



The Marionette

HCP Moves Up in Newsweek Rankings!

We are delighted to report recent results from the *Newsweek* rankings of U.S. public high schools. In that analysis, Harding Charter Preparatory moved from 193rd place in the nation in 2009 to 68th place in 2010. HCP ranked second in the Oklahoma City area and first among those schools that do not preselect their student population. Both Okla-

homa City schools in the top 100 out-performed suburban schools on the list that ranked no higher than 392. HCP is distinguished from other OKC schools by a higher percentage of students who qualify for subsidized lunches. This difference supports the view of the HCP founding faculty that students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds can succeed in a challeng-

ing environment committed to quality education.

The latest Academic Performance Index (API) scores for HCP also highlight the success of the school. Results for the students in the graduating class of 2009 (the latest results available) were 1484, out-performing all suburban high schools.

2010 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Harding Alumni Association funded \$14,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at Harding Fine Arts Academy and Harding Charter Preparatory High School this spring. Scholarships were presented at spring graduation ceremonies.

HHSAA scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 were awarded to H F A A brother and sister, **Karen and Fernando Martinez**. Karen is attending the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) and

Fernando is attending Oklahoma City Community College. The Marjorie Miller Scholarship (\$1500.00) in the language arts was awarded to HFAA student, **Annette Wagner**. Annette is attending UCO and plans to be a nurse. Promise Scholarships in the amount of \$500.0 were presented to **Hannah Tullius** for the visual arts and to **Tauheeda Jackson** for the performing arts.

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**Class of 1961
50-Year Reunion
June 10-11, 2011**

**Friday Night
Back Yard Barbeque**

**Saturday
Golf Tournament**

Open House at Harding

Lunch at Johnnie's

Dinner Dance at Remington Park—Music by
Ronnie Kaye

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Outstanding Alum—Tom Hill '61

Tom Hill cites three events that shaped his life. Receiving Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, marrying **Kay Kimmell '64**, and the Marine Corps, in that order. Tom spent seven years in the U.S. Marine Corp, including a tour in Viet Nam as a Radar Intercept Officer. He earned a B.S.E.E. from Oklahoma State University where he received the St. Pat's Award (the highest honorary recognition in the College of Engineering) and the Outstanding Electrical Engineer Award.

In 1971 Tom began his career in the family business, Kimray, a manufacturer of oilfield equipment and controls. By the time he retired, he was the company President. Today, Tom remains as Chairman of the Board after transitioning the management of the company to his sons when he was diagnosed with MS in 2001. Tom began the nonprofit organization Character First!® and serves as its CEO. The organization was originally formed to help Kimray employees become successful through build-

ing good character. Since its inception in 1992, thousands of businesses, school districts and communities in the United States and twenty-seven foreign countries have implemented this "new" paradigm for personal growth.

Tom served as a trustee or board member for the Character Council of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma Baptist University, the Institute in Basic Life Principles, Scope Ministries International, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Companies for Christ International and Oklahoma City YMCA. He is currently on the board of the Academy of Leadership and Liberty at OCU, Novo Ministries, Metro Tech Foundation and a founding board member of the S.A.L.L.T. Academy. He was named Christian Citizen of the year in 1998 by the Oklahoma Central Baptist Association and received the CBMC Salt and Light Award in 2002. Tom was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law by Oklahoma Christian University in 2005.

The Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge has honored Tom with their Great Patriot Award, Valir Community Award and George Washington Award.



Tom Hill

A prostate cancer survivor, Tom started a website (paware.com) to help educate men about the disease that affects 1 in 6 men. He spends much of his time talking to men diagnosed with the disease to help them understand the disease and their treatment options.

Tom enjoys OSU basketball and attends most home games. He and Kay have traveled throughout the world, mostly in conjunction with Character First. Together they have three children and 20 grandchildren. The entire family lives in the Oklahoma City area. Tom says that his family is the joy of his life.

Class of '60 Reunion a Great Success!

For their 50th reunion, the class of 1960 enjoyed a Friday night picnic in the back yard of **Carol Prosser Magness** and a Saturday buffet dinner at the Sportman's Country Club. Over 100 people attended each event. Classmates who traveled the greatest distance included **Lou Ann Fellers Street** (from Seattle) and **Larry Zahn** (from the LA area). Those who had never attended a reunion before included **Ann Bacon May, Twila Barton Gonzales, Judy Roesler Capshaw, Ray Roesler, Richard Dulaney, Bart Hamilton, Lanny Henry Wallace, Martha Johnson Hammett, Sharon Morris Henry, Era McDaniel Gilbert, Charles**

(Chuck) Nelson, Dennis Reddick and J. Chris Sturm.

The weather for the picnic was perfect: not too hot and not too wet. The barbeque was provided by **Bill Thompson's** daughter's company: it was top notch with sufficient food for seconds and thirds.

The next morning about 40 classmates went to an open house at Harding and met with HCP principal, Richard Caram. He described the successes of Harding Charter Prep and answered questions regarding problems in public education. Afterward, attendees were shown the newly refurbished auditorium.

