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IN THE NEWS

ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY OF A TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATE



Kristi Casale (Taylor Center Graduate Class of 1997), was recently honored at the 12th Annual PCMA Greater Midwest Chapter Annual Leader's Day Awards Luncheon. The Prestigious Awards Luncheon, held in Chicago, at the Westin Chicago River North

Hotel & Convention Center with more than 300 attendees, honored five of their members, one of which was Kristi. The five finalist were selected from more than fifty nominees and voted on by the entire Midwest Chapter of peers. The final selection criteria was based on displaying an outstanding dedication to the continuity and growth of the industry by mentoring and leading with an example of professionalism that also included a commitment to volunteerism to charities which contributed to the giving of the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA), to needy recipients. Kristi, was the recipient of the GEM Award, which is presented to the

professional who is both a new member of the Greater Midwest Chapter and is currently serving on a committee. Nominated by committee chairs, this volunteer demonstrates passion, and has taken an active role in the achievements of their committee by consistently going the extra mile.

Kristi is also a highly acclaimed speaker who is sought after by the association to promote her curriculum by giving seminars at various universities.



Kristi, is a 1997 graduate of Taylor Center High (its last graduating class) and attended Michigan State University, where she majored in Hospitality Business. Michigan State, upon her graduating, immediately hired her to coordinate conferences held at the MSU Henry Convention Center, located on campus based on her academic accomplishments. She began creating new innovative programs which enticed corporations from all over the world to select MSU as their convention site. Kristi helped create the Founding Board of the Student Chapter of the PCMA at MSU, where she served on the board for the Michigan Chapter of MPI. Kristi, is currently the senior meetings manager at the American Academy of Pediatric Dental Association.

Among her responsibilities is to secure sites for the Pediatric Dental Association's annual conventions which could accommodate several thousand convention attendees.

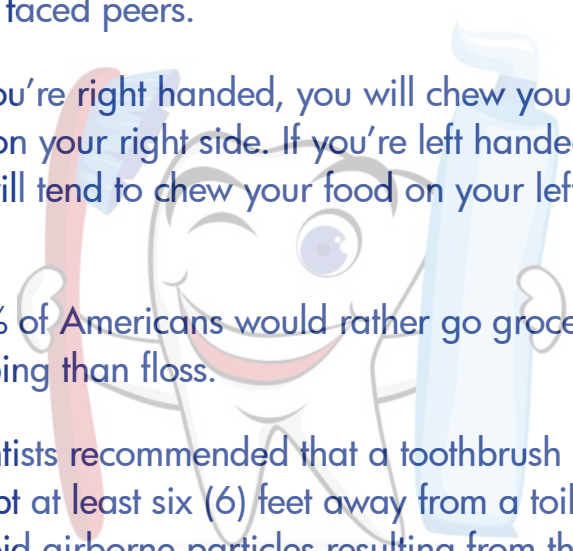


The Taylor Public Schools Alumni Association congratulates Kristy Casale on the start of a great career. 📄



FUN DENTAL TRIVIA!

- ▶ Smilers in school yearbooks are more likely to have successful careers and marriages than poker faced peers.
- ▶ If you're right handed, you will chew your food on your right side. If you're left handed, you will tend to chew your food on your left side.
- ▶ 73% of Americans would rather go grocery shopping than floss.
- ▶ Dentists recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. Yuck!
- ▶ Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different. 📄



GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Taylor School District's New Superintendent

Central Lake Superintendent Ben Williams was recently offered the position of Taylor School District Superintendent. Ben accepted the offer from the Taylor School Board of Education and will start June 1, 2016.

Ben has been superintendent of Central Lakes Schools since 2012. He was Principal of Saline High School for 4 years and Principal of East Henderson High School in North Carolina for 4 years. He has also served as an assistant principal and teacher. 📝



Image source: The News-Herald



Some Fun Facts about the City of Taylor

- ▶ Taylor Township was organized on March 16, 1847 from 24 square miles that were originally part of Ecorse Township. Residents of the township voted to incorporate as the City of Taylor in May 1968.
- ▶ Taylor has a population of 63,000 as of the 2010 census, is the 17th most populous city in Michigan and the 543rd largest city in the United States.
- ▶ Major Employers with over 100 employees include: MASCO, Watson Engineering, Beaumont Hospital (Taylor), Wade Trim, Atlas Oil, Henry Ford Medical, Horizon Enterprise, Arrow Uniform and Wallside Windows.
- ▶ Taylor has been visited by three U.S. presidents: Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama
- ▶ Taylor is the birthplace of Hungry Howie's Pizza.
- ▶ Taylor is also the birthplace and home of "Joe C.", sidekick of Kid Rock, who died in 2000.



DOWN MEMORY LANE!

John F. Kennedy.

