

Homecoming
Oct. 3rd & 4th
Honoring the
Class of 1964



**50th Reunion to be celebrated
By Class of 1964**



Homecoming Royalty



The 50th class reunion will be held the weekend of Tuscola's Homecoming, Oct. 3 & 4. The dinner will be on Saturday night. Other details forthcoming. Contact Clayton & Judy Harriss via email: judyharriss73@gmail.com.

Hall of Fame to induct three new members

Alumni who have achieved great things! These are three spectacular representatives of achievement following their high school graduations. Following is the biographies of Morrie Reece, Class of 1962; Rick Mooday, Class of 1981; and Greg Skuta,

Class of 1974; who are being inducted into the TCHS Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2014.

Morrie Reece grew up in Tuscola, the son of Bob and Ene Reece. He graduated from

TCHS in 1962 where he was senior class president and president of the Student Council. In high school he participated in football, track, a variety of student clubs, and was selected for a special 40 voice choir that performed in Chicago's (pg. 2)

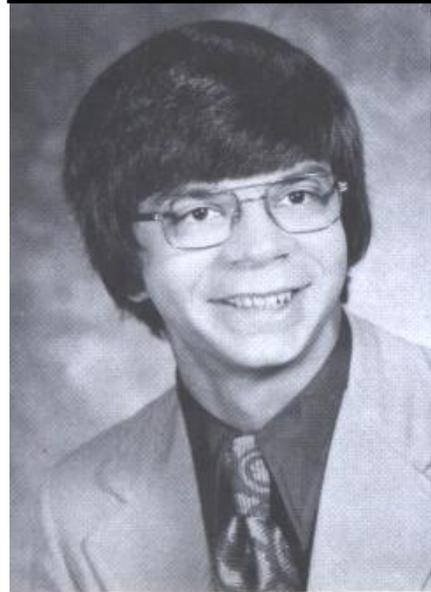
Morrie Reece



Rick Mooday



Greg Skuta



McCormick Place for the National Music Educators Conference in 1962. In 1963, Morrie joined the U.S. Navy, served as soloist with the U.S. Naval Bluejacket Choir, and sang at the U.S. Capitol for President John F. Kennedy's funeral in Washington, D.C. In 1964, Morrie graduated #1 in the U.S. Naval Nuclear Power Academy and became an instructor, training sailors to operate nuclear reactors aboard submarines and naval warships. In 1965, he was assigned to the nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise in Viet Nam, and rose to the position of chief nuclear reactor officer. In '69, he left the Navy and enrolled at Eastern Illinois University, earning a BS in Education. He was elected to Kappa Delta Pi, the intentional education honor society. In 1972, he began grad work at the U of I, majoring in biomechanics. Upon graduation he became a faculty member at University High in Urbana and simultaneously held the position of lecturer in the U of I College of Education. Morrie soon began his work with computers at CERL, the U of I Computer-based Education Research Lab, and became an expert with PLATO, the University's teaching computer system. While teaching at Uni High, he was the cross country track coach, and had the unique honor of being the first coach in Illinois high school athletic history to have a co-ed varsity team. His two female runners were the first in IL athletics history to win varsity letters in a boys' varsity sport. In 1976, he left the U of I to join Control Data Corp. PLATO division in Washington, D.C. as an education project manager. He worked with the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, the White House, the FBI, the CIA, HEW, the Dept. of Commerce, the Pentagon and numerous other federal government agencies. Morrie joined a small company named Apple Computer in 1982 to work in the newly formed education division. For the next 30 years he held a variety of management positions within Apple's education division. For his last 12 years with Apple, he

