



Southport High School

Alumni
Association

A Message from Our President, Brent Bockelman

Summer, 2022



Fellow Cardinals,

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It has been a busy few months for the association. On Monday, May 23rd, we held our annual scholarship awards banquet. This year, we were able to hand out over 94 thousand dollars in scholarships to 79 different seniors. This brings our total to over 1.2 million dollars since our inception. We simply couldn't host an event of this magnitude without the selfless generosity of our donors and the hard work of the many volunteers who put in time throughout the year to make this possible. Special thanks go out to our volunteers and donors.

As the summer moves on, we are continuing to work and plan for you. We will be hosting several social events for our alumni base. On July 12th, we will be hosting our annual golf outing (registration information can be found in this newsletter). We are also working on putting together our annual homecoming tailgate (September 16) and trying to put together an "All-Class" reunion for Saturday, September 17th (more details to come in the fall newsletter)

SHSAA would also like to congratulate Kelly Sawyers. Kelly has been named the SHS alumna of the year by Southport High School. You can see a write-up of her in our "Featured Cardinal" section. Congrats, Kelly.

Go Cards!

-Brent Bockelman ('01)



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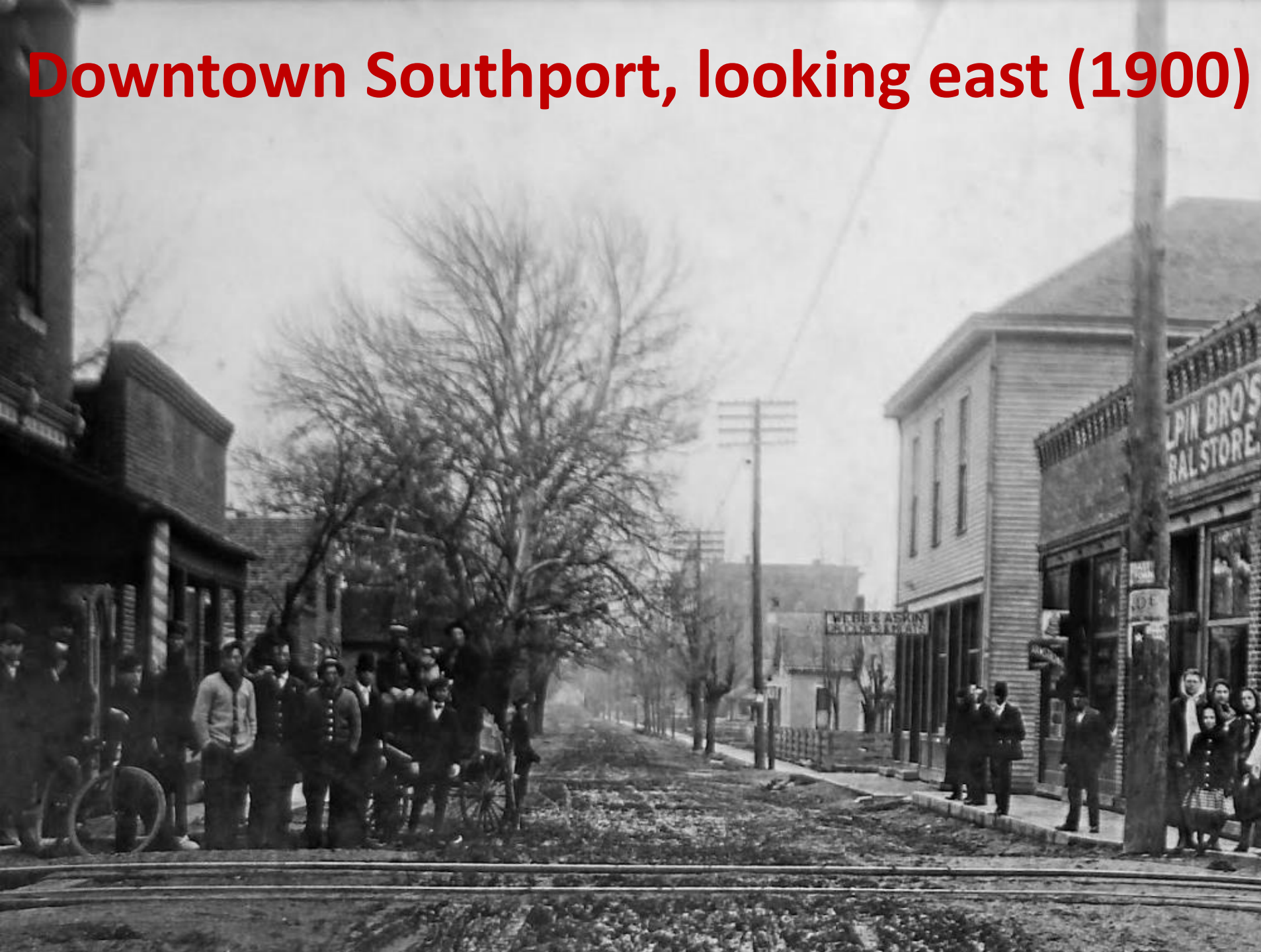
Our resident historian, David Ladd, has been searching the catacombs of SHS and found some interesting bits of history to share.

