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Tech Alumni Association Awards Ceremony



(L to R 1st row) - William Buckley, Leonidas Condos, Midge Kelley, Dennis Nichols (L to R 2nd row) - Corye Franklin (Tech Principal), J. David Arnold, Simeon Peebler, John Gore, Dennis Engram, Stephanie Dawson

The 2019 Spring Technically Speaking introduced the 2019 Alumnus of the Year Leonidas (Leo) Condos. President Dennis Nichols introduced the rest of our award winners during the annual meeting on Alumni Day. The criteria for each of the awards is found on the Alumni web page at www.athsalumniassociation.com.

This year's award presentations began with President Nichols presenting one of two **President's Award** to Simeon Peebler ('90). Sim-

eon was recognized for his editing, narrating and producing the multi-part Tech campus video that is now available on the Alumni Association's website. This project was part of a collaboration with members of the Tech Retired Teachers Association and the Alumni Association.

A second **President's Award** was given to Midge Kelley ('92), current Corresponding Secretary of the Alumni Association.
Midge was recognized for her continued dedication

to the Alumni Association by assuming the role of corresponding secretary from Wanda Towner Harris when she retired from the Alumni Board in 2014. Midge truly enjoys helping other and connecting with people through the Alumni Association. Midge has been a member of the Alumni Association Board since 2013.

If the occasion arises, the Alumni Association with the approval of Tech Administration, awards an **honorary Tech diploma**. For 2019,

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A Message from the Alumni Association President

Greetings Techites!

by Dennis S. Nichols, Ed.S. Class of 1971

I cannot begin to put into words how much I personally appreciate those of you who have maintained support for Tech. In the past couple of years Tech has experienced several challenges. School administrators came and went as well as many faculty and staff. With the closing of three IPS high schools in the fall of last year, we witnessed many students re-assigned to Tech. This was made even more challenging because many of these students were starting their senior year. To complicate matters further, Tech received a new principal only a few weeks before the start of the school year. I remember visiting Tech while students picked up their first semester class schedules. I walked around speaking to several students and parents in the cafeteria. Most of them were overwhelmed with the vast size of the campus and so many buildings to become familiar with.

Under the leadership of Principal Franklin, a plan was developed and put into place to not only welcome new students and families to Tech, but also to inspire them to accept and support their new school. I visited Tech many times during the school year, to witness firsthand this transformation. One of the most effective tools used to reach this goal, was the entire staff and faculty working as a team.

Throughout the day, staff could be found engaging with students all around campus, from the moment students arrived to being present during each passing bell. Quickly, faculty and students began to establish and build positive relationships, with teachers reaching out to offer help and support whenever needed during the school year. At the end of the year I attended the graduation ceremony as one of the guest speakers. While students were preparing to line up, I spent time speaking with several seniors. Over a dozen were among the new students transferred to Tech that year as seniors. I posed this question to each one of them, "While at Tech did you have a good experience?". Each one of them responded the same, "it was a great year", and each seem to be very proud to be a Tech Titan.

Again, this year I visited Tech during first semester class schedule pick up. What a difference a year can make, as students understood the process for not only picking up their schedules, but also where to go to make any class changes. I could not help but notice how many grandparents where accompanying students while their parents were at work.

Our alumni also continue to grow in several ways, making constant changes towards improving how we operate and serve our membership, faculty and students at Tech. As one of our nation's largest alumni associations, we are challenged with the role as "torchbearer". As with any association, we are only as strong as the number of people who volunteer to serve. You are invited to join us as an active involved member of your Alumni Association by contacting me personally at dsn41752@gmail.com. I ask that you visit our website to keep in touch with the Alumni Board and the projects planned for this year. There are several ways you can contact the Alumni Association. You may call us at 317.693.5459 or email us at athsalumniassociation@gmail.com Our website address is www.athsalumniassociation.com. Please send all mail communication to P.O. Box 11433, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

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Alumni Association awarded an honorary Tech diploma to J. David (Dave) Arnold. Dave has taught art at various grade levels for thirty-five (35) years, twenty-eight (28) of those in IPS. Dave had been in charge of the Anderson Auditorium and the technical director since 2004. As a result, he provided the Alumni Association technical support for Alumni Day activities for the past several years. Dave retired from teaching at Tech in June of 2018. Tech Principal Corye Franklin presented Dave Arnold with his honorary diploma.

