

ROUGH RIDER RECALL

Theodore Roosevelt High School Foundation Newsletter

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2019 RIDER CUP!

It's time to get out on the links! Sign up today for the 20th annual TRHS Rough Rider Cup, scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday, May 17, at the Waveland Golf Course. The Rider Cup is the TRHS Foundation's largest, and one of its longest-running, fundraising events. (It's also a lot of fun!)

With the generosity of our sponsors and golfers, we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars since the Rider Cup began in 1999. Last year the Foundation funded nearly \$80,000 in scholarships and grants for TRHS students and staff, and with a successful Rider Cup we hope to be able to do the same again this year. In addition to supporting annual student needs, the Foundation supports a broad scope of school programs, including the Roosevelt Alumni Association, Roosevelt Hall of Fame, Teacher of the Year Award, *Roughrider Recall*, and capital improvements to the school.

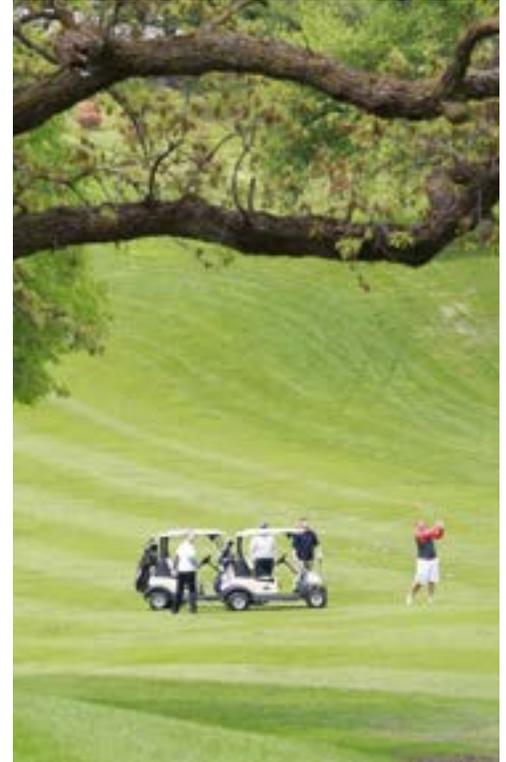
We're excited to be hosted again by Waveland, and we hope to have the largest-ever Rider Cup field at 144 players. Registration for those age 35 and older is \$150; for age 34 and younger, it's \$130. Your registration includes 18 holes of golf with cart, bag lunch, and the after-golf banquet. Plus, you'll have the chance to win prizes for flight winners and other on-course contests.

We are excited to welcome the TRHS boys' golf team to the event to test your skills (or give you lessons!). In addition, the TRHS girls' golf team will also be helping us put on the event.

Whether or not you tee it up this year, we're also soliciting hole sponsorships for \$300 each and other sponsorships for the event, such as Title Sponsor and Lunch Sponsor. Sponsorships signs will be posted on the course and your (business's) name will be listed in the program.

Registration is now underway, so please visit the Foundation website at www.trhsfoundation.org/rider-cup-2019 to learn more. For any questions, please contact Natalie Pohlman, administrative manager of the TRHS Foundation, at 515-664-2020 or info@trhsfoundation.org.

Chris Fitzgerald ('02)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr. Kevin Biggs

The end of the school year is upon and 435 seniors are about ready to walk across the stage at the Knapp Center at Drake University. What an accomplishment this ceremony serves to so many Roosevelt families, many of which are seeing a child, the first of their family, walk across that stage with a diploma. For others, this is just the beginning of what is going to be a long and fruitful career in international relations, medicine, law or entrepreneurship. Roosevelt continues to produce outstanding scholars of all shapes, sizes and models — a sign of great parenting, teaching and community support.



As I finish my most difficult and challenging year as principal of this wonderful high school, I find myself pondering a great deal about the future of our country, state and city. I also think about what is to come of our public education system as we know it, something I am very passionate about and believe is a pillar for our country moving forward. I don't worry about these things because of the student behaviors or teacher quality, but rather the investment our country is willing to make in the ongoing growth, evolution and relevancy for the youth of today.