was Apple's Senior Educ. Dev. Executive. Morrie worked and consulted with over 120,000 K-12 and university educators in 32 states, and received Apple's highest achievement award of excellence, the Golden Apple Award, fifteen times. Morrie married Debbie Sanders, a former TCHS French teacher, in 1974. They had one daughter Allison in 1976. Debbie passed away in 2006. In 2008 he married his 1962 TCHS classmate, Sue Meadows. Sue was a former TCHS art teacher (1966-68). In 2009, Morrie was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from EIU for his 30 years of contributions to education, and delivered the 2009 EIU graduation commencement address. In 2010, he was appointed to the EIU Foundation and in 2011, he was awarded EIU's Lifetime Achievement Award. Retiring from Apple in 2011, Morrie and his wife Sue live in Wildwood, MO, enjoying their three grandchildren, and spending their winters in warm sunny Florida. He was nominated to the Hall of Fame by Sue and Janet Wozniak, an Apple protégé of Morrie's, and wife of Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer.



Rick Moody is the son of Dale and Marilyn (Topsy) Moody. He grew up on Center Street in Tuscola, although most of his time was spent at Ervin Park. Dale was an operator at USI and Topsy worked as a librarian at TCHS. Rick attended Tuscola schools until graduating from TCHS in 1981. Rick was most active in sports while

attending school. He has two sisters, Dedra Williams and Shilana (Shelley) Rairden. After graduating from TCHS, Rick attended EIU and the U of I, graduating in 1985 from the U of I with honors with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Upon graduation, Rick entered the U.S. Navy's Aviation Officers Candidate School (AOCS) and was commissioned as an Ensign in Sept., 1985. He went to flight school and received his Naval Flight Officer wings in 1987. He completed training in the carrier based A-6 INTRUDER in 1988 and served in Attack Squadron 75 based at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia. Rick completed two deployments as a Bombardier-Navigator flying the A-6 INTRUDER from the deck of the USS John F. Kennedy. He completed 26 combat missions in support of Operation Desert Storm in early 1991. After sea duty, Rick was stationed at the U.S. Navy ROTC unit at Texas Tech University as an Officer Instructor, Navigation Instructor and Executive Officer. He separated from the U.S. Navy in 1994 and remained at Texas Tech Univ. to pursue graduate education. Rick received his PHD in Chemical Engineering from TTU in August, 1998. He accepted a post-doctoral research position at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and became a staff member in 1999. In his 15 years working at Los Alamos, Rick has worked in weapon materials, materials science, stewardship and refurbishment of U.S. nuclear weapons systems and, most recently, in intelligence and the assessment of foreign nuclear weapons. He is also active in Los Alamos emergency response programs focused on counter-nuclear terrorism and defeat of nuclear threats. Rick is married to Teddie Sue and they have 4 children. Teddie Sue is a successful associate broker at REMAX. Kyle (22) and Jennifer (18) both attend the Univ. of New Mexico where Kyle is working to become a paramedic and Jennifer is a freshman nursing student. Emme (12) enjoys gymnastics and piano. Jack (10) plays hockey, (pg.3)

baseball and piano. They both attend Mountain Elem. School in Los Alamos. Rick was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Scott Day, TCHS Class of 1983.



Dr. Greg Skuta is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Dean McGee Eye Institute and the Edward L. Gaylord Professor and Chair of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine's Dept. of Ophthalmology in Oklahoma City and has served in these roles since 2009. His family moved to Tuscola when he was one year old. Greg graduated in 1974 from TCHS, where he was class valedictorian, senior class president, and active in choir, band and school plays. He also worked as a sportswriter for *The Tuscola Review*. Greg subsequently received his undergraduate (1977) and medical degree (1981) from the U of I at Urbana-Champaign and the University of IL College of Medicine respectively. He served his internship at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, where he met his wife Anne. They were married in Lansing, MI in 1984. Greg completed an ophthalmology residency in 1985 at the Univ. of WI-Madison, where he was chief resident, and a glaucoma fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami. He also

