



The Marionette

HCP Ranked First in Oklahoma

Kudos go to Harding Charter Prep again! This year's high school rankings by *US News and World Report* rank HCP as the best high school in the State of Oklahoma and among charter high schools, 26th in the nation. The analysis by *US News and World Report* are based on performance on state math and reading proficiency exams, the level that students were prepared for college as determined on performance on Ad-

vanced Placement tests (AP) or International Baccalaureate tests and other factors.

Newsweek placed HCP at a rank of 119th in the country, 9th nationally as a transformative school and 1st among Oklahoma City schools that do not have entrance criteria.

Newsweek's analysis was based upon the school's on-time graduation rate, the percent of graduates accepted to college, number of

AP tests taken per student, average scores on SAT or ACT exams, and average AP exam scores.

No matter what the evaluation criteria, the mission of HCP to provide a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and provide a quality education choice for Oklahoma City students has been fulfilled.

Congratulations HCP!

Cash for Harding Schools

The news department of Oklahoma City's CBS affiliate (News 9) and the Norman Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge car dealer sponsor the "Cash for Schools" program. A gift \$10,000 dollars is presented each week (for 4 weeks) to schools that enter the contest. Winners are chosen by on-line votes from those in the viewing area. This spring both Harding Charter Prep and Harding Fine Arts

Academy were winners in the competition.

HCP won during the first week of competition in April and HFAA was selected in May.

HFAA used the money along with donations by Harding Alumni benefactors **Charles Givens '68**, **Sally Bentley '63** (HFAA Board President) and Chesapeake Energy Corporation, along with money raised at

their annual silent auction, to purchase a van to be used for transport of students on field trips and athletic events.

HCP repaired all lockers on the second and third floors, moved the trophy case on the first floor to the gym for housing athletic awards and added a new trophy case for displaying academic awards.

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Class of '63 50-year Reunion

Plans are underway for 2013!

Check for updates at:
www.hardingclass63.org

Or

405-834-0641

(Susan Moorman)

Outstanding Alum—Judy Johnson Ruby-Brown ‘60

After leaving Harding, Judy Johnson Ruby-Brown attended college at The University of Oklahoma where she joined the Delta Gamma sorority. She decided to major in mathematics and attributes that decision to her classes with Mrs. Sayre at Harding.

Judy graduated from OU the summer of ‘63 and found a job with IBM where she has worked the major part of her adult life. She had one break from the company to have her daughter but eventually returned to IBM where she continues to work today. After a few years with the company, she achieved her ‘dream job’ as an Executive I/T Specialist. In this position she provides technical and marketing support to IBM employees and their customers and has made presentations both nationally and across the globe including Canada, Brazil, Australia and throughout Europe. In these endeavors she has accumulated over three million frequent flyer miles! Judy thanks Miss Locke for preparing her for

public speaking.

A part of her job involves writing numerous articles and technical journals. Judy says thanks to Mrs. Wisner for making her write those essays.

Judy and her husband raised a blended family of four children, all of whom lived with them. They now have 8 grandchildren. Her husband has a passion for Harleys and logs lots of miles traveling to biking events. Judy often flies in and rides back with him. She says “no tattoos or anything weird”.

Judy’s interests include dogs, running and gardening. She shows Samoyed dogs in conformation and obedience events and has finished several AKC champions including one that was both an AKC champion and utility dog. Her family has also had German shorthaired pointers and pugs. She says the pugs specialize in lying on laps and not on competition.

Somehow Judy finds time to run four miles a day and partici-



Judy Johnson Ruby-Brown ‘60

pate in local runs and half-marathons.

She reports “I didn’t know the gift I was receiving in Mrs. Sayre’s class at Harding”. For that reason she has been a major contributor to the annual scholarship given in Mrs. Sayre’s name at HCP and she has generously given her time to present HHSAA scholarships at several HCP graduation ceremonies.

