

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



ALUMNI FOUNDATION

50th Anniversary Celebration

and

Hall of Fame Dinner

November 7, 2009

6 to midnight

Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center, Pueblo, CO

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"Something Extra for South"

PUEBLO SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI FOUNDATION
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PROGRAM

Cash Bar Cocktails and Silent Auction Viewing

WelcomeDwight Hunter, *Alumni Foundation Vice President ('65)*
Salute to the Classes by decade
Introduction of Emcee..... Nick (Donovan) Knezevich ('76)
Invocation Rev. Bruce Jacobs ('71) *Senior Pastor,
Huffman Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Joseph MO*
Dinner..... Entertainment – South High School Jazz Septet
Keynote Address.....Dr. David Wilkerson
Hall of Fame InductionEmcee – Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees
Acceptance Remarks..... Inductees
Patrick Krumholz, Principal, South High School
Kathy West ('67) Superintendent of Schools
Special Presentations.....Pueblo County Commissioner Anthony Nunez ('65)
Pueblo City Councilman Randy Thurston ('75)
Belcher Family Foundation, presented by John Belcher ('67)
Wireless Classrooms/Distance Learning Lab
Kick-off Donation, presented by Tom Mauro, ('65)

Silent Auction Ends

Card Auctions and Chance Drawings

Live Auction

Letter Jackets to be donated back to South
South African Wines • Las Vegas Vacation
On the Ice Colorado Avalanche tickets with parking pass

Music and Dancing

All decorations for this event were donated anonymously in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the opening of South High School

Hall of Fame Inductees 2009



James W. Billings, Jr.


Jim graduated from South in 1971, received his undergraduate from the University of Southern Colorado (now CSU-Pueblo) and has Master's Degrees from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in Public Administration and from the University of Colorado, Denver in Criminal Justice and has been the Chief of Police in Pueblo since 1998.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and is the Colorado representative as part of the United States delegation to the International Association of the Chiefs of Police (IACP).

Jim serves on the mountain states region of the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee of the IACP

He is the recipient of the Robert Hawkins Award from the Mental Health Association of Pueblo, is Past President of the Rotary club and has served on many non profit boards including the YMCA and the United Way and has volunteered and served in many capacities with the Boy Scouts.

He has been married to June for 35 years.



Patrick S. Mara

Pat graduated in 1966 and went on to receive his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from Colorado State University in Fort Collins and has taught for nearly 40 years, the past nearly quarter of a century at South.

Pat is a true teacher having authored and co authored many textbooks in mathematics and has hosted KTSC televisions' Homework Hotline and serves as a TV tutor for kids struggling with homework. Pat even takes calls at home from students needing help.

He's helped design curriculum and teacher education programs and he's traveled to Japan to see how those youngsters learn math. He also has spent a summer as a fellowship student at Princeton University

A noted master teacher, Mara has received the:

- Raytheon Corps Math Hero award in 2008;
- International Academy of Science Mathematics Teacher of the Year in 2001;
- Colorado Math Teacher Award of Excellence, 1997
- President's Award for Excellence in Science Mathematics Teaching in 1989.
- Pat was recently chosen by Pueblo Chieftain as the "Best Teacher in Pueblo".

Pat has been married to Sally Ann also a 1966 graduate of South for 40 years.



Steven C. Moore

Steve is a 1971 graduate and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Colorado in 1975 and 1979.

Upon graduation from law school, he accepted a Vista Volunteer position representing Indian tribes and individual Indian people in northern Idaho, working for Idaho Legal Services. In 1981 he began working for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana. In 1983, he returned to Boulder and joined the Native American Rights Fund, the largest and oldest non-profit law firm in the United States representing Indian tribes.

At the Native American Rights Fund, where he is senior staff attorney, much of his practice has focused on natural resource issues. Steve has represented Indian tribes in complex litigation

involving oil and gas royalties, treaty fishing rights, and federal Indian reserved water rights. His other work includes the protection of sacred lands, the repatriation of human remains and the protection of unmarked Native graves, the religious use of peyote by members of the Native American Church, and the religious rights of Native prisoners. He is admitted to practice law in several federal and state courts, federal courts of appeals, the United States Tax Court and the United States Supreme Court.

His volunteer work includes service as a member of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, the Advisory Committee to the Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado Law School, and the Steering Committee of the National Association of Indian Legal Services.

He is married to Martha Griffin, and has three children, Lindsay, Andrew and Rio Moore,



Daniel J. Predovich

Graduated in 1965 and received his B.S. from the University of Colorado. He is Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Fraud Examiner, is Certified in Financial Forensics and is president of Predovich and Company. He is Past President of the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Early in his career he worked for the Colorado State Attorney General as Senior Criminal Investigator, as field agent for the Colorado Bureau of investigation and a senior investigator for the Denver district attorney.

