



New Smyrna Beach Community and Alumni Providing Scholarships

Summer 2015 Newsletter

“STRENGTHENING OUR YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION.”

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Greetings:

I am thrilled to be the new Principal of New Smyrna Beach High School. I love the rhythm of high school life with all the early mornings, students challenging themselves academically, making new friends, participating in school activities and events, and finally walking across the graduation stage. The energy of teenagers is contagious, and I've enjoyed meeting many of them this summer.



My husband and I are lifelong residents of west Volusia, and I am learning more and more about the people and businesses in New Smyrna Beach every day. There is a genuine warmth and concern for each other that is tangible. What a wonderful seaside community this is!

I am so excited to become a part of the 'Cuda family and to begin the 2015-2016 school year. Our faculty and staff will be diligently providing high quality educational experience so that our students graduate career and college ready. Along the way, we will work to solve problems that will help each student to reach their potential. I hope you will join my vision for the school and participate in any way you can. Please feel free to email me or stop by anytime.

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Message From Your Chairman



In May, CAPS gave over \$46,000 to the class of 2015. We were quite pleased with this and a big 'Thank You' goes out to all who contributed and made this possible!

Hello and Regards to All,

Summertime will almost be over when you read this. Many of you will have attended class reunions over the summer, reacquainting with classmates and friends and sharing good memories of your time growing up in New Smyrna Beach.

A couple of years ago we issued a "Class Challenge", wherein those who wished to come together as a graduating class could donate a scholarship in the name of your class. We would like to congratulate the class of 1964. This past year they awarded a \$3,000 dollar scholarship to a graduate of the class of 2015. Class of 1964 "THANK YOU" for your support of CAPS and its mission to "Strengthen our youth through the power of education".

The first class to answer the challenge was the class of '88', in 2014. They also contributed a scholarship in 2009. So the class of '88' has two notches on their belt. Also contributing in the past have been the class of 1963 in 2009 and the class of 1955 in 2006.

Our intent with this challenge is to see all the classes involved with a goal of providing a scholarship every five years for each class group. By doing this we could see an additional 7 or more scholarships per year awarded to a deserving student of New Smyrna Beach High School. Remember "a little from a lot goes along way"!

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As you plan your class reunions in the future please remember CAPS.

You can utilize our website to post your news and reunion announcements. Contact us at nsrcaps.com or call 386-438-2729 (leave a message). If you

would like a representative of CAPS to speak at your reunions, gatherings or organizational meetings to share what CAPS is about and our success stories please contact us.

Thanks again to all of you – the supporters of CAPS! We appreciate what you do!

Best Wishes,
Jeff

Visit – nsrcaps.com to donate, contact us, view the new Cuda Achievers, check out reunion news etc...

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Where Are They Now?



My name is Kyle Meade. I am a 2002 graduate of New Smyrna Beach High, as well as a recipient of the CAPS scholarship. I still remember the immense joy I felt upon hearing my name announced to accept it. I have

so many positive memories from my time at NSBHS, but above all, my time spent in the Student Government instilled within me the enormous passion for helping others. My first years of community college ran much smoother knowing I had additional funds towards my tuition and books. I earned my AA degree from then DBCC and finished my BS in Psychology from UCF. All the while, I took time to give back when I could. I learned over and over that giving my time and self gave back tenfold of what I put in.

Are You Planning a Class Reunion?

We can help you spread the word. Just send us the what, when, where, and who to contact to our editor at salron5@att.net and we'll be sure to get it in the next publication. Deadlines for our three-times-a-year CAPS Newsletter are as follows:

April 1st for May 1st mailing

August 1st for September 1st mailing

December 1st for January 1st mailing

Have you recently had a reunion and want to share the great time you had together? Just use the same deadlines and email address above and send pictures (make sure to identify the people), names of attendees and a brief account of the event.

My desire to serve others and support humanitarian aid motivated me to join the US Air Force. I wanted to serve my country and do my part. I became a weather forecaster, earning an AS degree in Meteorology. It's been seven years since I raised my hand in front of our flag and since then the Air Force has assisted me in earning my Master's degree in Human Relations.

My wife Amber and I have two boys and one little girl. I've lived in Europe and deployed to the Balkans. It gives me great pride to know that I'm a part of the world's greatest air force. I chose to reenlist in 2011. In March of 2012, I was given orders to provide weather support for both NASA and Cape Canaveral AFB. I was going home. I have come full circle and so far the ride has been nothing short of a great adventure. I feel lucky to have been supported by CAPS as I entered my adult life. It was encouraging to know that my community saw something in me, and made the decision to invest in my future.

