

BRANT VAUGHN STEVENS **Class of 1974**

Tall in stature and broad of build, Brant Stevens played football at Seneca High School and later at the University of Louisville where he earned both his undergraduate and MBA degrees. After graduation Brant embarked on a career in technology services. Taking an early retirement in 2008, Brant returned to Louisville to set up his own consulting business. Shortly thereafter, Brant returned to Seneca and was surprised at the innumerable needs within the school community.

Seneca Past and Present, the alumni association of Seneca High School, was founded through the efforts of Brant Stevens. Through Brant's leadership and vision, Seneca Past and Present was created as a resource for students and staff.

Brant Stevens died unexpectedly in 2012, unable to witness the fulfillment of his dreams for Seneca. However, his influence lives on with each dollar that is raised for the benefit of the school and each time members of the alumni association are present in support of school activities.



KENNETH BLAIR FARMER

Principal 1957-1968

Kenneth Blair Farmer will always be a cherished part of the history and tradition of Seneca High School and will live forever as Seneca's first principal. His career began as a teacher at Camp Taylor Elementary. Next, he became principal of Greathouse Elementary and eventually opened the doors of the brand-new Goldsmith Elementary School. In 1957, grades 7, 8, and 9 were added to Goldsmith and the proud history of Seneca High School began.

During tremendous growth in the area, Mr. Farmer's energies were given to faculty recruitment, campus building decisions, and the blending of students into a full-fledged high school. Seneca soon became the largest and one of the most highly regarded high schools in the state of Kentucky. Mr. Farmer was proud of the fine education afforded to Seneca graduates.

Kenneth Farmer was a Louisville native and graduate of Fern Creek High School and Western Kentucky University. He earned a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Louisville. The proud father of two Seneca graduates, he was respected by and influenced the lives of students, parents, and teachers in his 44 years as an advocate and educator of public education. Following his years at Seneca, he became a Director with the Jefferson County Public School system until his retirement in 1981. He died in 2011, at the age of 94.



MICHAEL N. HARRELD

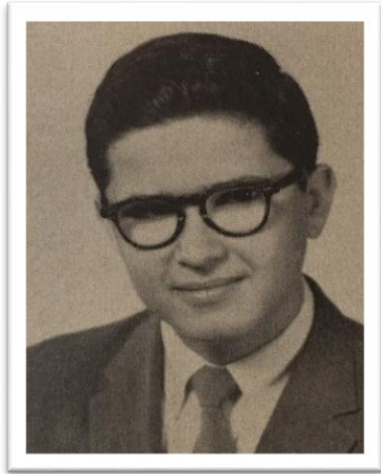
CLASS OF 1962

Mike has had a long and illustrious career in the Banking industry. He joined Citizens Fidelity Bank in 1969 and in succeeding years had executive responsibilities for the Trust and Investment Division, Correspondent Banking Division, Retail Banking Division, Marketing, Bank Operations, and the Financial Services Division. In 1986, he was named president of Citizens Fidelity Corp. and CEO in 1989. Since March of 2005 Mike has served as Regional President of Greater Washington at PNC, National Association.

Mike has also held numerous civic and nonprofit leadership roles. He served as a board member on four Kentucky Universities and was the Chair of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education. He was a board member of the J.B. Speed Art Museum and The Mohammad Ali Center. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Louisville Law School and College of Arts and Sciences; Greater Louisville Inc.'s Gold Cup Award; and the Metropolitan Housing Coalition's Different Hero Award. Mike currently serves on boards of the United Way, Meyer Foundation, Fight for Children and the Economic Club of Washington, DC.

Mike has always kept in touch with his Seneca classmates, helping with reunions, keeping in contact when visiting Louisville and helping many classmates with financial concerns during his long tenure in Louisville.

He received his BA degree in history and political science from the University of Louisville in 1966 and his J.D. degree from the University of Louisville Law School in 1969. Mike and his wife Susan reside in Washington, D.C.



