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February 2016 Alumni Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

John C. Cruden, Class of 1964, Taylor Center High School

John C. Cruden was nominated by the President and confirmed by the US Senate to be the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, US Department of Justice. In that position he oversees 650 individuals. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, University of Santa Clara (summa cum laude) and University of Virginia (honors). He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and California, a number of federal courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

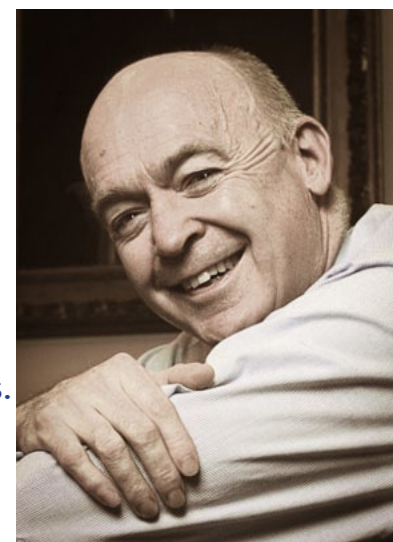


Image source: justice.gov

John was also the career Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice. In that capacity he supervised all federal civil environmental enforcement and litigation involving agencies of the United States. He has personally litigated and led settlement negotiations in numerous environmental cases, many

with reported decisions. Prior to becoming Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Cruden was Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section. He also was the Chief Legislative Counsel of the Army.



After graduating from West Point, he served in airborne, ranger, and Special Forces units in Germany and Vietnam before attending law school. He attended the Army's Judge Advocate General's Graduate Course where he was named outstanding graduate. His subsequent military assignments include significant assignments in the Pentagon and Europe, as well as being General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Agency.

John has received the Presidential Rank Award from three different Presidents. Mr. Cruden's military awards include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal,



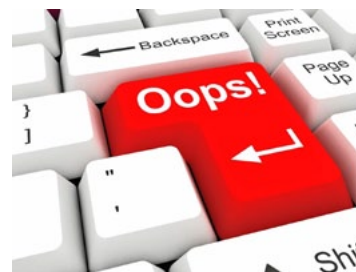
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star.

Mr. Cruden is a Past President of the District of Columbia Bar. He is listed in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Law.



Mr. Cruden is a swim coach for Special Olympics and a past recipient of the Year award for his work with mentally handicapped children. 📖

CORRECTION



We received questions regarding the article in the January newsletter regarding Jessica Fuller. We should have listed that she graduated from JFK in 1999 as Jessica Cline. Sorry for the omission and any confusion it may have caused. 📖

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Truman High School

- The WHST Broadcasting Class had a field trip to Channel 4 News to watch a new cast first hand.
- Jerry Wolffe, a disability advocate came to Truman and spoke to POHI (Physically Occupational Handicapped Individuals) students about perseverance and never giving up.
- Students learn how to find and analyze fingerprints in their forensics class.
- Students participated in Truman's Annual College on-site day, where many were able to apply and get accepted at a college.
- The newly elected Honorable Judge Slaven spoke to Ms Doliber's Civil Law Class. 📝



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John F. Kennedy

John F Kennedy's staff has announced that for the 2nd year in a row 100% of the seniors have applied for college. This awesome announcement not only caught the attention of the local television stations but also the Federal government. Kennedy has now received grant money to work toward greater numbers being accepted to college. Your Taylor Alumni Association understands that 70% of the 2016 graduating class has already been accepted to college.

Great news and the Taylor Alumni Association extends congratulations to the Kennedy students and staff. 📝

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students interested in science, technology, engineering and math can apply for the Buick Achievers Scholarship. If you know of any students graduating from high school this coming June, encourage them to apply for as many scholarships as possible. Counselors tell us that they announce available scholarships but there are still many students that do not apply. 📌



Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

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Do You Know How Easy it is to Establish a Scholarship?

Several scholarships have been established in the last few years. The price of the scholarship is determined by you. We award some that have a \$250 value and some that have a \$2,500 value. A scholarship is a great idea for a gift or a memorial. Here is an example: Pat Drake, JFK Graduate, created “The Ann Robertson Scholarship”. It is awarded to graduates entering the medical field. Ann is a nurse and Pat gave her this as an anniversary gift. Ann was able to participate in the selection if she chose and to present it personally to the recipient. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, contact Ken Nelson, scholarship committee chairman at 734-453-2776. 📌



DOWN MEMORY LANE!

John F. Kennedy Class of 1966.

