



MARYANNE RICKETTS IS THE EIGHTH PRINCIPAL OF WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

August 15, 2011 marked the opening day of the 2011 school year in the Westside District. The first day of school always symbolizes a new beginning, a fresh start and a clean slate. This day was no exception for Maryanne Ricketts, a familiar face to students and alumni alike, as she began her thirty-third year with Westside in the principal's office (on the good side of the desk...).

Ricketts has served Westside as a counselor, dean of girls, assistant principal and most recently as vice principal. Her vast experience and her close relationship with immediate past principal Pat Hutchings will surely make for a seamless transition as she takes the helm.

In her welcoming message, Ricketts wrote she is passionate about the outstanding array of opportunities Westside provides to each student based on his or her particular strengths and needs. Specifically, she stated:

"One of the greatest challenges we face every day at Westside is preparing students for the future. We know success for each student does not look the same. For some, it is being prepared to attend and graduate from a college or university. For others, success is defined by student preparedness in a chosen trade or vocation. Still for others, success is gaining life skills to adapt to change, solving problems, facing challenges with resilience, and contributing to their community in a positive way. Westside understands there is more than one single pathway to success for all students, which is



MaryAnne Ricketts, Principal Westside High School

why we provide multiple pathways for each student to tap their potential based upon their unique set of skills."

"I can assure you our outstanding staff is dedicated to providing the best possible education for all students in a safe and caring environment. We will continue the Westside tradition of setting high standards and high

WHS PRINCIPAL HISTORY

- 1953 - 57:** Houston Elley
- 1957 - 71:** Ken Hansen
- 1971 - 84:** Jim Tangdall
- 1984 - 97:** Jim Findley
- 1997 - 00:** Phyllis Uchtman
- 2000 - 07:** John Crook
- 2007 - 11:** Patricia Hutchings

expectations for all students, which remains the foundation for Westside's legacy of excellence."

Westside High School is very fortunate to have the experience and leadership of Principal Ricketts. She is well prepared to our lead our alumni of the future in the manner we have grown to expect and admire.

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WESTSIDE HONORS NEW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Joe Sloan, '72

Joe was a multi sport stand out in his years at WHS. He earned letters in football, basketball and golf. It was on the golf course where Joe excelled as an athlete at WHS. Joe was a district and state individual champion in golf in 1971. He is the only male athlete in Westside history to be an individual state champion in golf. In 1971, the boy's golf team finished second in the state. They were also district and metro champs that year. As a senior, he was co-captain of the basketball team. That team was the first team in Westside history to win the metro conference. They ended the season with a 17 - 2 record. The golf team repeated as metro and district champs his senior year and they placed 6th at state. As a graduating senior, Joe was asked to speak at the WHS commencement ceremony. After high school, Joe enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and went on to medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Joe is currently a physician in Scottsbluff, NE. He is married to Nancy Sloan.

Megan (Hurley) Clayberg, '85

Megan was a two-sport athlete at WHS. She did play soccer, but that wasn't a school sport at that time. She was honorable mention All-State in volleyball in 1984 and started on the basketball team for 3 years. Megan was named best female athlete in the class of 1985 by the Westside coaches. After high school, she took her skills to Wayne State where she played basketball and volleyball. It was on the volleyball court where she excelled and was named All Conference in 1987 and 1988. She also played 2 years of basketball at Wayne State. After college, she became a very successful college volleyball coach. Megan has a career record of 348-92 (a winning percentage of .790), which is second among all NCAA DIII coaches. She coached 3 national championships and 1 third place finish. She was named NCAA DIII coach of the year in 1988 for Central College in Iowa. She was inducted into the Wayne State Hall of Fame in 2002. After 12 years as a highly successful college volleyball coach, she stepped down to spend more time with her family. Megan is currently teaching and coaching in Pella, Iowa. She has been married to Brett Clayberg for 18 years. They have 4 children - Nathan (grade 9), Noah (grade 7), Natalie (grade 4), and Nolan (grade 1).