Dan is a lecturer and instructor to business groups, professional organizations and law enforcement agencies regarding a variety of topics including accounting, taxation, litigation support services and fraud investigations. He currently serves of the board and chairs the audit committee of RE/MAX International and is the co-founder of the Colorado Law Enforcement Instructor's Association where he is a member of the board and serves as treasurer.

Dan is past president of the PorterCare Foundation and has been a member of the board of the Children's Advocacy and Family Resources Foundation. He has also been a member of the board of directors of the Webb-Waring Foundation. In addition he has served as training coordinator and secretary for the Colorado Attorney Council Investigator's Association.



Marcia Stjernholm Smith

Marcia Graduated in 1963 and was Valedictorian of her class. She founded a company now known as Evercare and served as President and Chief Executive Officer. Evercare is a company that coordinates, provides, and pays for medical care for those living in nursing homes, those living in the community who have special health care needs because of chronic disease, and/or those who have advanced illness or disability. These are mostly frail elderly. Evercare started out as a demonstration project for the federal government. It proved so successful that legislation was enacted to make it a permanent part of Medicare.

The National Health Service (NHS) of England heard about Evercare and engaged a team, with Marcia as it's leader to embed the Evercare model of care in nine communities in England. The hospitals in England have no available beds and long waits for care, so they wanted to use the model to reduce hospital admissions. The end result was the creation of a new and advanced grade-level position for nurses in England – their job is to care for high-risk populations.

Marcia started working outside the home at age 40 with a Peak Health in Denver/Colorado Springs/Pueblo and became the executive director of that organization. Marcia has always been active in her church, directing the choir, coordinating worship and teaching Sunday School. While moving ten times during her husband's military career Marcia was active in community and military base charitable endeavors.

Marcia is the mother of three grown children and the grandmother of 12.

Frances Marie Vallejo

Fran was CO-valedictorian of her class in 1983 and was a Boettcher Scholarship recipient to the Colorado School of Mines. Her entire professional career has been with Phillips Petroleum, subsequently ConocoPhillips in Houston, TX. She is currently Vice-president and Treasurer of ConocoPhillips.

Fran majored in engineering mathematics, with an emphasis in geophysics, while at the Colorado School of Mines. As a senior at Mines, Fran was designated as "E-Day outstanding senior in mathematics and outstanding graduate of the McBride Honors Program.

Fran took a leave of absences from Phillips Petroleum to pursue a master's degree in business administration at Rice University, where she was recognized as the outstanding woman candidate for her MBA class of 1996. She was a member of the corporate team that brought about the merger of Phillips Petroleum and Conoco Petroleum.

While at South Fran was active in student government, was a member of South's concert choir, and was president of the National Honor Society. Since then, Fran has exhibited leadership skills learned at South High and at the Colorado School of Mines by being involved in community activities through her children's schools, church, and Phillips 66 Federal Credit Union, where she serve as chairperson of the board for many years and continues to serve as a director. She also is a graduate of the Center for Houston's Future Leadership Forum. In 2004, the Pueblo School District No 60 Education Foundation recognized Fran as an outstanding District 60 graduate.

She diligently worked to acquire ConocoPhillips support (financially and physically) for the Rice University's Money and Business 10'1 class which takes the best applicants from 10 different underprivileged Houston independent High Schools which educates them in analyzing stocks and other financial skills, ConocoPhillips gives a day-long tour educating the students in the business of energy, all the different careers involved in running a large company like COP and the kind of an education you would need for these careers. She's also involved with Rice University's Elementary Model Science Lab.

Recently Fran was named Outstanding Female Executive of the year by the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.



Kenneth W. West

Ken graduated from South in 1968, attended SCSC for two years and transferred to CSU Ft. Collins and graduated with a degree in Construction Management in 1972. Ken returned to Pueblo and went to work for the Transportation Test Facility where he worked until he went to work for H. W. Houston Construction in 1977. He bought out the company in 1992. He has been associated with H.W. Houston for 32 years.

H.W. Houston Construction Co. built the Pueblo City County Library, The new Pueblo YMCA, the forensic unit at the CHMIP, and the bed tower expansion at St. Mary Corwin Hospital and has been selected as contractor for the new County Judicial Plaza. H.W. Houston constructs commercially throughout Colorado. Currently they are involved in over \$130 million in construction projects.

Ken has served on many community boards including the:

- YMCA for over 20 years and is a past president
- HARP Foundation, and is a past president
- Southern Colorado Community Foundation
- Mahlon Thatcher White Foundation
- 100 Club and is a past president

Mr. West has also served on the board of directors of: Minnequa Bank, and is currently on the Board of the Community Banks of Colorado

Ken has contributed personally and corporately to various projects in Pueblo including the YMCA, CSU-P, HARP, the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center, The St. Mary Corwin Foundation and the Parkview Hospital Foundation

Ken and his wife Sandy have been married for 27 years and have one daughter Chelsea.

