

# FOUNDATION NEWS



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## 2012 RACE TO THE FUTURE DATE SET

### MORE iPADS TO BE PUT IN THE HANDS OF STUDENTS

On Tuesday evening, September 18th, the South Conway County Public School Foundation will host the 13th Annual "Race to the Future" Fundraising Event. Funds raised during this year's campaign will be used to purchase an iPad Lab for use at the Junior High Campus.

Last year the Foundation raised funds to purchase iPad Labs for the three elementary campuses and the Senior High Campus received iPads for student use through an EAST Core grant. That left the Junior High School as the only location without iPads for student use. The mobile lab to be placed at the Junior High School will contain 30 iPads and will allow for charging and synchronizing so that the tablets are available for classroom use daily.

There has been an explosion of educational applications available to teach core educational concepts to students along with applications for the arts and creative thinking.

During the 2012 Spring semester every teacher in the district received an iPad to use. As a result teachers are free to prepare and explore applications that will enhance their educational delivery and be better prepared to guide students when the iPad Labs are utilized in their individual classrooms.

South Conway County Public Schools are among the technology leaders in districts across Arkansas. Funding the iPad lab at the Junior High School gives all campuses student access to this new and exciting way of learning.

Inside this newsletter you will find an insert detailing the ways to be involved in the Race to the Future event. We hope that you will consider contributing at one of the levels suggested and will join us on the evening of September 18th. On that evening we will be learning more about The Leader in Me process that has recently been implemented in the district. This is an exciting development for our district that you will want to find out more about.

Send your support in early to be included in the printed program.

### Upcoming Event

**13th Annual  
Race to the Future  
Tuesday  
September 18, 2012  
6:30 pm  
Morrliton High School  
Cafeteria**

### Devil Dog Reunion

**Save the Date!  
June 8, 2013**



Students using iPads purchased with last year's funds.

## GORDON ENDOWMENT FUNDS THE LEADER IN ME LEADERSHIP MODEL



**The Late Virginia and Nathan G. Gordon**

The late Nathan Green Gordon was one of the original founders of the South Conway County Public School Foundation. He was personally involved as a board member until his health prevented his involvement and a constant financial supporter during his lifetime.

Gordon made provisions to continue that support for years to come in the form of an endowment established in his and his wife Virginia's name. In 2009 the Nathan and Virginia Gordon Endowment Fund was established through the Arkansas Community Foundation with the express purpose of funding the work of the South Conway County Public School Foundation. Board members

committed to utilize the funds in a way that honored the legacy of Morrilton native Nathan Gordon, decorated naval aviator, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, 10-term Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas, local attorney, and community leader.

When the opportunity to partner with the District presented itself to implement *The Leader in Me* leadership model there was a quick consensus that this was the project they had been looking for.

*The Leader in Me* is an innovative, school wide model that emphasizes a culture of student empowerment and helps unleash each child's full potential. Applying *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*®, teachers and

students internalize timeless leadership principles that nurture the skills students need for success in the 21st century. The Leader in Me leadership model changes the paradigm of education and empowers teachers and students for success. Instead of seeing children through the lens of a normal distribution curve—some kids are smart and some less smart—*The Leader in Me* paradigm sees that every child is capable, every child is a leader. This paradigm changes everything.

*Leader in Me* schools must first get their own teachers on the same page and improve the climate among their staff before they can make it come alive with the students. That process has already begun in the South Conway County School District. During the third week of June all teachers and staff from Morrilton Primary and Morrilton Elementary participated in a Vision Day followed by three days of training centered on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*®. During the first year of implementation these two campuses will teach, model, and share the process with their students, parents, and other district personnel.

Additional campuses will be added in subsequent years until all campuses have implemented the leadership model.

The most important thing to remember about *The Leader in Me* is that it is not an event and it's not a curriculum, it's ubiquitous leadership development—meaning everywhere and all the time. Instead of "teaching leadership every Tuesday at 1 p.m.," educators use an integrated approach and make leadership training part of everything they do. So the model impacts everything—the traditions, events, organization, culture, instructional methodologies, and curriculum of the school. But as teachers will tell you, "It's not doing one more thing; it's doing what you're already doing in a better way."

Foundation members see *The Leader in Me* implementation as an important step in the process of further transforming the South Conway County School District into one of the top districts in the state.

This opportunity would not be possible without the generosity of Nathan and Virginia Gordon. We look forward to watching their legacy flourish through this endeavor.

## DEVIL DOG REUNION RECAP

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Devil Dog Reunion Brunch was held on Saturday morning, June 2, 2012, at the Morrilton High School Cafeteria. Approximately 170 alumni, friends and family attended this special event celebrating classes that have had their 50<sup>th</sup> class Reunions. The newest class to join this group is the MHS Class of 1962.

Jean Winburne Owens was recognized as the alum representing the

earliest class present, the Class of 1936. She was celebrating her 76<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Close behind were Earl Bentley, Dale Reynolds Meyer, and Bea Lasater Thompson, Class of 1938, celebrating their 74<sup>th</sup> reunion, followed by Julienne Dow Hall, Class of 1939, from Texarkana, Texas, celebrating her 73<sup>rd</sup> reunion.

Recognized as the classmates who came the longest distance were Anne Young

Wikstrom, Class of 1962, from Seattle, Washington, and John Newton Eddy, Class of 1952, from Jamaica.

The Class of 1952 had several members present as a part of a mini-reunion for them.

Anyone wanting further information about this event can call Bea Thompson at 501-354-4003, Betty Swope at 354-2931, or Jeannene Ellis at 354-2149.



### 2012 Season's Home Devil Dog Football Games

- 9/7 Dogs vs Prairie Grove
  - 9/14 Dogs vs Searcy
  - 9/21 Dogs vs Shiloh Christian
  - 10/5 Dogs vs Greenbrier
  - 10/19 Dogs vs Huntsville
- (all games begin at 7:00 pm)

## 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!

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**NATIONAL HONOR FOR MHS ALUMNA**

Julia Lyon of Morrilton and others representatives of the University of Arkansas Full Circle Campus Food Pantry met with President Barack Obama and other dignitaries in Washington D.C. March 15. They attended a public ceremony to be recognized as second



Lyon, pictured bottom right, with President Obama

place winners of the White House Champions of Change Challenge.

Lyon was the founding chair of Full Circle Campus Food Pantry. Started at the UofA in February 2011, it has provided food for 2,500 students and faculty members in need.

As chair of the Full Circle Food Pantry, Lyon has led student volunteers in finding a location, securing food donations and volunteer workers, and setting up a schedule for the service, among other tasks.

She is a 2008 graduate of Morrilton High School,

and a 2012 graduate of the UofA. She has been accepted as a medical student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to begin in this fall. Her parents are Dr. Jack and Lawana Lyon of Morrilton.

She said working with Full Circle gives her a sense of making an impact on someone's life every time he or she is handed a bag of food. "I also like working with other student volunteers," she added. "The best thing about D.C. was the opportunity to share our program with other campuses from across the nation."

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