Since I graduated high school, inventions such as computers, cell phones, the internet, electric cars, ethanol and other transcendent inventions have grabbed the world and thrust it into changing how we prepare today's workforce. These inventions continue to change how we educate our youth because most of the jobs that our young children are about ready to employ do not yet exist. That's a scary thought: These jobs simply have not been developed or even been conceived, because our workforce is often a reactive development that occurs when new technologies or products are introduced to the world.

Which brings me back to my main point. As an educational system, are we evolving at a rate that can prepare our students for these unidentified careers in the system's current state? My answer to that is no. We must change the face of education and make it more relevant to our students through creative design, project-based learning and school-to-career connections.

Through your ongoing support, we will transform Roosevelt into the relevant educational institution that our country needs, that our students need, to squash the status-quo and demonstrate to the world that my Des Moines is home to some of the most richly creative minds found anywhere in the world.

Thank you for allowing me to serve your institution with such pride and enthusiasm. I cannot imagine what my career would have been like had I not had this opportunity to lead this extraordinary building. We are home to students from all over the world and through their investment in us, we have all benefited. Have a wonderful summer with your family and friends. Go Riders!

Kevin Biggs

Principal, Theodore Roosevelt High School

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

President Kate Krieg

Dear TRHS Community,

As we begin to enjoy the warmer weather of spring, it's gratifying to see Roosevelt's students, teachers, and staff working so hard to finish a great school year.

In terms of academia, Roosevelt will administer approximately 1,150 AP (Advanced Placement) tests this spring. According to principal Kevin Biggs, that's a record among Iowa schools! Our best wishes to all the students who are testing over this very challenging curriculum.

The Foundation wants to see our students go on to have successful post-high school careers. To that end, we're now accepting applications for Foundation scholarships. Winners will be announced at graduation!

In this issue, read about former teacher Lyn Shiffler's generous legacy to Roosevelt (page 6). She chose to remember Roosevelt science teachers with a fund that will support their continued education and the purchase of necessary classroom equipment. The Foundation encourages you to consider gifting to Roosevelt as part of your estate planning. You'll be helping generations of Riders enjoy continued success in our school.

The Foundation also is pleased to honor two outstanding alums, Dr. John L. Gustafson ('73) and Rev. Julie Johnson Staples, J.D. ('74) as our newest Hall of Fame Members. Read more about these amazing people on page 7.

And whatever you do, don't forget to register for the annual Rider Cup at Waveland Golf Course on Friday 17th! This golf classic is loads of fun and all proceeds go towards supporting Roosevelt, its students, and its staff.

If you would like to get involved with the Foundation & Alumni Association, we hope you'll go to our website (www.trhsfoundation.org) to become a member or make a contribution.

Thank you all for your continued support of TRHS, and the Foundation & Alumni Association!



Kate Krieg ('99)

President, TRHS Foundation & Alumni Association



STEP UP TO HELP THE SENIOR PARTY

Planning for the 2019 Senior Party has been underway for months, and the committee can still use your support!

The Senior Party is a decades-old tradition at Roosevelt. Held the night of graduation (May 25th this year), this all-night party provides entertainment, food, and fun for the new graduates. Donations of goods and money are always welcomed by the committee.

Among many events this year, the party committee hosted a trivia fundraiser at Confluence Brewery on February 27. Many former Roosevelt Senior Party Chairs attended and formed a team called "Survived Roosevelt Senior Party" or SRSP. (The SRSP team ended up winning Trivia night!)

Want to get involved? Find out more at the party's Facebook page. Or contact Shelley Velman or Kim Shaffer today at 2019seniorparty@gmail.com to see how you can support this great activity!



FORMER TRHS STAR BURKHALL SHINES WITH ISU

Roosevelt graduate Meredith Burkhall ('15) certainly made her mark with the Cyclones during a storied four-year career.

While at ISU, Burkhall regularly started and played full games with the Cyclones. She was recognized with Academic All-

Big 12 First Team honors in 2018 and was named Big 12 Freshman of the Week in December 2015.

Following a fantastic regular 2018-19 season for the team, Iowa State beat New Mexico State 97-61 to advance from round one in the NCAA tourney. On their way to making the Sweet 16, however, ISU was edged out by Missouri State, 69-60, to end the season.