South High School Alumni Foundation

Recent Fund Disbursements



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| Autoclave and goggle sanitizer for Science Department..... | \$1,768 |
| Media Carts..... | \$1,445 |
| Technological upgrades for Journalism Department | \$2,300 |
| Support of Colt Connection mentoring of incoming freshmen | \$500 |
| Printing of "Colt Nation" shirts | \$250 |
| Support of 100% participation in the CSAP Program | \$1,500 |
| New wrestling mat..... | \$7,000 |
| Student 50th Anniversary 50 day drawings | \$2,000 |
| Replenishment of Principal's Discretionary Fund..... | \$6,000 |
| SHS Band Uniforms..... | \$4,200 |
| Link Mentoring Program..... | \$1,400 |
| PIE (Partners in Education) project for at risk students..... | \$500 |
| After Prom Event Support | \$3,600 |
| Media Center Juried Art Project and Art Purchase..... | \$1,700 |
| SHS Spring Musical support..... | \$2,000 |
| Support of SHS Class Reunion Events..... | \$750 |
| Cannon Game Fireworks Display..... | \$750 |
| Refurbishment of Horse shoe and new benches in outdoor area..... | \$2,000 |
| Faculty direct classroom support | \$2,320 |

South High School 1959-1960



The home of the Colts, South High School began to take shape on May 21, 1957. The administration provided the beauty and efficiency of the building in what was the ultimate in school construction. In January 1959 the leadership was added when Mr. David A. Wilkerson was appointed Principal and Vernon D. Cochran Assistant Principal. The school colors were black and white. The mascot was the Colt and the horseshoe was its emblem. The student body elected their leadership in April of 59 by choosing a Student Council which was to be led by Alan Takaki as their first President, and Jim Simmons their Vice President. Mary Lou Cabral was the first Secretary and Phyllis Sutton the first Treasurer.

On September 1 the school doors were swung open for 950 students, who were immediately assembled in the auditorium for an orientation assembly at which time Mr. Wilkerson in his welcoming address gave the school motto, "something extra for South." As in the case of all schools, the first weeks were occupied with orientation programs, selection of candidates for class officers, and of course the opening of our football season. This opened with a bang. Our team under the direction of Bob Overstake, on the first play from scrimmage sent Clyde E. Wilson over tackle for 60 yards to a touchdown. The record of the team, as well as all other athletic events, can be found in the award section of our history. The Coronation game was heralded by a new first in which South decided concentrate all student body activity in the building of one float on which the first football queen, Carrlyn Ward was crowned.

As yet the school had not a flag, however this situation was remedied by the selection of flag design presented by Ronald Nolan, a senior.

While the South athletic teams were winning victories on the field, the student body was hard at work organizing new clubs to provide for the extracurricular needs of the school. Such clubs were the Bible Club, the Junior Red Cross, the Future Teachers of America, and the S Club. The Girls' Cabinet was organized with Sandra Leri as Head Girl. And the Coltspurs, a name chosen by the girls under the leadership of Phyllis Sutton solidified the student body in their efforts to support South and its teams. A drill team was organized for the purpose of flag ceremonies in lieu of the drill teams present at Central and Centennial. The final name selected for this drill team was the Pepperettes.

Among some of the presentations presented on the stage of South High School were a three act play, Reserve for Murder, a follies, Memories of 59, and another three act play The Importance of Being Ernest. The South dramatics team took first in district with a skit from Ghosts by Henrik Ibsen. Our chorus, in addition to having active parts in the Christmas and Easter assemblies, as well as the follies, took first in the district Music Festival.

In spring of 1960 we were informed by the administration that the Vice Principal for 60-61 would be Mr. Gordon Sullivan and that Mr. Vernon Cochran would be promoted to the position of second assistant to the Superintendent. In April of 1960 the students selected Don Ferguson as their student body President and Jim Epperson as their Vice President.

The first Remuda was given to the students on May 19, 1960, and it was followed by the traditional annual signing day on the 20th. 850 annuals were sold the first year.

The first graduating class of South High School, totaling 270, received their diplomas from Mr. John Dunlap, Superintendent of Schools in the District 60 Stadium June 1st, 1960.

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Jim Daugherty

John Denardo

Charles DePietro

Patty Erjavec

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Joel Herzog (*deceased*)

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1968 Men's Golf Team

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South High School Alumni Foundation Mission Statement

"To Recognize and Honor Alumni,

To Support Existing Programs While Developing Innovative Initiatives,
and To Uphold and Support the Institutional Mission of South High School."

1959 – 2009

50 Years of Excellence