

President's Message from the

Shortridge H. S. Alumni Association

The Shortridge H.S. Alumni Association has come a long way in a very short time to create what we believe to be an organization targeting academic excellence exhibited by the legacy of Shortridge, its alumni and our academic partners. The Alumni Association Board of Directors strives to reunite alumni, and be a catalyst for future Shortridge Magnet H.S. for Law & Public Policy graduates. As President, it is my pleasure to work with others who show an interest and commitment to help the students, the school, and the alumni maintain and expand these common goals. Our collective goal is to continue the legacy that, *"A Disciplined Mind and a Cultivated Heart are Elements of Power."*—Caleb Mills



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Alumni Association Annual Meeting – Mark Your Calendar!

The Annual Meeting of the Shortridge H.S. Alumni Association is confirmed for Saturday, June 26, 2010, 12 noon (ET) in Caleb Mills Auditorium at Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy, 3401 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN. To activate or renew Alumni Association membership prior to the Annual Meeting, make your check payable to Shortridge H.S. Alumni Association, c/o 5030 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46254. Membership dues must be current in order to attend the Annual Meeting.

Agenda: Amendments to the Association By-Laws; 501-(c)-(3) nonprofit status; election to fill Board of Directors positions; namely, two (2) Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Decade Representative for 1980s, and other matters of interest. (Candidates for these board positions will be accepted by the Nominating Committee chair, Kathryn (Katy) Meredith via email LesMer96@aol.com. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. View the Recommended Amendments to the By-laws on our website: www.shortridgealumni.com). No proxy votes allowed.

What's New...?

New Website Activated (www.shortridgealumni.com)

The new Shortridge H.S. Alumni website is now available for use and self-registration. (Check the Class Directory tab for your graduating class to see if your contact information already exists and is accurate as we uploaded our old database information to the new site.) Although some areas are still *Under Construction*, alumni are encouraged to visit often.

Create your personal password, profile, and browse the site for newsworthy information for upcoming Activities and information about your Alumni Association, its projects and programs. A visit to the Class Directory yields contact information of alumni by graduation class. Alumni Association annual membership is required for full access to the website; non-members of the Alumni Association can only view their graduating class in the Directory and certain other general areas of the website. To initiate or renew your Alumni Association membership, make your \$35 check payable to Shortridge Alumni Association and mail to 5030 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46254. *Coming soon...online PayPal and credit card payment options.*

Founding Members Legacy Guild

The purpose of the **Founding Members Legacy Guild** is to strengthen the scholarship endowment, as the principal source of funding for the Shortridge Legacy Scholarship Fund, which began in 2002. Although donations for the Shortridge Legacy Scholarship Fund are welcome in any amount at any time, the Alumni Association is proud to announce a new initiative to provide scholarship to deserving Shortridge Magnet H.S. graduates, increase association membership, and enhance our goals to recognize students toward their future academic success. Our alma mater returned to high school status as Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy in fall 2009; the Alumni Association Board of Directors wish to provide meaningful scholarship to one or more graduating seniors from the Class of 2013 and annually thereafter.

The **Founding Members Legacy Guild** endowment fund drive will commence **July 1, 2010 and conclude on December 31, 2012**. "Founding Members" membership requires a minimum \$500.00 or greater tax-deductible donation. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the donation will go to the Shortridge Legacy Scholarship Fund and twenty-five percent (25%) will go to alumni association administrative expenses. The initial "Founding Members" will have their names memorialized on a bronze plaque placed on permanent display at Shortridge. **This donation will entitle alumni to a five-year membership in the Alumni Association.** Please make your check payable to Shortridge Legacy Scholarship Fund (Founding Members Guild in the notes area); mail c/o 5030 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46254. With your permission, your donation permanently acknowledged on our website and future newsletters.

Shortridge Alumni Hall of Fame

The Shortridge Alumni Association Board of Directors announces creation of the Shortridge Alumni Hall of Fame to recognize graduates for their professional achievements and personal contributions to improve the lives of others and society. Alumni, faculty, staff, school district administrators with knowledge of the Shortridge graduate nominee's professional qualities and accomplishments may make nominations. Each graduate's nomination remains active for three years. **Deadline for submitting nominations each year is December 1.** A handsomely designed plaque will be awarded to the selected inductee(s) commencing the spring of 2011 with a Hall of Fame Reception; inductees recognized on the website and future newsletters. A duplicate plaque also displayed permanently at Shortridge.

Nomination Eligibility:

All graduates of Shortridge High School or Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy for at least five years at the time of nomination. Included are graduates in all walks of life, such as armed services, athletics, business, education, fine arts, government, law, literature, media, medicine, performing arts, science, etc. (This list is not intended to be inclusive.) Special achievements in the nominee's area of specialization; honors, awards, or other recognition received on a local, regional, national or international level, community service (if appropriate), meritorious contributions to society in general or to a specific segment of society.

Nomination form and complete criteria are available online: www.shortridgealumni.com.

Questions? Contact me at shortridgealumni@sbcglobal.net – Deloris "Dee" (Richardson) Duff