ARON PRIMACK

Class of 1962

Aron graduated from Seneca High School with the class of 1962 although he spent his senior year attending the University of Louisville on an academic scholarship. He earned a B.S. degree from Northwestern in 1964, an M.D. degree from Northwestern Medical School in 1967, and an M.A. degree in medical anthropology from Catholic University in 1986.

After completing his internship at Boston University and his residency at Cornell University in New York City, he was awarded a Medical Oncology Fellowship at the National Cancer Institute.

Following this fellowship Aron served as a senior investigator for the NCI, both in Bethesda and in Kampala, Uganda where he designed and conducted clinical trials with new drugs and new combination of drugs. Upon his return to the states he had a private medical oncology practice from 1972-1990. From 1990 to 1992, Aron was the Administrator of Medical Offices for the US Peace Corp, living in Niger, West Africa and managing offices in Niger, Mali, Chad, and Mauritania.

Most recently Aron has been a Program Director at the Fogarty International Center, NIH, where he worked with low and middle-income countries, often partnering with US institutions, to develop their research capabilities.

Aron and his wife, Karen, live in Washington, DC.



JON L. FLEISCHAKER

Class of 1963

Jon L. Fleischaker, a partner in the Dinsmore and Shohl Law firm, serves as chair of the First Amendment and Media Practice Group, and is the former managing partner for Dinsmore in Louisville. Jon has more than 40 years of experience in media law and First Amendment cases actively involved in representation of newspapers and broadcasters dealing with publication issues. His efforts in developing Kentucky “open records” and “sunshine” laws have enhanced our rights and responsibilities to be informed citizens.

Jon also has extensive employment litigation experience, including class actions and individual cases. In addition to numerous appellate cases, he also has participated in 99 cases in the U.S. District Courts.

Jon and his wife, Kim Greene, share many interests and support a variety of educational, religious, human and social justice and philanthropic efforts. In 2008, Jon and Kim, created the Fleischaker-Greene Fund for Excellence in First Amendment issues at Western Kentucky University.

As demanding as Jon’s career has been, he has never lost touch with his roots at Seneca. He has been active in alumni affairs and reunions and has continued to support the Seneca spirit long after his graduation.

BRENDA IGO TOWNES CLASS OF 1963



Dr. Brenda Townes worked for over 25 years as a practicing Internist in Louisville after graduating from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1989. She was affiliated with the Baptist Medical Associates until 2015. While in private practice, Brenda served on the gratis faculty at UofL School of Medicine and enjoyed teaching residents in internal medicine. On the basis of her teaching, she was elected a Fellow in the American College of Physicians. *Louisville Magazine* also named her one of Louisville's *Top Docs* many times, as voted upon by her peers. Today she keeps her hand and heart in the medical field by volunteering at the Family Community Clinic in Louisville. The clinic serves those who need medical attention and have no insurance.

Brenda graduated with honors from Hanover College in Madison, Indiana. She was a pre-med major in college but after her marriage in 1967 put her medical career on hold. Few medical schools were accepting married women into their programs in the '60s. Brenda earned a Master's degree while her husband, Seneca graduate, Wave Townes ('62) attended UK Law school. She taught school before their children were born. She entered medical school in 1985.

Brenda, along with her husband, have always been great supporters of Seneca. Whether entertaining fellow classmates or working as a chair/co-chair on Seneca reunions, she has always remained the "go to" person for class information. In addition to raising a family, being a wife and working in a demanding medical practice, Brenda has served on the Board of Trustees of Hanover College and numerous Louisville civic organizations.



JIM SWART

Class of 1963

Over the course of his life, Jim Swart strove for excellence whether on the athletic field or in a classroom setting. While a student at Seneca, Jim was a star fullback on the Seneca football team, champions of Jefferson County's East Region in 1962. After the season, Jim was selected both All-County and All-State in football. After graduation from Seneca, Jim attended the University of Kentucky on a football scholarship where he played defensive end. He was chosen to the pre-season All-Southeastern Conference team in 1966. Jim graduated from UK in 1968.

