



# PIKE SUMMIT

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Alumni Association Publication

## ALUMNI



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## Be True to Your School

In the early 1990's Principal Furniss used to start every Friday by blaring "Be True to Your School" over the public address system. As Pike grads, we have much to be proud of. As a result, please mark these dates on your calendar:

**May 6** - Top 30 and Hall of Fame dinner  
(invitation only)

**May 14** - Senior Honors Night at Pike Performing Arts Center; public welcome. Students will be recognized for academic, service, and scholarship awards.

**May 31** - graduation (ticket required)

**August 4** - Pike Alumni "Class Reunion without the Class" Golf Outing, Eagle Creek Golf Course. This annual event raises funds to support the Alumni Association scholarship.

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On April 8, Mark Montieth ('73), who founded the golf outing, will be inducted into the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame. Mark is also a past recipient of the Pike Hall of Fame award. Congratulations, Mark!

## Pike Pride

Pike graduates and students have a great deal to be proud of! Here are some recent notable achievements for Pike High School:

- Earned "A" rating from the Indiana Department of Education.
- Class of 2017 earned more than \$12 million in scholarship awards
- Recognized by the Washington Post as one of American's Most Challenging High Schools 5 years in a row.
- A record 5 Gates Millennium Scholars in seven years.
- 7 National Merit Finalists over past 3 years.
- More than 60 different clubs and organizations.
- More than 250 course offerings, including more than 50 Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.
- Graduated more than 80 students with an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in last 5 years. IB is the most rigorous diploma in the world.
- More than 60% of the students in the Class of 2017 earned college credit while still in high school.
- With more than 64 countries and 80 home languages represented by more than 11,000 scholars, Pike schools offer a real-world, global education that cannot be found anywhere else in Indiana.
- Girls Basketball state runner up 2017.
- Robotics Team qualified for World Championships 2017

## Joel Leaman

Joel Leaman, Pike High School English teacher, counselor, and coach died January 25, 2018. He came to Pike in 1970 and served the district until 2010.

Joel graduated from Butler University in 1965. He played basketball and ran cross-country for coach Tony Hinkle.

At Pike, Joel was a cross-country and track coach. He also served as swimming coach and pool manager at Hillcrest Country Club from 1968-2009. He also coached Allisonville Youth Baseball.

To know Joel was to know that his passions were family, athletics, Butler, the Beach Boys and Elvis. Joel was the epitome of a modern-day Will Rogers. He, too, never met a man he didn't like—and who didn't like him back.

He is survived by his wife, Tina, and his children, Tiffany and David. Anyone wishing to honor his memory may contribute to his favorite activities:

Allisonville Christian Church  
7701 N. Allisonville Road, Indianapolis 46250

Butler Bulldog Club  
c/o Butler Athletics, Hinkle Fieldhouse  
510 W. 49th Street, Indianapolis 46208

*In Loving Memory*



*Joel B. Leaman*  
*October 21, 1941 ~ January 25, 2018*

## Pike Passings

- Ronaele Artae Corman, mother of Jeff Corman, '83
- Albert Ford, '86
- Rod Cafouras, '74
- Jack Glunt, '64, husband of Lynn Majors Glunt
- Michael Pardee, '94
- Suzan Kiefer Joyce, '73
- Dr. Elmo Carver, former PHS Vice Principal
- James E. Cook, father of **Cynthia Cook Woodson, '71**; **James C. Cook, '74 (deceased)**; **Karen Cook Saint Rain, '76**; **John T. Cook, '77 (deceased)** and **Diane Cook Weddle, '80**
- Dr. Steve W. Kim, father of **Dr. Henry C. Kim, '80**
- Dale Palsa, '79, brother of **Debbie Palsa Kurtzhals, '73**
- Arthur Durbin Chandler, father of **Andrew Chandler, '71**; **Sara Chandler Stevens, '73**; **Ed Chandler, '72** and **Richard Chandler, '79**
- Williams A. Riggs, '71, brother of **Cathy Riggs Danyluk, '73** and **David Riggs, '75**
- Joel Leaman, retired PHS teacher, counselor, coach
- Ester Newton, mother of **Matt Newton, '74**
- Sara Schmidt, mother of **Michael Schmidt, '71**; **Deborah Schmidt Jaeczko, '73**; **Mark Schmidt, '76**; and **Jay Schmidt, '79**
- Dr. Charles Chappel, father of **Shera Chappel Everly; Tom Chappel, '74**; **Ernie Chappel, '76** and **Sharla Chappel Miller, '67**
- Jamees A. McGuire, father of **Erin McGuire Vanderwalle, '70**; **Tim McGuire, '81**; **Kevin McGuire, '82**; and **Tom McGuire, '85**
- Robert W. Booker, Jr., '80
- Nathan Andrews, '72, husband of **Debbie Layson Andrews, '73**
- LaVon Ferger, retired Lincoln Middle School teacher

## Planned Giving

In 2014 an astounding 93% of Pike High School seniors graduated. Nearly half of those graduating had some college credit. Many Pike graduates further their education by attending a university or trade school. But, absent the financial resources, some very talented and hard-working students find they are unable to attend without acquiring a mountain of student loan debt.

