

Southport High School Alumni Association



A Message from Our President, Brent Bockelman

Winter, 2023



Fellow Cardinals,

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We are coming off a busy fall season. It was great hosting social events such as our Alumnus of the Year Legends Luncheon, the Homecoming Tailgate, and the All-Class Reunion, as well as seeing many classes putting together their own reunions. Thanks to the many volunteers who worked to make these events possible for our alumni base.

As the seasons shift, so does our focus at the association. We have been working diligently with our generous donors for this year's upcoming scholarship banquet. We are hoping to have another record-breaking year in scholarship donations. This simply is not possible without the generosity of our gracious donors and the tireless efforts of our scholarship and banquet teams.

Our social committee has also been working behind the scenes to put together a comedy show to benefit Southport Athletics and the SHSAA. Details about the event are located in this newsletter. This event is open to the public. Please feel free to bring friends and family, even if they aren't Southport graduates.

If you have any interest in working with us at the association, please feel free to contact me at bbockelman@perryschools.org. We have a variety of positions available that you may find interesting and hope to get more folks involved in various capacities. Go Cards!

-Brent Bockelman ('01)



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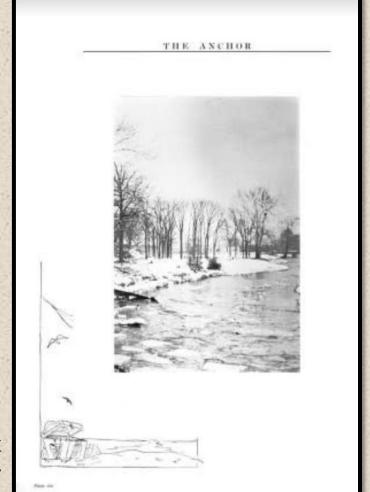


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Our resident historian, David Ladd, has been searching the catacombs of SHS and found some interesting bits of history to share.



Chuck & Ellen Robbins SHS Dance, 1972



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Diploma, 1894



SHS, 1954



SHS Tooth Fairies, 1954



Four SHS Principals



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Grace Elder Editor-In-Chief



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

Welcoming New Faces - CLICK HERE for the full story

This school year there have been 13 new teachers hired in total, and likely more to come soon. There has been a nationwide teacher shortage due to stress, low wages and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn about the new teachers that have taken on roles at SHS and what the future might hold, read along!



Growing Passion – <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the full story

Junior Ryder Harris has been involved in the band formerly known as "Keeping Destiney," since he was in middle school. In the time he has grown into the 16-year-old he is now, the band has grown with him all along. The band is now known as "Senescence" and he continues to play with former SHS graduate, Cooper Heaton. Through his time on the band, Ryder has learned to balance school and being a musician, but it has not all been easy. Read along to learn about the struggles and learning steps of his experience.



Remembering the Magic / A Selfless Soul – CLICK HERE and HERE for the full stories

This issue there were also some much darker events that transpired. Due to complications of cancer, SHS has lost two staff members including theater teacher Kimberly Roberts and coach Chris Quinn. Editor-in-chief, Grace Elder and promotions manager, Lauren Lowry worked diligently to ensure that the impact they left on SHS was not forgotten. Read along to gain a larger understanding or perspective on what that impact was for some people.



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Assistant Principal, Amy Boone, Awarded Top Honors

The Indiana Association of School Principals awarded Southport High School's own, Amy Boone, as the Indiana Assistant Principal of the Year.

CLICK HERE for more details

Alumnus of the Year Nominations

The purpose of this award is to recognize SHS graduates who since graduation have demonstrated a high level of achievement in their field of endeavor and/or who have made significant contributions through achievement, service, or leadership to the community.

To be considered for recognition, the individual must have graduated from Southport High School at least 25 years prior to the recognition and meet the criteria for recognition as stated in the purpose.

Individuals not selected in the first year of nomination are automatically reconsidered with the next group. Nominations older than ten years must be resubmitted. Only online nomination submissions will be considered.

Click on the link below to nominate an alumnus from Southport High School. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 3, 2023.

CLICK HERE - 2023 Alumnus of the Year Nomination Form

Check out some pictures from our Homecoming Social Events:

* Alumna of the Year Luncheon

* Homecoming

*All-Class Reunion

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a look at our past events gallery.





Featured Cardinal





Kalenga Juma
Class of 2020

Translator / Tutor Student This issue's *Featured Cardinal* is Kalenga Juma. Kalenga is a tutor and translator for Perry Township Schools.

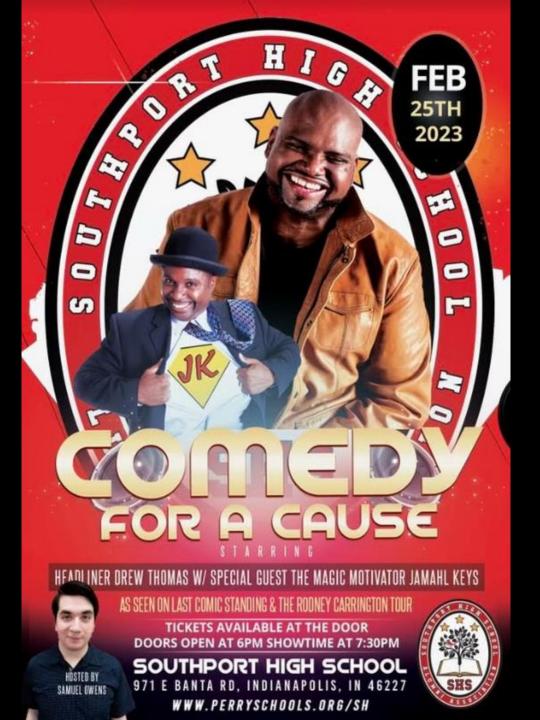
Kalenga arrived at Southport High School from Tanzania in 2016. Despite English not being his native tongue, he worked hard and graduated from SHS in 2020.

After graduation, Kalenga enrolled at the University of Indianapolis. Currently in his third year, he is studying communications with a minor in sports information.

As a multilingual translator and tutor, Kalenga finds pleasure in helping his fellow Congolese refugees and has proven himself an integral part of the SHS community.

In the future, Kalenga hopes to work in sports broadcasting/podcasting and to continue to work with refugees in need.

*** 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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