The Friday evening dinner dance featured beautiful decorations designed by

Lynn Rippetto Schwartz that included green and white chair back covers and tables decorated with large vases filled with white gladiolas. **Bob Moore** served as the Master of Ceremonies and **Lawrence Gibbs** and **Kerry Kudlacek** presented an entertaining program of remarks and reminiscences.

The class website is credited with the success of the reunion with just under 140 classmates posting a profile! Thanks to the reunion committee: **Lynn Rippetto Schwartz, Jim Cox, Linda Madison Hibbs, John Couch, Carol Prosser Magness, Steve Cra-ven, Dan Martin, Pat Adams Perry, Donna McAlister O'Keefe and Philip Truss.**

Fallen Eagles

Sharonn L. Adams '68, 8/7/2010, Oklahoma City, OK

Jane Pemberton Campbell '59, 6/23/2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

Mary Ruth Snell Claunch '64, 8/14/2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

Lawrence Gibbs '60, 8/10/2010, Stillwater, OK.

Dr. John Michael Knight '64, 4/26/2010, Luther, OK.

T.A. Minton, Teacher, 8/2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

Richard Ladd '62, 4/9/2010, Richardson, TX.

Mike Lasater, '67, 8/25/2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

John Scott Poole '60, 6/8/2009, Gatesville, TX.

John Sinclair '63, 4/20/2010, Yukon, OK.

**Report recent deaths to
www.hardinalumni.org**

Scholarships

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Hanna is enrolled at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) and Tauheeda is attending UCO.

Alumni Association Scholarships were presented to HCP graduates **Sara Perez** and **Jazmin Mora** in the amount of \$1000.00 each. The \$5000.00 Maurine Sayre scholarship for excellence in mathematics and/or the sciences was awarded to **Devin Leslie** who is attending Oklahoma State University. A \$1500.00 Marjorie Miller Scholarship honoring outstanding performance in the language arts was awarded to **Nicholas Jones** who now attends OU. Special recognition of outgoing principal, Richard Caram, included a \$1000.00 Richard Caram Scholarship awarded to **Caitlin Schroeder**. Caitlin attends Concordia College.

Harding alumni generously contributed directly to Harding Charter Preparatory High School to establish special scholarships. These include a \$2500 scholarship funded by **Johnny McCharen '64** in honor of his mother. **Bill and Chris Frankfurt '59** donated \$2500 for a scholarship and **the Prosser family** funded a \$500 scholarship in the name of their sister, **Dorothy Prosser Keller '65**. Many more alumni responded with donations to establish a Viet Nam Scholarship fund honoring Harding High School alumni who lost their lives in Viet Nam. Those honored included **Dr. Norman Singer '58**, **Royal George Issacs '59** and **Mike Grammer '60**. Five \$1000 scholarships were awarded in honor of the veterans.

Donations to the Viet Nam Veterans Fund should be sent to HCP, 3333 N. Shartel, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

Jane Pemberton Campbell Scholarship

The class of 1959 has initiated an effort to raise funds to sponsor a scholarship for their recently deceased member, Jane Pemberton Campbell. This sponsorship (first \$1000 collected) is not restricted to their class and is open to all Harding alumni.

Jane held a special role in the Harding community. For those who graduated in the first few years, Jane was an outstanding student, class leader and popular among all who knew her. She never met a stranger and had a way to make everyone feel special. After graduation from college Jane taught English at Harding. Students who were in the later graduating classes remember her to this day.

Jane's influence on her students is exemplified by a message sent to HHSAA by **Hal McKnight '67** who wrote "most of us have had a teacher that changed the course of their lives. For me, Jane Campbell was that special teacher. She was able to discern that I had an ability to write. It came as a complete surprise, yet she planted seeds that awoke a creative archetype. I will always hold gratitude for Jane's inspiration and belief that this teenager could compose something of significance".

Alumni who wish to help sponsor the Campbell scholarship may send their contributions using the form available on page 4 of this newsletter.

DON'T MISS IT !

Harding Charter Prep

Annual Silent Auction

"Dollars for Scholars"

Will Rogers Theater

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

October 19, 2010

Cocktail Party—Cash Bar

\$40 per person

Class of '68 Women

Members of the class of 1968 meet for lunch on a periodic basis. If you would like to be on the notification list, please contact:

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First Name _____ Last Name while at Harding _____

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HHS class _____

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I have included payment for : Annual dues _____ ; Lifetime dues _____.

Consider a yearly donation for scholarships—without your support, scholarships can not continue:

I have included a \$ _____ donation for the 2009-2010 HHSAA scholarship fund(s).

Please indicate which scholarship fund: General (B) _____ ; Sayre (CP) _____ ; Miller (B) _____ ; Promise (FA) _____

Campbell (TBT) _____

Paranthesis indicate where the scholarship(s) will be awarded: Both Schools (B), Charter Prep (CP), Fine Arts (FA), To be determined (TBT)

My \$ _____ contribution is for the general gifts/memorial fund: _____ . if this donation is in memory of a deceased alum please indicate their name: _____

Your Dues and Contributions to the HHSAA Are Tax Deductible

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