

Fall 2018 Newsletter

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Scholarship Donations Reach Record Level

For the first time in its 21 year history, the Central Alumni Association surpassed \$675,000 in collective scholarship funds for deserving Central students. Last spring, the alumni association awarded 59 scholarships to graduating seniors totaling \$51,650. That's in addition to the roughly 60 scholarships presented by Central and other individual donors. Scholarship awards ranged from \$100 to \$25,000.

The record scholarship amount was boosted by a record annual contribution of \$25,000 from the Mark and Anne Hansen Foundation. Hansen, who attended Central from 1971-73 before moving to Milwaukee with his family for his senior year, is a partner at the prominent Washington D.C. law firm of Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick PLLC in D.C. He and his wife Anne established the full ride scholarship at Central in 2017.

The 2018-19 recipient of the Hansen Scholarship is Maria Martell. The 18 year old will study biology at the University of Minnesota and hopes to work in the medical field. In its inaugural year, the scholarship was awarded to Allison Klingelhoffer, who will be entering her sophomore year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She will receive another \$25,000 from the Hansen Scholarship to cover her costs this year and each subsequent year at Wisconsin.

The Alumni Association manages and administers all scholarships established by individual donors, foundations and prior classes. If you are interested in creating a scholarship, contact Dan Hundt at dahundt@charter.net, or the Central Alumni Association at P.O. Box 3012, La Crosse, WI 54602-3012.

Alumni Association Welcomes New Board Members

The Central High School Alumni Association is always looking for new members. The board encourages interested persons to attend its meetings on the third Monday of each month (except June-August) at 5:30 PM at Central.

While the board's primary responsibility is to manage and administer scholarships to Central students, the Alumni Association also sponsors the annual Hall of Excellence awards reception in conjunction with Central faculty, conducts fundraising events and promotes Central with its thousands of Alumni throughout the country.

2018 Officers

Fred Monk ('59) - President
Jeff Voss ('75) - Vice-President
Dan Hundt ('72) - Treasurer
Marcia Amann ('61) - Secretary

Board Members (3 year term)

Jan Crandall
Mark Dahlke ('91)
Maria Holley
Reyne Larson
Troy McDonald ('82)
Gary Padesky ('74)
Bruce Ranis ('55)
Rich Schultz ('74)
Jim Sill ('59)
Richard Sims ('99)



Hansen, Rudolph Inducted into Central Hall of Excellence

A prominent Washington D.C. and Ivy League-educated attorney and a former standout educator and coach are this year's recipients of the Central High School Hall of Excellence.

Since 1993, **Mark Hansen** has served as a lawyer, author and lead trial counsel at Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel and Frederic PLLC, a leading D.C. law firm that represents governments, corporations and prominent individuals. Prior to joining the firm, he was a partner at Johnson & Gibbs in D.C. (1990-93) and served as Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, under Rudolph Giuliani (1986-90).

Hansen attended Central from 1971-73 and graduated from University School in Milwaukee in 1974. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1978 from Dartmouth University, where he was honored as Summa Cum Laude and received the "Class of 1859 Prize". He then attended Harvard Law School, where he graduated Cum Laude in 1982.

Mark and his wife Anne established the Mark and Anne Hansen Foundation to provide scholarships to deserving students to attend college, as well as other philanthropies. In 2017, the couple presented Central with a \$25,000 annual scholarship, the largest amount ever established for a single Central student.

From 1969-2000, **Dave Rudolph** was one of the most prolific and successful coaches ever at Central High School. He served as the Red Raiders' first softball coach and as head coach of the successful girls' basketball program. In addition, he was a long-time assistant football, boys' basketball and baseball coach.

After earning a B.S. degree in English from UW-La Crosse in 1966, Rudolph began his teaching career at Lincoln Junior High in La Crosse. He transferred to Central in 1969, where he served as an English teacher for 31 years and was active in the La Crosse Education Association.

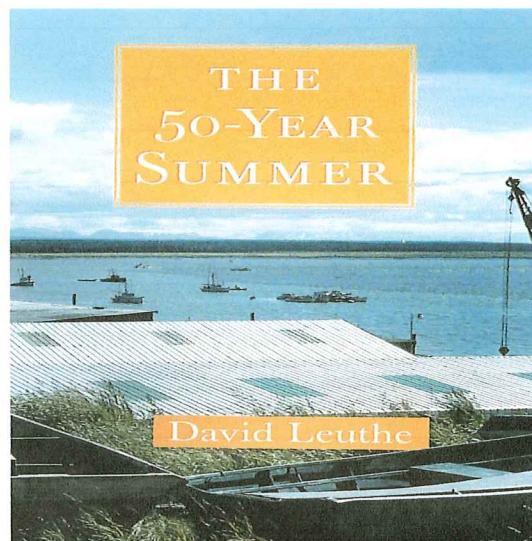
Since his retirement, Rudolph continues to promote education in the La Crosse area, providing tutoring through local organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, as well as GED tutoring at Western Technical College. He also substitute teaches and volunteers in local schools and maintains a high-profile in public education as vice-president of the La Crosse Public Schools Board of Education since 2012.

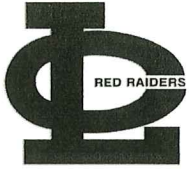
Always a coach at heart, Rudolph is a regular attendee of Central athletic events and has participated in the school's long-running Memorial Day program for 32 years.

Hansen and Rudolph were honored at a reception at Central on May 24th. The Hall of Excellence has been co-sponsored by the Central Alumni Association and Central High School since 1999. To nominate someone for the 2019 award, visit the Central High School website, pick up a form in the second floor office, or call Mrs. Bergemann at 789-3005 to have a form sent to you. The deadline for 2019 nominations is March 1, 2019.

Longtime Central Teacher Called to the Wild

Former Central social studies teacher David Leuthe had no plans to retire in the usual way when he left Central in 1996 after 30 years of teaching at the school. Instead, he continued his annual summertime trips into the Alaskan wilderness as a fisherman, sailor and outdoor enthusiast. Leuthe captured his adventures in a book, "The 50-Year Summer", which chronicles such adventures as drift fishing for salmon, trout fishing, cross country skiing, hiking and working at a cannery. Leuthe died in 2015 at the age of 77, but his adventurous spirit lives on in his travel memoirs. The 384 page book is available by e-mailing Leuthe's wife, Lynne, at wakerobin37@icloud.com or at Pearl Street Books in La Crosse. The cost is \$22.00.





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Become a Member of the LCAA

Your membership dues support the work of the Central Alumni Association. This includes scholarship support for Central students, newsletters, website management, Hall of Excellence reception and other activities. Complete the form below and submit with your tax-deductible check payable to **Central Alumni Association**.

Membership Application

Central High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Annual membership—\$25/person

New Renewal Donation

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Central Graduate Name _____

Year of Graduation _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

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