It is my intention to return to this area upon military retirement or perhaps early separation. My affinity towards public service is a part of me, and is something that was reinforced via a small beach town that I am proud to say I hail from.

Are You A Vietnam Vet?

There is a project going on to identify those who grew up in Southeast Volusia, went to school here and later served in Vietnam. Their photos will be framed in a composite and hang in the New Smyrna Historical Museum. If you or anybody you know is in this category and you have not been contacted about this, please contact Frank Farmer at 386-212-0324 or email ffarmer@cfl.rr.com. Thanks.

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In Passing

Aubrie Burch Brown, ('45) died April 30, 2015 in Jacksonville, FL. Aubrie was a fabulous cook, possessed a green thumb, and grew an abundance of beautiful plants and flowers in her yard watching the birds that came to visit her garden. She is survived by her husband, Marvin; son, Robert; two grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Nikki Lanette Brown ('92) died May 29, 2015. She is survived by her parents, James and Norma Brown, two sisters and one brother.

Word has been received of the death of **Margaret "Sue" Parker Chandler**, ('51) March 11, 2015 in Stone Mountain, GA.

Michael Alan Corbett ('69) died June 22, 2015. Michael, who was a native Floridian, was a tile setter by trade. He is survived by his daughters, Julie and Lacy, and four grandchildren.

William "Billy" Jennings Dillon, Jr. ('65) died April 25, 2015. Born in Bluefield, WV, Billy served for 13 months as a Marine helicopter gunner in Vietnam. A graduate of Valdosta State University and DC Life University, Billy was a Chiropractor for 22 years, enjoyed riding motorcycles and was an instrument rated pilot. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara, and daughter, Melissa.

Dorothy Lillian Hendricks Ford ('46) died June 5, 2015. She attended The University of Georgia and retired from Emory University. A resident of Stone Mountain, GA, Dorothy is survived by her husband of 60 years, Julian, with whom she enjoyed extensive world traveling.

Word has been received of the death of **Russell Gilkes** ('76) March 15, 2015.

Michael Grady Green ('64) died April 3, 2015. A native and life long resident of NSB, Mike retired as a manager for Florida Power and Light after a 41 year career. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and especially Gator football. He was a 3-time commodore of the Anglers Yacht Club, captain of the NSB Quarterback Club and a member of Elks Lodge 1557. He is survived by a daughter, Kim; two sons, Michael and Tyler, 5 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

Ralph Lee Harrison ('63) died August 25, 2014 in Omaha, NE. After graduating from NSBHS, Lee enlisted in US Army, during which he graduated with an A.A.S. in aviation management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. and before retirement attained the rank of Lt.Col. He served two tours in Vietnam receiving multiple awards and medals for his acts of bravery. He is survived by his wife, Ginger; 5 children, William, Mary, Christy, Amanda and Morgan; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Anthony Roy Jones ('40) died May 23, 2015. Roy was a WW II submarine veteran after which he worked with the Florida East Coast Railway until the strike in the 1960's and then went into business and opened Jones Electric where he worked until his retirement. Very active in civic affairs in NSB, he loved hunting and fishing, and pitching for his senior softball team. He is survived by his wife, Helen; sons, Steve and Glenn, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Timothy Michael Kates ('85) died June 7, 2015. A lifetime native of NSB, Timothy was employed by Sunrise Condominiums as a building superintendent. It was his second home and his extended family. He is survived by his wife, JoEllen, and son, Dylan.

Linda Mann ('74) died in May, 2015 in West Palm Beach, FL. Linda was a private care nurse for the elderly in West Palm Beach and is survived by five children: Stephanie, Eric, Aaron, Leslie and LaRia; and four grandchildren.

Larry Meeks, Sr. ('79) died July 9, 2015. Born in St. Augustine, FL, Larry was one of NSBHS's star football and basketball players where he was fondly named "Tippy Toes" because he ran on his toes. Larry was a veteran of the U.S. Air force and is survived by his wife, Audrey; two daughters, Treniece and Brandi; and three grandchildren.

James W. Merrick, Jr. ('85) died June 20, 2015. Jimmy loved baseball, graduated from Seminole

Community College on a baseball scholarship, and played semi-pro. He was a member of IBEW Local 756 Union, worked for URS Corporation as an industrial electrician and was also a consulting specialist for Merrick Services, Inc. He is survived by his children, Carlos, Alexis and Armondo.

Veronica "Roni" Unger Merrill ('58) died April 10, 2015. After enlisting and serving three years in the U.S. Air Force, Roni entered the convent for one year, but then married her husband. She led prayer groups and was a healing minister in the Epiphany Catholic Church, and was an avid tennis player. She is survived by her husband, Donald and sons, James and George.