What's even more remarkable about Burkhall's accomplishments this year is that she came back from a serious health scare in Summer 2018 during which a blood clot took up 80 percent of her leg and spread to her stomach. After days in intensive care, multiple operations, and time using a walker, she was back with her team for her senior season.

Roosevelt teacher Brent Wooters had this to say about Meredith: "Hers is truly a story of perseverance and inspiration. If there ever was a more positive, uplifting student athlete to grace the halls of Roosevelt, I have not met them. She embodies everything you want to see in a TRHS graduate."

Burkhall will graduate in May with a degree in Child, Adult, and Family Services and a minor in Public Relations. To learn more about Burkhall's basketball career, see [her bio here](#).

Share your stories about outstanding Roosevelt alums with us! Send them to info@trhsfoundation.org.

KEEPING UP WITH THE KIMBALLS

Were you a classmate of Mary Ellen (Foss) Kimball in 1960? She and her husband, Dr. Jim Kimball, have been keeping very busy! Here are just a few things they're up to:

- Mary Ellen is the current chair of the Iowa Cultural Trust Board and is proud to have helped elect Iowa's governor Kim Reynolds.
- Mary Ellen serves as Vice President for KSOI-91.9 FM radio, and Jim hosts the "Old Doc Kimball" broadcasts daily at 8:30 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.
- The pair flies planes (including a Cessna 150) and enjoys attending fly-ins.
- They're avid travelers, visiting Hungary, Mexico, and Croatia in 2018
- They support the arts, including local theater groups. They also sculpt, make ceramic art, produce films, and host artists.

Keep in touch with these busy TRHS alums at kimball@iowatelecom.com.

We want to hear from other alums! Please tell us what you're up to and we'll share it with our readers. Send your news to info@trhsfoundation.org for publication in an upcoming *Roughrider Recall*.

R PARTY
SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for the return of the R Party — celebrating all things Roosevelt! The party will be Thursday, **October 17, at the River Center**, 340 SW 3rd in Des Moines. Watch for times and details in upcoming issues of the *Roughrider Recall*. We hope to see you there!

TINKERS REVISIT ROOSEVELT ON ANNIVERSARY OF RULING



Mary Beth Tinker speaks to students at Roosevelt.

One great thing about citizenship, it's a lifetime activity. Athletes, for instance, lose speed and strength over time. Not social activists like John and Mary Beth Tinker.

Nine stops at DMPS schools including Roosevelt were on the jam-packed Tinker Tour to mark the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court ruling in *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community Schools*. And they were talking the same talk and walking the same walk they did in 1965 when they were suspended from school for wearing black armbands in silent protest of the Vietnam War.

"I want our parents to know that I have considered myself an antiwar activist all of my life," said John at one point in a roundtable discussion with a conscientious group of middle school students.

Mary Beth shared insights about her family's sense of activism. "Our father was a pastor in Atlantic, Iowa, when we were small," Mary Beth added. "He objected to the public swimming pool there being for whites only. We got run out of town for that."

In Des Moines, the Tinkers became friends with the family of Edna Griffin, a local civil rights icon who staged a sit-in at the old Katz Drugstore lunch counter downtown in 1948, years before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Griffin's son Stanley (TRHS '69) was a childhood pal of the Tinker kids who became a lifelong friend. He accompanied John and Mary Beth to Brody Middle School as part of the tour.

This article was excerpted from the Des Moines Public School post. Read the [full article here](#).

2019 CLASS REUNIONS

Here are the tentative dates and times for this year's Roosevelt class reunions. If you have questions, please contact the reunion chairs directly. Send your reunion updates to trhsfoundation.org & check our Facebook for updates.

1957

May 22 - 23

Larry B. Johnson & Larry Lockridge
larryjolon@cox.net | 515-480-5917

1959

October 4 - 6

Sue Faller
joelsuefaller@aol.com

1964

June 14

1969

September 20 - 21

Sharon Parker

1974

August 24, Waveland Club House, 6 - 11 p.m.