After graduating from UK, Jim dedicated his career to educating and coaching children. As a coach, he worked at several schools early in his career (including Seneca). As a teacher, he taught at Westport, Seneca, Stuart, and Manual High Schools. Jim later became the athletic director at Eastern High School and finally the assistant principal at Butler High School.

Jim Swart died of cancer in 1993 at the age of 47, ending a distinguished 25-year career in education. His influence on Seneca continued with his wife Rhonda (class of 1964) serving as a counselor at Seneca for several years.



PATRICIA GARRISON-CORBIN

Class of 1965

Patricia Garrison-Corbin was the founder, chair, and CEO of P.G. Corbin & Co., independent financial advisors. Her shrewd business skills led her to become the first African-American female-owned

Wall Street financial services corporation.

After graduating from Seneca, Patricia received her bachelor's degree in sociology from Western Kentucky University. Soon after, she earned a master's degree from the University of Louisville in urban studies and later matriculated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she earned a master's degree in finance and was the first African-American female Sloan Fellow.

Patricia has always been a trailblazer. At Seneca, she was elected as the first African-American Homecoming Queen by her peers. In 1968, she chartered and was the first president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the first Black Greek-letter organization on Western Kentucky University's campus. She was inducted into the Western Kentucky University Distinguished Hall of Alumni in 1998.

In addition to founding and leading a successful corporation, Patricia also served as deputy city managing director of the city of Philadelphia, was appointed to the negotiating team for a new Phillies stadium in 2000, was appointed by President Reagan to the advisory panel to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in 1986, and was appointed by President Clinton to the Environmental Protection Agency in 1994.

Patricia enjoyed a twenty-eight-year marriage to Dr. James D. Corbin. After fighting a brave battle with breast cancer, Patricia passed on October 17, 2009.

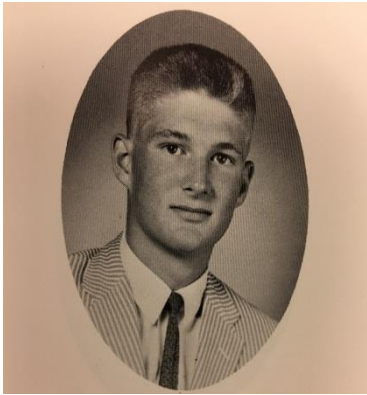


NANCY MASON SHEPHERD

Class of 1965

Upon graduation from Seneca in 1965, Nancy studied at University of Kentucky and earned a bachelor's degree in English. She later attended the University of Louisville earning a Master's in Education and taught students Advanced Placement English and Humanities at Seneca from 1970-1981.

In 1980, she and her husband, David, followed their dream to open a restaurant. They were innovators in the Louisville restaurant scene opening, Café Metro. Nancy spent her days teaching at Seneca, and her nights working at Café Metro. Six years later, they opened Uptown Café, right across the street. At just 39 years old, Nancy suffered a cerebral hemorrhage that stripped her of her ability to read, write, and walk. A house fire and the death of her husband threatened to hold her back, but she persevered, overcame her illness and continued growing the family restaurants with her daughter, Kelley.



MIKE LAWHON

Class of 1968

Throughout his life, Mike Lawhon made his presence felt in a number of ways. Standing 6'5" tall, he was a starter for the Seneca High School basketball team for two seasons, including the 1967-68 season when Seneca was runner-up in the state tournament. He was also a top student and involved in student government. After his time at Seneca, Mike attended the University of Louisville. He was a starting forward on the UofL basketball team for three seasons, including the 1971-72 season when UofL went to the NCAA Final Four. After receiving his undergraduate degree from UofL, Mike went on to medical school.