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Construction of Roosevelt Stadium, funded by the Works Progress Administration (1930s)

Downtown Southport, looking east (1900)





Bright flashing neon lights and pollution-causing bumper-to-bumper traffic fill busy Madison Avenue today, but back in 1911 a drive along Madison was a rural excursion. Behind these students and teachers, posing on the lawn of the first Southport High School,

Madison Avenue rambles northward (toward the right of the picture) across Union Street and an old bridge. Township Trustee Ben Morgan is seated on the right, and J. S. Pruett, the teacher, is the man with the mustache on the far left.



**SHS Baseball – inside Roosevelt Stadium
(1950s)**

Take a look at some pics from our scholarship banquet from May 23rd.



SAVE THE DATE: HOMECOMING TAILGATE & ALL CLASS REUNION

SHSAA will once again host our annual Homecoming tailgate. We also plan on adding an “All Class Reunion” the Saturday after Homecoming. Be sure to check our fall newsletter for more details for these events

Homecoming Tailgate: Friday, 9/16

All Class Reunion – Saturday 9/17



Homecoming, 9/16



All Class Reunion, 9/17

Changing of the Guard

SHSAA would like to take a moment to thank two individuals who have given countless hours of time and devotion to the association. Dick Poppa and Cheryl Mead will be stepping away from their positions and we'll be welcoming Marsha Hanley, Jack Williams, and Ashley Quinlin in their places



Dick Poppa

Dick Poppa served as both secretary and as a board member for SHSAA. Dick was the key figure in drafting the bylaws of the association. He was also integral in establishing proper governance protocol for the association. His work has been paramount to our continued success. Marsha Hanley ('69) will be stepping in for Dick. Thank you, Dick and welcome, Marsha!



Cheryl Mead

Cheryl Mead started working with SHSAA in 2011. After demonstrating a knack for organization and maintaining a keen attention to detail, Cheryl was quickly enlisted to take over as the Scholarship Chair of the association. As chair, Cheryl oversaw the collection, maintenance, and distribution of scholarship funds. Her efforts have been tireless and exhaustive. During Cheryl's tenure, our yearly scholarship total has nearly doubled. To put it simply, without her dedication and work ethic, we wouldn't be where we are today. Cheryl will be greatly missed. Taking her place are two eager and hardworking individuals, Ashley Quinlin and Jack Williams. Welcome Jack and Ashley, and thank you, Cheryl!



Jack Williams



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THE JOURNAL

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

A Journal Love Story – [CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

Check out this heart-warming story about our adviser Mike Klopfenstein and his wife who met while teaching at SHS. It goes along with our issue 8 centerfold about how the Journal has impacted the community around us.



Behind the Art – [CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

The art show is something that our district looks forward to each year! Make sure to check out this story to discover the meaning behind some of the art from our SHS students.



Recipe: BLTA Sandwich – [CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

Make sure to try this refreshing recipe this summer! Made by next year's Editor-in-Chief, Grace Elder.



Q&A with New Strength and Conditioning Coach, Koby Kraemer -- [CLICK HERE](#) for story

With the end of a school year, comes new beginnings. Make sure to watch this video Q&A about our new strength and conditioning coach.