Greg Armitage, '91

Greg was 2-sport standout for WHS. He earned letters in football and track from 1988 to 1991. In football, he was the starting quarterback in 1989-90 and captain in 1990. He was honorable mention All-Metro his

senior year. In 1991 he was the All Class Gold medal winner in shot put and discus. He threw the discus of 183'11", which is a school record. His throw of 57'3" was a school record until Tim Green broke it in 1999 (Greg was Tim's throws coach). He had the longest throw in the discus that year and second longest shot put his senior year. He was also a member of the National Honor Society. After high school, he had an excellent athletic career as a hammer thrower for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He lettered 7 times in indoor and outdoor track from 1993 to 1996. He was a 2-time Big 8 Champion in the 35 lb. hammer throw in 1995 and 1996. He was the UNL record holder in the hammer throw at 207'2" until that record was broken in 2007. He was Academic All Big 8 for 4 years and on the Deans list at UNL for 5 years. He is currently an Accounting Manager at FBL Financial Group in West Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to becoming a CPA, he coached football, basketball, and track at WHS. Greg is married to Cheryl and has 2 boys, Clark and James, with a third boy on the way.

Ira Cooper, '00

Ira Cooper was 3-sport athlete at WHS. It was in football and track that he excelled in high school. He was a 4-year letterman in football from 1996 to 2000. There are probably only a handful of freshman in the metro to ever play on the varsity level in football. He lettered in track from 1996 to 1999. He also lettered in basketball in 1998 and 1999. In football, Ira received all state honors in 1999 and 2000. He excelled as a running back and linebacker. In track, he was a two time gold medalist in the 300 m hurdles and held one of the state's best times of 37.82 seconds. After high school, he accepted a football scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was a 4-year letterman as a linebacker and special teams player. He is married to Fatafehi Cooper and they have 2 children, Ira Clayton and Teleita Mele Cooper. He is currently employed at Union Pacific.

Jim Tangdall, Coach

When one thinks of Jim Tangdall, one may reflect on all of his contributions to the success of District 66. He was athletic director and assistant principal before becoming principal in 1970. He then served as principal for 14 years. He also served as the superintendent from 1988 to 1992. As an administrator at WHS, he was instrumental in starting modular scheduling at WHS. Jim has also been inducted into the Westside Alumni Hall of Fame. He made great contributions as a basketball coach at Westside High School. Jim was the first coach to take a basketball team to the state tournament. Starting his career at Westside as a varsity golf coach and assistant

basketball coach in 1957, he eventually became the head boys basketball coach in 1960 and was head coach for 7 years. After winning only 3 games in his first two years, he turned around the program with a team record of 13-8 in 1962. His best season was 1964-65, when his team went 18-5, which set a school record. They reached the state semi finals and were rated number one in the state for 3 weeks. This was the first time Westside High School ever qualified for the state boys basketball tournament. The following year, they finished 17-4 and were second in the state. Both years, the team finished second in the newly formed metro conference. Jim is originally from Superior Nebraska, where he graduated from high school. He then went on to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in math. After graduating from UNL in 1954, he was commissioned as a graduate of NROTC and served in the Navy for 2 plus years and came to WHS in the fall of 1956. Jim is and his wife have 3 children, Laurie, Steven and Kris, who are all WHS graduates. They also have four grandchildren.

