

STAYING CONNECTED BETWEEN THE PAST AND PRESENT

EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS

Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner to benefit Edison Community & Sports Foundation Monday May 11, 2020

We are excited to announce that our annual scholarship and fundraising dinner is moving to a new location. We will be celebrating at the new Quincy Hall at 1325 Quincy Street with catering by Crave Catering.

Tickets for the event are available from any Edison Community and Sports Foundation Board member or you can email us at edisoncsf@aol.com

Tickets are \$175 for two and include:

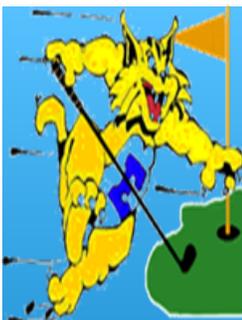
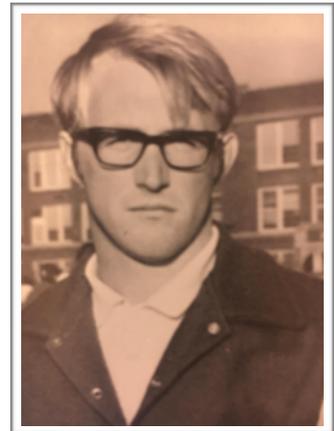
- Your choice of two dinners-Steak, Chicken Breast or Butternut Squash Ravioli
- Salad, appetizers and dessert
- Silent Auction
- Cash Raffle
- Musical entertainment by Edison's jazz band

In addition to dinner, we will be recognizing our fabulous scholarship winners and our two Distinguished Alumni for 2020 - Dick Anderson and John Vandermyde.

Social Hour begins at 6:00

Dinner at 7:00

We hope you join us at this great night of celebrating Edison and the greater NE community. There will be other new surprises as well as a Wine and booze raffle. We are thrilled to share all the amazing things happening at Edison!



Attention Edison Tommie Alumni & Friends!
The 35th Annual Edison Golf Tournament at Columbia Golf Course
The Art Solz/Frank Rog Memorial Golf Tournament
Monday, July 27, 2020
Scramble Start Time 11:00 AM
Dinner & Prizes start at 5:00 PM
\$110 Entry Fee per Golfer includes Cart, Dinner & hot dog
Early Bird registration (by July 1st) includes 2 free Raffle Tickets

How to Register:

Online: www.edisonsportsfoundation.org

Or contact: Tom Johnson via email at tomj4321@gmail.com,
phone at (612) 247-1725

Or John Vandermyde at 612-363-4752



Alumni Student Partnerships to Advance Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship

By Pam Stegora Axberg

After I graduated from college, I was looking for a way to give back to my community. A Junior Achievement (JA) employee told me how simple it was to volunteer in their classroom program. With their curriculum, and even with my limited business experience, that was all it would take. I chose to go back to my own high school, Edison. What she told me was true – even if during the first month of teaching finance you unexpectedly get to explain Black Monday-the largest one-day stock market decline!

Junior Achievement’s mission is “To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.” They have a long heritage and partnership with Edison High School. My decision to volunteer was also influenced because of my elder brother’s positive experience in the JA Company program. Edison students continue to have strong participation and remarkable success in the program.

At Edison, in collaboration with JA Entrepreneurship Program, student business ventures tend to be ahead of the curve in setting the standard for the next generation of entrepreneurs. Last year, the JA Company of the Year competition witnessed an impressive group of young innovative entrepreneurs from Edison show their spirit, creativity, and passion. Their student run company, Stress less, won second place in the competition. Check out a video about their product and their experience. <https://youtu.be/UvTJ-stWXD0>). This year, five talented youth entrepreneurs from Edison are preparing to go one step further in the competition at JA. They include Javonni Grimes – President, Michael Vaughn – VP Finance, Peter Asamoah - VP Sales, Chelsea Chingwe- VP Marketing, and Oscar Bakken-Durchslag - VP Production. Utilizing resources at JA such as the Innovation Incubator and a 3D printer, they have managed to sketch, prototype and 3D print their product. The students, frequent visitors to the Innovation Incubator at JA, are excited and believe they are prepared to get first place. Next up for the students at Edison is JA Pitchfest where students present their ideas to a panel of investors and attempt to win up \$2000 in seed funding.

