



Enhance the educational atmosphere of the Taylor School District for both the graduates and the school district.

May Alumni Newsletter 2015

IN THE NEWS

Are graduates of Taylor Public Schools successful? You bet they are and here is an example...



Gordon Krater, a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, is managing partner at Plante Moran the 13th largest accounting firm in the country with 2,200 employees and 23 offices in Michigan.

Gordon Krater graduated from Kennedy in 1976, went on to the University of Michigan and earned a degree in Business Administration. He then signed on with Plante Moran and worked his way to the top position of managing partner. In

addition to his position at Plante Moran, Gordon is an author and serves on the following boards:

- Detroit Economic Club
- Detroit Regional Chamber
- New Detroit
- Citizens Research Council
- Camp Sancta Maria
- United Way Campaign Cabinet of Michigan

The Taylor Alumni Association is very proud of Kennedy graduate, Gordon Krater.*

Let's Get to Know Our Leaders

Principal of Harry S. Truman High School – Melissa Skopczynskiv



Melissa received a bachelor of arts from Eastern Michigan University, a masters in curriculum also from Eastern and an additional masters in administration from Concordia University.

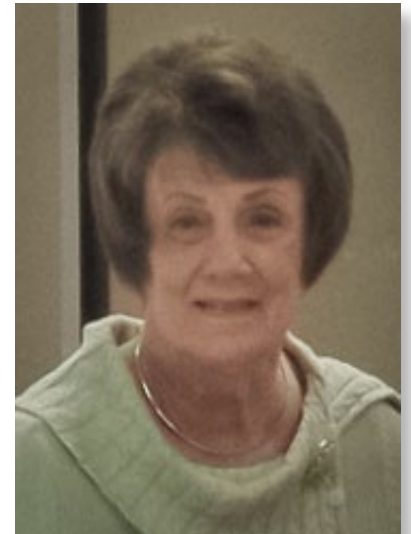
She has been an educator in the Taylor School District for 19 years, having served as: social studies instructor, acting assistant principal, counselor and now principal. While holding these positions Melissa attended a year long principal's academy and also had a year long internship at Franklin High School in Livonia.

The Taylor Alumni Association wishes Melissa Skopczynski a long and successful career in the Taylor School District. *

Outstanding Contributions

THANK YOU Barbara Weigel Schultz!

The Taylor Alumni Association recognizes the outstanding contributions Barbara has made to the Taylor School District. While a student at Taylor Center High School Barbara was secretary of her junior class, a member of the National Honor Society and...How about this, she wrote the words for what became the Taylor Center High School Alma Mater song.



Black & Gold we honor you, To your colors we'll be true.
Taylor High we pledge to thee, all our faith and loyalty.
School we love, we're proud of you, to you we'll be forever true.
Taylor Center here we stand, as we pledge our heart and hand.
Your Traditions we'll uphold, and your colors, Black and Gold.
And with each succeeding year, all your mem'ries we'll hold dear.
Taylor Center hail to thee, in our thoughts you'll always be.

After graduation Barb continued to serve the school district. The following list are some of her contributions.

- Employed as a secretary
- Co-Chair of "The Committee of 100" a parent advisory board for the district
- Elected to serve on the Taylor Board of Education
- Served as a director of the Taylor Public Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence. She held the position of Vice President, Secretary and currently Treasurer.
- Member of the committee to establish the Taylor Alumni Association and is still an active member.

The Taylor Alumni Association is so very proud and appreciative of all the efforts of lifetime member Barbara Weigel Schultz! *

Where Are They Now?

Written by Judy Barnhart LaFleur TCHS 1965

My first article is someone very dear to me, my baby brother, Ronald Barnhart, A.K.A. Barney, from the first Truman graduating class of 1974.

He was #23 on the football team. Earned a football scholarship to Olivet College, where he played as a freshman, but left after the 1st season to join the Air Force and see the world.

He met and married his late wife Williana in the Philippines (she passed away April 7, 2015). They have two daughters, a son, and two granddaughters, with a third on the way.

Ron retired after a 30 year career in the Air Force, and lives in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He now works as a defense contractor for Lockheed Martin.

He is an avid golfer when he can find the time and also enjoyed fishing with his late wife and co-captain, Phoebe, their Jack Russell terrier. Check out Ron on Facebook...but do not expect a quick reply. *

Obituaries



Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

~ Khalil Gibran

John F. Kennedy High School

Debra Dameron Ploucha, 1970 (January 7, 2015)
Veronica Arnold Tucker, 1994 (February 11, 2015)
Joe Rembisz, 1969 and Taylor teacher (March 11, 2015)
Ryan Krzeminski, 2004 (April 5, 2015)

Taylor Center High School

Kathy Eiden Ryan, 1969 (January 28, 2015)
Charles Tidwell, 1974 (January 28, 2015)
Mickey Gesch Stellini, 1969 (February 11, 2015)
Michael Beesley, 1992 (March 7, 2015)
Billy Ayers Jr., 1994 (April 12, 2015)

Harry S. Truman High School

Jacob Chubb, 2010 (March 13, 2015)
Larry "Bubba" Brown, 1978 (January 19, 2015)