Ron Huston, Athletic Director

As a three-sport athlete, in high school and at Dana College, Ron Huston had quite the sports background, which served him well in helping to organize and manage the Westside High School athletic program for 17 years. Ron began his tenure with the district as a teacher at Arbor Heights Junior High in 1963. He moved to the high school in 1965 as a World History and Sociology teacher. After serving as a counselor, he was promoted to administration and served as Athletic and Activities Director for 17 years from 1976 to 1992. During that time, Westside High School excelled in athletics, winning state championships in many sports. He was recognized throughout the state as a successful athletic director and served as president of NSIAA and was awarded the Nebraska Athletic Director of the Year in 1986. In 1995, Ron received the Nebraska Schools Activities Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the state. This is the highest award given by the NSAA. Ronald Francis Huston was born in Omaha, NE. Ron was quite the athlete and excelled in baseball at Benson High School, where he graduated in 1955. Later that year, Ron enrolled at Dana College along with his high school sweetheart and future wife, Janice Plath, and made an immediate impact on their basketball and baseball teams. He was selected to the All-Conference teams on numerous occasions throughout his college career. As a senior in 1959, Ron was selected as Athlete of the Year for Dana. In 1958, Ron and Jan were married and have three children and seven grandchildren all still in the Omaha area.

VIVI 2011

THE DRIVE FOR
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Join us for an evening of food, fun and entertainment.

The Varsity Show choir will perform along with the concert jazz band. Tim Halperin, '06, who recently performed on American Idol, will be there to entertain.

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2011**

Embassy Suites LaVista
12520 Westport Parkway

Please enter through Embassy Suites Conference Center entrance.

**6:00 p.m. Cocktails
Silent Auction**

**7:30 p.m. Dinner
Entertainment
Live Auction**

\$125 per person

\$75 (35 years of age and under)

\$1500 Patron Table for 10

Business Casual Attire

Please reserve your spot by Monday, September 16.

Visit VI-VI at www.westside66.org for information about the event including raffle and auction items.

All proceeds provide support for Elementary School Projects and the District's Performing Arts Initiative.

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Please help support Westside Community Schools by donating an auction item, attending the event or sending a donation to the Westside Foundation.

The invitation will also be on the Westside Alumni Association's Facebook page and on the website. For more information, please contact Laura Iliff at liliff@westside66.org or call 402-390-2193.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ Annual Homecoming Tailgate Friday, September 16 5:30 – 7 p.m.

FREE food and drinks will be provided by the Westside Alumni Association to all of our alumni and their family members right outside of the football stadium. Please join us before the Westside Warriors take on Omaha South at 7:05. Fireworks will follow the game. Go Warriors!

✓ VI-VI 2011 Saturday, September 24

VI-VI 2011 will be Saturday, September 24th at Embassy Suites La Vista. Join us for an evening of food, fun and entertainment. The Varsity Show choir will perform along with the concert jazz band. Tim Halperin, class of 2006, who recently performed on American Idol, will be there to entertain. Please help support Westside Community Schools by donating an auction item, attending the event or sending a donation to the Westside Foundation. The invitation is on page 3 of this newsletter and will also be on the Westside Alumni Association's Facebook page and on the website. For more information, please contact Laura Iliff at liliff@westside66.org or call 402-390-2193.

✓ Alumni BasketBall Tournament Saturday, November 26 2 p.m. at WHS

Guys and gals – register for the 18th Annual Alumni Basketball Tourney set for two days after Thanksgiving. In 2010, the team from '04 were the eventual champions.

Registration starts at 2 p.m. with play concluded and pizza served at about 5 p.m. Early registration is not required, but helpful for planning. Form your team from your class, or just show up the day of the tournament. Any WHS graduate is invited to hit the courts with us! Members of the Class of 2001, if you are in town for your reunion, come on over! The entry fee is \$10 and all our proceeds support the annual Tom Hall Scholarship, awarded annually to a Senior on the current Boys Varsity team, and the Vic Porter Scholarship, awarded to a Senior on the Girls Varsity.

If you are unable to participate in the tourney, consider making a donation toward the Tom Hall or Vic Porter scholarships. Questions? Contact Rick Berkshire at 402-827-7000 or rberkshire@berkshire-law.com.

