



GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The Taylor Career and Technical Center, located on Westlake Road in Taylor, MI has a new Principal, Carly Barnard. She has been the marketing teacher, DECA advisor, and Co-op coordinator for the last 14 years at Truman and Taylor High School. She has been involved with career and technical education since 1996. Her father, Larry Miele, started out at Truman High School, then worked for the DCTC (Downriver Career and Technical Consortium) and finished his career as the CTE administrator at Southgate High School.

Carly stated that the career center has open enrollment and, in addition to Taylor High School, accepts students from schools in the surrounding area. Programs currently offered at the career center are: business management and administration, construction remodeling and repair, construction technology, culinary arts, health occupations; EMT, nursing assistant, Fire EMS and public safety, welding and fabrication, and marketing. She and her staff are working on the following new programs to be offered next year: machine tool and CNC, education career program, and digital multimedia. All students who take the career center classes are bussed over from their home schools ...continued on page 2

given a college transcript from Wayne County Community College with credits if they get a C or better in the course, visual and performing arts credit, senior math credit, algebra 2 credit, second-year foreign language credit, CTSO leadership clubs, and industry certifications.

Our Taylor Career Center Counselor, Mike Harris, has been in the district a combined 41 years as a teacher, counselor, and a Career Center student (class of 1985). A lot has changed since then, but one thing that hasn't changed is the fact that the Taylor Career Center continues to provide students with challenging learning experiences that inspire them to solve complex problems, think critically, and master employability skills to secure good jobs and advance in their career as lifelong learners. The Taylor Career Center has articulation agreements with local colleges where students can earn up to 5 college credits by completing our career center courses.

Recently, Mike had some home improvements done and in speaking with the owners of each of the companies, he found out that both of them got their start at the Taylor Career Center. One contractor owned a roofing company and had been a student in Construction Technology. He stated that his instructor had gotten him an interview with a construction company where he was hired on as a general laborer and ended up starting his own roofing company. The other contractor stated he, too, was a former Taylor Career Center student who went on an interview and the employer was so impressed with him that he hired him as an apprentice and now he owns a plumbing company.

If you have a Taylor Career Center success story to contribute, please contact Mike at Michael.harris@taylorschools.net so that he can share it with his students.

THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD INITIATED A NEW PROGRAM AT THEIR MEETINGS - "ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT"

Most recently the following alumni were recognized:



Elise Waller, Harry S Truman Class of 2011, is involved with broadcasting and has won 4 Emmy Awards.



Dr. Tareq A. Ramadan, Harry S Truman Class of 2000, who is a professor of Anthropology at Wayne State University recently won a \$400,000 grant to restore a former home of Malcom X.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

An article from a magazine distributed statewide.



Title IX at 50: Taylor Kennedy Gymnasts Earn Fame as 1st Champions

The date was March 11, 1972. The host site was Hillsdale High School. A total of 276 gymnasts from 33 schools took the mat. And Taylor Kennedy earned the first Finals championship in MHSAA girls' sports history. The Eagles scored 216.35 points over the six events, edging runner-up East Lansing by 1.35. Amy Balogh was the most awarded individual for Kennedy, as she earned first places in the uneven parallel bars and balance beam and finished second on vault.

The Alumni Newsletter staff thanks Ron Vespremi, JFK 68, for sending us this article:



Who remembers this man who was very active at Taylor Center High School?

I do. Mickey Turcheck shared with me some of his many accomplishments. ~Caroline Patts~

“In all sincerity, I believe that I have stored more history in my 79 years of living in Taylor and attending TC (60) and educating for 38 years, 34 at TC, until the closing (97) than anyone. I was involved in every activity, Art Educator, several Class advisors, National Honor Society advisor, Track and

Cross Country Coach (48 All-State athletes, State and National HS recorder holders, High School All-Americans, 12 Collegiate All-Americans, NCAA All-Americans, American Record Holders, 2 World Record-Holders, two Olympians a medalist in the '84' Olympics, Drug counselor, Homecoming, and Mr. Spirit Week director, Big Heart, and Blood Drive Coordinator (set a national blood drive record), announced all football games, coordinated and announced all Spirit assemblies. ...continued on page 4

I was the first athlete in Taylor to win a State Championship (Pole Vault 60). Fred Thomman and I became the first two to be awarded All-State honors in the history of Taylor.

This year the Michigan High School Athletic association wrote an article on my competition with me and my State Championship Medal, the article I gave to Caroline Patts which would have been a great addition to the monthly newsletter, she wanted to do.....you should read it as I believe you probably did? The Monroe newspaper did a two-page article on the other co-champion and myself. My wife Claire and I have had two days named after us by the City of Taylor, for our contributions to education and athletics. Claire, Taylor Center, and I received a National Award for how Taylor Center honored our soldiers in Desert Storm. The city requested us to host one for the entire city, which we did. I have so many stories of individual students, cute memorable, laughable, and some sad to recount.