Clay Steward Scarbrough ('77) died June 23, 2015. A life-long area resident, Clay was an aerospace technician for over 25 years, working for United Space Alliance and the Columbia Landing Recovery Team. He is survived by his daughter, Christie.

Blake Simmons ('77) died April 7, 2015. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking and collecting antiques. Survivors are his wife, Lois, and daughter Amanda.

Hermon S. Zeigler (Chisholm HS class of 1940) died April 19, 2015. Hermon served in the US Army Signal Corps, was a proprietor of a floor maintenance business and was recognized by the Paterson, NJ (where he lived) City Council for his outstanding civic contributions. After retiring back home to Florida,

he was a part-time Publix employee for 20 years. He is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Lynn and godson.

NSBHS English teacher, **Juliet Ruthinia Stripling Austin**, died April 14, 2015. Employed with Volusia County Public Schools for nearly 30 years, she received many accolades throughout Volusia and neighboring counties for her vocal abilities including performing at the Performing Arts Center of Bethune-Cookman University. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Harry Austin; daughters, Monika and Sarah; four grandchildren and one great grandson.

REMINDER

IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE HAVING YOUR NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU, PLEASE DONATE AT LEAST \$10 ANNUALLY FOR PUBLISHING EXPENSES.

This is your last reminder.

The newsletter will always be available on our website: www.NSBCAPS.com

Many thanks to those of you who have already sent in your donation since January 1.

2015 CAPS Scholarship Recipients

New Smyrna Beach Community and Alumni Providing Scholarships is an organization that grew out of a dream that began in 1995 by sisters, Mrs. Zadah Vermelle Chapman, Class of 1947, and Mrs. Jane Chapman Gould, Class of 1950. They started CAPS with \$500 of their own, with a goal of giving something back to New Smyrna Beach High School and its students. This year CAPS awarded fourteen scholarships valued at \$3200 each and two additional scholarships to recognize the Valedictorian (\$1000) and Salutatorian (\$500). In the last twenty one years, CAPS has awarded 381 scholarships with a value of almost \$700,000.

Elena Brandner

Fannie Cleland Memorial Scholarship

The daughter of Austrian born parents, Elena likens her ability to attend college as “a vault of diamonds.” She goes on to say, “The opportunities are endless and without bounds if one simply applies themselves to the goals at hand. I will be relentless in my pursuit to do the things I want to do in life, and a college education will allow me to open those doors of opportunity. I simply want the chance.” Ranked number nine in her class with a grade point average of 4.4, she will be attending the University of Florida pursuing pharmacy.

Kaitlyn Brill

Vernon and Mary Lee Altman Scholarship

“Since the first time I stepped foot in a preschool classroom I have known that my future career would be teaching. I have earned my 40 hours of DCF (Department of Children and Families) training and my ECPC (Early Childhood Professional Certificate) this spring through the wonderful Early Childcare program at New Smyrna Beach High School. I am currently employed at Meadow Woods Preschool, where I work 15 hours a week with children ages two to five years old.” From a broken home, Kaitlyn credits her older brother for teaching her to be strong, independent and hardworking. The first in her family to attend a school of higher learning, she will be attending Daytona State College majoring in Elementary Education.

Taylor Goode

Woman's Club Scholarship

As Historian for the Student Government Association, Treasurer for the Student Council, and Secretary for the National Honor Society, as well as being active in various community programs, Taylor has also proven herself academically with a GPA of 4.2 all four years of high school. Knowing that her grandparents had struggled to improve themselves financially and give their children the opportunity of higher education, Taylor has always been motivated for higher education and the goal for the better things in life. She will be studying Communications & Media at Florida State University.

Brandy Hennen

The Shawn and Wendy Lane Family Scholarship

Because of a difficult family situation through her young life, Brandy attended nine public elementary schools in at least five different states, never understanding why, sufficiently enough, to help ease the difficulty and trauma she faced of constantly “starting over.” Determined to achieve a better future for herself and her younger siblings she has had to separate herself from the situation, living with extended family, and working hard in high school to maintain a 3.7 GPA. She will pursue a career in therapy by attending Seminole State University in Sanford, Florida.

Elisebeth Jones

Elisebeth has already attained her AA degree from Daytona State College. With her eye on ultimately teaching in the Early Childhood Education program at New Smyrna Beach High School, she will continue her education at the University of South Florida for her bachelor's degree in education. She says, “I love helping the community, and going to college means new community service opportunities, exploring new cultures, finding new hobbies and meeting people who have the same interests as I.”

