



FOUNDATION NEWS

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Upcoming Events

**20th Annual
Race to the Future**

**Tuesday
September 24, 2019
5:30 pm
Devil Dog Arena**

**Class of 1979 Reunion
October 18-19, 2019**

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**Class of 1989 Reunion
October 5, 2019**

**Class of 1999
October 18-19, 2019**

**Devil Dog Reunion
June 13, 2020
Special Guests
MHS Class of 1970**

2019 RACE TO THE FUTURE TUE. SEPT 24 CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SUPPORT

Following the success of the 2018 event, the South Conway County Public School Foundation will again hold our annual Race to the Future event in the state of the art Devil Dog Arena. This building is a stunning example of our school district's progress and promise to have the best facilities possible for our students.

The event will be Tuesday, September 24th at 5:30 pm. The event will include delicious appetizers and ongoing tours of the facility, Entertainment by various groups from several schools within the district and a short video of Medal of Honor recipient, Nathan Gordon will occur through out the event,

Funds raised during this year's Race to the Future will again be used to aid the School District in providing concurrent college and technical classes through UACCM to eligible Morrilton High School Juniors and Seniors at no cost to the students. The SCCPSF has set a goal of \$25,000.00

to aid the School District in making this possible.

SCCSD is partnering with UACCM for Advanced Placement coursework in 2019-2020 and to offer UACCM concurrent credit through classes to students on the Morrilton High School campus.

UACCM concurrent opportunities allow students to begin working toward career/technical fields of study or to begin working toward general education college coursework while attending Morrilton High School. This gives students the advantage of acquiring certifications to work in business and industry prior to graduation and making them preferred applicants after graduation. Likewise, graduates of MHS have an opportunity to experience success at the college level while still in high school, giving our students a head start when it comes to their post-secondary education.

Introducing high school students to various college and career pathways early

increases the likelihood they will continue working toward career or technical fields and other academic studies upon graduation.

Local business and industry demand a highly skilled workforce and this partnership is helping to meet that demand. Ultimately, graduates of MHS will be more prepared and equipped for future success regardless of the pathway they choose.

We encourage you to send your support early, using the sponsorship form inside this newsletter. If you prefer to give online, that option is available on our website at www.sccpsf.org.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing commitment to the educational community in the South Conway County School District.



MHS STUDENT ELECTED NATIONAL BETA CLUB PRESIDENT



Grace Williams of Morrilton High School was elected as National Senior Beta Club President for the year 2019-20 during the National Beta Club Convention June 19-22 in Oklahoma City, OK. She was initiated by Drake Toll of Vilonia, National Senior Beta Club President for the year 2018-19. This makes Arkansas have National Beta Club presidents two years in a row. Grace is the third Morrilton High

School Beta member to be elected to a national office. Joe Don Winningham was elected National Beta Club President in 1988 and served 1988-89. Wayne Young was elected National Beta Club Secretary in 1995 and served 1995-96. Grace is the 17-year-old daughter of Timothy and Sheila Williams and a senior at Morrilton High School.

NEW SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AT MHS

In 2009 the Nathan and Virginia Gordon Endowment Fund was established at the Arkansas Community Foundation with the 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

The foundation is excited to utilize funds from this endowment to help with the building of a new agricultural science building. A check in the amount of \$75,000 was presented to

room currently under construction at Morrilton High School. The facility will be called The Nathan and Virginia Gordon School of Agricultural Sciences.



the district to help fund the new agricultural class-

The new Agriculture

Classroom and Shop will be more than 4,000 sq ft and will include a classroom, shop, and a vet's office to simulate a real experience in working with animals. The new building will also feature eight new welding stations and a plasma cutter to go along with current equipment. The current Agriculture classroom and shop was built in 1965. With the growing interest and the many careers in this field, this will be a great addition to Morrilton High School.

ESSAY QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

Congratulations are in order for a Morrilton Junior High Student! Luke Carner states he was "shocked" when he received a letter from the General William Lewis Chapter of the Arkansas Daughters of the American Revolution that an essay he had written was determined to be one of the best in the state and would be sent on to the regional competition and then later to learn he had won the regional competition and would compete nationally. The essay competition was a classroom assignment for Luke, but it was open to all 7th graders in the nation and required students to support their opinions about the

Women's Suffrage Movement that pushed for women's right to vote.

Based upon his description of the essay, Luke demonstrated considerable creativity as he chose to write it "from the perspective of a kid during that time". His young character, Luke says, is watching his parents and witnessing challenges that they are experiencing, because his mom and other women are unable to vote.

Luke Carner is the son of Mr. Brad Carner and Mrs. Janet Rainey Carner (Morrilton High School Class of 1994).