As a respected orthopedic surgeon in the Cincinnati area, Mike was team doctor for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team for several years. He also volunteered his services for the Western & Southern Financial Masters and Women's Open for over 20 years as well as serving as team doctor for several high schools in the Cincinnati area. Mike served on the board of the National Down's Syndrome Congress during the 1980's and was active with Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship. In all his endeavors, Mike displayed the servant's heart that he learned growing up in a pastoral family.

Mike Lawhon died suddenly of a heart attack in 2004 at the age of 53. A man whose large presence extended into a variety of settings, Mike continues to be missed by all who knew him.



RON CAIN

Teacher/Football Coach

Ron Cain came to Seneca High School as football coach in 1962 after a season as an assistant at another Jefferson County school.

Prior to entering the teaching profession, he starred in football at the high school and college levels followed by a brief stay in professional football with the Denver Broncos of the old American Football League. Coaching seven seasons at Seneca High School, Ron Cain compiled a record of 61-10-1 for an .836 winning percentage. During his tenure, Seneca won four district titles, two county titles, was Class AAA runner-up in 1968, and was Class AAA champion in 1965. Eighteen of Coach Cain's players went on to play at the college level with eight being named All-State in Kentucky and one named a high school All-American. Two of his players were later drafted by NFL teams.

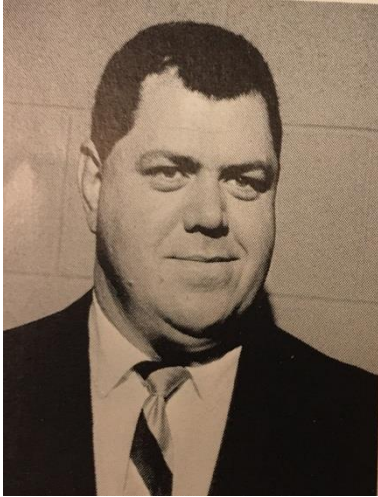
After Coach Cain left Seneca, he worked for several years as an assistant coach at the University of Kentucky before returning to the high school ranks at Somerset High School and later Cumberland High School. His overall achievements in high school football led to his being inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2013, the Seneca High School football stadium was renamed "Ron Cain Stadium" in recognition of his many contributions to athletics at Seneca.



BARBARA EDELMAN
Class of 1971

Barbara Barnstable Edelman was fully involved in student life during her years at Seneca High School, both as a cheerleader and in student government. Graduating from Seneca a year early in 1970, she then attended the University of Kentucky where she obtained both her undergraduate degree and later her degree in law. After working as an Assistant United States Attorney for the eastern district of Kentucky, she entered private practice in Lexington, Kentucky. Since then she has distinguished herself as a top tier business litigation attorney.

Barbara has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1995. She has been selected as a Kentucky Super Lawyer Top 25 Women by Law and Politics since 2008. She has served on the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Civil Remedies Committee. She is listed in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation: General Commercial. And she has been recognized by several organizations in Lexington for her personal and professional efforts within the community.



ORVILLE “BUD” WILLIAMS

Teacher/Coach

Over the course of a teaching career that spanned from 1958 to 1998, Orville “Bud” Williams influenced the lives of Seneca students and faculty in a variety of ways. As a teacher, he at various times taught Core, English, TV American History, World History, Civics, and Sociology. In addition, he initiated the annual Renaissance Faire due to his love of history. He was an assistant coach in football and tennis, but made his greatest contribution to sports at Seneca and throughout the state as wrestling coach from 1962 to 1985. He was the grassroots founder of the KHSAA state wrestling tournament, managing the tournament until 1986. His 1969 team was state runner-up and he coached several individuals to state titles. He was posthumously inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007.

Mr. Williams’ versatility was on display throughout his stay at Seneca in that he also served as musical director for the annual Seneca High School Senior Play. Outside of Seneca he performed in the Stephen Foster Story for 26 seasons and served as minister of music for several churches.