Laurie Dickinson
dickinson.laurie@gmail.com

1979

July 26 - 27

Vicky Van Verth Berberich
vberberich1@gmail.com

1984

August 9 - 10

Kim Coston
kim.coston@imcins.com | 515-971-8229

1989

August 16 - 18

Suzanne Reynolds Arnold
s.r.arnold@reynolds-reynolds.com
515-480-5917

1999

August 3

LYN SHIFFLER LEAVES GENEROUS LEGACY



Roosevelt teachers devote their time, talents, and love of education to our students. And now a former teacher has given a gift that will benefit countless generations of Riders.

Longtime Roosevelt science teacher Lyn Shiffler passed away February 23. A popular teacher, she left her mark with students and friends alike.

“Her smile radiated from the classroom, outside, and down the halls,” recalled Nick Callison, former TRHS Foundation president and a student of Shiffler’s. “She was great.”

“She was a wonderful teacher,” added Kate Krieg, current Foundation president and also a former student. “She was so warm and a lot of fun.”

Shiffler’s legacy with Roosevelt will last for years—and not simply because she was a beloved teacher. It was her and her family’s wish that, in lieu of flowers, gifts in her honor would be made to Roosevelt to benefit the school’s science teachers. Her goals are to provide funds for teachers to attend conferences and purchase equipment so that Roosevelt’s excellence in education may continue.

Within a few weeks, the fund had netted more than \$7,800 in gifts from those who knew and loved her. But her gift keeps giving: The Shiffler family has generously pledged to build the fund to \$100,000 with a matching gift.

To read her full obituary, [click here](#).

MAKE A GIFT

If you were a student or friend of Shiffler, please consider supporting her commitment to Roosevelt with a gift to the Lyn Rose Shiffler Science Fund at the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation. Here’s how to make it happen:

- Visit <https://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/> and click on “Give Now”
- Click on “Search Now” under Community Foundation Funds
- Type in keyword “Shiffler”
- Click on “Donate Now” under Results
- Click on “Donate Now”
- Fill in your contribution details and click “Submit” OR
- If you prefer to mail a payment, download a Fund Contribution Form to enclose with a check.

If you’re also interested in establishing a fund that can benefit current and future Roosevelt teachers or students, contact the Roosevelt Foundation to learn more.

VINTAGE RIDER APPAREL: GREAT ALUM GIFTS!

Twin Forks Trading Company has created a ‘vintage-inspired’ line of apparel for all Rider fans, all with a give-back to the Theodore Roosevelt High School Foundation! With each purchase, you help fund projects for both academics and athletics, while also showing your support for your Roosevelt Roughriders.

All styles have been printed in a limited run, so grab them fast! And GO RIDERS!!! Go to bit.ly/RIDERAPPAREL to order your apparel today.

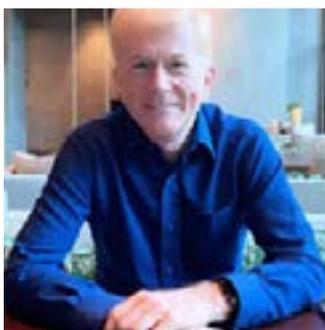


Limited edition Rider Cup t-shirt available only at the event!

2019 ROOSEVELT HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS

The Roosevelt Foundation and Alumni Association is proud to announce this year's inductees into the Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame: Dr. John L. Gustafson and Rev. Julie Johnson Staples, J.D.

These alumni of Roosevelt High School were inducted into the Roosevelt Hall of Fame on April 12, 2019 at 11:20 a.m. at a ceremony in the Roosevelt Auditorium at 4419 Center Street in Des Moines. The annual award began in 1986 to recognize and honor outstanding alumni of Roosevelt High School.



Learn More About Dr. John L. Gustafson, Class of 1973

Every time you use your smartphone, play a video game, or do a web search, you are using technology developed by TRHS graduate John Gustafson, class of '73. Modern computers use "parallel processing" to

achieve the very high speeds we now take for granted.