Part of the success of Junior Achievement at Edison is the commitment of teachers and volunteers. Edison teacher, Shirley Poelstra, was a 2010 JAUM Teacher of the Year Award recipient. Her enthusiasm and partnership with JA makes a difference to the students. Her nominator shared that “Shirley goes above and beyond in creating

opportunities for students in her program, from finding scholarships and funding for the students to having a closet full of suits and business clothes in various sizes for those who don’t have professional clothes.”

Edison has over 20 Junior Achievement classes supported by volunteers. Since 2009, about 350 volunteers have helped make this happen. I can tell you from personal experience that volunteering is both easy and personally meaningful. Using the JA curriculum, all you need to do is share your own personal experiences and passion for young people. With the JA curriculum and one’s own experience, you can successfully volunteer to teach students financial literacy regardless of what goes on in the world around you. If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to

Karyn Thompson, JA Community Partnership Director, at Karyn@jaum.org or 651.278.7184. I hope your experiences will be as positive as mine have been.

Author’s note: Pam is a 1981 graduate of Edison High, a Junior Achievement Upper Midwest Board Member and an Alumnae of the Year Award recipient. After senior executive leadership roles in telecommunications and healthcare, she is looking to transition to the non-profit sector.



Calendar of Events

Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner: Mon, May 11, 2020

Annual Golf Tournament: July 27, 2020

Distinguished Alumni: TBD

Scholarship Presentation: 9 AM, May 26, 2020

Centennial Celebration: Sept 29, 30, Oct 1 & 2, 2022

Edison Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame committee is busy with a few major tasks to help highlight this part of our foundations activities. We are currently gathering information on candidates for consideration in this years hall of fame class. If you have a person to be nominated please send the information to my email : banisky@icloud.com, or to the foundation email: edisoncsf@aol.com. The vote will be taken in April with the induction dinner slated for October.



At the fall dinner, the Edison Circle of Champions will honor championship teams from 1972-74. Tommie teams won 11 titles during these years so it should be a great time to reminisce. As always, we could use your help contacting with the past players. Please contact us if you were on one of these teams and hopefully word will spread so we can have a great event.

For PAST HALL of FAME inductees, two issues of importance:

1. We will be hosting a hall of fame event during the schools 100 year centennial celebration in 2022. At that time we would like to take a picture of all living HOF members to be displayed in the alumni room. More information will be passed on when finalized, but we'd like to give travelers a heads up far enough in advance to consider attending. The extended weekend will be a celebration worth participating in.
2. Our plaques are in need of repair. Many of the pictures on the plaques have faded and are barely visible. This is problematic for a number of reasons. The association is thinking about purchasing an electronic system to replace the plaques. We may need to get pictures sent to us to replace the current ones. We are also thinking about including a short bio of the athlete, so information will need to be gathered on the past inductees as complete as we can be. If anyone is interested in helping out with this, please send me an email (see above). More information will be coming after we assess the current plaques and how to proceed.

Take care and see you at the May scholarship dinner!

John Banisky, HOF Chairman

Update from 2019 Niles Schulz Memorial Scholarship Winner

My name is Alejandro Eduarte, I am part of Edison's class of 2019, and am attending Harvard College as part of the class of 2023. I am one of two inaugural Niles Schulz Memorial Scholars.

Reflecting on my time at Edison, a medium-sized, urban public school, has prepared me immeasurably well for Harvard. Edison instilled in me the importance of hard, measured work, and serving others instead of chasing prestige as your main educational goal. Of course, there are many conceptions of what a school like Edison offers in the real world, or even as a school in itself. For me, it provided a sense of dignity and discipline to fully listen to others and find ways to value and learn from their experiences—recognizing everyone knows many things you do not, and being open to receiving it all. These skills have helped me find community and chase joy within the prestige and intensity of the institution I study at. I look back on my high school experience fondly, with the openness, fun, and interdisciplinary experiences I gained. Edison was so often a privilege for me, and I of course encourage continued investment of all kinds in the community so it can sustain and grow its programs for generations.

