



Southport High School

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A Message from Our President, Brent Bockelman

Spring, 2021



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The SHS Alumni Association has been hard at work. The scholarship team has been working diligently to finalize donation collections, select scholarship recipients, and plan the upcoming scholarship awards ceremony set for May 24th. I would like to thank Jane Fletcher, Tara Schott, Cheryl Mead and their incredible team for their tireless efforts in making this year's ceremony a possibility. Thanks to their hard work, we will be handing out over \$80,000 in scholarships to 70 seniors. Thanks to all our patrons, donors, and volunteers who helped to make this prestigious event possible.

Southport High School has selected this year's alumnus of the year, Dr. Randall Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell embodies the motto of the association, "learn, earn, and return." Be sure to check out our spotlight on Dr. Caldwell's illustrious career.

As summer approaches, the Association is working on aiding classes with reunions and we are working to craft a "how to" guide for reunion organizers. We are also starting to plan for social events again. We are hoping to strike a partnership with some of our locally-owned SHS businesses and have started the first of two semi-annual voluntary membership drives to help us create these events for little to no cost to our alumni. I am excited to see where this year takes us.

-- Brent Bockelman ('01)



Semi-Annual Membership Drive Info

The Southport High School Alumni Association has provided more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships to deserving Southport Students since its inception. Every dollar we have collected in the name of scholarships has gone to scholarships. No administrative costs or fees have been taken for anything.

The scholarship program is the hallmark of our association. However, we also conduct other activity on behalf of our alumni. We maintain a rich history archive, filled with Southport memorabilia. Each year, we host several social gatherings such as tailgates and all-class reunions at little to no cost for members. There is a yearly Alumnus of the Year “Legends Luncheon” in the fall. We oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the Southport alumni website as well as our newly-added business directory that showcases business owned and operated by graduates of Southport High School. In addition, we also work to distribute quarterly newsletters online to keep the membership informed of what is happening with the association.

All of this activity is carried out by our selfless volunteers. While we are forever grateful and indebted to our scholarship donors, we still have expenses to maintain and grow our work on behalf of Southport High School. We are writing to ask you to please consider making a contribution to our voluntary membership dues fund. Your contribution to our membership fund will help us to maintain and build on our service to the alumni community. Any amount, large or small, is integral for our continued success and we are grateful for it.

If you are willing to contribute, please visit our online donation portal at:

<https://southportalumni.com/donate/>



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

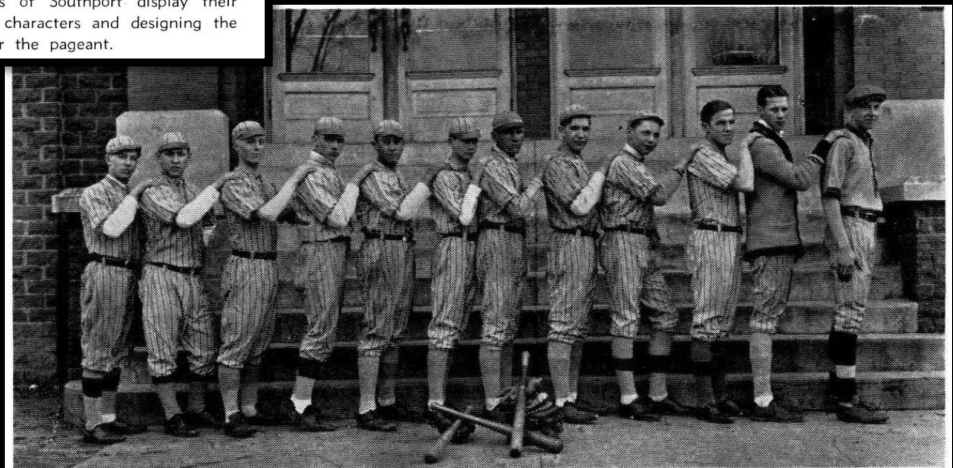


Each year on Easter Sunday various churches of the community unite for a combined Easter Sunrise Service, the theme of which is "The Resurrection."

The musical portion of the program is presented by adults, students, and children who compose a combined choir. They represent the schools and the churches of the community.