served on the faculty at the Univ. of MI's W. K. Kellogg Eye Ctr. From 1987 to 1992. Greg joined the Dean McGee Eye Inst. in 1992 and was the James P. Luton Clinical Professor there before becoming President of the Institute. He currently serves as 2014 President of the 32,000-member American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and will preside over the Academy's Annual Meeting this Oct. in Chicago. This meeting typically draws about 25,000 attendees. Greg previously served as the Academy's Sr. Secretary for Clinical Educ. and Secretary for Ophthalmic Knowledge. He currently serves or has served on the AAO's Bd. Of Trustees, Executive Committee, Committee of Secretaries, Nominating and Awards Committee. Greg is a Past President of the American Glaucoma Society (2005-2006), a past Director/Sr. Examiner (2001-2008) for the American Bd. Of Ophthalmology, and past member (2004-2007) of the Bd. Of Governors of the World Glaucoma Assn. He also has served as a principal investigator for the National Eye Inst.-sponsored Advanced Glaucoma Intervention Study and Collaborative Initial Glaucoma Treatment Study. In addition, he was a member of the Data and Safety Monitoring committee for the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study. Greg has contributed to more than 100 publications, book chapters and educational products and has a particular research and clinical interest in glaucoma clinical trials and wound healing and its modulation in glaucoma filtering surgery. He serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Glaucoma* and has delivered lectures at more than 200 meetings throughout the U.S. and also in S. America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and S. Africa. Among Greg's honors and awards are Phi Beta Kappa, president of the U of I Varsity Men's Glee Club, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, the Resident Teaching Award from the Univ. of MI Dept. of Ophthalmology, and the AAO's Honor Award, Senior Achievement Award,

and Life Achievement Honor Award. He is listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World* and among the *Best Doctors in America*, *America's Top Ophthalmologists*, *Oklahoma Super Doctors* and *America's Top Doctors*. His wife Anne, who is a nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in health services administration from the Univ. of MI, is the Director of Clinical Operations and Education for the Nazih Zuhdi Transplant Inst. at INTEGRIS Baptist Med. Ctr. in Oklahoma City. Anna and Greg, who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in May, have three children (Jon, who is Director of Finance for the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Dept.; Cate, who will receive her doctorate in physical therapy at the Univ. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Ctr. in May; and Matt, who will receive his undergraduate degree in film and media studies at the Univ. of Oklahoma-Norman also in May). They reside in Edmond, Oklahoma and are members of the United Methodist Church of the Servant in Oklahoma City. Greg's parents, Richard and Jackie Skuta, are still Tuscola residents. His sister LaShon is a nurse at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Danny Matthews, also a 1974 TCHS graduate, nominated Greg for this honor.



HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON

The three Hall of Fame inductees—Morrie Reece, Rick Mooday and Greg Skuta—will be honored at the Alumni Association's luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main, Tuscola. The event will take place during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 4th. There will be a catered dinner served at \$15/person. You won't want to miss this memorable event when you get the chance to hear from the inductees. Please call the TCHS office at 217-253-2377 to make your reservation by the 26th of Sept. All are welcome to attend. The Alumni Association hopes that past Hall of Famers will be able to attend this event. Special guests will be our Class of '64. Raffle tickets for the 50/50 cash drawing will be sold and the winner drawn at the end of the luncheon.

2011

Wayne Meyer, Patti Waters, Bill McCarty & Fred Wakefield—Hall of Fame in attendance as Fred is inducted



2013

Joe Kleiss, Mike Weber, Bob Wetzel
Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon



2012

Barb Utterback, Jeanine Dietrich representing Dennis Dietrich, & Carl Kohrt



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

-Friday, Oct. 3, 2014-

- 2:45-4:00** **Parade/Pep Rally**
- 4:00-5:00** **Tours/Alumni Reception in Library honors Class of '64**
- 5:00-6:00** **Tailgate with sandwiches/drinks (fee benefits Pow-Wows)**
- 6:32-6:37** **Recognition of the Class of '64 - 50th reunion - please report to the football field at 6:30**
- 7:00** **Kick-off of Tuscola/Clinton football game**
- 9:00** **All TCHS Homecoming Reunion—Tuscola Community Building—21 and over welcome**

-Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014-

- 7:00-10:00** **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast—Community Building**
- 12:30** **Hall of Fame Induction Lunch - Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main St., Tuscola, for reservations call 217-253-2377 (TCHS office) by Sept. 26, \$15/person**
- 7:00** **TCHS Coronation & Dance**

(Subject to change slightly)

33rd Annual Tuscola Open

Monday, June 9th - 12:00 Shotgun Start \$75 / PLAYER

Includes:

GOLF W/ CART, RANGE BALLS, RAFFLE PRIZES,

FREE KEG BEER ALL DAY, AND DINNER

*You can also choose to come out for **dinner only** for **\$25.00***

SIGN UP **ONLY** AT

IRONHORSE GOLF CLUB

ENTRY DEADLINE IS

FRIDAY JUNE 7th —NO EXCEPTIONS

Must be 21 years old and LIVE or WORK FULL TIME in the Tuscola school district, be an Ironhorse Season Pass holder, or be a Tuscola H.S. graduate

FIELD IS LIMITED TO FIRST 112 GOLFERS

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

General Hole Sponsorship \$50.00

Sponsors may share a sign with other Sponsors

Exclusive Hole Sponsorship \$150.00

Exclusive signage and choice of Hole to sponsor

Every Hole Sponsor is invited to the Dinner after the Tournament

There will be Raffle Prizes drawn during the awards ceremony.

This year's Tuscola Open is going to be a golf tournament and fund raiser to benefit the TCHS Athletic Dept.

Football Bash moves to Aug. 16th

The 5th annual Bash for Cash will be held Sat., Aug. 16, 2014 at the Tuscola Moose Lodge with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Food will be served then. This year the TCHS football team will sell 150 tickets. The drawing of the numbers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Your ticket will have a number on it between 1 and 150. This will be your lucky number. Ping pong balls with the 150 numbers on them will be drawn out until all numbers have been drawn. The first number drawn will be worth \$200. Every 10th number drawn after that is also a winner! The 10th, 20th, 30th, and so on up to 140 will be worth \$100! (THAT IS EVERY 10TH NUMBER). After the 145th number has been drawn, the remaining 5 players have the option to divide the \$4,000 or continue. ALL must agree to stop. If one person wants to continue they will continue. If you are not there you do not get a vote. If drawn out to the end the 150th number drawn is worth \$4,000. Total cash given away is over \$5,000! You need not be present to win. Included with the ticket purchase is an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner from 6-8:30. Soda, tea, coffee, beer and wine will also be included. The fun will continue with an auction by Rudy Huber. The cost for this extravaganza is \$100 per ticket which will admit 2 people. You must be 21 to attend. Call today (217-253-2377) or email tuscolafootball@gmail.com to reserve your ticket/number. There will also be a second chance drawing that evening. For \$10 your number has a second chance to win. If you won the first time through you are not eligible. Winner of the lucky number drawn must be present and last year's winner won over \$500. Join us this year for an enthusiastic evening of fundraising for our TCHS Warrior football teams.

BRYAN LAKE HONORED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

TCHS grad Bryan Lake (Class of '98) was in Washington, D.C. on Wed., March 5, 2014 as one of the honorees for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. He works for the Urbana School Dist. Family members who accompanied him for the presentation included: from left, stepfather Steve Rayburn, partner Bryan Snodgrass, Lake, and mother Jeri Ann Lake, Class of '74.





TCHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Qualifications:

1. Graduate of Tuscola High School whose sibling, parent or grandparent is a graduate of Tuscola High School.
2. Show proof of enrollment in higher education (community college, trade school or professional training programs) following graduation.
3. Complete and submit a Word-document application that meets all the requirements stated in the application to the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee.
4. Achieve and maintain a 90% attendance rate, excludes excused absences.
5. Demonstrate acceptable academic achievement.