When I met with some members of the scholarship committee over winter break, and learned more about Niles Schulz, I felt incredibly grateful to be an inaugural scholar in his memory, with his deep investment and care about the lives of Edison students. I am deeply lucky for all of the community and support I have received to build my life now, and know that future generations of Edison students will feel the same.



Alejandro and Jane Schulz

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM UPDATES

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We have had a very busy fall including a half-time field show during Homecoming that combined our Edison Choir with our Edison Dance Team. We recently concluded a marathon of concerts including choirs and seven various instrumental ensembles. The beginning of November, the Concert Band and Choir went on tour to Southern Minnesota where we had a host day at a school in Glenville, Minnesota, performed with the Marching Mavericks at Minnesota State University-Mankato, attended Chanhassen Dinner Theater's performance of Mama Mia, and small group performances at the Midtown Global Market in South Minneapolis.

Along with that, we are continuing our Harmony Bridge program, where we perform at our local nursing care facility called River Village located less than a mile from Edison. Both the residents and our musicians find it very enjoyable and memorable.

Beginning of December, we received a grant from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation in conjunction with the Prince Estate for over \$32,000 in new instruments for our program. It took many months of phone interviews and paperwork, but it will be well worth it for our students. They are super excited. We already received 30 new tuners/metronomes and microphones through the donations of community members and non-profits via Donors Choose.

In the past month, we had a great highlight of our program in the Star Tribune and the Northeaster in regards to the work we have been doing over the past 5 years to improve the musical opportunities for our students. It has brought a lot of great attention to our program, and has brought in more monetary and instrumental donations.

We are looking forward to our 6th Annual Northeast Band Festival on Thursday, March 19th with performances beginning at 6 PM.

We are also planning something new this year: A gala featuring our Fine Arts department and an opportunity for our community to celebrate and support the work we are doing in our programs. Details are still in the works, so please stay tuned!

Next projects include new Drum Line equipment and new marching band uniforms. Our Drum Line ensembles are growing every year, and our marching band uniforms are getting close to 25 years old, not to mention since our ensemble is growing we are running out of available uniforms. Hopefully we can be just as successful in taking care of those student needs as we were with our recent grants and donations.

Thank you for all that you have and continue to contribute to our programs to help our students thrive!

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL UPDATES

Greetings from Edison Baseball!

At the time of writing this we are getting ready for practice to start. YES, baseball season is here! This year we have one of our youngest teams in memory. Fortunately, this is a year we go for our semi-annual trip to Florida for Spring Training. These trips have helped increase baseball IQ, strengthen our individual skills and team building. We are grateful that our families, school and community support our efforts to get there again! We have approximately 45 players committed to playing baseball. We will be housing three teams, a Varsity, JV and B Squad this season. This spring 24 players and 3 coaches have committed to working their way to Florida! The team as a whole works on fundraising efforts, because in addition to Florida Spring Training we use fundraising dollars for equipment, uniforms, transportation and staffing for the entire season. Thank you for the support you've shown us in the past - we're working hard as students, athletes and parents to keep Edison and Northeast great. If you would like to make a direct donation to support the baseball team you can visit the edisonsportsfoundation.org and click on "make a donation", when making a donation, please specify to donate to "baseball". Or you can contact the Head Coach Bernie Kunza at 612-597-8874 to mail a direct donation.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

"No Tap" Bowling Tournament April 25th at Elsie's.

Registrations start at 9:30 am with bowling starting promptly at 10 am. \$30 is the cost per bowler and it includes three games of bowling, shoes and a free Taco bar. There will be teams of five bowlers, with team and individual prizes awarded at the end of the tournament. To register individually or as a team or if you or your Company would like to be a Lane Sponsor, the cost is \$100.00 as a sponsor, contact me at 612-597-8874. We're partnering with the softball team to host this event, so we'd love to see you there!

Alumni Baseball Game Day Saturday May 18th

Cyson Field at Northeast Park. This year we've created our first annual Alumni Baseball game. Everyone is invited to watch the Alumni strut their stuff.

Registration and Varsity practice starts at 1 pm and the big game starts at 2 pm with a free BBQ to follow. Everything is free; it's our way of connecting the past and the present. If you are a past Edison baseball player and want to join the fun, visit the Sign Up Genius on our Edison Baseball Facebook page to register.