Responsible for the outstanding Sunrise Service were Miss Blanche Penrod, Chairman, and her many committees. Also, the pupils of Southport display their talent by portraying the characters and designing the impressive background for the pageant.

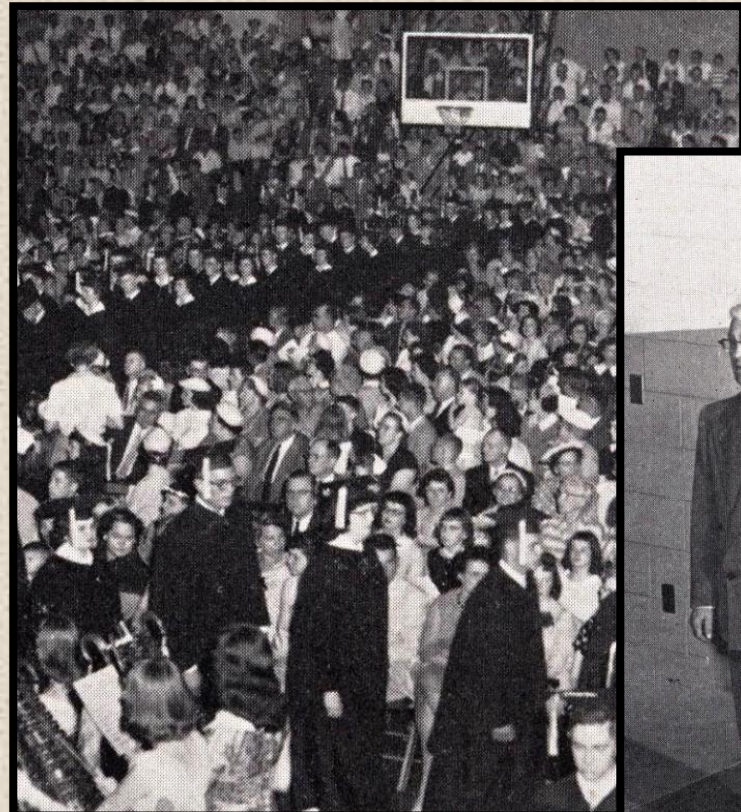
1959 Easter Sunrise Service



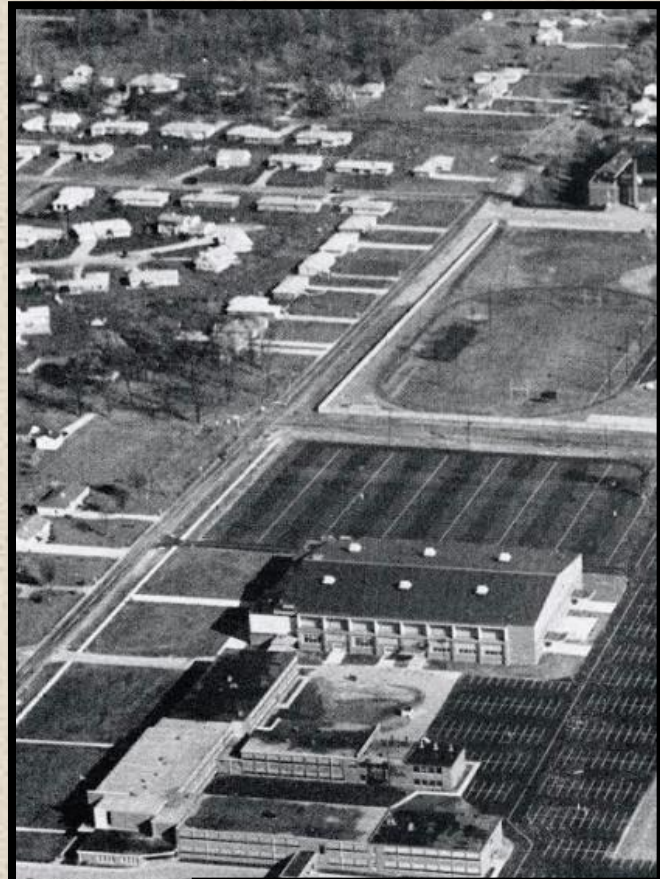
SHS Baseball Team 1925

Left to Right—Shelly, Cline, Williamson, Green, Davis, Engle, Richards, Fox, Stenger, Fishback, Spees, Hildebrand.