HFAA Students Gain Recognition for their Teachers

In the spring, HFAA students were instrumental in obtaining much deserved recognition for their teachers. **Christine Shane** nominated her teacher **Ms. Brenda Williams** for the News4 “Pay It Forward Award”. The nomination is made via a written essay. Based upon

the essay, Spirit Bank awarded Ms. Williams a \$400.00 prize. Ms. Williams is the drama teacher at HFAA. In this capacity she directs plays, makes costumes, sets often using her own money to make it happen. Congratulations to Ms. Williams and also to Christine for making it hap-

pen!

Environmental sciences and biology teacher, Mr. Robert Johnson was nominated by three of his students for the “Teacher of the Month”, an award sponsored by the *Black Chronicle*. Mr. Johnson was selected and recognized with a full page acknowledgement

Fallen Eagles

Kay Rogers Berry '63, March 13, 2012, Stillwater, OK.

Buddy Coke '63, September 12, 2012, Hot Springs, AR.

Donna Daniels '65, May 11, 2012, Oklahoma City, OK.

Don Downing '63, August 23, 2012, Oklahoma City, OK.

Kerry Hawk '63, May 31, 2012, Norman, OK.

Dr. Fred Purcell '67, July 24th, 2012, Austin, TX.

James Quillian '68, October 6th, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

Kent Runkle '64, August 15th, 2012, Norman, OK.

*Please report recent deaths at
www.hardingalumni.org*

45th Reunion—Class of '67

Although on short notice, 54 graduates and 36 guests of the class of '67 gathered at the Howell Gallery to share memories of their years at Harding. The theme of the party "Tapestry of Your Life" celebrated the common thread of life shared by each classmate.

The party included appetizers, cocktails and catching up with old friends.

Thanks goes to organizers **Hal McKnight, Steve Haggard, Jim Rust, Frank Battle and Ken Howell.**

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS NEEDED

Your alumni association presents \$12,000 in scholarships to students at Harding Charter Preparatory and Harding Fine Arts graduates each spring. To keep this level of support, we need your donations.

Please remember to make a contribution to one of the scholarship funds listed on the form of page 4. This will ensure that deserving students are able to fulfill their college dream.

Class of '62 Celebrates their 50th!

The class of 1962 celebrated their 50th reunion on June 1st and 2nd and it was a huge success! The festivities began on Friday night with get-togethers for the "girls" at **Penny Stark Replogle's** home and a party for the "guys" at **Bob Reece's** home. Exchange students **Nora Muller Polastri**, from Argentina, and **Jens Drolshammer**, from Switzerland,

shared memories of the year they spent at Harding.

After a Saturday morning assembly, the class meet at Johnnies for lunch. The Saturday night event was held at the Oklahoma History Center where the class enjoyed dinner, dancing, reminiscing and catching up with one another and with their lives.

A big thanks goes out to the reunion committee: Penny Stark Replogle, Bob Nance, Carla Anderson Tourtellotte, Willa Buck Seifert, Robin Johnson, Nancy Taylor Davis, Kay Bowman Berryman, Jon Spence, Louis Holshouser, Sharri Stubbs Russell and Marion Bulla Horning.

HHSAA Funds Projector for Harding Auditorium

Over the past few years the auditorium at Harding was upgraded through generous donations from Harding alum Greg Robertson '64 and from Chesapeake Energy. Still lacking was an up-to-date projector for incorporating pictures, audio, video and PowerPoint slides into presentations.

Last spring the Harding High

School Alumni Association helped fulfill that need by donating \$6000.00 toward the purchase of the needed equipment. A new projector with the necessary power to accommodate presentations in a room the size of the auditorium was purchased. Both schools have both and remote control and a VGA cable for use with

the projector.

Harding Charter Prep reports that they have already used the equipment and sent a message of their appreciation for the gift. The projector was also used by the class of '62 for presentations during assembly the Saturday morning of their 50-year Reunion this summer.



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Yearly dues are \$25.00 (for the year beginning 6-1-12 through 5-31-13) and lifetime dues are \$150.00

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I have included payment for : Annual dues _____ (\$25); Lifetime dues _____ (\$150)

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

Promise (FA) _____; Campbell (CP) _____

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

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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