Southport High School Alumni Association

Summer, 2026

A Message from Our President, Brent Bockelman

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Fellow Cardinals,

It has been a busy few months here at the association. In May, we held our annual scholarship awards banquet where we awarded over 120K dollars in scholarships to deserving seniors. I must thank the many donors who make this event possible. Without their generosity, we simply could not pull off a feat as amazing as this. In addition, our association volunteers put in hundreds of hours over several months to help make this event possible. Thank you to our volunteers and donors who truly embody the Cardinal Spirit.

As our scholarship work concludes for the year, we shift our attention to reunion season. You can find information on upcoming reunions in this newsletter. I would also like to thank Dick Chew and his team for organizing another successful golf outing, our largest fundraiser of the year. We also have our annual alumni and friends Homecoming Tailgate party set for Friday, September 4th. Find details about location and date in this letter.

In May, I was honored to receive two awards from Southport High School – the teacher of the year and the alumnus of the year award. While I am appreciative of the distinctions, I know that my successes are due in large part to the many great folks I work alongside at Southport High School and the SHS Alumni Association. I love serving this community and am grateful for the opportunities it has presented me over the years.

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.

Southport High School 1963.

1937
Shelby St.
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.....Banta Rd.
Loretta Dr.....
.....Orinoco Av.
SOUTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL AND STADIUM
4-12-37.

Southport High School – First Commencement, 1894

Standing (left to right): Minnie Clifford (Smock), John Hendricks, Jean Reno, William List, Alice Todd (Rouse).
Seated (left to right): Chris Grube, Trustee; Joseph Pruett, Principal;
Henry B. Flick, County Superintendent.

Southport High School Students 1922

Upcoming Reunions

CLASS OF 1964 REUNION

Date: Friday, August 7th, 2026

Location: Smock Golf Course

Time: 3:00-7:00 pm

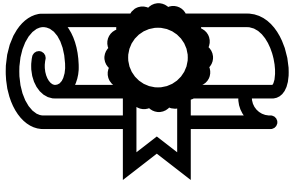
CLASS OF 1966 REUNION

Date: October 3, 2026

Time: 12:00-4:00

Location: German American Klub (8602 S. Meridian)

RSVP: 317-281-4640 or kmeadows@sbcglobal.net



CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

Dates: Friday, 9/18 and Saturday 9/19)

Location/Time:

Friday –> Football Game (7:00) SmockTown Brewing (after game).

Saturday –> Tour of Building (3:00), Reunion Dinner at VFW Post 5864, 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood, Indiana (6:00)

Pricing: $40 for single, $70 for double

Make check payable to Sheree DeWester Koester or Joan Zwiesler Johnson

Sheree DeWester Koester

3536 Parrish Ct.

Indianapolis, IN 46227

Joan Zwiesler Johnson

34 Chester Drive.

Beech Grove, IN 46107

CLASS OF 1986 REUNION

Date: Saturday, September 26th 2026

Location: Smocktown Brewing

Time: TBD

The Southport High School Alumni Association was chartered in 1991, giving its first scholarships totaling $1,000 that year to five deserving seniors. Our scholarship program has grown due to the generosity of many friends and loyal alumni demonstrating their support of Southport students. This year, SHS alumni awarded 90 seniors a total of $127,000 in scholarships.