John grew up in Des Moines, attending Hanawalt Elementary, Merrill Junior High, and Roosevelt. Winning the Drake Physics Prize helped him get accepted at MIT and Caltech. He chose Caltech, graduating with honors in Applied Math. He worked at NASA before returning to his

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Learn More About Rev. Julie Johnson Staples, J.D., Class of 1974

Reverend Julie Johnson Staples is a Collegiate Senior Minister serving as Executive Director of Intersections International, a ten-year-strong organization that serves as a catalyst to unite

disparate groups to forge a common ground in social justice and global peacemaking. Throughout her career as a journalist, Wall Street executive, and minister, social justice has been her passion and a unifying thread in her work and philanthropy.

Prior to Intersections, Rev. Johnson Staples most recently

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TRHS THEATRE IS IOWA'S CRITIC'S CHOICE



For only the second time in 40 years, Roosevelt's Theatre Department has received the honor of receiving Critic's Choice Award at the Iowa High School Speech Association with our contest competition entry of for Musical Theatre: Stephen Sondheim's "Opening Doors."

This is the equivalent of winning the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP for competitive theatre performance in the State of Iowa!

At the district competition level, Roosevelt competed against the entire state, some 200 (1,000+ students) teams. Advancing to All-State, the Riders competed against 20 other schools, including Valley High School's three teams (for the past several years, Valley and Waukee and have had a lock on the this championship) and we were named State Champs with our All State Critics Choice Award! Roosevelt is the only Des Moines school to have won this championship, ever!

Our State Champs for IHSSA Musical Theatre:

Gary McCall '20, Kaylee Reininga '20, Henry Vermeer '20, Pierce Mansfield '20, Jane Romp '19, Geneva Klein '19

They were coached and directed by: Renee Davenport (assistant coach), Jackie Schmillen (assistant coach) Micheal Davenport (head coach)

EX-NFLER TACKLES MALE STEREOTYPES AT ROOSEVELT

The intersection of racism, homophobia, and sexism is one where many collisions occur, but Wade Davis has positioned himself there, directing traffic and trying to detoxify toxic masculinity.

For four years, his position was defensive back in the NFL, an especially tough one to play as a closeted gay man.

Now, Davis speaks to men about gender inequality and masculinity at companies like Google and Netflix. He's also the NFL's first consultant on LGBTQ inclusion. On March 27, he spoke to students at Roosevelt High School.

Nicole Ellis is the Equity Coach at Roosevelt. "We are working to build an equitable school environment that allows each student to find their personal success," she said. Davis

was there to assist in that effort.

When he started to confide about the awakenings of his own sexuality during high school and the self-loathing he experienced, a murmur rippled through the auditorium. Not a disrespectful one of inattention, but a nervous one of discomfort. When he finished, the audience rose for a standing ovation.

Loving, he said, takes practice, just like football. The important difference is that you can do it for the rest of your life.

Principal Financial, Wells Fargo, Bankers Trust, Veridian Credit Union, and Drake University jointly sponsored Davis's appearance. *This article was excerpted from a Des Moines Public School post. Read the [full article here](#).*



TRHS' DUNLEY TO PRESENT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Casey Dunley, GT coordinator for Roosevelt and GT consultant for Des Moines Public Schools, has been selected as a presenter at this year's National Conference for Gifted Children (NAGC). The conference will be held November 7-10, 2019, in Albuquerque, NM.

Along with Allison Chartier, instructional coach for Des Moines schools, will present "Finding Voice Through Autonomous Learning: High

School GT Extended Learning Seminar.

According to Dunley, her presentation will discuss how to transform students' educational experience through a targeted, individualized GT Extended Learning Seminar (GT ELS). Based on Betts' Autonomous Learner Model and Renzulli's Enrichment Triad Model, this seminar format allows students to develop their individual aptitudes, talents, and passions with a self-directed learning experience. GT ELS embeds advanced research, creative thinking, and problem-solving, while allowing students to cultivate their communications skills,

TRHS principal Kevin Biggs announced Dunley's honor to the Roosevelt staff. "This is a huge honor and one that Casey most definitely deserves," he said. "Her work with our Extended Learning Program has been a success since the day she implemented it, so she will now have the opportunity to share this information with consultants all over the country. Congrats, Casey!!"

This conference invites K-12 and university professionals, parents, advocates, and others to learn best practices for educating and nurturing gifted children from all backgrounds. Learn more [about the conference here](#).