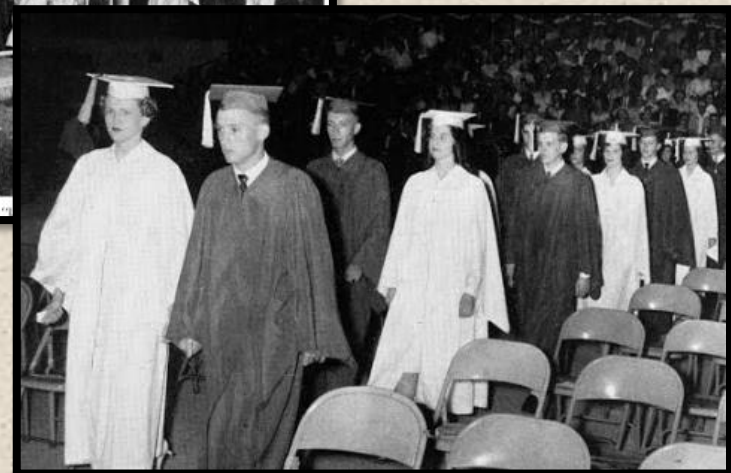
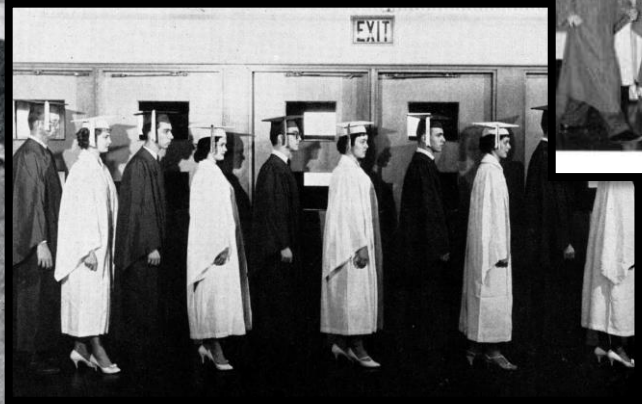
Last Class to Graduate from the Old School - 1958



First Graduating Class from the New School - 1959



Mortar boards are the thrill of the moment.





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-- Around the Building --



SHS DANCE TEAM COMPETES IN NATIONALS

On Saturday, April 10th, the SHS Dance Team competed in the SCAU National Tournament which included high school and studio teams from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Collectively, the team finished with an Ultimate Star ranking with performances ranking 7th in Jazz, 4th in Open, and 6th in Hip Hop.

The duet of La'Quera Williams and Molly Maynard took 1st place!





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THE JOURNAL

Elizabeth
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Editor-In-Chief



Check out these links to the current issue of the SHS Journal

Behind the Scenes-- [CLICK HERE for the full story](#)

This story details the changes made in SPTV since its start in 1991. Juniors Cecelia Craig and Izzy Dyer have used SPTV as their creative outlet and have created new introductions and segments this year.



Varsity Softball-- [CLICK HERE for the full story](#)

This photo gallery highlights the girls softball team who won 8-3 on April 12. The team has been busy with 28 regular season games, which is a larger amount of games than previous years.



Too Much to Handle-- [CLICK HERE for the full story](#)

To read more about sports teams like girls softball who have had to deal with games, practices, and the four day in-person school schedule, check out this story.



Rise to Fame-- [CLICK HERE for the full story](#)

Want to know more about a recent SHS graduate? Jason Weaver graduated four years ago, and he now writes and produces songs that can be found on Spotify and Apple Music.