Bernie Kunza, Head Baseball Coach

Thomas Edison High School
612-597-8874

Letter from President Iacarella



Greetings Fellow Tommies and Friends of Edison,

As winter loosens its grip on the landscape and spring gives early signs that we will be awakening to greener days, the end of March gives us a lot to look forward to for ECSF events. I am excited for the annual Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner at our new location, "The Quincy" located on 1325 Quincy St.

NE. It is a beautiful new venue run by award winning "Crave Catering" and holds events as large as a thousand people. A big plus to the site is that it has an attached parking lot and requires no stairs to enter. It also offers huge brand-new bathrooms, state of the art sound system and large video screens for a better dining experience. The scholarship dinner will be held on Monday May 11th and for more information see the dinner article in this newsletter.

I want to give a shout out to our new ECSF Golf Tournament Chairperson, Tom Johnson. He offered to take over the chair position that John Vandermyde held for the past few years. John did a tremendous job in the time he ran the tournament, turning it into the premier golfing event in Northeast. The tournament this year will be Monday July 27th and Tom plans on featuring many of the same contests along with some new ones for players

to enjoy. Please gather your golfing buddies and put this date on your calendars.

Congratulations need to go out to Dick Anderson and John Vandermyde on their election for this year's Distinguished Alumni Award. They are two of the most deserving alums that just happen to be on our ECSF board. Both were surprised and very humbled by their selection. Dick is a class of 1949 alum who has always held Edison deep in his heart and is a founding member of the ECSF. John is a class of 1958 grad who has lived in Northeast Minneapolis his entire life and has been on the ECSF board for over 20 years. Both have held lead positions on several different committees on the ECSF board and served on other boards with various community groups in the Twin Cities area, too many for this article to acknowledge. They will be honored at the Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner in May.

Also, if you want to see what the ECSF is all about, come to the Edison High School scholarship assembly held at Edison in the auditorium on Tuesday May 26th at 9:00. There you will be able to see the great job this organization, other classes, community groups and members in the community, do for raising funds for the students of Edison to continue their educational pursuits. It is always a special event and you will appreciate the type of students whom are receiving these awards.

Go Tommies!
Mike Iacarella (75)
ECSF President



REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class of 1951 - 69th Reunion

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 11:30 AM, Jax Cafe, 1928 University Av NE. For more info contact MaryAnn Erickson, 612-787-6750 or Chell Lundgren, 651-483-5356.

Class of 1954

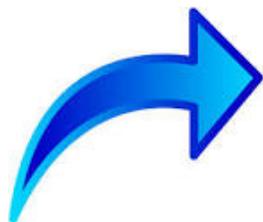
Wed, September 23, 2020, 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Sarna's, 40th and University in Columbia Heights. Cash bar, order from the menu. Questions, call Jack Anderson, 612-695-5256

Class of 1955

September 10, 2020, 4PM at Elsie's.

Class of 1975

October 10, 2020 at Elsie's, 6pm. Contact Mary Sedesky Dalbec at 763-245-0299



CALLING ALL ALUMNI!!

The Edison Sports Foundation web site has added an updated Member Sign On feature designed to help better communicate with you and allow you to set your contact preferences on how you receive communication. This will allow Edison Alumni to stay in touch with their graduating class reunion coordinators to stay abreast of reunion events, as well as stay informed of Edison community events.

To sign up please visit our web page: www.EdisonSportsFoundation.org

If you have questions, please e-mail: jay.johnson@edisonsportsfoundation.org , or call 612-203-9995 for assistance.

CONTRIBUTORS CARRYING ON THE TOMMIE SPIRIT!