Wow! It has been 50 years since the First Class graduated from John F Kennedy High School. So let's see if you can answer these questions:

1. When did the first students occupy Kennedy High School!
2. When was John F. Kennedy officially named?
3. How many students graduated from John F Kennedy in 1966?
4. What year saw the highest number of graduates from one school?
5. In 1966 we had two high schools and two football teams, TCH & JFK. Who won the first game.
6. How about the first basketball game?

Scroll down for answers...

1. January of 1965 -- 10th & 11th graders started 2nd semester classes at JFK.
2. At a board meeting on February 6, 1963, John F Kennedy High School was officially named.

3. June 1966 saw 389 students graduate from JFK.
4. June 1965 Taylor Center High School Graduated 658 students, the largest class ever.
5. Fall of 1965 the first football game between TCH & JFK ended in a 6-6 tie.
6. In the 1965-66 basketball season TCH won 61-52.



The Taylor Center Class of 1960 has had several successful Reunions. Now they have started monthly "Lunch Together's". Each month a restaurant is selected in a different section of Metro Detroit. About 15 or more show up and have a grand time. Barbara Gardner Belcher makes the reservations, etc. If you are interested in attending or have questions, Barb's number is 313-292-6629 or email her at Belcher_barbara@hotmail.com. 📧

LET'S GET TO KNOW OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Charles Bonner, JFK Class of 1967.

One of our biggest contributors to the Alumni Association, is Charles Bonner. Chuck has established web pages for Facebook and helps the association stay in touch with the Alumni.

After graduating in 1967, Chuck attended the following educational institutions. Eastern Michigan University, Baptist Bible College in Springfield Missouri and Dale Carnegie Institute. He received a Masters of Theology from Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary. He went on to earn a Masters of Arts in Biblical Studies, A Masters of Divinity, a Doctor of Christian Ministry, A Doctor of Theology.

Dr. Bonner has now been a pastor for over 45 years. He has also found time to volunteer his services as a Chaplain for the U.S. Army in Yakima, Washington. He developed and taught seminars for the Army. He also has a weekly TV show.

Chuck has also stayed committed to helping the Alumni with Facebook pages - he administrates the Kennedy H.S. and "I Grew Up in Taylor Michigan" pages. He has over 6,000 followers. Chuck has helped with six class reunions.

The Taylor Alumni Association extends congratulations to Dr. Charles "Chuck" Bonner for his outstanding career. We also want Dr. Bonner to know how much we appreciate all the help he has been to the Alumni over the years. ✍️

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER

Please take a few minutes to read the sayings in this article. They were written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Mr. Rooney appeared every week on the CBS News program 60 Minutes.

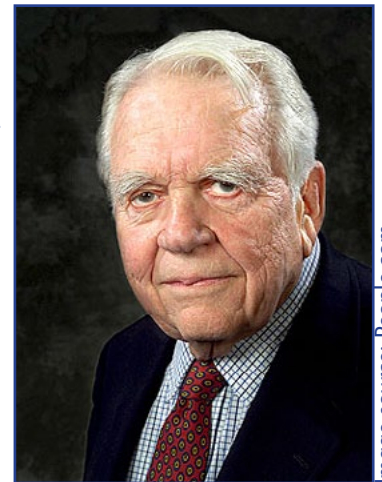


Image source: People.com

I've learned... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' Makes my day.

I've learned... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned...That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned...That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned...That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned...That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned...That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned...That life is like a roll of toilet paper.

I've learned...The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned...That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned...That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned...That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned...That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned...That when you plan to get even with someone,

I've learned...You are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned...That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned...That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned...That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned...That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned...That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned...That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned...That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned...That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned...That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

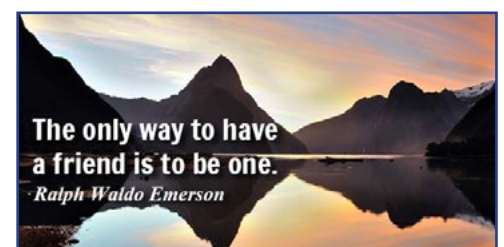
I've learned...That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned...That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned...That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned...That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

This was sent to me by a friend, share it with yours 📧





June 18, 2016

JFK 1966 50th 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 734-771-7871, email adkinspd@ameritech.net or Linda Milne 313-585-1198.

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.

John F Kennedy High

Lori Miller, Class of 1984 (passed January 12, 2016)

-Lori was the Admin. Asst. to the Superintendent

Brian Gratrix, Class of 1998, (passed February 13, 2016)

Elizabeth Powell, Class of 1984, (passed January 10, 2016)

Daniel Sryniawski, Class of 1971, passed February 15, 2016)

Taylor Center High

Jeanette Slavin Griffor, Class 1957, (passed, January 23, 2016)

Michael Kachiagian, Class of 1968, (passed February 2, 2016)

George Brooks, Class of 1993, (passed February 3, 2016)

Sherry Shufeld Eckert, Class of 1982, (passed February 6, 2016)