

East Peoria Community High School - August 2009

Scholarship Recipients Announcement

The EPCHS 2009 Alumni Scholarship Committee presented \$6,000 in scholarships this year to the following outstanding students

Sam Pendola, Jr, Class of 1956, Track and Field Scholarship (\$1000)

Suzy Vaughn, daughter of Timothy & Cindy Sullens and Cindy & Anthony Vaughn, has been awarded the first ever Sam Pendola, Jr. Class of 1956 Track and Field Scholarship. To receive this scholarship, a student must be active in Track and Field in both high school and college. In high school, Suzy has established a new EPCHS indoor shot record. She is hoping to continue her winning record at college. Suzy has been involved with many community service projects, including working with disabled children, recycling, and involvement in her church. She is planning on nursing as a career.

EPCHS Alumni Scholarship Vocational/Community College Scholarship (\$500)

Jack Goetze, son of Laura Derry, will be pursuing a career in geology at Illinois State University. He has been first chair violin for all four years at the high school and has been active in area youth bands, as well as drama productions. Jack has been a city and park district volunteer for years.

Samantha Miller, daughter of Aaron and Janice Miller, will be attending Illinois State University where she will major in business. At the high school, she has participated in drama, various bands, Snowball, and Speech. Samantha is a frequent volunteer for the Pumpkin Festival and WTVP.

Dennis R. Triggs Scholarship Law and Public Servant Scholarship (\$1000)

Jessica Mallicoat, daughter of Tom and Shelly Mallicoat, will be attending ICC followed by WIU to obtain a degree in Criminal Justice. Jessica has been a nursing home volunteer for three years. At the high school, she has been involved in student leadership, soccer, Key Club, and Latin Club. She was the co-director of Snowball.

EPCHS Alumni Merit Scholarship (\$1000)

Alison Aldag, daughter of Ken and Kim Aldag, is entering the field of pharmacy at SIU. During her high school years, she participated in Latin Club, cheerleading, and volleyball. Outside commitments include church activities and the American Cancer Society.

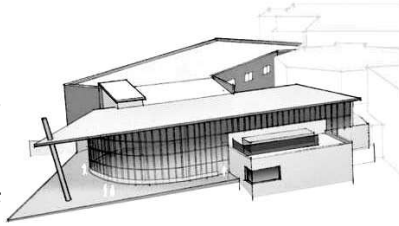
Tim Nguyen, son of Tung Nguyen and Thao Tran, will be studying at University of Illinois with an emphasis in bio-chemistry with plans to become a medical doctor. In high school, he was involved with student government, sports, and scholastic bowl. He also enjoys community soccer and volunteering for the Junior Red Cross.

Andrea Patten, daughter of Gary and Susan Patten, will be a student at Western Illinois University studying communication and broadcasting. During her years at EPCHS, she was involved with various bands, drama club, and the dance team. In the community, she was involved with softball and her youth group.



Construction begins!

2008 brought a beginning to a new EPCHS! Due to the age and physical condition of 'A' Building, the Board of Education began work to replace the 1922 structure. Groundbreaking for the new classroom and cafeteria wing was held August 29, 2008. The wing will be built on the West side of the building, along Harding Boulevard. The addition will contain classrooms, a 2-story, glass-walled cafeteria space, and a kitchen.



Construction of the new addition began last September with site work – leveling the construction site and installing water and sewer lines. Actual building construction has been ongoing since, with a planned completion of the addition in early 2010.

Upon completion of the new wing, work will begin to remodel the existing cafeteria space to accommodate Art and Chorus classes. The Main Entrance will be relocated to the Rosedale (East) side of the building. This work is scheduled to be completed by the opening of the 2010-11 school year.

Upon completion of the renovation work, 'A' Building will be vacated except for the Physical Education facility – gym, locker rooms, and fitness areas. Plans will then be finalized to replace 'A' Building with a smaller structure to provide the necessary physical education areas.