Looking back on the experiences that shape us, most Pike High School graduates can recall a teacher, counselor, coach, or administrator who mentored or otherwise inspired us to reach for success. You can express your gratitude by setting up an Annual Scholarship Fund or a One-Time Scholarship Donation in their name. You may elect to immediately provide the money necessary to fund your scholarship or you may choose to provide funding in your Last Will and Testament. In addition, the type of scholarship fund you select may reduce your income taxes during your lifetime and/or estate taxes paid after your death.

When you provide for a scholarship, you convey the message to the recipient of those funds that education is key, and their success in life is important to you. By naming your scholarship for a teacher who encouraged you and made a positive difference in your life, you honor their legacy.

To learn more about scholarship funding, the Pike High School Alumni Association invites you to call Attorney and Pike High School alumnus, Charlie Ward of [Ward & Ward Law Firm](http://wardlawfirm.com). Charlie will be happy to answer your questions, including tax concerns and to help you facilitate a scholarship fund that will enable future Pike High School students with economic needs to pursue their educational goals.

Call Charlie Ward today  
317-639-9501  
toll free at 888-639-9501  
<http://wardlawfirm.com>

## Memorial Donations

The Alumni Association has been working very hard to combine fun, significant events, and opportunities to help current Pike students: a way to honor Pike's past, present, and future.

We are all too aware that \$1000 doesn't go very far toward college tuition any more; however, it is a start. We would like to grow the size of our scholarships. The 2014 year's scholarships were increased from our traditional \$1,000 scholarships to 2 scholarships of \$3,000 each because of donations from alumni.

Looking for a way to celebrate the Pike legacy of a loved one? When a pike alumni or supporter passes, families can request that contributions be made to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. If contributions in the name of any single person reach \$1,000, the family may opt to award a Pike Alumni Association scholarship in that person's name. If donations do not reach the \$1,000 level, they will be added to the Alumni Scholarship General Fund. Thus, the actual number and amount of scholarships may vary from year to year, but the Alumni Scholarship with a \$1,000 minimum award may be sustained. When a tribute donation is made, we will include a memorial column, showing who has donated to the scholarship fund in memory of that Pike alumni or supporter.

If you wish to ask that donations be made in lieu of flowers when a loved one passes, please contact the Pike Township Educational Foundation office so they may provide you with contribution details, envelopes, and arrange to track tribute gifts.

Pike Township Educational Foundation  
(317)387-2542  
[executivedirector@pike-ef.org](mailto:executivedirector@pike-ef.org)

## 2018 Reunions

### Class of 1988 - June 30, 2018

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Tours of Pike High School (begin at Pike Performing Arts Center); possibly to include '88 teachers.

6 pm - Reunion at Bella Marcia, 120 E. Market Street, Suite 200; Dinner, music, Pike swag and memorabilia; \$50/person  
For information, contact: Reneé Amorez at [Rawillis51411@gmail.com](mailto:Rawillis51411@gmail.com) or 317-469-6737. The committee is also seeking music entertainment for this event, preferably with a Pike connection.

## Donating to the Alumni Scholarship Fund

If you would like to make a donation to the Alumni Scholarship Fund or any of the other scholarship funds managed by the Pike Township Educational Foundation, you may do so by check to: PTEF, 5353 W. 71st Street Indianapolis, IN 46268. Please write the name of the fund in the memo line. You may also make a donation online by visiting [www.pike-ef.org](http://www.pike-ef.org) and clicking the "Donate" button under the banner. You will have the option of designating the fund you are supporting, if desired.

# 2018 Golf Outing Signup Form

## 2017 Outing Sponsors:

Contact John Booth (johnb@wash.systems) if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2018 golf outing.



Gil Berry Law



## 2018 Golf Outing

August 4th, at Eagle Creek GC.

1:00 PM Start, Sycamore Course

Get a team together and Save!

Early Sign Up Single :

\_\_ \$85

Early Sign Up Foursome:

\_\_ \$280 (Save \$60!)

Dinner only (Socialite):

\_\_ \$15

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the other players you would like to be paired with:

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks need to be mailed by July 15th 2018**

Make checks payable to John Booth ,and  
mail to:

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