Ray & Cindy Bertram's Southport Alumni Golf Outing

When: Tuesday, July 12th
Shotgun start at 12:00 p.m.

Where: The Legends Golf Club
2555 Hurricane Road
Franklin, IN 46131

Cost: \$95 for a single
\$380 for a foursome

*price includes dinner

We also have a variety of sponsorships available.

All proceeds from the event will go to provide scholarships for SHS graduating seniors.

Please contact Joe Mercer:
josephamercer2001@yahoo.com
for more information.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



*The Legends
Golf Club*

**SAVE
THE DATE
(7/12)**



Featured Cardinal



Kelly Sawyers
Class of 1983

Owner of *The Southsider Voice*

This issue's featured cardinal is Kelly Sawyers. Kelly is the alumna of the year for 2022. A Southport graduate of 1983, Kelly Sawyers has dedicated both her professional and personal life to service within the community.

After graduating from Southport, Kelly went on to become the owner and operator of the local newspaper, *The Southsider Voice*. In a time when access to print media is waning, Kelly has managed to keep her work relevant, reliable, and free to her readers. As the area's primary independently-owned newspaper, *The Voice* has become a staple on the Southside of Indianapolis.

Not only does Kelly serve the Perry Township area professionally, she is also philanthropic in a personal capacity. She serves as a key figure in the Feed the Streets initiative, a food pantry dedicated to feeding the families of Southport Alumni and their families in need. She is a member of the Keenan Stahl Boys and Girls Club and is an active advocate for the homeless population in Perry Township, regularly providing hats, coats, and gloves to those who need them. Kelly Sawyers is truly invested both professionally and personally in the betterment of the area and the Southport Community.

In her personal life, Kelly also enjoys spending time with her family, namely her two sons, both of attended Southport, and their families.

SHS Names Julie Breeden Teacher of the Year



Julie Breeden is an Indianapolis native and a Southport High School alumna. She is, in fact, a product of the Perry Township School System. A high school graduate of 1983, Julie continued her education at IUPUI to earn her degree in Education and became a first generation college graduate within her family. While she started her professional journey in education at Scecina Memorial High School, Julie soon returned to her alma mater, Southport, in 2001.

In her work as a teacher, Julie routinely demonstrates that she can inspire students of all levels and backgrounds, be they English language learners, honors students, or those in need of remediation. At Southport, Julie teaches one of the most rigorous and challenging courses for students, Dual Credit English, as an adjunct instructor of Indiana

University. She is also an adjunct instructor at the University of Indianapolis, where she

teaches 100 level English courses.

Julie's involvement goes beyond the classroom. She has sponsored numerous clubs and extracurricular activities such as key club, academic decathlon, academic super bowl, and has served as the announcer for the girls' basketball program. She also serves as the Perry Education Association building representative and was a board member for the Perry Education Foundation from 2008-2018.

At the heart of her instruction is inspiring students to become active, lifelong learners. This is an ideal that Julie promotes both in theory and in practice. Having spent some time of every decade of her life in school, Julie has obtained two masters degrees, one in Education with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction and one in English. Julie routinely attends the most reputable professional development opportunities to ensure she is improving her craft, promoting best practices in her classroom. She has also presented at multiple national conferences such as the National Council of Teachers of English, the Indiana College English Association, and the AP TIP-IN conferences. She is the embodiment of being a lifelong learner, the very desire she hopes to instill her students.

Looking for some SHS Alumni gear? Look no further. All proceeds from sales go to benefit SHSAA and current SHS students.



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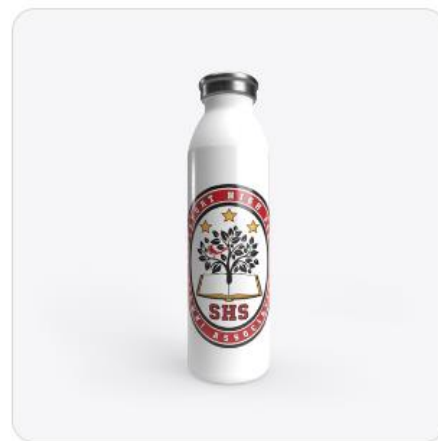
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