EVY ABELL McKEMIE

Class of 1975

Alumni like Evy Abell McKemie help set the standard of excellence that contributes to the wonderful legacy that is Seneca High School. As a student, Evy served as editor of *The Arrow*, held offices in extracurricular activities such as student council and the French club, to name a few. Clearly, Evy's claim to fame was through the athletic excellence demonstrated in basketball, track, softball, and volleyball.

Evy has been busy since she graduated from Seneca in 1975. A Title IX pioneer, Evy was awarded an inaugural women's basketball scholarship at Eastern Kentucky University. Before graduating with a business degree in accounting, she not only excelled in basketball, but also played in three national volleyball championship tournaments, named to the state and regional volleyball tournament all-star teams as a sophomore, junior, and senior, and was ultimately named *Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year* at EKU.

After college, Evy became a CPA at KPMG, one of the big eight accounting firms at the time. She never abandoned her love of athletics, and played on her corporate basketball and softball teams, always as one of only a few females. After KPMG, Evy worked as controller for a grocery chain and controller and general manager for a Jeep dealership, later becoming a stay-at-home mother of three children.

Evy continues to give back to the community by volunteering with numerous organizations. She has volunteered with Junior Achievement, St. Stephen Martyr and Holy Trinity Catholic Churches, Kentucky Prostate Cancer Coalition, and the selection committee for Kentucky Basketball High School All-Stars, to name a few. Evy is also a life-time member of Seneca Past and Present.

Evy resides in Louisville with her husband of thirty-seven years, Gordon. They have three adult children who reside in New York: Gordon, Jr., Sarah, and Maggie—all athletes.



ROSHANN PARRIS CLASS OF 1975

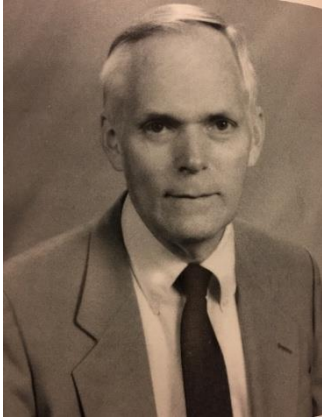
Roshann Parris is president and CEO of the award winning public relations firm Parris Communications Inc., located in Kansas City, Missouri. Parris Communications is celebrating its thirtieth year and has earned a reputation for corporate communications, campaigns and crisis management efforts for clients nationwide.

In addition to 40 years in public relations, public affairs, and strategic corporate communications, Parris has managed dual roles in both the Clinton and Obama White Houses and on nine presidential campaign staffs. Serving as a lead advance person on the White House Presidential Advance Team, she has led teams to over 60 countries over the last 20 years on behalf of the U.S. President, and first ladies.

Parris Communications also has had a passionate focus on the Kansas City community and has been named Kansas City Small Business Philanthropist of the Year and for more than five years the “Best Place to Work” in Greater Kansas City.

Her hard work, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit has resulted in a myriad of awards and acknowledgement of her contributions. Among many awards, she has been named Kansas City’s Woman of the Year, Kansas City Spirit Award, Chamber of Commerce Athena Award, the Girl Scout Pearl Award, and has been designated the Public Relations Professional of the Year. In 2013 Parris was selected to serve as chairman of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Roshann Parris attended and earned a B.A. with honors at Indiana University and an M.B.A. from the University of Kansas. Today she and her family live in Kansas City, Missouri.



JOHN LOCKE

Administrator 1974-2005

John Locke had a career of service in the Jefferson County Public School system that spanned a period of fifty years. Born into a family of educators, John received his undergraduate from Eastern Kentucky University and later his master's degree from Western Kentucky University. He began his career in 1965 as a teacher at Butler High School and in 1968 moved to Waggener High School as a counselor. In 1974, John came to Seneca High School as an assistant principal. And it was at Seneca that John would spend the remainder of his full-time career in education.