19TH ANNUAL DEVIL DOG REUNION BRUNCH HELD

The 19th Annual Devil Dog Reunion Brunch was held at the Morrilton High School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 1, 2019, and plans have been made for the 20th annual brunch to be held next year on the second Saturday, June 13, 2020. The brunch is for those alumni who have graduated at least 50 years ago, as well as staff, friends and other guests.

The Morrilton High School Class of 1969 was the honored class this year

and included the brunch in their weekend of 50th reunion activities. The MHS Class of 1970 will be in the spotlight next year.

Charlie Owens, husband of deceased Class of 1936 member, Jean Winburne Owens, was recognized for representing Jean's class and for the fact that he celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this year. Following right behind was Gordon Earl Bentley, being recognized for being a member of the Class of 1938, being

a long-time member of the Golden Alumni Committee, and for celebrating his 100th birthday later in the month. The MHS Class of 1959 was recognized for celebrating its 60th class reunion.

Several former teachers and staff members for these classes were recognized including Coach Vince Bond, Coach Ken Stephens, Sue Cox, wife of deceased Coach Wiley Cox, JoAnn Powell, Todd Rasmussen, and band di-

rector Hosa Lee Shepherd.

The brunch was catered by the "The Rialto Crew" and flowers were donated by Plummer's Flowers.

The day ended with a performance by the 1960's high school band, the Remnants of Rock, at the Rialto Theater that evening.

For further information, please contact Mary Ann Mathews at 214-662-9777 or Anita Huett at 501-354-4321.

MHS GRADUATE ADVANCES THE FIELD OF WOMEN'S HEALTH

Ms. Karen Anderson (formerly Brewer), a 1983 Graduate from Morrilton High School, has pursued her calling and found that, for her, Service + Science = Success. Anderson has been putting in the time and energy to advance in the field of Women's Health. Currently, she holds a position which she refers to as "literally a dream come true."

Anderson credits her parents, Ms. Willie Surratt and the late Mr. Tyree Brewer for teaching her the essentials of being a leader. She says that the values they imparted to her gave her "a healthy respect for all people and taught her the importance of having God as the head of my life". They emphasized hard work, she says, "by never letting me give up on anything".

While a student within the South Conway County School District, a life altering event occurred. She states that being assigned Ms. Diane Bishop as her Health and Sciences teacher instilled within her a love for Science and a thirst for knowledge of how it could be used to help people. After obtaining her bachelor's degree in Radiology from the University of Central Arkansas and a master's degree in Healthcare Administration, she narrowed her focus to Women's Health.

Anderson's journey has taken her through a variety of jobs covering the spectrum of mammography to

research to marketing. According to Susan G Komen Foundation for Dallas County, "Karen was instrumental in developing the Digital Mammography for General Electric (GE) Medical Systems, and in performing applications training for major Breast Centers in the Western Region of the United States (1998-2003). In 2007, Anderson joined McKesson Technologies as a Clinical Systems Analyst to focus on development of their Breast Imaging Module Application for Picture Archive Communications Systems (PACS). This system allows Breast Imaging Radiologists to review images in order to render a diagnosis for patients." Currently, she is the General Electric (GE) Director for Clinical Education and Mammography for North America.

"This is my calling", she says. In Dallas, she was presented with the First Annual More Thank Pink™ cape award from Susan G. Komen Dallas County for her service to the community and her continual fight to improve the lives of breast cancer patients.

As a student within the SCCSD, a love for science and service was ignited within Karen. This has grown to her current mission to: "touch women all over the world with my gift and skill; to empower them to take control of their health". Today, she travels all over the world living and doing just that.

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DEVIL DOGS' EARNING ACHIEVEMENTS NOTED**

The following is a list of some of the outstanding accomplishments achieved by students in the South Conway County School District in 2019

Morrilton High School

- MHS Concert Band - All Superior Ratings on Stage, Excellent in Sight Reading
- MHS Symphonic Band - All Superior Ratings on Stage and Sight Reading
- MHS Marching Band - First Division Rating in ALL categories

Morrilton Junior High School

- MJHS Students recognized in Duke Tip ACT Competition - Micah Creech, Chloe McNabb (National), Tim Howard and Kristopher Wilson (State)
- Arkansas State Jr. Beta Vice-President - Levi Crosswell
- Central Div Daughters of the American Revolution Essay award - Emma Cariker

Morrilton Intermediate School

- Raised over \$1,000 and over 500 cans of soup for local and national charities

Morrilton Elementary School

- Participated in the 2019 Great Kindness Challenge

Morrilton Primary School

- One of five schools selected for Dollywood's The Little Engine Playhouse presentation
- Raised \$623 to provide scholarships for 5 local MHS seniors

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11/8 Dogs vs Clarksville
11/1 Dogs vs Farmington
10/18 Dogs vs Huntsville
10/4 Dogs vs Greenbrier
9/6 Dogs vs Russellville

**2019 Home
Football Games**

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