Watch the District website (www.epchs.k12.il.us) for construction updates and photos.

Alumni Scholarship Council needs you!

Because of the generosity of alumni and friends the Scholarship Funds continues to grow. With that, our ability to offer worthy EPCHS seniors scholarship funds has grown. To meet this responsibility, the Scholarship Council needs volunteers. There are openings in the council itself and, in addition, we need volunteers to help evaluate the scholarship applicants. If you have interest or know someone who does, please contact Jeff Petefish at 266-0771 or jpetefish@verizon.net. Please come join us!

Scholarships for graduating seniors

Through the efforts of the Alumni Scholarship Council each year, several graduating seniors receive financial assistance to help make their dreams a reality. The Alumni Council provides valuable scholarships for these students to assist them in attending vocational classes, taking classes towards an Associates Degree at an area junior college, or to pursue a four-year degree at a college or university.

On behalf of the EPCHS community, I extend sincere appreciation to the Alumni Council members for their dedication and commitment to the present students of their alma mater. They spend countless hours organizing fundraising activities and reviewing scholarship applications. Council members, however, cannot accomplish the work alone. They rely on the generosity of benefactors such as you.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to assist the efforts of the Alumni Scholarship Council. Donation information may be found in this newsletter. Thank you in advance for caring and sharing of your resources to benefit our students.

*Clifford Cobert
Superintendent*

A Letter from the Chairman ...

Since the inception of the EPCHS Alumni Scholarship Fund in 1994, the managing Council has awarded \$41,000 in total scholarships! In the first year, only one \$500 scholarship was awarded. This year, seven different students received scholarships totaling \$6,000.00! The Council thanks each and every contributor to the Scholarship Fund. It is only through the generosity of many that these awards are given. The Council encourages those who have not made a financial contribution to do so. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to assist the Council in assisting deserving EPCHS students fulfill their dreams.

Donations of time and participation with the Council are also welcome. Members of the Council spend countless hours organizing and conducting fundraisers to cover administrative costs of the Council, reviewing scholarship applications and overseeing the awarding of scholarships, as well as administering new donations to the Fund. The Council welcomes all individuals who would like to volunteer their time to serve on the Council or to assist the Council in its efforts.

*Mark Skaggs, Chairman,
EPCHS Class of '85*

Congratulations classes of 1984 and 1959 - 25 and 50 years! Do you remember...

In 1959:

- ◆ The first national colorcast of the Rose Bowl Parade. There were only 200 RCA color TV's able to view the show.
- ◆ Gas prices were .30/gallon.
- ◆ The Album of the Year was the Music from Peter Gunn.
- ◆ Ernie Banks became the first player to win back to back MVP Awards. The Cubs finished 5th in the division 74-80.

In 1984:

- ◆ The Album of the year - Michael Jackson - Thriller
- ◆ Gas Prices were \$1.21.Gallon
- ◆ Van Halen's World Tour was the last concert for lead singer David Lee Roth - until 2007
- ◆ The Cubs won the NL East for the team's first post season since 1945. They went on to win the first 2 games of the NLCS against the San Diego Padres only to lose the next three. Still waiting....

Mark your calendars!!!

The East Peoria Community High School Alumni Scholarship Council is excited to announce the First Annual Alumni Scholarship Fund Wine Tasting! This event is scheduled to be held on the evening of Thursday, October 1, 2009, from the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Folepi Building on Washington Street in East Peoria. Come out and sample wines from "World of Wine" brought to you by a wine expert from Super Liquors. In addition to the fine wines you will be able to sample, there will be a silent auction for various items, including an autographed Jim Thome bat.

So make your plans now; tickets are limited. Come out during the Homecoming Week festivities and reunite with classmates, try some new wines and enjoy a pleasant evening! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mark Skaggs at 678-2279 or Connie Pompa at 266-0048. The cost is \$25.00 per person if purchased in advance of the Event and \$30.00 per person if purchased at the door. Please check the EPCHS Alumni Website for additional information.

