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Ed and Carmen Siegel Family Scholarship

Ed and Carmen Siegel valued the importance of family. Whether it was their three children: Mark, Julie, and David, the Pike basketball family, the Pike faculty family, or the Pike community family, the definition of family for Ed and Carmen was all encompassing. Carmen was a nursery-school teacher at Bethel Nursery School in Pike Township for sixteen years. She loved teaching in a Christian-themed environment where she valued the importance of faith, music, and play nurturing young children to grow in an encouraging environment. Carmen was an active volunteer within the community and Pike schools. Her contagious personality made her a friend to all she met.

Ed began his devotion to Pike Township joining the faculty at Central Elementary in 1967. He became the Pike High School Boys Head Basketball coach in 1970 and retained that position until his retirement in 1995. During Ed's time at Pike High School, he valued teaching Economics to all graduating Seniors; where his business advice was often sought. The students loved Ed and in turn awarded him with the "Gold Brick Award" five times for his devotion to education. Ed's basketball success of six Sectional wins and two Regional wins earned him the "Marion County Coach of the Year" three times, and the CSAC "Coach of the Year" seven times throughout his career. However, his greatest basketball memory was coaching his sons, Mark and David, two outstanding Pike High School athletes. After retiring, Ed continued his support to community serving on the Pike School Board from 1998 through 2002.

Carmen was as much a member of the Pike Basketball teams as Ed was. You could find Carmen in the stands cheering for Pike at every game. Her home, heart, and dinner table were always open to students—both during their high school years and long after their glory days on the court or classroom had faded away. Carmen was as much a mother figure to students and players as Ed was a father figure.

Carmen and Ed were devoted to their children, Mark, Julie, and David. Along with their children, the Siegel home was always open to welcome others with love and laughter. That love and inclusion extended to the Pike faculty, students, and community where Carmen and Ed were loved in return. To know Carmen and Ed was to be a part of their family forever to share in community, love, and laughter.

As we move to the future, let us not forget our past in celebrating Carmen and Ed Siegel. Not only their devotion to family, but devotion to Pike faculty, students, and community. Join us in supporting the newly created Ed and Carmen Siegel Scholarship. If you have fond memories of Carmen and Ed, pause to remember the love for Pike community, laugh with one another and share a happy Siegel memory.

The Pike Township Educational Foundation and Alumni Association would like to remember Ed and Carmen with a scholarship. Our funding goal is \$20,000 to create an endowment – ensuring that this scholarship will continue in perpetuity. Please donate at: <https://pike-ef.org/siegel-family-scholarship-donations/>

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Ed and Carmen Siegel Family Scholarship (con't)

The PHS Alumni Association and the Siegel Family would like to thank Larry Palmer for his generous donation to kick-off the fundraising for the Ed and Carmen Siegel Family Scholarship. Larry writes:

During the summer of 2021, I approached Julie Siegel Redman and David Siegel with my desire to create a scholarship in honor of their parents, Ed and Carmen Siegel. Ed and Carmen began their numerous contributions to the Pike Township community in 1960. Whether it was in the classroom, on the basketball court, or personal in nature, Carmen and Ed supported me and for that I will always be grateful. With Julie and David's support and appreciation for their parents, my wife, Pam, and I are thrilled to announce a \$5000 donation to initiate the Ed and Carmen Siegel Family Scholarship through the Pike Township Educational Foundation and the Pike High School Alumni Association. If you have similar memories, please join me in donating to the Ed and Carmen Siegel Family Scholarship which will support a deserving Pike High School senior with a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Donate at: <https://pike-ef.org/siegel-family-scholarship-donations/>

Or send a check to:

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5353 W. 71st Street

Indianapolis, IN 46268



Jane Bielawski Grant Fund

Jane Bielawski, former Lincoln Middle School English teacher, died on October 1, 2021 after a short illness. Her illustrious career in education began in January 1967 when she earned her Master of Science degree in Education from Butler University – while being a mother to 5 young children.

Starting in September 1963, Jane worked on a daily basis for 10 years as a substitute teacher in MSD Pike Township. She had thought being a substitute offered her flexibility, but as she ended up teaching each and every day, she realized it instead just gave her an unpredictable schedule. So, in 1973, she began teaching full time as an English teacher at Lincoln Middle School. She later became the Chairperson of the Language Arts Department. Jane retired from Lincoln in 1991. In recognition of her years of service and her passion for education, the Pike High School Alumni Association named her an Honorary Alumna on August 12, 2012.

In Jane's memory, the family has asked for donations to the Pike Township Educational Foundation. These donations will be used to fund grants to the English/Language Arts Department at Lincoln Middle School.

There are some teachers who are forgotten as soon as the school year is over – and then there are teachers like Ed Siegel and Jane Bielawski who leave a legacy. Please help us honor and remember these amazing educators with a donation.

