



An Alumni Affair to Remember

April 25, 2018

2018 Distinguished Alumni Celebration

Riverview, Oakmont, Verona High Schools



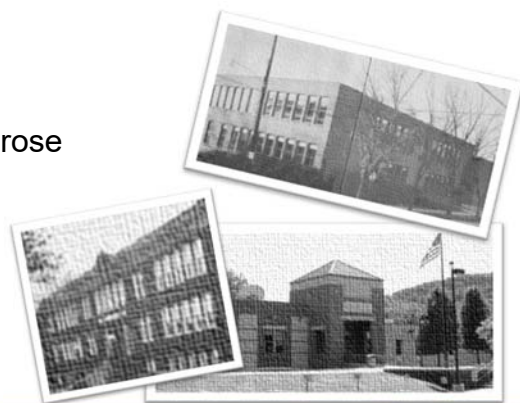
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Program

Welcome

Regina Vitti-Lyons, REF Board President

Alumni Guest Speakers

Nick Futules, Verona HS, 1971

David Carroll, Riverview HS, 1981

Honoring of Nominees

Donna Hanlon, REF Board, RHS, 1986

Distinguished Alum Introduction

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Opportunity for Nominees to Speak

Closing Remarks

Donna Hanlon, REF Board, Riverview HS, 1986

Silent Auction runs from 6:00 - 7:50

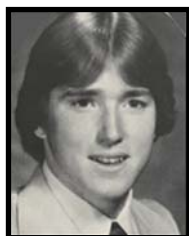
Alumni Nominees



David Carroll (RHS 1981) Mr. Carroll is the Fire Chief for the Oakmont Volunteer Fire Department, overseeing, recruiting and managing a force of over 20 volunteer fire fighters, with whom he responds to hundreds of emergency calls a year. In addition to those crucial, life-saving activities, Mr. Carroll serves as the chief media spokesman for the OVFD and spearheads safety and fire prevention outreach and education programs for children, families and civic organizations throughout the community.



Michael Catullo (RHS 1997) Mr. Catullo has been a member of the coaching staff of the national award-winning University of Maryland wrestling program since 2010, winning 18 All-ACC selections, 11 conference championships, 8 NWCA All-Academic honorees and 6 NCAA All-American honorees. Mr. Catullo was also a key member of the coaching staffs for successful wrestling programs at Millersville University and Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Catullo received a BS in Physical Education and Health Teaching from West Virginia University, and an MS in Education from Northern State University.



Michael Dunlay (RHS 1979) Mr. Dunlay is the co-founder, owner and CFO of 4 Star Restaurant Group, a Chicago based company that owns and operates 11 award-winning restaurants. He opened his first restaurant, Dunlays on Clark, in 2003. Since then, Mr. Dunlay and his cousin, Doug Dunlay, have made 4 Star Restaurant Group synonymous with unique, high quality dining and atmosphere in Chicago. Mr. Dunlay graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance and a Master's degree in Business Administration. At Penn State, he was a football letterman and a National Football Champion.



Nick Futules (Verona 1971) Mr. Futules is in his second term as Vice President of the Allegheny County Council, on which he's served since 2007. He also served on Verona Council, the Verona Democratic Committee, the Verona Zoning Board and the Board of Directors of the Greek Orthodox Church of Oakmont. Mr. Futules co-owns and manages Futules' Harmar House and co-owns A.K. Property's Corporation, Futules Excavation and Demolition and Futules Properties, which support several Verona and Oakmont organizations. He attended the Community College of Allegheny County, majoring in Business Management and Culinary Arts, and is an Oakmont resident.



David Hackworth (RHS 1987) Mr. Hackworth is the General Manager of Gas Operations Strategy for CONSOL Energy. He has served as a Financial Analyst for U.S. Steel's transportation group and a Corporate Planner at Consolidated Natural Gas. He devotes a generous amount of his time to young athletes through his many coaching and mentoring activities at both the high school and college levels. Mr. Hackworth received a BA in Economics and an MS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was also a varsity letterman in long distance running, and an MBA from The College of William & Mary.



A.J. Kenna (RHS 2006) Fulfilling a third grade promise to his parents that he would someday become an Air Force pilot, Mr. Kenna is now a Captain and Air Craft Commander in the United States Air Force. He pilots KC135 air refueling jets and has been deployed eight times since 2012 and flown support for numerous missions. Mr. Kenna attended The University of Pittsburgh on an Air Force ROTC Scholarship and underwent Air Force Officer Training while earning his degree there. He is currently stationed in California.



Jerry Kenna, Jr. (RHS 2002) Mr. Kenna is the founder of Landmark Business Solutions in Oakmont, a business management firm covering a range of needs including tax services, bookkeeping, marketing and web and graphic design. Mr. Kenna has also served as the Manager and Treasurer for Verona Borough since 2013 and in that role has been instrumental in helping Verona achieve its goals with respect to accurate and complete financial statement and budget preparation. Mr. Kenna received a BS degree in Business Accounting from The University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from Robert Morris University. He is fifth generation born and raised in Oakmont.