Tell us:

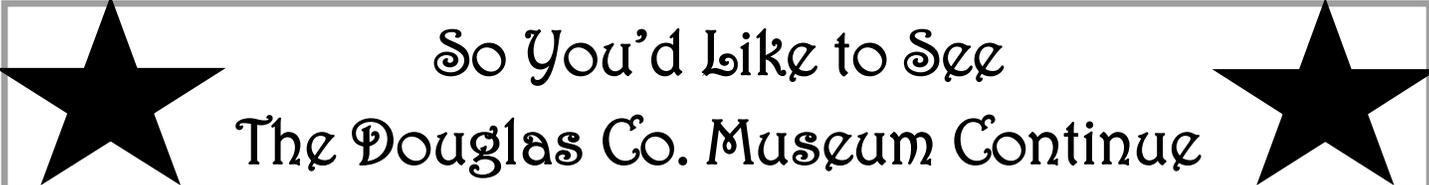
1. Name, address and contact information of applicant.
2. Name of sibling/parent/grandparent and year they graduated from TCHS.
3. Describe your academic and career goals. How will this scholarship help you achieve those goals?
4. Tell us about your extracurricular activities and volunteer experiences at school and in the community.
5. As a future graduate of Tuscola High School, do you think it is important to “give back” to your community? Explain how you might contribute to this community in the future.

****Submit application to Mrs. Shoemaker (TCHS Library) by May 1st****



This is the scholarship application form that TCHS seniors could qualify for. This will be our third year giving out a scholarship to a deserving senior. The past recipients are: Robert Lopez and Ashley Hunt.





So You'd Like to See The Douglas Co. Museum Continue

What are memories worth? Our identities are shaped by the events of our pasts, and those events live forever in our memories. Yet, how much more vividly these memories are brought into focus when we look at a photograph or a keepsake from those times! The Museum Assn. of Douglas County has been a memory keeper for this area for thirty years, preserving history for the county and its families. The Museum needs your help to continue to do so. Throughout the Museum's history, the organization has existed "paycheck to paycheck," relying on the generosity of its membership and the City of Tuscola to cover expenses as crises occurred. If the Museum is to survive, we must break out of that pattern and implement a long-term strategic plan to generate consistent sustaining income. The first step is to hire a paid full-time Museum director. A full-time person on-site will enable the museum to have a regular schedule of open hours, increase accessibility to the collection, and provide a source of information to the public. A director would manage fundraising, coordinate volunteers, plan exhibits and events, connect with our county schools, and seek out grant opportunities to increase our exposure and service to our membership and county residents. The goal of the Museum's Board of Trustees is to raise \$80,000 to fund a director's salary and expense for the next two years. By the end of the two-year period, the Trustees hope that other funding sources will have been established to retain the position. Please, send no money today, but do review and complete the pledge form found here: <http://www.douglascountymuseum.org/home.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/docomuseum>.

Homecoming

2015

Oct. 9th

& 10th

Vs. St. Teresa

TCHS Alumni Basketball Tournament

Justin and Aja Bozarth and Tim Kohlbecker are excited about this event to be held May 10th and look forward to seeing everyone from previous years. They hope to recruit new players. In the past they have had difficulty recruiting alumni women. They would like to extend an invitation to female spouses of Tuscola graduates and any other female athletes to participate in this year's event, regardless of whether you are a TCHS alum or not. The tournament will start at 8 a.m., and will strive to be done by 5:30 p.m. Organizers will be using both East Prairie and the TCHS gyms in order to finish games in a timely manner; however, every team is guaranteed at least one game at TCHS. They will do their best to keep teammates from the same classes together, while making the teams as competitive as possible. The cost is \$30 and includes a t-shirt. Checks should be made payable to TCHS (Attn: Justin Bozarth), 500 S. Prairie St., Tuscola, IL 61953; due by Sat., April 26th and include age, year of graduation, and shirt size (S-XXL). Any additional information can be given by Justin Bozarth at 217-649-9977 or email at tuscolaalumni@yahoo.com.