Siegel Family Scholarship: <https://pike-ef.org/siegel-family-scholarship-donations/>

Bielawski Grant Fund: <https://pike-ef.org/jane-bielawski-memorial-donations/>

Or mail to:

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2022 Hall of Fame Nominations Open

The annual Hall of Fame/Top 30 dinner will hopefully be held in May 2022 at Pike High School. While nominations are accepted any time, only those received by January 14, 2022 will be considered for 2022 induction.

Please take a moment to nominate an individual who meets the following criteria:

- graduate of Pike High School who graduated at least 10 years ago
- has special achievements in the nominee's area of specialization has received honors, awards, or other recognition on a local, regional, national, and/or international level
- has demonstrated community service
- has made meritorious contributions to society in general or to a specific segment of society.

To nominate, visit <http://pike-ef.org/hall-of-fame> and complete the online form. Nominations remain active for three years.

Hall of Fame Honorees

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.

Past Hall of Fame honorees:

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

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

2010—**Clarence Wood**, '43, bank manager, and MSD School Board president 1975-1978; **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, 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 Burchfied**, '66, retired Guion Creek Middle School and Pike High School teacher; **Mark Montieth**, '73, author, radio/ television/ newspaper sports reporter, blog writer for the Pacers.

2016—**Larry Metzler**, '73, MSD School Board member for 20 years; **Sherron Moore Rogers**, '98, Associate VP of Eskenazi Heath, named one of the city's Forty Under 40 in 2014; **Dr. Stephanie Jackson**, '97, pediatric sleep specialist.

2017 – **Eric Holcomb**, '86, Governor of Indiana; **Jeff Teague**, '07, NBA athlete, Indiana Pacers (16-17).

2018 - **Scott Evans**, '05, radio and television news personality; **Laura (Yosha) Steele**, '84, journalist and television personality.

2019 – **Chris Eckerle**, '98, Director for BioCrossroads and a Principal of the Indiana Seed Funds; **Eric Majors** '08, Brand Strategist for URBN Inc.

Planned Giving

In 2019, 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 inspired students to reach for success. You can express your gratitude by setting up an annual scholarship fund or a one-time scholarship award in their name. You may elect to fund the scholarship immediately or choose to provide funding in your Last Will and Testament.

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 your questions, including tax concerns, to help you facilitate funding a scholarship that will enable future Pike High School students to pursue their educational goals.

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

Pike Passings

- Shirley Vanderpohl, mother of **Lori Lekse Weber, '88; Michael Lekse, '89; and Chris Lekse, '93.**
- Robert E. Muir, father of **Tonya Kimbrough Reynolds, '88.**
- **Michael Brinkman, '62; brother of Ray Brinkman, '60; father of Shane Brinkman, '86.**
- **Greg Stucker, '88,** brother of Gary Stucker, deceased; and **Dawn Stucker Rose, '85.**
- Jane Bielawski, retired LMS English teacher and mother of **Elizabeth Bielawski Laskowski, '73; John Bielawski, '74; Julie Bielawski, '76; Joe Bielawski, '77; David Bielawski, '80; and Susan Bielawski, '86.**
- **Paula Cassell Gibson, '71,** sister of **Linda Cassell Smith, '67.**
- Ed Nelson, father of Ingrid Nelson; **Julie Nelson Mark, '81; Alisa Nelson Brummer, '83; and Ericka Nelson Howard, '88.**
- Roy A. Minatel, father of **Tony Minatel, '82, and Victor Minatel, '84.**
- **Judy Pollard King, '74,** sister of **Steve Pollard, '62, and Tom Pollard, '64.**
- Jean Wiley, retired PHS secretary and mother of **Mark Wiley, '68; Mike Wiley, '71; and Tim Wiley,**
- '73.
- Robert Bernloehr, husband of Lois Behnloehr, retired PHS secretary; and father of **Duane Bernloehr, '71, and Gary Bernloehr, '73.**
- Cynthia White, retired PHS French teacher, mother of **Elise White Werner Galusha, '73; Michelle White Callahan, '74; Jennifer White Orachef;** and Andrea White Badger.
- **Ronald Fults, '71.**
- Barbara Jane Osborne, mother of Jennifer Osborne, former PHS teacher.
- Owen Cheatham, father of **Eric Cheatham, '70; Anita Cheatham Nibbs, '71; and Lisa Cheatham Hayes, '75.**
- Ron Cheney, husband of **Melissa Johnston Cheney, '87**

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 aware that \$1000 doesn't go very far toward college tuition anymore; however, it is a start. We would like to grow our scholarship fund to perhaps be able to one day offer a larger scholarship amount.

Are you 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 \$1000, the family may opt to award a Pike Alumni Association scholarship in that person's name. If donations do not reach \$1000, they will be added to the Alumni Scholarship General Fund. 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 PTEF office at executivedirector@pike-ef.org so that we can provide you with contribution envelopes and arrange to track tribute gifts.