HALL OF FAME GOLF OUTING

A record 224 golfers braved record temps and humidity to play in the 18th annual Westside Hall of Fame Golf Outing on July 18th at Omaha Country Club. The four-person scramble sponsored by the Westside Alumni Association and the Westside Foundation raised more than \$32,000. Proceeds help fund scholarships, teacher and staff awards, special projects, alumni gifts to Westside High School and Westside Hall of Fame awards.

Kathryn Hawkins Anderson, '00 and Patricia Hawkins, '05, were the Presenting Sponsors. Major sponsors were Koley Jessen, P.C., the Doug Riley Family, Security National Bank, Access 66 Catering, Theresa and Jeff Carstens, Grandmother's Restaurant, The Old Mattress Factory, Jimi D's Food & Spirits, T. D. Ameritrade, Countryside Village, Heartland Roofing Consultants, Nebraska Medical Center, N. P. Dodge Real Estate and Huber Chevrolet. Huber Chevrolet and McMullen Ford were hole-in-one sponsors. Forty-nine individuals and companies sponsored holes.

Jason Hellman, '90, chaired the event and members of the golf steering committee were David Anderson, '00; Matt Gerard, '90; Justin Horn, '99; Laura Graham Iliff, '67; Karl Kaste, Rick Kelley, '90; Kristin Lynch, '89; Nick Mazgaj, '01; Debbie Moss McGrew, '88; Mike Murphy, '90; Warren Whitted, Jr., '67 and Dave Williams, '82.

Morning golfers were treated to a continental breakfast. All golfers enjoyed boxed lunches in the club's Paddock. At the conclusion of the day, players gathered in the ballroom for the awards banquet. The top three teams in each of the six flights won prizes. First place honors in the first flight went to former Superintendent Jim Tangdall's team, which included Steve Tangdall, '76, Matt Carsey and Bill Krueger. Donated flag and door prizes worth more than \$10,000 were also awarded. Special guests included Patricia Hawkins and former superintendents Jim Tangdall and Ken Bird.

The long-time success of the Hall of Fame Golf Outing is due to hundreds of loyal players and sponsors. Please patronize the sponsors and prize donors listed on page 5 and thank them for their support.

SAVE THE DATE:

**MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012 AT THE PLAYERS CLUB
FOR THE NEXT HALL OF FAME GOLF OUTING!**



Left to right: Superintendent Jacquie Adler Estee '68, Chair; Jason Hellman '90, Presenting Sponsor Patricia Hawkins, '05.

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2011 WESTSIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS HONORED

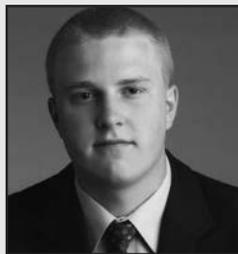
The 2011 Tom Hall Scholarship was awarded this spring to Nate Skold and Ben Wilkinson. Nate's and Ben's dedication and determination are in keeping with the fine character of Former Boys Varsity Basketball Coach and English and Humanities Teacher Tom Hall. Nate's parents are Molly and Karl Skold. He will be attending Tulane University. Ben's parents are Lori and David Wilkinson. Ben will be attending the University of Nebraska -Lincoln.

WHS Girls Varsity basketball star Kate Bowling was selected as the winner of the Vic Porter Scholarship. WHS's former Coach Vic Porter instilled in his players and students the highest value for self-discipline, cooperation, and ambition both on and off the court. Kate's hard work has shown she is a good reflection of those values. Kate's parents are Judi and Bruce Bowling. She will be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Westside Alumni Association annually awards two scholarships to honor the highest levels of serving and volunteering in our Omaha community or greater world. Sara Stepanek and Yuechen Zhao have each accumulated over 500 hours of Service Learning. Sara's parents are Catherine and Neal Stepanek. Sara will be a freshman at Trinity University. Yuechen's parents are Lina Jin and Yingchan Zhao. He will be attending Harvard.