Dana C. Mears (Oakmont 1957) Dr. Mears is a leading pioneer in the development of minimally invasive surgical techniques for hip and knee replacement. At Shadyside Hospital, Dr. Mears developed a program for total hip replacement surgery on an outpatient basis, allowing countless patients to undergo this life-changing procedure without prolonged hospital stays and rehabilitation. His program and techniques have been adopted at numerous other orthopedic centers, including those at Johns-Hopkins and The Mayo Clinic. Dr. Mears is the inventor on multiple patents and has published many papers in prestigious medical journals. Dr. Mears received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and his medical degree from Oxford University.

Past RHS Honorees

Jim Ashbaugh
Christa Assad
Gregory Barckhoff
Chad Beynon
Steven Daniel Brownlee
Lynsie Campbell
Michael Cannon
Gary Carlberg
Robert Crnjarich
Richard Allen DeTar
Jennifer Dixon
Domenic Dozzi
Ben Erdeljac
John Erdeljac
Dimitri Facaros
Zacharia Facaros
Christopher Favo
Paul Edward Federici
Scott Higgins
Gregg Holden
Kristopher Howard
Tim Kaiser

Jane King
Joseph Paul Kumar
Nicholas Lamia
Dominic Lio
Joseph Luciana, III
Stephan Alexander
Martin
Timothy Martin
Todd Massack
Pamela Pappas
Kathy Roth Pizzella
David Ricupero
Gary Rogers
Edward Saxon
Bob Shoop
William Stover
John Philip Templin
Sigrid Hammer Wolf



About Riverview Educational Foundation

Riverview Schools are small but mighty. From Riverview High School's SAT scores ranking in the top 6 percent of all Pennsylvania high schools, to Riverview's Model UN teams winning awards across the country, to our Key Club sweeping awards and board seats at the state level, to the many junior and senior high students being selected for district, regional, state and honors band, orchestra and chorus – there are more accolades and honors than could fit on these pages. The district, its faculty and its students achieve great things daily.

However, as a tiny district with a limited tax-base that serves the needs of an economically diverse population, providing up-to-date resources and facilities becomes more difficult each year. The Riverview Educational Foundation (REF) is a 501(C)3 organization that was established to grant funds for projects that will "Help innovation happen!" in the District. Support helps ensure that Science, Technology, Reading, Arts, Engineering, and Math (STREAM) are addressed with effective and up-to-date resources, programs and facilities. Our goal is to ensure that there are even more opportunities for students to become lifelong learners who contribute to society in meaningful and novel ways.

Our Mission and Goals

The Riverview Educational Foundation was formed by Riverview School District community members to help the District further its strategic plan initiative of focusing on STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education and initiatives.

REF exists to:

- Provide students with opportunities to research, discover, create, communicate and enhance learning that supports successful employment in a global economy
- Provide a formal process for fundraising to support Riverview School District's teacher and school initiatives that support the District's strategic educational priorities

- Award grants to teachers and schools in the district to support their educational projects, technology, tools, experiences and initiatives that are outside the scope of the District budget
- Provide an open process by which all members of the community may involve themselves in charitable/fundraising activities that support the education of children in their community
- Perform all of the activities related to said purposes, to enjoy all of the powers granted and engage in any lawful activity for corporations/association organized under Pennsylvania non-profit corporation law

Our Members

REF is a volunteer run organization. Anyone in Riverview School District is welcome to be a member of REF; to help with events, fundraising, grants, and everything we do; and to attend REF meetings, which are the first Tuesday of the month in the RHS library.

Our board members are:

Regina Vitti-Lyons, President
Carrie DelRosso, Vice President
Heather Hogate, Secretary
Matthew Morrissey, Treasurer
Jeanine Franciscus
Donna Hanlon
Michele Harden
Sarah Johnson
Dara Ketterer
Dominic Lio
Kristin Lio
Kathleen Shoop
Eliza Swann

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

—Margaret Mead

REF Funded Projects

Little Bits Kits

Imagine animating a Native American diorama or inventing a device to clean up a model oil spill. Little Bits Kits allow grade school students to animate models, power vehicles, build prototypes, solve design challenges and more.

Digital Storytelling in the World Language/ESL Classroom

Thanks to this innovative technology, kids will no longer have to repeat phrases like “ou est le bibliotheque” over and over again in French class! Through digital storytelling students can create an authentic and meaningful project resulting in greater proficiency in writing, speaking, and reading a foreign language.

Virtual Reality in the Classroom

With virtual reality, instead of staring at a picture of a heart in a textbook, students can ride through the arteries and ventricles. Instead of looking at maps, they swim in the Great Barrier Reef. Kids across the curriculum will benefit from immersive, hands on experiences.