Senior Stella Heaton with committee member Jane Fletcher

Senior Lydia Hiller with committee member Ruth Mercer

Senior Riley Matlock with committee member Kay Watson

2026 Scholarships and Student Recipients

Alumnus of the Year Scholarship
Sophie Barnes

Teacher of the Year Scholarship
Thawng Sawm Khai

Al Morgan Memorial Scholarship
Zen Lawh Cing

Alumni - Academic Scholarship
Van Thar

Alumni Academic Scholarship
Van Biak Hnin

Alumni Cardinal Scholarship
Gabe Harmon

Alumni Science Scholarship
Adelynn Davis

Alumni Service Scholarship
Iang Hnem Sung

Bertha S. Hohlt Memorial Scholarship
Bawi Tha Dawt Lang

Bettielee Harnedy Mem. Scholarship
Edgar Coria

Beverly Morgan Mem. Scholarship
Sian Van Siam

Borst Family Scholarship
Charles Campbell

Brian Thomas Mem. Scholarship
Jaymee Williams

Roger Ratliff - Scholastic/Athletic
Faith Johnson

Bowles & Watson Families Scholarship
Simran Baidwan

Cardinal Pride-Skillman Scholarship
Tyler Pierle
Erin Herwehe

Cardinal Pride-Student Gov. Scholarship
Arilynn Hutcherson

Cardinal Pride-William Kiesel Scholarship
Harjas Kaur

Chauncy & Ruth McDaniel Mem. Scholarship
Jayce Hancock

Chris Henry Scholarships
Bahati Simon
Brittney Luna-Tovar
Skakyra Mauredulilah
Monica Bhotichin
Christina Iang

Chuck Robbins Football Scholarship
Riley Matlock

Clapper Family Scholarship
Ehsul Phu

Class of 1956 Scholarship
Cung Bawi Thang

Class of 1958 Scholarship
Angel Salazar

Class of 1965 Scholarship
Amnazo Ebengo

Class of 1968 Scholarship
Itzayana Moreno

Class of 1970 Scholarship
Taryn Colyer

Class of 1973 Scholarship
Jenevy Par

Class of 1976 Scholarship
David Morse

Class of 2000 Scholarship
Aiden Quinlin

Clinton Young Elementary PTA Scholarship
Melissa Delgado

Cullison Family Scholarship
Rebecca San

Davidson Family Scholarship
Emaly Chin Par

Dean C. Maar MD Mem. Scholarship
Lydia Hiller

Dr. Lloyd Bodie Honorary Scholarship
Alexander McBride

E. Ann (Liechty) Ruark and C.E. Liechty Family Scholarship
Ashley Mendoza-Cruz
Andreas Poulakis

Edward Dean Orme Memorial Scholarship
Jacob Lian

Gary Burks Mem. Scholarship
Johnathan Cung

Georgia Stumpf Mem. Scholarship
Stella Heaton

Gluesenkamp Family Scholarship
In Memory of Bill and Wilma Gluesenkamp
Daniel Guerrero

Gray Heritage Scholarship
Abigail Wethington

Herman Bueno Scholarship
George Greene

Homecroft Elementary PTA Scholarshiop
Isabella Richardson

James Wilson Memorial Scholarship
Hmun Lian Thang
Reymundo Abarca

Jeff Goben Memorial Scholarship
Sean Dolan

Jeremiah Gray Elementary PTA Scholarship
Janelle Shively

Journalism Scholarship
Alyssa Cook

Kaye Anderson Mem. Scholarship
Moses Cung

Kimberly Ruse-Roberts Mem. Scholarship
Hailey Bolden

Kiwanis Club of Perry Township Scholarship
Laura Cin
Valeria Delgado-Gonzalez

Knight Family Scholarship
America Morales Rivera

Larry & Lyn Huff Scholarship
Addyson Rice

Marilyn & Ron Mayfield Spirit Award Scholarship
Trinity Williams

Mary Bryan Elementary PTA Scholarship
Willow Treeter

Mike Alvis Mem. Scholarship
Malia Breedlove
Madeleine Pfeiffer
Tiberius Duncan, Jr.

Orme, Gilmore/Salge Family Scholarship
Ruth Mawi

Pam Love Lewis Mem. Scholarship
Esther Lian

PEA Terry Rice Scholarship
Nienna Wittlief

Ray Bertram Mem. Scholarship
Matthew Moreno Vega

Red Haviland Mem. Scholarship
David Redman

Richard H. Crosser Mem. Scholarship
Chloe Cripe

Richard (Richie) D. Elkins, Class of 1980 Scholarship
Agel Arvelo Rivera

Ross Voorhees Mem. Scholarship
Kristin Holland

Ruth & Chuck Mercer Scholarship
Sonya Rees

Sauter Family Teacher Education Scholarship
Vicki Davis
Morgan Harmon

Schmalfeldt Family Scholarship
Carlos Escareno

Service to Community Scholarship in honor of Mary Bryan Chapter of DAR
Krisna Yen

