**President:** Brent Bockelman ('01)

**Vice President:** Mike Zinser ('01)

**Secretary:** Dick Pappa ('70)

**Treasurer:** Greg Schmalfeldt ('79)

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