



# The Marionette

## HCP Graduate on His Way to Becoming a Lawyer



Gary Lalli '11

Following over 10 years of graduations at Harding Charter Preparatory High School, it seems fitting to see what some of those graduates are doing now. Our first look reports on Gary Lalli from the class of 2011. After leaving HCP, Gary completed his undergraduate studies at Oklahoma State University. He was fortunate to earn 6 credits at OSU for his AP English/Comp and AP History courses at HCP. In addition Gary was partially supported by scholarships from Dr. Pepper, Sigma Chi, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and from Harding Alum, Dr. Mark Sullivan '58.

Gary is now a stu-

dent at Marquette Law School where he is in his second year of studies and scheduled to graduate next year. He received a \$14,000 scholarship from Marquette.

While at OSU Gary pole vaulted just for fun. That interest prepared him to become an assistant coach for the track and field team at Marquette. In this capacity he works with the college pole vaulters about two times per week.

When asked how HCP prepared him for college, Gary reported that the education he received at Harding put him in a position to be successful in post-

graduate work because he was held to a higher standard in high school. This experience prepared him for a successful academic career at OSU that he attributes to the work ethic and appreciation for learning that he developed at HCP. Gary believes that these attributes have helped him both inside and outside of the classroom.

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### SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
HHSAA MEMBERSHIP

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018  
12:00 PM

JOHNNIE'S CHARCOAL BROILER  
2652 N. BRITTON ROAD

Purchase your lunch and join us in the private room in the SW corner of the restaurant

## Outstanding Alum—Tony Clark '67

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After graduating from Harding High School in 1967, Tony attended Trinity University in San Antonio and then graduated from Oklahoma University in 1971 with Bachelor Degrees in political science and journalism. He later received a Master's Degree in Communications from OU. Upon graduation, Tony was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S Army. His initial training was at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis and he later served at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. After his military service Tony joined the news department of KWTU, Channel 9 in Oklahoma City.

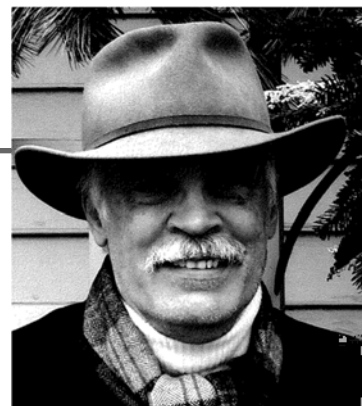
In 1984, after 10 years doing local news, Tony joined the fledgling CNN as its Dallas bureau chief covering a 5-state region. Each time Tony would go to the office he did not know where he would be later that day or that night. Trips to such places as Panama to cover General Noriega, to Mexico City to cover the earthquake and to Los Angeles to cover the riots were all in a day's work. It forced his mother to subscribe to cable TV so she would know where he was.

Tony was on assignment in Waco, Texas in 1995 covering the anniversary of the fire at

the Branch Dividian compound when he heard about the bombing at the Murrah Building in his hometown. He considers this his most memorable story because he grew up here and knew the fathers of two of the victims. For several months he lived downtown at CNN's temporary headquarters reporting each days' activities as the city tried to recover. For his reporting he received an Emmy. Later Tony covered Timothy McVeigh's trial in Denver.

Tony covered the Presidential campaigns of Ross Perot, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush. He was in Amman, Jordan in the early hours of January 17, 1991 when the world watched as CNN reporters from a Baghdad hotel bring live coverage of the air attack by US planes on Baghdad. Tony witnessed the reports as they were transmitted in real time over a dedicated phone line to CNN in Amman and then sent via satellite to CNN headquarters in Atlanta. Tony covered the Challenger space shuttle explosion, the Jonesboro school shooting, the school shooting in Oregon and was CNN's first correspondent at Columbine.

Not all of Tony's stories centered around disasters. He re-



Tony Clark

ceived international recognition for his reporting of the rescue of "Baby Jessica" in October 1987 in Midland, Texas. Many attribute this around-the-clock coverage of the little girl trapped inside the well to making CNN a prominent news organization. Tony is a 1991 recipient of the JayMac Distinguished Alumni Award of the University of Oklahoma, Gaylord College of Journalism, Media Arts and Strategic Communication.