The Westside Alumni Association also recognizes two of WHS's strongest seniors in the areas of Science, Math, or Engineering. Maria Podariu and Yuechen Zhao were chosen from the class of 2011 to receive the Unlocking Answers Scholarships. Maria is the daughter of Iulia and Silviu Podariu. The University of Nebraska- Lincoln is where she will be attending.

Our 2011 Westside Alumni Association scholarship winners make us proud!



Nate Skold
'11 Tom Hall Scholar



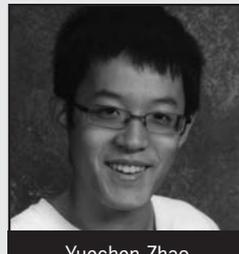
Ben Wilkinson
'11 Tom Hall Scholar



Kate Bowling
'11 Vic Porter Scholar



Sara Stepanek
'11 Spirit of Service Scholar



Yuechen Zhao
'11 Spirit of Service Scholar
'11 Unlocking Answers Scholar



Maria Podariu
'11 Unlocking Answers Scholar

Whatcha Doin'?

Thomas Fauth, '72, lives in Costa Mesa, CA. Thomas continued his education at UNO earning a BA in Chemistry in 1976. He received his MBA in Contracting & Procurement from Western New England College in 1980 and an MS in Systems Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1981. He had served in the USAF and retired as a Major in 1996. In 2011, Thomas retired from the Costa Mesa Sanitary District as an assistant manager. His wife, Gina Rose Marie passed away Feb. 2, 2011. Thomas has three children: Kristin, 30; Thomas II, 26; Mark, 24. Thomas' hobbies include motorcycling, Tae Kwon Do in which he has earned a 2nd degree Blackbelt and computers.

Tom Grothe, '72, is divorced and now living in Abu Dhabi, UAE. After spending 33 years in engineering, he retired. His children are through college so Tom decided it was time to see the world. Tom is working as a Project Manager for CH2MHill Engineering in design and construction of UAE power program. He is spending considerable time in Korea and European affiliates on related work. You can email tom at tomg3334@aol.com or his Skype name is tom_grothe. Tom would love to hear from any of his old classmates.

Kathy Abernathy, '73, lives in Pownal, ME with her husband, Colin Pope who is a physician. Kathy has a full-time private practice in psychiatry serving both adolescents and adults. She has a 20 year old daughter, Jenna Pope and an 18 year old son, Hans Pope. Kathy is enjoying her life in Maine and loves dancing, hiking, cross country and skiing. She sends her best to all!

Sharon "Sammy" Mildrexler McLaughlin, '75, now lives in Independence, MO. Sammy has been a singer and a counselor but has retired from both. She has a daughter, Charlene who is 31 and a son, Michael who is 29.

Jennifer Karpen, '79, lives in Israel with her six children and two cats. You may contact her at nayist@netvision.net.il.

Chris Sullinger Newhouse, '84, lives in Omaha, NE and is self employed. She is married to Dave Newhouse and has enjoyed her work, coaching sports and raising her family. She has three children: Skyler, 20; Cody, 16; Cassie, 13.

John D. Frederick, Captain, '99, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by our Nation in recognition for leading a helicopter medical rescue mission for wounded soldiers while under heavy enemy fire in poor weather conditions. The rescue occurred in eastern Afghanistan, May 4, 2010. In combat, the Distinguished Flying Cross is ranked between the Silver and Bronze Stars. See the full story and picture at: <http://tinyurl.com/3esxdns>

Nicole M. Nelson, '05, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelors in Studio Art and minor in Chemistry from UNO. Nicole started medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and will graduate in 2015. She is hoping to become a surgeon.

Ryan Cook '06 and Jon Natvig '06, set off on their journey through Europe to Beijing, China late this past Spring. They stopped in Glasgow, worked at a Bed and Breakfast in Normandy, experienced the thermal baths in Budapest, lived in a Ger and rode horses through the countryside in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia. Now in Beijing, they have found employment teaching English and help their Australian friend in his hot dog stand from time to time. You may be able to find updates on their travels at <http://tooblindmice.tumblr.com> and then again, maybe not.

