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Our resident historian, David Ladd, has provided some modern aerial views of the Southport campus.







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Please join us for Ray & Cindy Bertram's Southport High School Alumni Golf Outing! The event will take place July 14th (Tuesday) at the Legends Golf Club in Franklin, Indiana.

To register online, visit <http://getmeregistered.com/SouthportAlumniGolf>.

What: Ray & Cindy Bertram's SHS Alumni Golf Outing
When: July 14, 2019 (TUESDAY). Shotgun start 12:00.
Where: Legends Golf Club in Franklin, IN

As many of you already know, the SHS Alumni Association will use the proceeds raised by this event to offer graduating SHS seniors scholarships to help with college expenses. If you are unable to attend, please consider a sponsorship for the golf outing. We have a number of dollar levels for participation. Please contact Joe Mercer at joseph_mercer@ml.com if you would like to contribute.



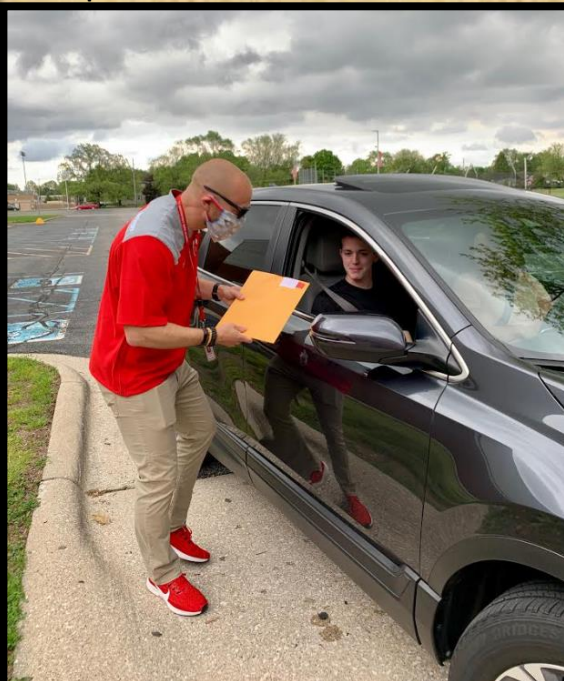
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SHSAA Scholarships Top The Million Dollar Mark

Since our inception, nearly thirty years ago, SHSAA has been working with alumni to help give scholarships to graduating seniors to help offset the costs of going to college. This year, the scholarships surpassed one million dollars in total since our inception. Without the generosity of our alumni donors, breaking one million dollars in scholarships simply wouldn't be possible. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to host our annual banquet honoring those seniors. However, they were able to pick up their scholarships at our "drive-by" banquet.



Principal Brian Knight and Joshua Gritt



Scholarship Chair Ruth Mercer and Jeremy Biggerstaff



Asst. Principal Amy Boone and Jade Germann



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2020 Southport High School Alumnus of the Year



Jay Danner is a 1970 graduate of Southport High School. While at Southport, Jay was a member of the golf team, earning MVP honors his senior year. He went on to study at Indiana University and graduated from the IU School of Business.

Danner's family owned Danner's, Inc. on the southside for many years, where he was in charge of much of its operations until all of the stores closed in 1990. In 1995, Jay went on to start a new business, Classic Golf Gifts, where he is still partially active.

Danner has been an active member of Sertoma for many years, serving as president in 1984 and later named Distinguished Governor of the Central Indiana District. Still a southside resident, Danner's ties remain strong. His wife Deb (Catt) Danner graduated from SHS in 1973. His three children are also SHS grads: Ben '95; Angie '97; and Jeff '01.

In addition, Danner has been very active in the Southport High School Alumni Association for many years. He was responsible for creating alumni social events and for initiating several scholarships. During his tenure as president from 2011 to 2016, SHSAA membership increased by 50%.

Jay Danner

Class of 1970



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Donation Opportunity with Indiana SRN



Did you know **60%** of the
Indiana Sports Radio Network's
listening audience is comprised
of Southport High School
graduates?

Indiana SRN is preparing to begin its 7th year of a partnership with Southport and needs your help.

In light of these unprecedented times, they are looking to SECURE additional advertising sponsorships to help underwrite the Radio-TV worldwide internet broadcasts in addition to assisting the Athletics Department to offset what is anticipated to be a lean budget year.

Sponsorships begin at \$500 (10 football games) beginning August 21 when the Cardinals take on Roncalli.

For more information, please contact Steve McClure (class of '63) at srmcclure@aol.com or visit indianasrn.org



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Teacher Awarded \$50,000 for Exemplar Work



Amazon awards Indianapolis computer science teacher Mark Snodgrass and his school, Southport High School, a prize package valued at over \$50,000 for exemplar work with students.

Mark Snodgrass is one of ten award recipients chosen among thousands of eligible teachers from across the U.S., recognized for going above and beyond to inspire his students to build skills in computer science and to promote diversity and inclusion in the field.

Amazon Future Engineer is a four-part childhood-to-career program intended to inspire, educate and prepare children

and young adults from underrepresented and underserved communities to try computer science.

To read the full article, [click here](#)

Dan Jones Named Perry Township Teacher of the Year



On Monday, May 4, 2020, Perry Township Schools announced Southport High teacher Dan Jones is the district's 2020 Teacher of the Year. Superintendent Pat Mapes, along with several administrators, surprised Mr. Jones with the award during a visit to his home.

Mr. Jones — an AP Human Geography teacher, coach, and mentor teacher — was nominated by his colleagues for his dedication to his students and the school. He works closely with his students, supporting each one to be successful. Mr. Jones continually updates his lesson plans and methods of teaching, which allows him to get away from lecturing and to put the work in the students' hands through innovative techniques. He also brings current research to students as part of his lessons, and because of this effort, his students consistently outperform both state and national averages on the AP exam. As a mentor teacher, Mr. Jones initiates and participates in professional development with his colleagues. He pushes their thinking and encourages them to incorporate new techniques into their instruction. He also has an open-door policy, which allows teachers to observe his methods and provide feedback on his processes.

Mr. Jones is also a 2001 graduate from Southport High School.