This is a special year for the JFK class of 66—It has been 50 years since the first graduating class of JFK. We will have an article or two in each edition of the Taylor Alumni Association’s Newsletter.

The class of 66 ten year reunion was held at Bonnie Brook Country Club, the contact person was Gloria Villet Blommer.

The 20 year reunion was held at Fairlane Manor/Dearborn, tickets were \$50 pp for dinner, music, dancing and an open bar. The contact person was Cathy Zajack. 📌

From the desk of an Alumni

Dear Mr. Pantalone,

I did not thank you and all the faculty at Taylor Center High School for the excellent education and counseling I received in the two years I was there. I will always be grateful.

I did not know about the tayloralumni.org website until about three years ago when my cousin, Dave Reyna, JFK '69, informed me about it. About a year later I decided to check it out. It hits a soft spot in me.

I haven't been back to Taylor since 1983 and don't know if I'll ever get back to Michigan. But know I miss it all very much. I often think of my classmates and hope they have succeeded in their endeavors. I last spoke with Len Mascaro, TC '64, in May 2014 who briefed me on the last reunion (40th?) for the class of '64. What he shared was far different from the 10th year reunion I attended. We had grown up.

With the website I can at least keep in contact, even if it is to a small degree.

Again, thank you for all you and the Taylor Center faculty did for me,


Manuel A. de la Garza, TC'64 ✍️




Taylor Public School Foundation -

The Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence is having a spaghetti dinner on February 23, 2016. The Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence is a non-profit independent organization of volunteers committed to enriching the educational environment of the Taylor School District.

The foundation helps out with projects and programs that are not funded by the school district. Some of the programs we have supported: students going to see plays downtown Detroit, supporting the Robotic team and the DECA teams, help fund a music program last year for 4th graders with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, teacher/principal mini grants, just to name a few, and of course our numerous scholarships to graduating seniors. Please help the Foundation fund many

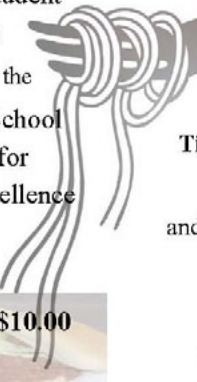
more programs for the Taylor School District students. Come join us on February 23, 2016 at the Ford Senior Center in Taylor. To learn more go to taylorschoolsfoundation.org. 



Tuesday, February 23, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

To benefit
Taylor Public Schools
Non-Funded Student
Programs
Sponsored by the
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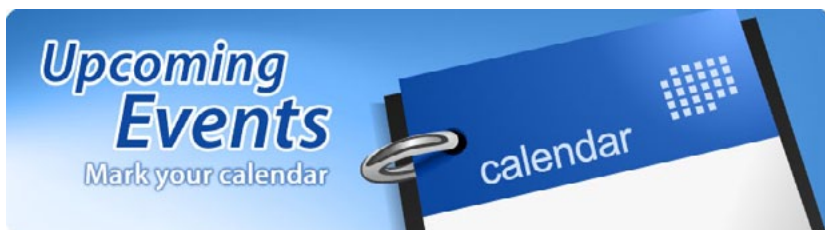


William D. Ford Senior Activity Center
6750 Troy Taylor, Mi. 48180
Tickets available through the Taylor School Board Office
23033 Northline Rd, Taylor, Mi. (734) 374-1200
and Foundation Board Members. For more information contact
TPSeducationalfoundation@gmail.com
Donations accepted

50/50 & Basket Raffles

Tickets: Adults \$10.00
Age 7-12 \$6.00
Age 6 and under are free

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February 23, 2016 The Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence is having a spaghetti dinner Fundraiser. 4 - 7 p.m., at the William Ford Senior Activity Center, 6750 Troy Street, Taylor, MI 48180. For more information go to taylorschoolsfoundation.org

June 18, 2016 JFK 1966 Class Reunion. 3 - 9 p.m., Taylor Conservatory, 22314 Northline Road. Cost is \$50 per person and covers traveling food stations and live band. Please mail check or money order to: JFK 66 50th, 11539 Syracuse, Taylor, Michigan 48180. Contact Paula Adkins 734-287-2980 or Linda Milne 313-388-2703.

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.

Harry S. Truman

Jeffery Jurek, Class of 1979, was killed in a car/bike accident November 30, 2015.

Taylor Center High

Donna Side, Class of 1978, (passed January 11, 2016)

David Neelson, Class of 1978, (passed January 16, 2016)

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