



HCP Continues Academic Success

HCP recently announced that senior **Isaiah Gilley** has been named a National Merit semifinalist. Names of those semifinalists who are finalists will be announced this spring. Senior **Conner Mulvaney** received a commendation for his performance (top 5%) on the ACT test.

For the fall semester, this year, 203 students at HCP were named to the Principal's honor roll. This is conferred to students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Since high schools which offer many AP courses are more challenging



Dr, Milo Miller, Principal, congratulates Isiah Gilley

than others, the 3.0 GPA is considered an outstanding achievement.

HCP is also proud to announce that it received a grade of A+ by the State Department of Education for the 2015-2016 academic year.

This past year the Washington Post ranked HCP as the best high school in Oklahoma and the School

Choice National Organization awarded HCP "The Best Charter School Award". Such recognition continues the trend of HCP ranking in the top 5% of all public high schools in the nation.

Congratulations to the students and faculty of Harding Charter Prep!

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Annual Meeting of the HHSAA Membership

Saturday July 22nd

12:00 P.M.

Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler

2652 W. Britton Road

Please purchase your lunch and join other alumni in the private room on the southwest side of the restaurant

Outstanding Alum—Jay Cronley ‘61

It is with sadness that we report the death of Jay Cronley ‘61, well known Oklahoma newspaper man and author. Jay passed away of an apparent heart attack on February 26, 2017 at the age of 73.

After graduation from Harding High School in 1961, Jay went to college at the University of Oklahoma on a baseball scholarship. While at OU he was named to the All-Big Eight Baseball Team as a second baseman.

Following college Jay tried his luck as a stock broker. He once said he left the profession ‘before he starved to death’. It was then that he found his true calling in writing. He worked at *The Tulsa Tribune* for 22 years with a regular column ‘Cronley at Large’. When *The Tribune* folded, he moved to the *Tulsa World* where his columns

were published three times per week and he was the voice behind an anonymous ‘Picker’ column in the Sports section. By Jay’s own accounting he wrote around 2500 articles over his career. In addition to regular newspaper columns, Jay authored 10 books. Three of them were converted to film in the United States and one in Europe. He contributed articles to *Sports Illustrated*, *Playboy*, and *Esquire* and wrote a horse-racing column for ESPN. Somewhere along the line he also found time to teach writing courses at the University of Tulsa.

The first and most well-known film arising from Jay’s books was ‘Funny Farm’ starring Chevy Chase. Although Jay had some reservations about the screen adaptation, he did play a cameo part in the movie. Most horse racing fans love

the movie ‘Let it Ride’ based on the book ‘Good Vibes’.

Family and colleagues report that Jay had a knack for writing about ordinary subjects in a funny and sometimes irreverent way. Jay was one-of-a-kind who lived life his way.

Jay Cronley was inducted into the Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

Jay is survived by a daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. He also leaves behind his ex-wife Connie, who remained his best friend throughout life, and his beloved dog, Zeke.



Jay Cronley

Harding Fine Arts Honored

The Governor’s Arts in Education Award was recently awarded to Harding Fine Arts Academy for their outstanding leadership and service in the arts benefitting youth and arts education.

Award recipients are selected from nominations made by members of the Governor’s Arts Awards Selection Committee. The awards recognize involvement in the Arts, leadership in initiatives promoting the arts, efforts to increase access to the arts for underserved individuals or communication and the impact of the recipient on arts education.

Mr. Barry Schmelzenbach, school principal, received the award and stated that ‘Harding Fine Arts academy was founded by Oklahoma City

Community leaders and fine arts advocates with the belief that a comprehensive education requires more than book knowledge’.

Harding Fine Arts academy is a college preparatory high school that integrates the arts throughout its curriculum. The school was named a 2015 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

During the awards ceremony master of ceremonies Nancy Leonard, Oklahoma Arts Council Chair, two HFAA groups provided entertainment. The string orchestra and classical guitar student performed before and after the ceremony.



Principal Barry Schmelzenbach receives Arts in Education Award from Amber Sharples

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(*Donations 3/14/16—3/15/17)

Class of 1967 50-year Reunion

Friday, June 2:

9:00 am, Men and Women's Golf, Lincoln Park Golf Course, 4001 NE Grand Blvd.

7:00—9:30 pm—Dinner, CHK/Central Boat House, 732 Riversport Dr.

Saturday, June 3:

10:00 am—12:00 pm—Self Tour Harding

12:00 pm—Lunch, Johnnie's, 2652 Britton Rd.

7:00 pm-11:00 pm - Buffet and Dancing, Will Rogers Theater, 4322 N. Western.

RSVP: Jim Rust, 3300 Brookhollow Rd, OKC, OK 73120, 405-659-1738

Fallen Eagles

James Allen, Faculty, 3/7/2017, Norman, OK.

Barbara Anspaugh '65, 3/9/2017, Oklahoma City, OK.

Patti Johnson Casteel '63, 1/31/2017, Oklahoma City, OK.

Fran Ault Cox '60, 9/26/2016, Edmond, OK

Jay Cronley '61, 2/26/2017, Tulsa, OK.

Marian Maier Galant '65, 3/15/2015, Denver, CO.

David Hamilton '59, 6/14/2015, Oklahoma City,

OK.

Walter McCowen '68, 9/22/2015, Oklahoma City, OK.

John McMurry '62, 10/4/2016, Oklahoma City, OK.

Shela Glen Palmer Patterson '66, 1/27/2017, Oklahoma City, OK.

Susan Steinmeyer Tatum '63, 2/17/2017, Clovis, NM.

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