All our children are TC grads, our oldest daughter, Michelle has become one of the largest, if not the largest franchise owners of Domino's Pizza in Michigan, our son Christopher works for the largest coffee company in America as a salesman (Christopher ranked 13 indoors in the nation competing for TC and broke all of my records at TC). Our youngest daughter Kristi, this past month has been named Vice President of the (Global) and American Pediatric Dental Association. ALL TAYLOR GRADS!!!!!! There is much, much more, I have more memories of TC than anyone and I will shortly begin to document them. Those memories began at Federal, Treadwell, and TC with Mr. John Pantalone.... the fond ones!" *Mickey Turcheck*

OUT AND ABOUT

Another fine entertainer was spotted at La Bisteca Italian Grille in Plymouth. Mike Carey, JFK Class of 1979, was playing piano and singing to a very appreciative crowd. During a conversation I was told Mike also owns [Mike Carey Music Co. Inc.](#) located in Wyandotte. He's been "making music happen since 1995!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

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On November 2, 2021, voters in Taylor School District will be asked to consider a bond proposal to implement improvements within the Taylor School District. These improvements will address infrastructure upgrades and provide modern learning environments for all students with the goal of increasing opportunities and enhancing performance. The total amount of this bond proposal is \$130 million, requiring an additional 2.68 mill increase for taxpayers, bringing our school bond millage rate to 3.64 mills. This program will totally transform our district, preparing our students for a successful future.



Features of this proposal include:

- A New High School combined with a New Career Center constructed at the Kennedy High School site on Northline and Kennedy Drive.
- Athletic field improvements at both the current High School and the New High School.
- Middle schools will be consolidated into the existing Taylor High School building, which will receive upgrades.
- New flexible furniture and instructional technology in all PreK-12 classrooms to meet current teaching/learning practices, affording highly collaborative spaces.
- District-wide security technology upgrades to enhance safety.

The **TSD Citizens for Quality Taylor Schools** is a ballot question committee working diligently on campaign efforts to educate voters about the features and benefits of this important bond program. The committee is composed solely of volunteers and the resources, materials and postage used by the committee are costly. Your involvement and past support of the District is greatly valued, and we would like to ask for your help in making this school election a successful one.

NOTICE: The Alumni Association is neutral on this as we are on all possible political issues, but also want to share what is happening in the City and the School District.

On Saturday November 6th:

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Amando Amando

**Traditional
Motown
Music**

**Saturday
November
6, 2021**

starts at 7:00 p.m.

This Fund Raiser supports the enrichment programs, teacher grants, and scholarships for graduates of our Taylor Public School District.



TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

For Educational Excellence

Sponsor and reserve a table.

\$500 Sponsorship - Recognition at the event, signage, and a table of eight tickets.

\$250 Sponsorship - Recognition at the event, and four tickets.

Make checks payable to: **TPS Foundation for Educational Excellence**

Contact Linda Newsome (313) 295-7313 or Cindy Whittico (734) 788-4341

for more information to sponsor a table or purchase tickets.

Location of event is at: Democratic Club of Taylor (main hall east side entrance)

23400 Wick Road Taylor, MI 48180

Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence is a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization.

\$25 Tickets

**include pizza
& a soft drink.**

18 & up only!

Beer & Wine

available

for purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



NOVEMBER 6 - Forty year reunion of Harry S Truman class of 81 K of C Hall Brest Rd Taylor 6 -11 pm. All classes are welcome \$20 at door Music – Dancing – Pizza

NOVEMBER 17 - TCH Class of 1960 monthly luncheon 12:30 at Major Biddle's restaurant 930 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte

In addition to fund raisers as above, The Taylor Public Schools Foundation depends heavily on you, the Alumni for the financial assistance to provide funding for student scholarships, field trips to theater presentations, Teacher grants for special programs to enhance the educational experiences of students and other things not covered in the school budget.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the students of Taylor.

Please make checks payable to The Taylor Public School Foundation and mail to:

Taylor Public School Foundation
23033 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180





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 we receive deaths from the past that are not listed in our newsletter, they will be posted on the "In Memoriam" section on our website. 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

- ✚ Mary Jane Mitchell Anderson, Class of 1971 (passed October 18, 2021)
- ✚ Garry Browning, Class of 1968 (passed September 23, 2021)

JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

- ✚ Mary Ann Shelton, Class of 1972 (passed October 2, 2021)
- ✚ William "Bill" Brunell, Class of 1975 (passed September 23, 2021)

HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

- ✚ Terri Skiver Tyson, Class of 1975 (passed October 15, 2021)

STAFF

- ✚ Pat Dawson Seraydarian, taught in the Business Department at Taylor Center High (passed October 18, 2021)

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