2011 - 2012 REUNION NEWS

As the dates and details of reunion events are communicated to the Alumni Association, information will be posted on our reunion link of the alumni website at www.westsidealumni.org. Reunion committees would appreciate receiving word of addresses or emails for fellow classmates! Current contact information can be supplied online at the Alumni page, emailed to alumni@westside66.org, or left on voicemail at 402-390-2183. To edit your on-line alumni profile, you will need to use your default password (first initial of your first name followed immediately by your last name). Also, if you would like to assist with any reunion efforts in any way, reach out to the contact persons listed for your class. *Be in touch!*

2011

1961: 50-Year Reunion Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2011

Co-Chairs: Gary Hannibal (garyhannibal@aol.com)

Ann McDaniel Stinson (ann@stinsonmail.net)

Committee Members: Linda Siert Johnson, Bid Taylor, Tom Burton, Carol and Larry McChesney. Visit our reunion page at: www.westside61.com

2001: 10-Year Reunion Nov. 23rd and Nov. 26, 2011

The reunion dates have been set. More information to follow!

Visit our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=113665625322254>

Contact: Maureen McAuliffe (moemcauliffe@hotmail.com)

2012

1962: 50-Year Reunion June 8, 9, and 10, 2012

If you have not yet received our January 2011 email update about the reunion, then we do not have an email address for you on file. If you wish to receive the January update and any future updates, please send your email address and other contact info (mailing address, phone) to wkings@bellsouth.net. We are all looking forward to seeing you in Omaha. We know it will be a smashing success, so don't miss it. Bill King, for the WHS Class of '62 Reunion

Committee Co-Chairs in Omaha: Linda (Gates) Shepherd (lgentle@hotmail.com) and Linda (Randall) Arena (arenaassociates@gmail.com).

The following classes are due to have a reunion in 2012

Individuals interested in coordinating reunion events for his/her class are asked to contact the Alumni Association at alumni@westside66.org or leave a message on voicemail at 402.390.2183.

1967: 45-Year Reunion

1972: 40-Year Reunion (Omaha Westside High School Class of 1972 on Facebook)

1977: 35-Year Reunion (Barbara Brand email brandx4@verizon.net)

1982: 30-Year Reunion

1987: 25-Year Reunion

1992: 20-Year Reunion

1997: 15-Year Reunion

2002: 10-Year Reunion

Remembering

Christopher Eddens, M.D., '77

James C. "Jayme" Findlay, '70

Jonathan Thomas Guinn, '03

Jay N. Hawthorne, '76

Douglas Monroe, '71

Douglas L. Petersen, '70

Diane M. (Woodcock) Peterson, '72

Karen (Tepper) Walsh, '68

Jerome "Jerry" Vaad, '57

Susan Marie Vann, '03

Jim H. Brau, Service Center Building Service

Paula A. Magiera, high school Educational Assistant

Dr. John (Jack) Maxwell, English and Speech teacher starting at Underwood High and then Westside. He wrote the school song "Fight On Westside" in 1952.

Clifton "Bud" Robinson, Administrator with the District

Joann Roehl, former high school teacher

Remembering and Memorial Guidelines

While the Alumni Association tries its best to keep our records current, unfortunately sometimes our listing of classmates who have passed away is incomplete or not current. We feel that being able to post this news on our website and within our newsletters allows our alumni to reach out to each other, so information you have regarding deceased Warriors is greatly appreciated. It is the policy of District 66 and the Alumni Association, not to publish any name without verification from reputable sources, such as family members or obituaries from newspapers/publications. Charitable gifts can be made to the Alumni Association in memory of a deceased classmate or teacher who was cherished. For information about this, you may leave a voicemail message at 402.390.2183 or email at alumni@westside66.org.



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W is published two times a year.

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Spouse's name and occupation: _____

Children's names and ages/birth dates: _____

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