CNC Machine Kit

Students can create designs using 3D CAD software and then manufacture parts out of plastic, aluminum and wood. They will integrate software and hardware in a way that is directly applicable to many career opportunities, both in engineering related fields as well as skilled labor.

Battery Powered Car Race

Danica Patrick may get the trophy when she wins a race, but it takes a team of engineers and designers to build her a car that gets her over the finish line. Through the Battery Powered Car Race, students will get to be those engineers and designers.

Model UN Support

Riverview High School's Model UN team has won numerous awards through the years inspiring a **directed donation from Kathie and Bill Shoop** to support them. Students compete in Model UN Conferences across the country gaining experience in public speaking, critical thinking, data and policy analysis, debate, and group projects.

RHS Musical Body Microphones

“Creativity is intelligence having fun.” Anyone who has seen one of RHS's musicals can attest that Einstein was right. More than 20 percent of RHS students participate in the musical, which consistently is nominated for Gene Kelly awards. These talented kids' voices deserve to be heard and they will be with the body microphones funded through a **very generous directed donation from Janet and Robert Shoop**.

Band Drone project

Arts, video, and technology converge for this project. Students will use a drone to film the “big band from the little school” during band camp, games, parades and festivals. They will use editing software to develop creative, professional videos that can be used to advertise the band and district.

SMART Document Camera

Math instruction, science experiments, art projects and more come to life with this document camera that adds a 3D component to lessons. This multi-faceted piece of equipment will enhance student learning by providing reinforcement of skills and enabling analysis from all perspectives.

Laptops for STEM events

Riverview Junior/Senior High School has been competitive in a wide-range of STEM competitions. From placing first in the state in CyberPatriot to their impressive showings in BotsIQ, First Tech Challenge, First Lego League, and many more, our students, are making the district proud. This updated equipment will help students more successfully design robots, write code, apply 3D drawing software, and learn the fundamentals of network security.

Engineering with 3D printing:

Gone are the days of simply designing with mechanical pencils and grid paper. 3D printers allow our students to create prototypes, models and products out of materials such as plastics and metals.

Etiquette, Science and Arts:

Etiquette in the 21st century may sound like an oxymoron, but our teachers know how important it is. They are teaming with high school students to teach math, reading and science through the culinary arts, as well as teaching dance, public speaking, etiquette/manners, and respect to grade school students.

Educational Improvement Tax Credits & Direct Donations

Turn your business tax liability into support for students

If your business pays taxes, you can turn your business tax liability into support for Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math (STREAM) programs at virtually no cost to your business. For a minimal investment of time, businesses who qualify can take the state tax dollars they have to pay and instead invest them in local students and the educational focuses they need to be successful and make an impact on our world, today and in the future.

Through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, you can receive a 75% state tax credit for a one year commitment or a 90% credit for a two year commitment. In addition, business owners can claim a charitable deduction for the difference between the tax credit and the gift. Riverview Educational Foundation (REF) is a state-qualified Educational Improvement Organization. Through the EITC program, for every \$1000 you donate to REF each year for two years, you receive a \$900 tax credit per year, along with a typically 3.5 –5.5% Federal Tax Reduction or \$35 to \$55. A business can receive up to \$300,000 in tax credits annually.

Is your business eligible?

If your business is authorized to operate in Pennsylvania and pays one of the following taxes, you can register to be eligible for the Pennsylvania EITC Program: Personal Income Tax; Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax; Corporate Net Income Tax; Bank Shares Tax; Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax; Insurance Premium Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine); Mutual Thrift Tax; Malt Beverage Tax; Retaliatory Fees under section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921.

Is applying time-consuming?

The process is easy.

1. Consult with your tax advisor and determine eligibility.
2. Complete a simple one page form.
3. Submit the application to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) on or after July 2 if you are a first time applicant and May 15 if you have fulfilled your two year commitment and are reapplying to support a different Educational Improvement Organization. It is important to do it on the exact date or funds may run out.

For more information on how to make the taxes you are already paying go towards supporting innovative STREAM projects in the Riverview School District, please email info@rivervieweducationalfoundation.org. For more information on the EITC program, the application, and the list of qualified organizations, please go to <https://dc.ed.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/>

Support any project or program that is important to you through direct donation.

You can tell us what you want to support and we will use the funds to support it. For example, if you want your money to support the musical, we will use it towards the musical. Are you interested in robotics? Just tell us that's what you want to support and that's where your money will go. And it doesn't have to be STREAM related. This year, we received a direct donation to support our incredibly successful Model UN team. Or donate to the general fund and help support a variety of projects across the district. All donations to REF are tax deductible.



Acknowledgements

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Thank you for joining us.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.—Nelson Mandela



*Congratulations to all the
2018 honorees*