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Anonymous contribution to the Niles
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Larry & Naomi Crepeau, in memory of Sharry (Gozola
'60) Crepeau and Mar Barbara Ferguson Spake,
quintessential Music Teacher & Vaudeville Director

GOLD LEVEL

Matthew Brown
Frank Kircher

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Barbara Telander

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Paul Hoffman, in memory of Niles Schulz
Kim Larson
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Hendrickson
Richard Hyllested, in honor of Darlene Brown
(Hyllested) '55
Gary Jurek, in memory of Wesley Hendrickson

James Livingston, in memory of Wesley
Hendrickson
Kay Lubansky, in memory of Jan Anzini, in
honor of Class of '69
John Pielow
Charles Walters Jr, in memory of Wesley
Hendrickson
Barbara Wrzos, in memory of Wesley
Hendrickson
Nancy Zaworski
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OTHER

Randolph Anderson, in memory of Russell Dale
Peterson, '51; David Bakun, in memory of
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honor of Class of '60; Class of 1962, Alumni
Band in honor of the Class of 1962; Jean
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Audrey Mahr; Curtis Nordahl, in memory of
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of Wesley Hendrickson; Phil Podany, in memory
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support of Edison students; Eileen Simi
Bonnie Stockhaus; Don Wilson, in memory of
Evelyn Boyle Wilson

In Memory Of...

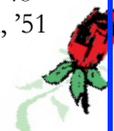
I first met Chuck at Sheridan Jr, High in the 9th grade where he was attending and I had just begun. We became best friends when we began at Edison High School in our sophomore year. Chuck was one of the biggest kids in the City of Minneapolis athletic scene. He quickly became a star in football and basketball. He made the all city football team in his junior and senior years and he made the all city basketball team as a senior.

In 1957 Chuck had earned a full ride athletic scholarship to play football at the University of Minnesota. It was a challenge to play Big Ten Football and complete the 5 year mechanical engineering program. After 2 years of football his priority became his education and family. By this time he had met Barbara Olson and a new chapter of his life was about to begin. After graduating in mechanical engineering he had a long career in that field.

Chuck was an intelligent, happy, spiritual man. He was devoted to Barb and his children Shelly Olson and Tom Pearson and to his grandchildren. He was devoted to God, family, and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Andy Kollar

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| Susan (Miller) Booth | William F. McCabe, '40-41 |
| Judy Chiodo | Joe McLaughlin '58 |
| Rosalie Davis (Bednark) '56 | Roger Nelson '49 |
| David W. Dorumsgaard, '62 | William "Bill" Newham '53 |
| Bill Dzubay '48 | Karin Pendle (Swason), '56 |
| Carol A. (Lohn) Glans | Joyce Perfetti (Beck) '48 |
| Marianne Hanna (Bohlin) '49 | Russell Dale Peterson, '51 |
| William "Bill" Hauck, '51 | Betty Pyle '47 |
| Bill Hollum '47 | John Reeves '65 |
| Jim Johnson, '54 (2019) | Fred Rodie '51 |
| Distinguished Alumni | Pastor Henry "Bud" Roufs |
| Recipient) | David A. Steeves, '71 |
| Leona Johnson | Greg Steiner, '66 |
| Dr. Jeanette Kissinger | Joan Swartch Mussig |
| (Buczynski) '49 | James Richard Tanberg, '62 |
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The mission of the Edison Community & Sports Foundation is to engage students, staff, alumni and community to direct resources to support programs, facilities and opportunities that advance Edison.



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The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is looking to expand Gambling Operations. If you have contacts with any local establishments please contact our Gambling Manager Lynn Miskowic at 612-296-7283 or email us at EdisonCSF@aol.com

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The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is made up of 30 Board Directors who volunteer their time and efforts to support Edison High School students and organizations with scholarships and other charitable commitments. It started as a way to honor former teacher/coach and great athlete - Pete Guzy and has become a lasting tribute to his spirit and Edison's alumni's dedication to the school and NE Minneapolis. You can participate with the Foundation at the annual Hall of Fame Night, Distinguished Alumni Award Event, Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner, Art Solz Memorial Golf Tournament, the Homecoming/Oktoberfest or with a scholarship contribution or Legacy Program.

Board of Director meetings are held at Edison High School on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Changes will be posted on our website www.EdisonSportsFoundation.org
Michael Iacarella, President
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Do you have something to share? If you have an item of interest to Edison alumni, please send it to us and we will include it. Interesting historical photos, class reunion announcements, or anything to do with Edison school will be considered.

The ECSF would also like to offer classes the opportunity to utilize our mailing services and non-profit mailing permit. Please contact us for more information.

Send your information to:

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