Shelby Cooper Sunflower Scholarship
Hannah Neuman
Walengamina Mwenebatu

Southport Elementary PTA Scholarship
Niang Huam Dim

SHS Principals Scholarship
Juan Tepehua-Velazquez

Southport Masonic Lodge Scholarship
Robert Ludlow

Steve Harnedy Mem. Scholarship
Allyson Kiefner

Steven R. St. Pierre Mem. Scholarship
Abigail Williams

Tennis Scholarship in Memory of Coach Steve Cline
Liam Dailey

Terri Williams-Lindorf Journalism Scholarship in memory of Mary Lou Schenck
Lucy Len Dim

Tom & Jane Hathaway Cross Country Boys Scholarship
Luis Guzman

Tom & Jane Hathaway Cross Country Girls Scholarship
Halle Kenyon

Winchester Village Elementary PTA Scholarship
Ebenezer Nguntawng

In May, SHSAA, along with our generous independent donors, **awarded $127,000** in scholarships to 90 seniors.

Congratulations to the **class of 2026** and **THANK YOU** to our generous donors who help make this flagship event possible.

Featured Cardinal

Brent Bockelman
Class of 2001

Educator

This issue's *Featured Cardinal* is Brent Bockelman. Brent is an educator, author, and community leader dedicated to helping students build confidence, discover their passions, and contribute meaningfully to the world around them. A graduate of Southport High School's Class of 2001, Brent was actively involved in athletics and student leadership during his time as a Cardinal. He ran cross country and played basketball and baseball. Beyond athletics, he was involved in the Green Earth Society and served as Booster Club President during his senior year.

After graduating from Southport, Brent attended Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, where he majored in English Education. He returned to his alma mater shortly after completing his degree, beginning his teaching career at Southport High School during the 2005–2006 school year. Since then, he has dedicated his professional life to serving the Southport community.

During his time at Southport, Brent coached baseball for 13 years and established himself as a versatile and innovative classroom teacher. In 2012, he earned his master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University while continuing to teach full time. He has played a key role in curriculum development and course designs, as well as developed courses new to SHS. Through his work with the 21st Century Scholars program, Brent has guided first-generation college students through the rigorous preparation required for college.

Brent currently teaches a wide range of courses that serve diverse student populations and learning levels. In addition to his classroom responsibilities, he also served as a mentor teacher and is the current co-chair of the English department.

Brent has twice presented at national and state conferences, including the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the Indiana Council of Teachers of English (ICTE), sharing strategies for supporting students who are producing collegiate-level work while also addressing the needs of multilingual learners.

In addition to his teaching career, Brent has remained deeply involved in the Southport community through alumni leadership. He began working with the Southport Alumni Association in 2015, serving as Vice President before being elected President in the fall of 2020

At the center of his work is a clear mission: to help students build confidence, challenge them to explore the world around them, and find meaningful ways to give back to their communities.

In his free time, Brent enjoys writing, playing the guitar, traveling, and spending time with his wife, Sarah, and their two daughters, Georgia and Callan.

Check out some pictures from some of our most recent events:

CLICK HERE for a look at our past events gallery.