TRHS MUSICIANS AT DISNEY WORLD



Music ensembles from all five DMPS high schools including Roosevelt made harmony in Florida over spring break.

A string of busses carrying nearly 500 high school musicians — marching bands, orchestras, choristers plus instruments — headed to Disney World in Orlando this past March to participate in Disney's "You're Instrumental" program.

While there, students had a rehearsal with a resident artist, tested their sight-reading skills, then recorded their piece in a studio and their recording will accompany a scene from a Disney film.

It's easy to imagine a DMPS chorus some 500 voices strong assembling there and shouting in unison: "We're going to Disney World!"

This article was excerpted from a Des Moines Public School post. Read the [full article here](#).



ROOSEVELT'S BRIDGES 2 HARMONY PERFORM AT GOSPEL FESTIVAL

Roosevelt's Bridges 2 Harmony gospel choir and North High School's gospel choir sang for the Des Moines Public Schools Gospel Festival in Roosevelt's auditorium. James McNear, former Bridges 2 Harmony choir director, performed along with guest artists Stephen Dailey, Jonathan Pledge, and Eric Gibson.

See more [pictures here](#).

STUDENTS OFFER CANDID FEEDBACK TO TRHS TEACHERS



Freshman Carolina Crescencio speaks with her teacher Noreen Nsereko during a professional-development session at Roosevelt High School.

Nearly all the teachers at Des Moines' Theodore Roosevelt High School—about six dozen—were grouped around tables in the school's library and cafeteria on a recent afternoon, armed with lesson plans and ready to take notes.

Feedback on how to sharpen their lesson plans was flowing, but it wasn't from fellow

teachers or outside experts. The suggestions were coming from the nearly 100 students seated among them. The advice was frank. Here's how to make a lesson more interesting, some students offered, or more relatable. Here's what to do to help struggling students grasp concepts, they offered.

This joint student-teacher professional-development session is an integral part of an initiative underway at Roosevelt High to ensure students are central players in important aspects of the school and its culture. Students are openly encouraged to "push back on the adults." They are helping shape the redesign of the school's mission and vision statement and its adoption of a less-punitive approach to behavioral infractions. Students are advocating for extracurricular activities that mirror their interests.

Among the students' ideas:

- Include a five-minute "brain break" during lessons. The reason? If students know a break is scheduled, they'll be less likely to sneak peeks at their phones.
- Have a PowerPoint presentation at the beginning of Spanish class—with pictures and vocabulary words, which is more helpful than starting the lesson with quizzes.
- Shorten introductory remarks during a resume building session, but walk around the class to proactively seek students who need help but are reluctant to ask for it.
- Create opportunities for students to collaborate in class and add time that allows students to discuss what worked and what they struggled with.
- Offer students options on how they want to learn algebra, such as watching online videos the teacher creates, review notes, use the textbook, listen to direct instruction, or choose a combination of options,

—Excerpted from an article by Rachel Mummey for *Education Week* and Denisa R. Superville. Read the [full article here](#).

RIDER PRIDE GAME PACKED WITH FUN

With loud cheers for every point scored, the Roosevelt High School gym celebrated the fourth annual Rider Pride Game on February 2. The community night promotes inclusion as special education athletes split up with players from the boys and girls varsity basketball teams for a fun night of basketball. See all the [photos here](#).



SHARKS CAST A SPELL!

Since 1926 the Roosevelt Sharks have been performing together in the pool, making them the oldest high school synchronized swimming club in the nation. The two-day pageant was held April 5-6, and this year's theme was "Sharks Cast a Spell."

See [photos here](#).



Check out Rider Rugby! It's always a great day for a scrum!

2019 ROOSEVELT HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS *CONTINUED...*

native Iowa to finish a Masters and Ph.D. at Iowa State, while consulting for NASA to debug the Voyager probe software.

In 1982, he entered the computer industry, where he showed a knack for finding innovative ways to design and use supercomputers at FPS and NCUBE. Back then, the industry viewed parallel computing as an approach that could never work, because of an argument called "Amdahl's law." When Sandia National Labs bought an experimental system from NCUBE with 1,024 processors, skeptics said it would never be more than about eight times as fast as a single processor. John joined Sandia to prove otherwise, and introduced a breakthrough now called "Gustafson's law" that is taught in computer science departments everywhere. He and his team demonstrated speedups of over a thousand times on real applications, a success that stunned the industry and led the major computer makers to change their designs to use parallel computing. For that he was given the first Gordon Bell Award, sometimes called "the Nobel Prize of supercomputing."

