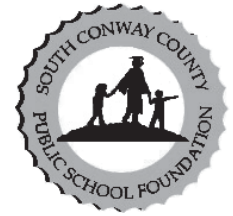


# FOUNDATION NEWS



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## BILL STACKS HANDS LEADERSHIP OF FOUNDATION OFF TO NEXT GENERATION



Bill Stacks and Steve Pruitt

At the Foundation's January meeting Bill Stacks was honored for his selfless service to the South Conway County Public School Foundation. Stacks has served as President of the South Conway County Public School Foundation since its inception in 1995.

Founded by Stacks, the late Nathan Gordon and the late Dr. T.C. Vaughan, the Foundation has served the South Conway County School District over the last 15 years by raising funds to purchase technology hardware and soft-

ware, administering private scholarships, assisting with Project Graduation, and lending support for several grant opportunities within the district. Over a million dollars has been donated to the district as a result of the Foundation's efforts.

At the annual December election of officers Steve Pruitt was elected to serve the Foundation as the new President. Stacks will continue serving as a director on the board to ensure a smooth transition. Other officers of the Foundation are Katherine Foust, Vice-

President, Patty Allison Shipp, Secretary, and Sarah Norman Ryals, Treasurer.

New President, Steve Pruitt, is a 1975 graduate of Morrilton High School. He owns Mr. Quik-Lube in Morrilton and has three children, two that are graduates of Morrilton High School and another one currently in the 10th grade at MHS.

The Foundation is governed by a 13 member board. The names of all board members can be found on the back page of this newsletter. The newest member of the board is Lawana Lyon who was elected in January to fill a vacant position. Lyon is currently also co-chairing the 2010 Project Graduation Committee.

The SCCPSF is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to enhance and improve educational opportunities within the South Conway County School District.

### Upcoming Event

**Annual  
Devil Dog Reunion  
Saturday, May 15  
at Morrilton High School  
Honoring the MHS  
Class of 1960**

## GRADE INFLATION VERY LOW IN SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY DISTRICT

The South Conway County School District was recently notified by the Arkansas Department of Education that it is among the best in the state in regard to grade inflation.

Shawn Halbrook, director of Learning Services, explained that a district's grade inflation is calculated by comparing the

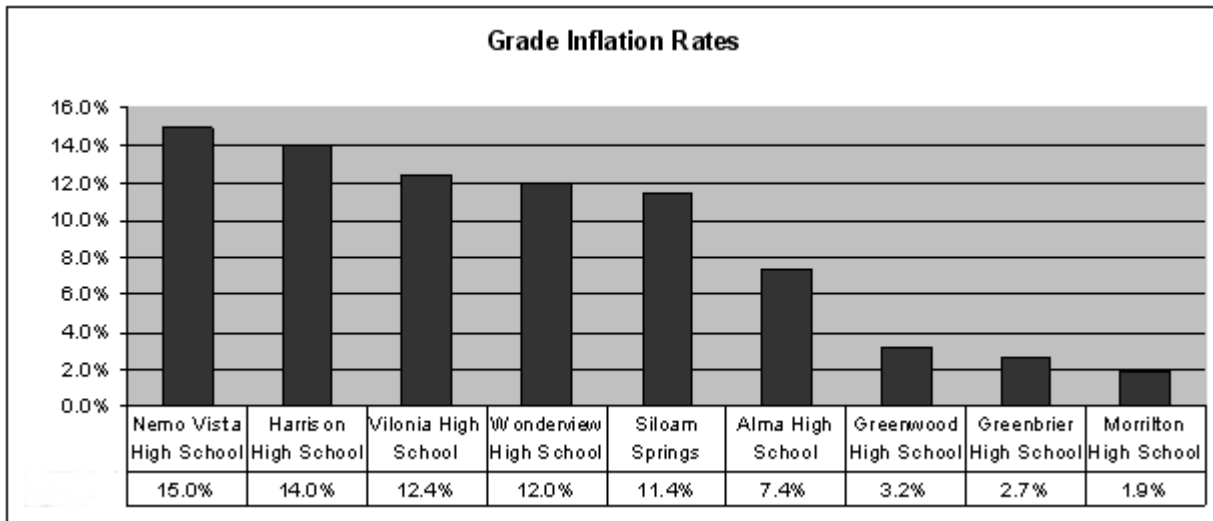
number of students who received a 'B' in a particular course and scored proficient on the end-of-course examination.