Scholarship Awards Banquet

Annual Golf Outing

SHS HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

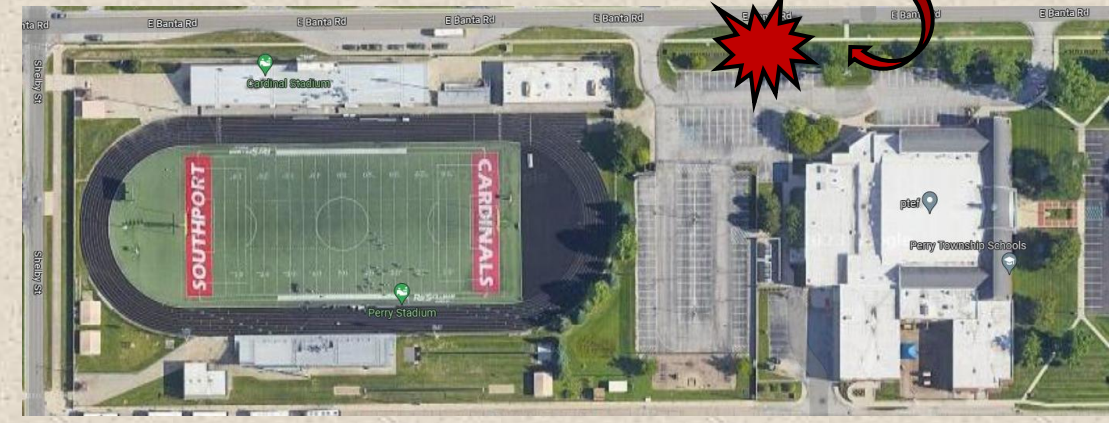
Friday, 9/4

*times are tentative

Southport High School Alumni & Friends
Homecoming Weekend

*** Tailgate: 4:30 in the PTEC parking lot (free refreshments while they last)**
*** Homecoming Parade: 5:30**
*** Football Game: 7:00**

Right Here!



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Members of the SHS 50+ Year Golden club are invited to join the alumni association at our tent to celebrate the 2026 homecoming parade.

We hope to see you there!

This campaign benefits The **Perry Township Education Foundation**.

As you may know, PTEF provides grants to Perry Township educators who apply for funds for school projects, programs, and supplies to benefit students in all Perry Township Schools.

If you are willing to donate, please denote "CARDINALS" in the comments section.

You can also send a check to:
Perry Township Education Foundation
6548 Orinoco Av
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Be sure to write "Cardinals" in the memo section. Let's go, Cardinals!

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THE JOURNAL

Lorelei Bennett

Editor-In-Chief

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

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Innovating for Growth– CLICK HERE for the full story

Perry Township and UIndy partner to provide students a new opportunity to advance their education and career goals through the new Innovation and Entrepreneurship program.

The Good Old Days – CLICK HERE for the full story

Check out a multimedia video highlight of the Class of 2026 graduation

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“Buenoism”– CLICK HERE for the full story

Our highest viewed story from the '25-'26 school year -> Beloved coach, teacher, husband, father and friend passes away and leaves a lasting impact on everyone who knew him

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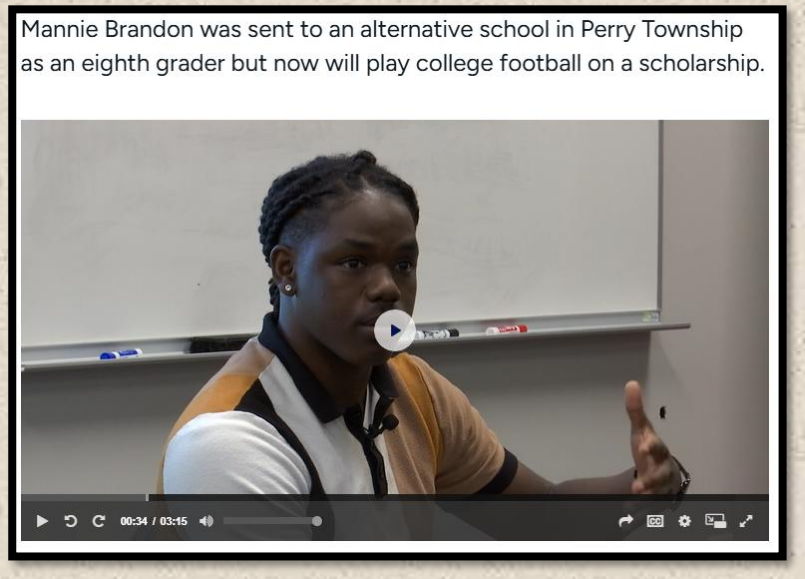
-- Around the Building --



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2026 graduate Mannie Brandon was the focus of a WTHR spotlight that featured individuals who are making a difference and inspiring their communities.

CLICK HERE to read the article and view the news report.

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-- Around the Building --

SHS Names Bockelman Teacher of the Year

English teacher Brent Bockelman has been named the SHS teacher of the year.

CLICK HERE for the full story.

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

Southport High School Alumni Association **$24.99**

Southport High School Alumni Association **$14.99**

Southport High School Alumni Association **$14.99**

Southport High School Alumni Association **$25.99**

Southport High School Alumni Association **$15.99**

Southport High School Alumni Association **$31.99**

Southport High School Alumni Association **$35.99**

Southport High School Alumni Association **$23.99**

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