Reece Jowers

A good athlete in football, soccer and track and field, Reece is also a good student with a 4.1 GPA in his senior year. He has rounded out his education by attending mission trips to Costa Rica with his church for the past four years, and in his “spare time” held part time jobs in local restaurants and a landscaping company. As a result of Reece's experiences in Costa Rica his dream and goal is to “raise the standard of living of as many Costa Rican families as possible, assisting in fulfilling their basic needs.” He has been accepted to the University of Florida and will pursue a major in Psychology.

Liam May

“I want to be able to design and build a sturdy, safe bridge that will hold for generations. I want to be an engineer capable of the kind of innovation that improves lives. That is why I want to go to college. As of today I am a seventeen year old Winn-Dixie employee with no engineering accomplishments outside of the classroom. However with a college

education, I could be the next Gustave Eiffel or Steve Jobs. That is what a college education means to me.” Such are the hopes and dreams of Liam who has maintained a 4.0 GPA in high school and who will attend University of Central Florida seeking an engineering degree.

Stephanie Morell

If ever there was a student who knows exactly what she wants to study and where she’s going with her education, it’s Stephanie. Since her freshman year in high school her goal, and only goal, is to be a French teacher and “travel the world, teach the world, and conquer the world!” She credits first and foremost her French teacher, Dr. Grace Kellermeier, as her role model and inspiration. Unsurprisingly, Stephanie was president of the French Club but she was also active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Creative Writing Club, and AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination). With a 3.9 GPA, she will be attending University of South Florida this fall.

Rebecca Lynn O’Connor

Participating in school activities, including being Co-Editor-in-Chief of the School Literary Magazine, the Baracuda Band, and Key Club, as well as volunteering at Ocean View Nursing and Rehab Center and ‘Cudas Unhooked, Rebecca has kept herself busy and involved. Writing is her passion, and she’d “love to learn new ways to express myself through words.” Though her home life has been challenging, she has carried five AP courses and has maintained a 3.1 GPA in her quest to pursue a degree in English Education at Stetson University.

Mason Porter

With 15 hours toward an Associate Arts degree already in hand, Mason is well on his way to his goal of becoming a firefighter and paramedic with a degree in business. While in high school, he became a friend to a special needs student and that experience has helped motivate him to someday give back to New Smyrna Beach High School and volunteer his services to help upcoming NSBHS students know more about his chosen field. With a 3.9 GPA, Mason will be attending Daytona State/ University of Central Florida.

Jack Schwab

Class of 1964 Scholarship

Ranking #8 in his class, Jack has maintained a 4.5 GPA while also attaining captain of the baseball team and cross country team, Editor in Chief of the yearbook staff and Chief Marketing Officer of the Entertainment and Sports Marketing Academy. Among other recognitions, he was also awarded Outstanding Senior. Active with his church youth ministry and other charities, Jack still has his eye on

becoming a history teacher and “help the next generation not only become familiar with humanity’s past, but to strive and succeed through their lives.” He will attend Rollins College in the fall.

Justin Stanbro

The Kaye Walker Scholarship

Everyone has a special someone in their life who is an inspiration and encouragement to them. In Justin’s young life it was his grandpa. He died when Justin was a freshman, and though “it was a hard way to start high school I knew he wanted me to do something he never could, go to college.” Participating in Student Government Association, National Honor Society and being the captain of his varsity soccer team, Justin also was an usher in his church and was a delegate to the American Legion Florida Boy’s State. With a 3.8 GPA, he has been accepted at Stetson University to study Business/Marketing.

Bruce Weiland III

The Margie Sheldon Memorial Scholarship

Goal oriented and singleness of purpose has propelled Bruce to pursue his dream of getting an advanced education; so much so that he graduated from Daytona State College with an associate’s degree before he graduated from high school. Ranking 7th in his class with a 4.4 GPA, he also made the President’s List at Daytona State. Community activities include participating in the Indian River coastal cleanup and interning with the NSB Museum of East Coast Surfing. He will pursue a Communications degree at the University of South Florida.

Marisa Wyatt

The Founders’ Scholarship

“My want and need for a higher education stems from my need to achieve my full potential and be able to provide for myself without help. A college education means a more informed populace that will be able to correct the wrongs that have been forced on people my age.” Such are the driving forces that propel a formerly shy and introspective young woman to find her way in the world. Marisa has been Secretary of Rotary Interact Club and co-founder of Save 8: Educate! Club and also worked part time. With a 3.8 GPA, she will seek a photography degree at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Abigail Lane, Valedictorian

Emily Porcelli, Salutatorian



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