Classes of 1959 and 1969 are planning reunions

The classes of 1959 and 1969 are planning fall reunions. Please go to the EPCHS Alumni Web Site to learn more information and register. You may know your address hasn't changed, but save your dedicated reunion planners some time and effort because they need to verify all addresses from past reunions. If you have moved, register so you don't miss the fun! Go to epchs.k12.il.us and click on the Alumni button.

Calling all alumni: please register

Our tech coordinator has done an outstanding job creating a website for Alumni. Just go to the high school web site, www.epchs.k12.il.us, click on the alumni button, and register. Your registration will help reunion organizers find classmates and give the high school a way to contact you with alumni news, such as a gathering for all alumni. Classes can post news and upcoming reunion info on the site. If you have any questions or would like something posted on the site contact the Alumni webmaster at epchs-alumni@comcast.net.

East Peoria Community High School Alumni Scholarship Fund

I/We wish to encourage East Peoria Community High School graduates with their post high school education by making a gift of \$_____ to the general Alumni Scholarship Fund.

NAME _____ CLASS _____

MAIDEN NAME _____ CLASS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Your tax-deductible gift may be mailed to the high school at 1401 E. Washington, East Peoria, IL 61611.

*If two-alumnus household, please indicate class year for each.

8/09 NEWSLETTER

Who wore the golden shoes? Announcing the Sam Pendola, Jr. Class of 1956, Track & Field Scholarship

If you have ever walked by the High School's main trophy case directly outside the main gym doors, you may have wondered whose golden track shoes are shown in the case. They belong to Sam Pendola, Jr.!

The EPCHS Alumni Scholarship Council is pleased to announce the formation of the Sam Pendola, Jr., Class of 1956, Track & Field Scholarship. Through the generosity of Sam Pendola, Jr. and his family, this specialized scholarship was established to award athletic excellence and perseverance in the track and field arena for both a male and female athlete, in the amount of \$1,000 each, who seek to continue their education and active track and field participation at the collegiate level. The first scholarship award was issued to Suzy Vaughn, Class of 2009.

Sam attended Roosevelt Grade School, East Peoria Central Junior High School and EPCHS and graduated in 1956. During his years at EPCHS, Sam participated in football, basketball and track. He was a member of the varsity track team all four years and participated in the State High School track meet each of those four years. As a freshman, he was the anchor leg in the 880 yard relay earning a 5th place finish.

As a sophomore, he finished 3rd at the State Meet in the 100 yd. dash in a time of 9.9 seconds. As a junior, he earned a 4th place finish as the anchor leg in the 880 yd. relay. As a senior, he earned a 4th place finish in the 220 yd. dash with a time of 22.0 seconds. Quite amazingly, since Sam's sophomore year, in Conference meets,

District meets, dual and triangular meets, as well as invitational meets, he won both the 100 and 220 yd. dash races each and every meet! His name still remains in the track and field record books of EPCHS.

In basketball, he graduated EPCHS averaging 19.9 points per game and shot 70% from the free throw line. His senior year, he was voted as Greater Peoria's Outstanding Prep Basketball Player and was also awarded the "Best Athlete" four years at EPCHS.

His track exploits earned him a Scholarship to Bradley University. He went on to be a physical education teacher, cross country coach and track coach. He first taught for three years at Bellevue Grade School and then was hired at Lockport West High School in 1963, which is now known as Romeoville High School. Sam retired from education in 1993. Thereafter, he stayed active in working at various track and field meets in the Chicago area.

Sandra, his wife of 51 years who he met as a 7th grader at East Peoria Central Junior High, tells the Council that they had a wonderful ride and they hope someone else can experience what they did and even more. The Council graciously thanks Sam, his wife and family for their generosity. Sam's influence has resulted in a Bradley track and field teammate making an additional contribution to Sam's Scholarship Fund.

Mark Skaggs, Class of '85
Chairman of EPCHS Alumni Scholarship Council



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