John returned to Iowa State to found the Scalable Computing Laboratory where he continued to win awards for innovations. In 2000, he moved to Silicon Valley at the height of the dot-com boom, as a program leader at Sun Microsystems, and later Director at Intel Labs and Chief Product Officer of AMD. He holds 23 patents with 244 claims. He decided to attempt another computer revolution, this time regarding how computers do arithmetic, and in 2015 published his first book, *The End of Error: Unum Computing*. The book showed how rounding errors can be eliminated while saving energy, became a best-seller in its category, and earned him a professorship at National University of Singapore, where he continues to revolutionize the way we design and use computers.

served as interim senior minister of the historic Flatbush-Tompkins Congregational Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Previously, she was interim minister of education at The Riverside Church in the City of New York. Rev. Johnson Staples also served as Moderator of the New York-New Jersey Regional Association of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). She is a member of the NACCC national ambassador team, acting as a regional advisor to ministerial search committees and a resource representative for member churches in the NACCC; and Rev. Johnson Staples serves on the national board of directors of the NACCC.

In 2012, Rev. Johnson Staples completed a Th.M. degree in Religion, Literature and Culture at Harvard University. Her research focused on inter-racial and multicultural liturgical experiences in American religious history. Rev. Johnson Staples received her M.Div. degree with honors and distinction in Biblical Studies/Hebrew Bible from the Union Theological Seminary in 2011. She was ordained as a Congregational minister at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn and holds ecclesiastical standing in the Reformed Association of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York (ABCUSA).

Prior to ordained ministry, her professional career included work as a journalist in Washington, D.C., and as an executive in finance on Wall Street. Before leaving to enter seminary, Rev. Johnson Staples was a managing director and partner at Warburg Pincus, the global private equity firm based in New York. Earlier in her career, she was the Justice Department correspondent for ABC News and the Supreme Court correspondent for *Time* magazine. In addition to reporting on law and politics, she has twice worked as a White House correspondent, for *The New York Times* and for the *Baltimore Sun*.

Rev. Johnson Staples received her B.S. degree in journalism from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Public Information at the University of Kansas, and her J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can contribute to the Roosevelt High School Foundation and Alumni Association just by shopping on Amazon, and it's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Step 1: Log into your Amazon account (or sign up for one if you haven't already).

Step 2: Follow this link to set Roosevelt High School Foundation as your charity of choice:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1239735>

Step 3: Now when you shop at smile.amazon.com, your purchases will support Roosevelt High School Foundation.

For every purchase made through Amazon Smile, the Roosevelt Foundation will receive a portion of proceeds!

Thank you for your support!

IN MEMORY OF TRHS ALUMNI

We have received word that the following TRHS alumni have passed away:

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This information comes from obituaries printed in the Des Moines Register, and from our readers. We invite anyone to submit news of Roosevelt alumni who have passed. Please give us as much of the following information as you have: alum's name (including maiden name, if applicable); age; years of birth, graduation, and death. Send e-mails to: trhsfoundationdm@gmail.com

Jo Anne (Nicholson) Spencer Clark '39
March 2019

Nancy (Carpenter) Hewitt '41
April 2019

MaryLou (Taylor) Hanson '45
April 2019

Jack Silverman '45
March 2019

Gloria (Cortese) Boyt '47
February 2019

Austin Rice Sr. '48
March 2019

Keith Fenton '49
March 2019

Richard "Dick" Langdon '54
March 2019

Jeanne (Ferris) Hopson '56
May 2019

Ginger (Richards) Crawford '58
February 2019

Linda (Luscombe) Thornton '58
February 2019

Robert "Bob" Ruby Jr. '60
March 2019

Carolyn (Schneider) Hait '72
May 2019

James Skinner Jr. '95
February 2019

ROUGH RIDER GIVING PROGRAM

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Spring 2019

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