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TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY



Diane MacEachern

JFK Graduate is award-winning entrepreneur and best-selling author.

Diane MacEachern a 1970 graduate, says she has great memories of JFK. "It was a terrific place for a student like me. In our era, the priority was on building foundational knowledge. I learned

grammar because I had to diagram sentences. I learned math because I had to do it all pen on paper, not on calculators that did it for me. I learned a lot that has stayed in my bones. I also loved being able to participate in so many clubs. They were fun, and also helped me hone the leadership skills that have carried me through such a successful career. I look back on high school and it was just fun! And really, much more important to my personal and professional development than college, amazing as that sounds. Also, neither of

my parents even graduated from high school, so JFK gave me a framework for valuing education, and succeeding academically, that was absolutely critical to my future.

After graduation Diane attended The University of Michigan and earned a BA in French Language and Literature. She earned her MS from U of M's School of Natural Resources and the Environment. While there she helped pass the Michigan bottle bill. Once in Washington DC, which is where she now resides, she helped the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency launch and run one of its first national campaigns to educate key decision-makers about climate change. She was part of the team that helped persuade President Clinton to establish the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a protected wilderness area of over 2 million acres. She helped stage the massive international celebration of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day and keynoted an international environmental conference in Xi'an, China.



Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah image source: Wikipedia.org

Diane is a best-selling author (Big Green Purse: Use Your Spending Power to Create a Cleaner, Greener World, is her fourth book). She also writes for Hearst (Country Living and Woman's Day), Care2 (which has a global community of almost 38,000,000), and occasionally the Huffington Post.



Diane is also a successful business woman and entrepreneur. She is the founder and president of BigGreenPurse.com, the only website in the U.S. dedicated to mobilizing women's consumer clout to create incentives to manufacturers to save energy and reduce or eliminate their use of toxic chemicals in their products. For more information contact Diane at dianemaceachern52@gmail.com.

The Taylor Alumni Association is very proud of Diane MacEachern's accomplishments. 📖



DOO WOP OLDIES QUIZ

1. The Everly Brothers are...

- (a) Pete & Dick
- (b) Don & Phil
- (c) Bob & Bill

2. The Big Bopper's real name was

- (a) Jiles P. Richardson
- (b) Roy Harold Scherer Jr.
- (c) Marion Michael Morrison

3. In 1959, Barry Gordy, Jr., started a small record company called...

- (a) Decca
- (b) Cameo
- (c) Motown

Answers are on the bottom of this page.

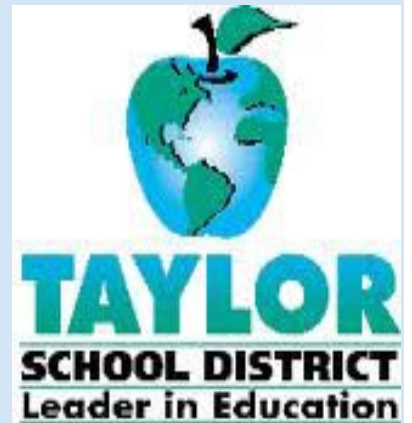


Answer to Quiz.

1. (b) Don & Phil, 2. (a) Jiles P. Richardson, 3. (c) Motown.

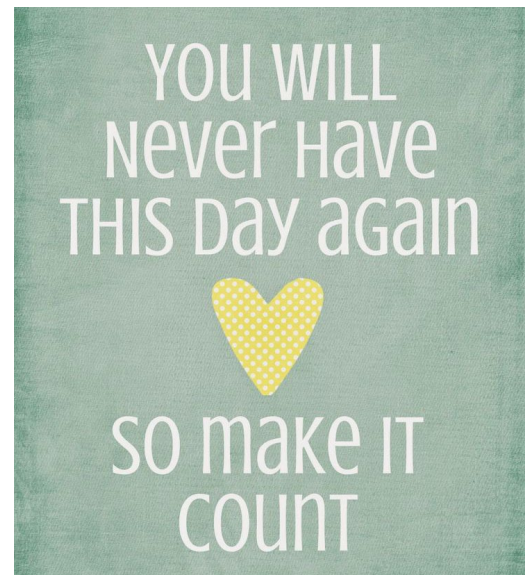
GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Harry S Truman's marching band had the privilege of leading "The Walk to Benefit the Fight against Alzheimer's Walk". The walk started at Comerica Park in downtown Detroit.



West Middle School's Cardinal Singers, directed by Dave Martin, performed the Star Spangled Banner at Comerica Park prior to the Detroit Tigers ball game September 23.

