



# PIKE SUMMIT

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## Reunions / 2016 Golf Outing

Classes are already gearing up for their 2016 reunion plans.

**Class of '66, 50th reunion: June 17-19, 2016.** Fri., June 17th—PHS tour, night dinner; Sat., 18th—Westlake Reunion; Sun.—open. Contact Marcia Chastain for further details at [Chastain@iquest.net](mailto:Chastain@iquest.net).

### Save the Date — 2016 Golf Outing:

**August 6th, 2016:**

If you would like to be kept up to date with information about the golf outing, please sign up for our golf emails.

[Subscribe now!](#)

## '75 Reunion Fun



## Jack Monninger

On January 12, 2015, Jack Monninger passed away and an era of Pike died. Jack taught art at Lincoln and PHS from 1955-85 and was a '42 New Augusta High School grad himself.

Jack inspired 30 years' worth of students in art and history; many went on to pursue careers in art. He took many students on tours of Europe.

Jack was also a hero in every sense of the word. He fought in WWII in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Jack and Imogene's 5 children also graduated from Pike: Cathy Monninger Dowden, '67; Mary Ann Monninger Nelson, '69; Rebecca Monninger, '70; Jackie Monninger Nitowski, '74; and Jack Monninger, Jr., '77.

It would be great if we could fund a scholarship to honor Jack's memory. To that end if you'd like to contribute to such a fund, please send your checks to the Pike Alumni Association with Jack's name on the notation line, PO Box 17654, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227. Please join in this effort to honor one of Pike's true heroes.

## 2016 Hall of Fame Nominations Due December 1, 2015

The 7th annual Hall of Fame/Top 30 dinner will be **May 15, 2016** at Pike High School. Pike High School has graduated thousands of people with rewarding careers, including individuals who have touched the lives of many people. These individuals include artists, elected officials, CEO's, physicians, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and many more. We would like to recognize the contributions of these individuals through the Hall of Fame, an annual award program, begun by the MSD in 2008.

Please take a moment to nominate an individual who meets the following criteria. Graduate of Pike High School who has been out of high school at least 10 years; has special achievements in the nominee's area of specialization; has received honors, awards, or other recognitions on a local, regional, national, and/or international level; has demonstrated community service; and has made meritorious contributions to society in general or to a specific segment of society.

### The nomination form can be found at:

<http://pikehsalumni.com/docs/HallofFameNominationForm.pdf> The recipients thus far have included the following:

2008—Anne Sablosky (Hank Phillippi Ryan), '67, author and television reporter; Tom French, '76, author and Pulitzer Prize winner in journalism; David Gadis, '80, president of Veolia; Dr. Jerry Smartt, '92, neurologist; and Kelly Lloyd, '95, lawyer and beauty pageant coordinator.

2009—Jay Bradley, '67, athletic trainer for IUPUI; Dr. Gary Misamore, '70, sports medicine physician; and Tony Prather, '76, attorney.

2010—Clarence Wood, '43, bank manager, and MSD School Board president 1975-1078; Dr. Bruce Monroe, '58, inventor and author; Jim Kittle, '62, President of Kittle's Furniture Group, past state Republican Party Chairman;

Major General Erika Steuterman (formerly Dawn Covington), '72, mobilization assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Pentagon; Dr. Zara Rolfes Larsen, '75, live talk radio host; and Tim Cindric, '86, President of Penske Racing, Penske Performance.

2011—Dr. Gloria Cobb, '58, missionary doctor; Capt. Jeff Amick, '78, career naval officer; B.J. Nichols, '82, president of Reis-Nichols Jewelers; Dr. Peter Carmichael, '84, history professor, author; and Dr. Nichole Nicholson Wilson, '95, sports medicine doctor.

2012—Chris Gahl, '96, VP of Marketing & Communications, Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association; Yolanda M. King, '94, assistant professor of law at IUPUI; and Dave Wood, '72, coach of West Lafayette High School's basketball team, head coach of the 2009 Indiana All-Star basketball team.