Superintendent Doug Adams said that only 1.9 percent of the district's students who received a 'B' in a course failed to become proficient, a significant improvement from recent years, and

the lowest of the three school districts in the county. The graph below shows the districts performance compared to other districts within the county and within our conference.

Grade Inflation is a statistic that is closely monitored by the state and could, in the future, impact a student's abil-

ity to access Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship funds. Superintendent Adams added that the teachers in the district do a fantastic job of aligning our curriculum, setting high expectations for our students, and then teaching those students to the best of their ability.



## TEACHERS ATTAIN NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Recently the South Conway County School District partnered with UCA to assist teachers in obtaining National Board Certification.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards improves teaching and student learning. National Board Certified Teachers are highly accomplished educators who meet high and rigorous standards.

Like board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review.

In a congressionally-mandated study, National Board Certification was recently recognized by the National Research Council as having a

positive impact on student achievement, teacher retention, and professional development. The Foundation recognizes and congratulates the following teachers for their achievement:

Regina Chaney, special education at Morrilton High School; Judy Hutchinson, speech pathologist at Morrilton Primary School; Melynda Knapp and Nancy Lacy,

teachers at Morrilton Primary School; Regina Erwin, media specialist at Morrilton Intermediate School; and Anne Stobaugh, media specialist at Morrilton Primary School.

There are several other teachers within the district currently in the process of becoming Nationally Certified.

# ANNUAL DEVIL DOG REUNION HAS NEW HOME

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, the Morrilton High School Class of 1960 will be the honored guests for the 10th Annual Devil Dog Reunion. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for Morrilton High School Alumni who graduated 50 years of more ago to gather and reminisce about days gone by. It is also a great opportunity for Alumni to see the improvements within the District. This year's event will be held in the

Morrilton High School Cafeteria which was constructed in 2006. The beautiful ultra-modern structure was a part of the total remodeling project that was accomplished by a millage increase that was supported by the South Conway County Public School Foundation. During the event alumni will be recognized in several categories such as longest distance traveled and member of the earliest class.

For more information for members of the Class of 1960 - Lucy Vint Tipton 501-977-4505 or mslucy@tcworks.net. More information for all other classes - Betty Bridgman Swope 501-354-2931, Jeannene Ring Ellis 501-354-2179, or Bea Lasater Thompson 501-354-4003.



## WHY SHOULD YOU BE A FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION?

Friends of the Foundation are very important. Funds gained through Friends of the Foundation help us continue to fund important projects within the South Conway County Public Schools. Your support through the Friends program also shows your personal

commitment to raising the bar on education in the Conway County area. We believe that the Foundation's influence has been instrumental in convincing the district to step-out and try new approaches to education. Help us continue to

influence education in this area by becoming a Friend of the Foundation today! Remember that the South Conway County Public School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donations are tax deductible!

*Did you know that all the money raised by the South Conway County Public School Foundation goes to fund much needed equipment and materials for our schools?*

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**HARRY CALDWELL - A REAL FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION**

Harry Caldwell is a former Rodeo Cowboy and a nationally known veterinary pharmaceutical salesman, specializing in swine production. He services eight large companies, scattered from California to Georgia, spending a lot of time on the road.

However, each fall, when the South Conway County Public School Foundation holds its "Race to the Future" fundraising dinner at Morrilton High School, Harry heads home to prepare the delicious BBQ pork for the event. He arranges for Cargill Pork to donate a large hog, and then he spends

all day and night cooking the BBQ to perfection, in time for the dinner! Harry has donated his time and travel expense to the Foundation for every "RTTF", a total of 10 years. His dedication has helped the Foundation raise much needed funds to purchase computers and software for classrooms across the district.

The South Conway County Public School Foundation has many dedicated Friends that support our effort each year – but we can't think of another one that stays up all night to make sure our fundraising event is a success.

Harry and his wife, Rita, live at St. Vincent on their farm, have two children and three grandchildren, and are active leaders at First Baptist Church in Morrilton.



Chef Harry Caldwell

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