The **Karl Stipher Award** is given annually to recognize people, whether they are a graduate of Tech or not, who have dedicated themselves to Arsenal Technical High School. Recipients have had a positive influence on Tech in many aspects, worked with students, or made contributions in several other areas. The 2019 winner is John P. Gore Sr. John, a graduate of Crispus Attucks High School, is the father of three children – all Tech High School Alumni. John began volunteering at Tech when his children were students at Tech. When his oldest son returned to Tech to

coach football and track, John worked with the head football coach starting the tradition of presenting a flower to each parent or guardian of each senior athlete on Senior Night. He has continued to assist with helping to present awards to athletes at the end of their season. Since 1999 he has coached golf, assisted the football coaches, run the concession stand, and managed the equipment room. He also

worked in the athletic director's office and for a while was the assistant to the athletic director. While coaching golf, two of his teams won Indianapolis Public School Athletic Conference Championships and he was named "Coach of the Year". John continues to be dedicated to doing whatever was needed to make the Tech Athletic Department look good and be the best in IPS.

For the first time the **Wally Potter Me-morial Award** went to both a female and male athlete. The Alumni Association hopes to make this an on-going tradition.

Our first Wally Potter honoree was Sherrie Dawson ('90). By the end of her senior year for her excellence in basketball, Sherrie had been selected as a member of the Indianapolis All-City team, Indiana All-State team, First Team All-American, as well as the Indianapolis Star All-Star team to name only a few of her high school accomplishments. Sherrie served as a team captain, leading the girl's team to a city championship and two sectional championships. After high school she went on to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, OK.

The second Wally Potter honoree was Dwayne Anthony Engram ('76). Following in his two older brothers (Hosea ('72) and Dannie ('73)) footsteps, Dwayne joined Tech's wrestling team. Although Dwayne participated in freshman football, wrestling was his sport. In his weight class, his freshman year he was freshman Wrestling Champ. His junior year he won the City Championship (MVP), Sectional Championship, and Regional Championship as well as being the Semi-State Runner-Up. His senior year (1976) he won the City Championship (MVP), Sectional Championship, Regional Championship, Semi-State Championship, and State Championship finishing with a record of 32-0. That year he was also named a high-school All-American. While active in wrestling, he was also a member of the Tech Legion, the winner of the Barton Bradley Scholarship, and Vice-President of the Class of 1976. Dwayne gives credit to Coach John Hurrle and his assistant coaches for teaching life long skills while also teaching the sport.

The **2019 Duane Blankenhorn Award** went to William R. (Bill) Buckley ('69). As a Tech student he participated in speech team, service club, the Student Affairs Organization (SAO) Executive Board, German Club and Techoir. He also was

a captain in the Tech Legion. Bill retired from Indianapolis Public Schools after 39 years of service – having been a teacher, department head and vice-principal at several schools (including Tech). Bill has served on the Executive Board of the Alumni Association for over fifteen (15) years and is currently the Immediate Past-President.



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Event planners are encouraged to keep their announcements brief. All class announcements must include at least 1 but no more than 3 contacts, with each having a phone number and/or e-mail address.

TechFest

Sept. 12, 2020

Techfest will be held on September 12, 2020 at Sertoma campgrounds located at 2316 S. German Church Rd. This will be the 20th anniversary of Techfest! The fun starts at noon and continues until about 8 PM. There will be live music, food, drink, 50-50 drawings and much more. This is an open event for all Tech alumni. Come see all your old friends! For info call Mike Burris at 317-709-5815. Techfest is also on Facebook!

Class of 1951

Lunch Brunch June 10, 2020 Sept. 9, 2020 The Class of 1951 Lunch Bunch plans to meet for their bi-annual luncheons on June 10 and September 9, 2020. More information will follow in the Spring. Barbara Heiden, barbara. heiden@comcast.net 317-881-5427.

Class of 1970

50th Reunion June 12, 2020 Plans are underway for our **50th Reunion** and Alumni Day! Watch for a "Save the Date" card in mid-October and mark your calendars! You don't want to miss it! The reunion will be on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Primo's Banquet Hall from 5:30-11:00. Reservation forms will be sent out in early January and tickets will be \$50 per person. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance and received by May 15, 2020. There will be a buffet dinner, cash bar, photographer, DJ, dancing and plenty of time for visiting and reminiscing! Alumni Day is at Tech on Saturday, June 13 with registration in the cafeteria. There is also a buffet lunch at Alumni Day with the reservation form in the Spring TECHnically Speaking. If you plan to eat lunch, this must also be paid in advance at a cost of \$16 per person. The Class of '70 will be recognized at Alumni Day so we are striving for a good turn-out! You can attend the year-end Alumni Board meeting in the auditorium, take a self-guided campus tour and visit the Centennial Museum and the Legacy Center. A class photo will also be taken. If you have questions, contact Debbi Deckard Gerlach at dkgerlac@yahoo.com or Cindy Lewis Hartshorn at cindychartshorn@gmail.com.

Class of 1985

Class of 1985, 35 Year Reunion -Date & Location TBD-

Contact Cynthia (Britt) Kuipers by phone, text, or email at (317) 850-8781 or kckuipes@sbc-global.net for additional information and to assist committee for this 2020 event.

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