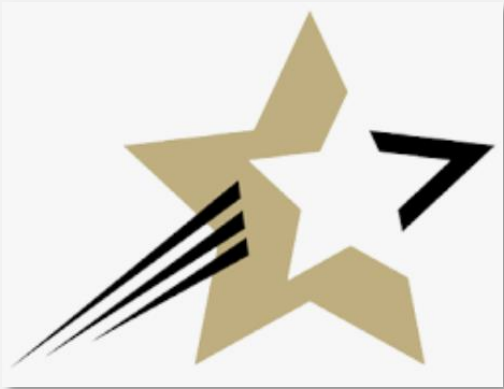




TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Thirty-three Taylor High School students were awarded Foundation scholarships totaling \$38,000.



Your Taylor Public Schools Foundation scholarship went to Emily Thomas. Emily has an amazing list of achievements earned in High School. She was Class President of 4 years, 4 years on the cheer team, 4 years National Honor society, President of the NHS, served on the Student Council Executive Board, participated in toy and food drives, was employed part time, and still maintained a 4. + Grade Point Average. Emily has been accepted at Wayne State University and her goal is to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

Your Taylor Alumni Association scholarships went to:

Chesney Kowalske

Both of Chesney's very proud parents graduated from Taylor Center High School. Chesney participated in Student Council, National Honor Society, Link Crew, St. John's food bank, volunteered at the Taylor Animal Shelter, and tutored at the Taylor Library which was her favorite volunteer experience. To quote her, "I loved helping younger students with their homework. It was very important to me to see that not everyone learns the same way or at the same pace and that I could help". Her busy schedule never interfered with her schoolwork as she earned straight A's in all her 4 years of classes. Chesney has been accepted at Henry Ford Community College as she starts her work towards a degree in Applied Sciences.

Christopher Szabo

Christopher's father, Patrick Nedzlek, is a Truman High School graduate and Michelle, his mother, is a teacher in the Taylor School District. Actually, many of his relatives have been graduates or employees of the district going back many years. Chris earned varsity letters in bowling, swimming, and track. He was in marching, symphonic, jazz and concert bands, on the Quiz Bowl Team and in National Honor Society. He has been bowling since age 4 and will be participating in that sport in college. Chris has been accepted at the University of Toledo with a goal of becoming a Chemical Engineer. His goal is to work in green energy to help save our environment. ...continued on page 2

THE TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES ALL OF THE TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND WISHES ALL THE GRADS THE BEST IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS

To all the 55,000 plus grads, we encourage you to consider sponsoring a scholarship or contributing to the scholarship program. It is the goal of the Foundation and the Alumni Association to provide financial support to as many graduates as possible, enabling them to reach their career goals.

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

High 5s Program Makes Math Fun for Taylor School District Students



The Taylor School District has partnered with the University of Michigan as part of an enrichment program to help our students increase their proficiency and understanding of math. We are fortunate to have received this competitive grant for the past couple years for our Kindergarten and First Grade students at Myers Elementary and Clarence Randall Elementary. Through this collaboration, our teachers have received professional development and training focused on specific teaching methods, Peer Learning Community sessions and most importantly- making math FUN! As educators, we know that children learn in many ways- including through play. There are many math games and strategies that give kids a foundation for numeracy and build upon basic facts. What might seem like a simple game is actually an approach to help students make solid connections and concrete facts and apply this to new learning. The best news is as we review the data, we can pinpoint that this program helped to increase our kindergartners' math performance by 15%! This collaboration has been such a success that the University of Michigan requested permission to film our teachers and students at Clarence Randall Elementary in action for a short promotional video.

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlqxxJsaolg>

UPCOMING EVENTS



JFK REUNION - Class of 1967 August 6 @ Playoffs Sports Grill 27409 Goddard Rd. 4pm till?? No admission charge- drinks & food available for purchase. For more information contact Chuck Bonner via Email vbcbapt@aol.com

JFK REUNION - Class of 1972 September 23 @Taylor Meadows Golf Club 6-11pm \$50 per person- for more info contact Debbie Favors Lentz 313-295-2811

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

GOOD TO GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

The City of Taylor's Good to Great Neighborhood Program has entered its fifth year this spring.

G2G began in 2018 and finished its fourth full season in 2021. The campaign targets specific neighborhoods designated by the City for proactive across-the-board improvements – minor street and sidewalk repairs, tree trimming, signage, sewers, etc. Police representatives even take time to meet with the public. Often, small local parks in certain sectors are improved or even totally revamped.



When G2G targets a special area, free mulch for property enhancement is offered at various locations. Easement trees are also available for purchase at a discount rate and are installed by City workers with a mulch bed and watering bag. Tree trimming and street sweeping will be done on a continual three-week rotation throughout the year.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

We are constantly thinking of ways to improve the monthly newsletter. Please offer your suggestions by emailing the Association at tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com - So long as new ideas are created, results will continue to reach new highs.



OBITUARIES

The Alumni Association members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the former classmates mentioned below. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. Please Note: If you know of a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website, please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing.

TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

- ✚ Paul Filek, Class of 1965 (passed April 25, 2022)

JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

- ✚ Melissa Iski Niece, Class of 1971 (passed October 23, 2021)
- ✚ Scott David Hayes, Class of 1986, passed away February 2016.

STAFF

- ✚ Derek Kaunelis, Elementary Teacher (passed April 29, 2022)
- ✚ Robert "Bob" Ebeling, Teacher - last assignment JFK (passed April 29, 2022)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit tayloralumni.org and click on "In Memoriam".