Truman High School students volunteered at the local Gleaners Charity. The students bagged and boxed over 1000 items. 📦



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Arnett Chisholm

Arnett graduated from Taylor Center High in 1975. While in high school he participated in track and was coached by Mickey Turcheck and Jim Clawson. Coach Turcheck had this to say about Arnett, "He is one of the most successful and remarkable track athletes God allowed me to coach". Turcheck went on to say, "He left a legacy that I refer to as the "Chisholm Trail". Some men don't go where the path leads, instead they go where there is no path at all and leave a trail—that's Arnett Chisholm.

While at TCH, Arnett won the indoor state championship in

the Long Jump, he was indoor state champion two years in a row in the 70 yard high hurdles. Another state championship was his in the 120 yard dash. In 1975 he ran the fastest time in the world for the 70 yard High Hurdles. Arnett holds the all time Taylor Center High School records for the 70 yard High Hurdles, the 120 yard high hurdles, the 180 yard low hurdles and the 100 yard dash.

All of those accomplishments won him a full scholarship to the University of Michigan. At Michigan he continued to win honors, including being part of Big Ten Championships in indoor and outdoor track. He was a member of the 4 by 100 relay teams that won 3 Big Ten Titles. One of those relay teams still holds the school record. His talents were known all over the country and as a result he won All American honors.

Arnett graduated from the U of M in 1979. Currently he

is Dean of Student Diversity for Washtenaw Community College where he has held many positions including that of a counselor (*he is a Licensed Professional Counselor*) and Dean of Admissions and Student Life.

For the last 27 years Coach Chisholm has been assistant coach of the University of Michigan's women's track and field team, coaching hurdles, sprints and relays. Several of the women he coached won Big Ten and National Championships. Four of those have competed in the Olympics. He was provided the opportunity to accompany two of his athletes to the 2012 London Olympics.

It is easy to see why Coach Turcheck refers to Arnett's legacy as "The Chisholm Trail".

The Taylor Alumni Association is very proud of Arnett Chisholm's accomplishments. The Association is also very proud of the Taylor Center Teaching staff that helped mold the fine man he is today.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

Taylor provides some of the highest quality facilities and lifelong recreational opportunities to all Taylor residents. Below are a few.

William Ford Senior Activities Center

Taylor Sportsplex

Heritage Park Petting Farm

Taylor Recreation Center

Lakes of Taylor Golf Course

Taylor Meadows Golf Course

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20 Community Parks

Northwest Outdoor Swimming Pool

Jeffrey Lamarand Splash Pad

Coan Lake Historical Area

Activities Building

Sheridan Center Open Air Pavillion

WHO ON EARTH DREAMS THESE UP?



- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar



- November 1 The Taylor Foundation Fundraiser: Eat at the Taylor Texas Roadhouse" and the Alumni Association receives a percentage of the bill.
- November 4 Euchre Tournament 6 pm American Legion Hall Brest Road - \$20 entry fee which includes food. 1st prize \$300, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$50. All proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund. To purchase tickets call Judith LaFleur at 313-386-3106 or Janis Motsinger at 734-654-3927.
- November 15 Alumni Association Meeting will be held at Fitzgerald's Lounge northeast corner of Pardee and Goddard at 6:30 pm. The meeting is a chance to socialize—all are welcome.
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WE HEARD FROM

► We received a message from a Graduate who is in the beginning stages of planning a reunion, asking what help the Association could provide? The association can provide lots of help—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses of class members, printed mailing labels and tips received from previous reunions and much much more.

► Question Received – Can the Newsletter be found on Facebook? Yes, The Association's Social Media Director, Chuck Bonner (JFK 1967) says that the Alumni Newsletter can be found on the following pages:

- John F. Kennedy High School Taylor, Michigan.
- I Grew Up in Taylor, Michigan #2
- Taylor Center High School 1953-1997 in Taylor Michigan. GO RAMS!!

Dr Charles Bonner resides in Yakima Washington and contributes to the Alumni Association from there. A Big THANK YOU from the Alumni Association. 📧

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

Lana Shelton, Class of 1970 (passed September 20, 2016).

Catherine Grech Bond, Class of 1981 (passed October 1, 2016).

Linda Munday Dokey, Class of 1967 (passed October 6, 2016).

Taylor Center High

Bruce Donaldson, Class of 1960 and was a District Employee

Paulette Wright King, Class of 1967 (passed September 25, 2016).

Mary Urquhart, Class of 1973 (passed September 29, 2016).

Karen Keef Parm, Class of 1965 (passed September 25, 2016).

Gregory Drewno, Class of 1980 (passed October 14, 2016).

Harry S. Truman High School

Christine Strouther, Class of 2004,

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