IN THE NEWS





Alumni Newsletter July 2021

SUCCESS STORY

Stacey Ervin Jr., Truman High School Class of 2011



A World Class gymnast and more. The Detroit News featured Stacey in an article when he was 12 years old. He won the United States Junior Championship at age 16.

Stacey says his interest in gymnastics began in kindergarten when a classmate did a back handspring. He did one too and

that turned into many other flips, etc. His mother recognized the talent and started looking for gymnastic clubs. Stacey found his way to Mills Gymnastics USA. He spent eight years honing his craft under the tutelage of Coach Lanny Mills. Coach Mills stated, "Stacey was a rare combination of the most talented and hardest working athlete I ever coached."

Upon entering Truman High School, Stacey recalls training 4 hours a day in addition to his studies. With that heavy schedule he still accumulated a 3.7 GPA and was accepted to the University of Michigan. Stacey had many obstacles to fight his way through. His Mom passed away before his freshman year at Michigan, he moved from Taylor to Ann Arbor, it all was traumatic. There was a period of time when he did not want to do anything, but everybody around him would not let that happened.

While at Michigan, Stacey was a member of two NCAA gymnastics championships, a three-time All-American and a U.S. National team member. He owns the third-highest floor exercise score of 16.15 in NCAA history. He ended his career with 19 event titles and Graduated with a degree in psychology.

Stacey, now 26, lives in Orlando, Fl and hopes to own a business in the health and fitness industry. He also says he is interested in acting and commercials.

The Taylor Alumni Association is very proud of Stacey Ervin Jr. and wishes him well in any venture he chooses.

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

LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN EACH BUILDING

There have now been over 53,000 Graduates of Taylor Public Schools. How many were in your graduating class? Send us a request and we can let you know. Our data bank shows the Taylor Center Graduating Class of 1965 was the largest with 745 Grads. That was TCH last year of being the only High School as JFK opened the next year. Kennedy's largest graduating class of 652 was in 1973 the year prior to Truman's opening. Harry S Truman's largest senior class was the Class of 2000 with 613 Grads.

SPRING SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD

Kristen Long set a school record for the 440-meter dash: 1:20.44

Amiah Thomas a school record in shot put of 27' 9" and set a record in discuss of 80'11"

Torin Moore, Jr. set 3 school records: 300-meter Hurdles 43:54, High Jump 5"6", long jump 19'6"



In the League Championships the following brought home medals

Sheldon Bryant 1st place 100-meter dash 3rd place in 200-meter dash

Torin Moore, Jr, 1st place in long jump 4th place in 400-meter hurdles

GIRL'S SOCCER

District Championships 1st round winner defeating Wayne Memorial

GIRL'S SOFTBALL

District Championships 1st round winner defeating Southgate

If you have not joined the alumni association yet, why not?

It's so easy. Just make out a check for \$25, include the school and year you graduated, and mail it to: **Taylor Alumni Association**

Taylor, MI 48180 GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

One of the best Festivals in the State is the "Taylor Summer Festival "

- July 8 The carnival opens
 - 9 Rock -N-Roll bands FILTER & SPONGE perform in the evening
 - **10** Country Bands LOCASH & CHRIS BANDI perform and then the giant fireworks show kicks off at dusk (estimate of 9:45).

MUSIC AND ART IN THE PARK- Beautiful Taylor Conservatory

All concerts start at 6:30pm

- July 7 Tequila Mocking Birds
 - **14** D-Tour Band
 - 21 Leaky Tiki
 - 28 Just Two Guitars

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR



A Scout was asked, "How could you get lost? Didn't you have your compass?" "Yes," the Scout replied, "but it kept pointing north when I wanted to go south!"

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though you're slightly cracked.



May you always have Love to Share Health to Spare And Friends that Care

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRADUATION:

Over a hundred graduates in the Class of 2021 received grants and scholarships.

- 13 received 4-year scholarships
- 4 chose to enter the Military one Navy, one Marines and two Army

Free Summer School is being offered to overcome covid-19 educational losses.

Contact in each school- The Taylor Foundation now has a designated teacher in each school to keep the staff informed of the Foundation activities, such as the Grants available to teachers.



SIXTY- ONE YEARS AFTER GRADUATION IN 1960

A group of 30 graduates from the TCH Class of 1960 meet monthly for lunch at various restaurants in changing locations from Rochester to Brighton and Farmington to Gibraltar. Those that can attend vary in numbers from 12 to 16. The July lunch is scheduled for July 23rd. For location and time contact Bill Riggs (<u>willee6742@gmail.com</u>).

If any other group would like to meet, ask your Taylor Alumni Association for assistance, as we can provide contact information for those you would like to reach out to.



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.

JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

- 4 Wilber (Billy) Busch, Class of 1986 (passed May 18, 2020)
- Timothy Jarzyna, Class of 1972 (passed December 9, 2020)

HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Vickie Odle Carrigan, Class of 1975 (passed April 20,2021)

TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

- 4 Jerrald "Jerry" Ogle, Class of 1968 (passed May 12, 2021)
- ↓ Janice Rossetto, Class of 1974 (passed February 17, 2021)
- ↓ Jeffery A. Green, Class of 1976 (passed June 17, 2021)
- 4 Doreen Coleman Harris, Class of 19983 (passed June 6, 2021)

STAFF

Patricia Arsenault, cook (passed April 22, 2021)

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