In 2004 Tony became the Director of Public Affairs at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum in Atlanta where he serves to this day overseeing its exhibits, as well as author lectures, film series and special events. At least now when he wakes up he has a pretty good idea where he will be that evening.

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## In the News at Harding Charter Prep

In January Harding Charter Prep hosted its annual All School Reunion. This event provided the opportunity to award scholarships to two of their former students. The Clyde Riggs "Life is Good" scholarships in the amount of \$5000.00 each are designated for HCP students who are now in the sophomore year college or beyond. This year's recipients were Brittney Har-

vey from the class of 2007 and Logan Cates from the class of 2015. The scholarships honor Mr. Riggs who was an early supporter of the HCP-mission.

Congratulations also go to students and teachers who have participated in extracurricular activities. The Debate Team was second in the contest among Class 5A high schools. The Academic Team advanced from

the Regional to the Area contest. The Band Director hosted the All City Band auditions and Fine Arts hosted the HCP arts festival which showcases the talents of HCP students.

The school also hosted the HCP basketball festival where the HCP team had some wins and also brought honor to the school for serving as gracious hosts of the event.

## Kudos to the Alumni Who Support Our Scholarship and Gift Funds\*

### Platinum Eagle Donors

Rebecca Blackstock '61  
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\* Donations made between 3/15/17 and 3/14/18

## Fallen Eagles

**Chloa Burnside Boren '61**, 12-26-17, Oklahoma City, OK.

**William Calhoun '66**, 11-6-17, Norman, OK.

**Paula Wallace DeGiusti '68**, 10-9-17, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Sandra Cushing Griesel '65**, 2-19-18, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Mary Margaret Renegar Jordan '59**, 2-15-18, Oklahoma City, OK

**Dorothy McConville Kennedy '68**, 1-21-18, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Rick Lapella '69**, 2017, Peoria, AZ.

**William Lingle '68**, 2-3-18, Oklahoma City, OK.

**John Mason '69**, 3-16-12, residence unknown.

**Millicant Berry Page '63**, 8-6-15, Washington State.

**Taz Rowland '62**, Las Vegas, NV.

**Tony Teague '65**, 3-10-18, Oklahoma City.

**Charles Thannhausen Jr. '66**, 3-4-18, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Jerri Ann Vernon '58**, 1-5-18, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Jim Webster '60**, 11-23-17, Walla Walla, WA.

**Jeanette Swan Willet '59**, 9-26-17, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Mike Winter '62**, 1-22-18, Houston, TX.

(Make notifications of recent deaths at [www.HardingAlumni.org](http://www.HardingAlumni.org))

## CLASSES OF 68-69 FIFTY-YEAR REUNION JUNE 1-2, 2018

**FRIDAY, 7:00 PM:** EVENING MIXER. CHK/CENTRAL BOATHOUSE

**SATURDAY, 10:00 AM:** PROGRAM AND TOUR. HARDING AUDITORIUM

**SATURDAY 12:30 PM:** LUNCH. JOHNNIE'S ON BRITTON RD

**SATURDAY 7:00 PM:** PARTY. PARK HOUSE EVENT CENTER. MYRIAD GARDENS

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## Spring is the Time to Renew Your HHSAA Membership

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Yearly dues are \$25.00 (for the year beginning 6-1-18 through 5-31-19) and lifetime dues are \$150.00

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name while at Harding \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

HHS class \_\_\_\_\_ \

**Fill in if contact information has changed (Address or email):**

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**I have included payment for :** Annual dues \_\_\_\_\_ ; Lifetime dues \_\_\_\_\_.

**I have included a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation for the HHSAA scholarship fund(s) or gift fund:**

**Please indicate which fund** General (B) \_\_\_\_\_ ; Sayre (CP) \_\_\_\_\_ ; Miller (B) \_\_\_\_\_ ;

Promise (FA) \_\_\_\_\_ ; Campbell (CP) \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts (B) \_\_\_\_\_.

Paranthesis indicate which school is supported: Both Schools (B), Charter Prep (CP), Fine Arts (FA)

My contribution is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Dues and Contributions to the HHSAA Are Tax Deductible**

**Make checks payable to the HHSAA**

Donors receive recognition for Scholarship and Gift Fund Donors—Platinum Eagle Donor (\$1000+) Golden Eagle Donor,(\$500-999), Silver Eagle Donor (\$250-499), Bronze Eagle Donor (\$100-249) or Eagle Donor (\$1-99).