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Classes of 1970 & 1971 Reunion Info



Date(s): Saturday, Oct 2 2021 (w/ additional events on 9/29-10/3)

Location: Primo Banquet Center, 2615 National Ave, Indpls

Cost: estimated \$50

Contact: for updated information, visit shs1970.com

Class of 1966 Reunion Info



Date(s): Thursday, September 30th, 2021 – 12:30-5:00

Location: German Park 8600 S Meridian St., Indpls

Cost: \$35

Contact: Charles Cantrell [chcantre@gmail.com]

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 brentbockelman@yahoo.com



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Updates from the Southport Football Program



Meet the New Head Coach, Alex Bettag

Coach Bettag is a 2008 graduate of Heritage Hills High School. After high school, he attended Indiana State University where he played inside linebacker and was captain of the special teams unit. After college, Coach Bettag began his coaching career at Terre Haute North High School, where he served as defensive coordinator for the 2012-2020 seasons before taking the head coaching job at Southport this year. Coach Bettag met his wife, Jodie, while in college and they married in 2015. Together, they have two children: Payton (age 5) and Tate (age 2). On this new opportunity, Coach said they are “excited to be in Indy, this has been an amazing experience in our short time here and I’m excited to get things rolling.” Welcome Coach Bettag.



Southport Football Golf Outing

Info:

Date: June 11th

Time: Registration @ 8:00, shotgun start @ 9:00

Location: Smock Golf Course

Cost: \$400 per foursome

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



Old Jerseys for Sale

Interested in getting your hands on your old jersey? Contact Coach Bettag at abettag@perryschools.org to see the jersey inventory

Featured Cardinal



Dr. Randall Caldwell
Class of 1964

Pediatrician/Professor

This issue's *Featured Cardinal* is Dr. Randall Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell was this year's Southport High School Alumnus of the Year. An expert in the field of Pediatrics, Dr. Randall Caldwell built his career on the foundation of being a servant leader.

Dr. Caldwell, a 1964 graduate of Southport High School, had three brothers who attended Southport as well: Jerry ('65), Jim ('69), and Rick ('74). After graduation, Dr. Caldwell earned his BA in Chemistry from IU Bloomington 1967 and his MD from the IU School of Medicine in 1971. Professionally, Dr. Caldwell completed pediatric residency at Riley Children's Hospital from 1971-1973. He served in active duty in the US Naval Medical Corp from 1973-1975, being stationed at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and the US Naval Aerospace Medical Institute in Pensacola, FL. He served as an US Naval Reserve from 1967-2008.

Dr. Caldwell then moved to a faculty position at IUSM in the Pediatric department and the Division of Pediatric Cardiology. Dr. Caldwell was professor of pediatric Cardiology from July of 1978 to January of 2021. He was chief of the division of pediatric cardiology. As Medical Director, Dr. Caldwell established the Pediatric Heart Transplant Program at Riley Children's Hospital in 1988. Under his direction, the Riley Children's Hospital at IU Health was ranked 5th in the nation by US News and World in 2020. Dr. Caldwell also served as President of the IU Health Academic Health Center.

In addition to his professional life, Dr. Caldwell strives to give back through his personal life. He served as an elder at Castlevew Baptist Church and has been Chairman of the Elder Board at Brookville Community Church from 2019 to present. Dr. Caldwell serves on the board for Samantha's House, a philanthropic organization that renovates homes for children with disabilities. He is also a board member of the Yeshua society, an organization that helps individuals in breaking addictions and returning to society.

Through all his professional and personal success, Dr. Caldwell credits his wife, Sherry Caldwell, for making "everything possible." Together, Dr. Caldwell and his wife of 53 years have five children and eleven grandchildren living in five different states. In his recent retirement, Dr. Caldwell looks forward to traveling and spending time with his family.



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Thanks to our generous donors, the SHSAA was able to hand out **\$80,375** in scholarships to **70** deserving seniors. With this year's awards included, we have now been able to give \$1,143,887 to 1,444 students in total since our inception in 1991. Congratulations to all the deserving seniors!



Interested in funding or starting a scholarship of your own? Contact Cheryl Mead for more details.

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Please join us for Ray & Cindy Bertram's Southport High School Alumni Golf Outing! The event will take place July 13th (Tuesday) at the Legends Golf Club in Franklin, Indiana.

Save the Date!



What: Ray & Cindy Bertram's SHS Alumni Golf Outing
When: July 13th, 2021 (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.

Registration information coming soon!



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