John served as an assistant principal at Seneca from 1974 to 1989. Over that time, he became a valued resource for students and staff alike. In 1989 John became principal at Seneca. Stepping in during a challenging time for the school, over 16 years John provided steady leadership and created a healthy learning environment for the student population. John retired as a full-time educator in 2005, having spent 31 years as a part of life at Seneca High School.

John worked another ten years part-time in the school system before fully retiring. The entrance to Seneca High School has been named John Locke Way in his honor, for it was John Locke who over a period of many years helped guide Seneca students along the road to success.



CINDY DAHLEM BAUMERT

Class of 1979

Cindy Baumert is an entrepreneurial businesswoman who has also been a notable champion for public education advocacy at the national, state, and local level for over twenty years. In 2016, she retired as the Director of the Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (GCIPL), a program of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence which provides training, support, and workshops to develop capacity in parents and community members to improve academic achievement for all students in public schools. Cindy is a 2000 GCIPL Fellow and former Prichard Committee board member.

While raising her two children, Cindy made time to invest in local schools to support all children by serving as PTA president, School Based Decision-Making Council representative, Youth Services Center Advisory Board member, Kentucky Association of School Councils board member, and Greater Louisville, Inc. Education Task Force member. Having a special interest in children with disabilities, Cindy helped hundreds of parents navigate the special education process by teaching them how to understand the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), a complicated federal law that ensures equity in education for students with special needs. She also used her educational expertise and influence to mentor eight young people who live in Louisville's impoverished neighborhoods through high school graduation, college graduation and careers.

Cindy served on the Kentucky Commissioner's Parents Advisory Council (CPAC) for fourteen years. In 2006, she was selected to co-chair the CPAC's Family and Community Involvement initiative which produced a report, *The Missing Piece of the Proficiency Puzzle: Recommendations for Involving Families and Community in Improving Student Achievement*, approved by the Kentucky Board of Education in September 2007. This work led Cindy to serve on several Kentucky Department of Education leadership assessment and diagnostic review teams to evaluate family and community involvement practices and policies in the state's persistently low-achieving schools.

As a businesswoman, Cindy was the executive director of Dyslexia Solutions, Inc., the co-owner of a software development company, Express Software Solutions, Inc., and an account marketing representative for IBM.

Cindy received her Master of Engineering degree from the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering and continues to reside in Louisville with her husband, Brad, and adult children, Dean and Amy.



JOHN MARSHALL

Class of 1992

Dr. John Marshall is the Chief Equity Officer for Jefferson County Public Schools. In this role, John advocates for the educational and basic needs for students of color and those who are homeless and disadvantaged in the district. John is an unapologetic leader who models integrity, respect, creativity, and accountability as evidenced in the programs he creates and manages for the students and educators of JCPS.

John began his career teaching English to students at Eastern High School. His professional accomplishments also include interim school counselor, vice principal, and adjunct professor at Kentucky State University. His desire to champion the cause of education, especially of those who are disadvantaged, is unmistakable. John has been recognized as a national Ed Week *Leader to Learn From*, Leadership Louisville's *Leader of the Year*, Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award, 2 Not 1 *Community Father of the Year*, My Brother's Keeper *National Leader of the Year* and many others.

John's passion for education extends beyond the walls of JCPS, as he recognizes the connection between the community and education. John is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., NAACP, PTA, and Greater Louisville and Kentucky Alliance of Black School Educators. He is a nationally-recognized innovator who presented *Equity Policies and Practices* at Harvard University in 2017. John has been a guest lecturer at Spalding University, University of Louisville, Bellarmine University, and Western Kentucky University. He has also presented or been a keynote speaker on equity and education to the Pritchard Committee, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Alpha Phi Alpha, PTA, Benjamin Symposium in Memphis, and many others.

John still holds Seneca near and dear to his heart, and visits and supports Seneca initiatives. His wife, Tiffany, is also a Seneca graduate and JCPS principal. They have three young children.