2013—Dr. Gina Evans-Hudnall, '95, investigator for the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center; Peter Dunn, '96, award-winning comedian and financial mind; Rob Macomber, '87, Grammy and Emmy Award winner; and Dawn Whitehead, '93, Director of Curriculum Internationalization at IUPUI.

2014—Dr. Mark Dyken, '75, specialist in sleep disorders; Amber Campbell, '99, USA track & field participant and 2004 Olympic trials; Lori Lindsey, '98, member of the US Women's National Soccer team and alternate for 2012 Olympics; and Sasheer Zamata (Moore), 2004, featured player on Saturday Night Live.

2015—Jeff Burchfield, '66, retired Guion Creek Middle School and Pike High School teacher; and Mark Montieth, '73, sports journalist and author.

## Pike Passings

- Patricia Linder Bryant, mother of **Stephanie Linder-Hill, '72; Greg Linder, '73; Myra Linder-Bell, '76; Christina Linder Goudy, '77; Fred Linder, '79; and Diana Linder Dufek, '82.**
- **Paul Hollingsworth, '56.**
- **Don Stultz, '56.**
- **Betty Guilfoil Hannon, '49.**
- Karen Smith, mother of **Donnise Smith, '87, and Tonja Smith Thompson, '90.**
- **Ruth Pearson Powell, '40.**
- **Winston Shipman, '66.**
- **Sheila Yvonne Shively, '75,** sister of **James Shively, '79.**
- Laura Esterline Fraser, retired Eastbrook teacher.
- **Alice Ann Shelton Ewbank, '61.**

## Memorial Donations

In 2014 an astounding 93% of Pike High School seniors graduated—and 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](#). Charlie will be happy to answer all of your questions, including tax concerns, and 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 at 317-639-9501 or toll free at 888-639-9501. You may visit Charlie's website at [www.wardlawfirm.com](http://www.wardlawfirm.com).

## Funding Scholarships

The Alumni Association has been working very hard to combine fun, significant events, and opportunities to help current Pike students: a way to honor both Pike's past and its 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 \$1000 scholarships to 2 scholarships of \$3000 each. In 2015 we were able to give 2 scholarships: 1 for \$1000 and the other for \$3000. In 2016 there will be 3 scholarships awarded. One will be a one time scholarship for \$5000 funded anonymously. We are very thankful for alumni and Pike friends who take the opportunity to help deserving Pike seniors by offering scholarship monies.

Scholarship application forms for 2016 can be picked up from Karen Bush, CCRC, Pike High School, and are due back on March 10, 2016.

We have begun a new feature. We are including a memorial column, showing who has donated money to the scholarship fund in memory of a Pike person. If contributions in the name of any single person reach \$1000, a Pike Alumni Association scholarship will be awarded in that person's name. If donations do not reach the \$1000 level, they will be added to the regular Pike scholarships given annually. Thus, the actual number and amount of the scholarships may vary from year to year, with 1 scholarship with a \$1000 base being the minimum.

### Alumni Donations

**In memory of Stan Hall:** Sherry Foster, MA Booth

**In memory of Jack Monninger, Sr.:** Patti Flanigan Medvescek, Craig and Elizabeth Carpenter, MA Booth

## Mark Your Calendars!

### November

13-14—Fall Musical  
21-29—Thanksgiving Break

### December

8-9— Wassail  
20-Jan. 3—Christmas Break

### January

18—MLK—no school

### February

15—Presidents' Day—no school; snow make up

### March

10—Pike Alumni senior scholarship applications due  
17-18—Winter Play  
26-April 3 Spring Break

### April

14-15 Spring Play

### May

13—Band Spectacular  
15-Hall of Fame/ Top 30  
15-Senior Honors Night  
20-Spring Sing

### June

2—graduation, State Fair Grounds

### August

13—Pike Alumni Golf Outing

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