



**The Phoenix**  
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Greetings Alumni and Friends:

Yes, it is I. I resigned as the President of the Tarkio College Board in December 2018. Later I was elected president of TCAA after Wayne Gelston's term ended.

Please join me in thanking Wayne for his leadership of TCAA through many years and his loyalty and determination in moving the TC project forward in so many ways: work weekends, financial drives, and sheer faith in restoring a higher educational institution to our campus. We need to thank his wife, Karen, and grandson, Nick, for making our Homecoming Weekends successes also. We couldn't have done it without you!

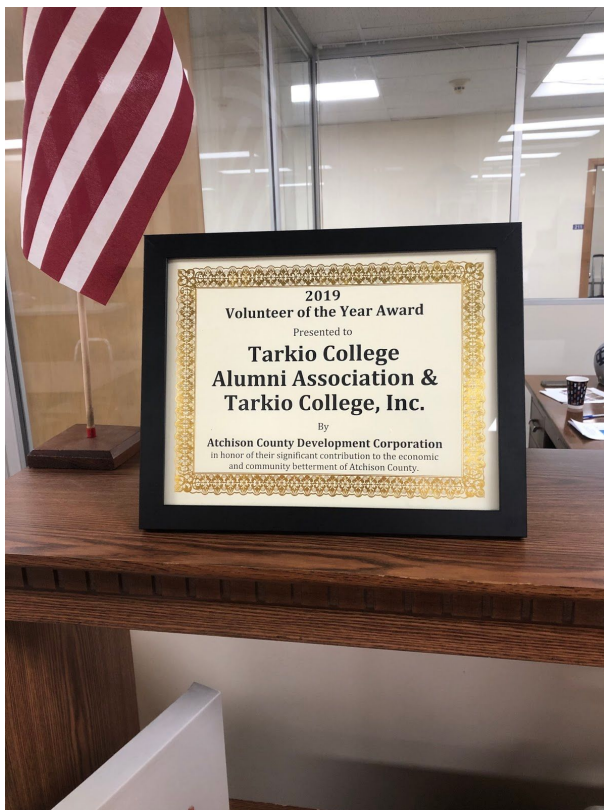
Thank you's must also go out to TC President Robert Hughes for his unrelenting drive to get our paperwork into the State for approval. His leadership and vision is what has made all of this happen. We know how much you hated not getting us to the finish line, but your health and that of Evva's finally had to take precedence over TC's needs. We are delighted you are now both doing better and that you continue to serve on the TCAA board.

I want to personally thank Phil Creighton for his most generous gift to TCAA in my honor. What a wonderful surprise!

This has been a year of change for TCAA, and we must admit some changes have been stressful. The financial burden of not owning the campus since we deeded it over to TC in March 2019 has stabilized our bottom line although we continue to need your dues for alumni activities such as Homecoming, publications, internet and office help.

We will be adding new alumni for the first time in over 28 years with the Tarkio Technology Institute (Tarkio Tech) student joining us! Exciting times! WELCOME!

Linda Brunk Smith '65



## Letter From the President of the Tarkio College Board of Directors

Dear TC alumni and friends,

What an exciting and challenging year this has been! The Tarkio College Board of Directors selected John Davis as Interim President in January 2019 and has moved forward in developing leadership and resources to further our efforts to reopen an educational institution on the TC campus. A key event was the agreement between TCAA and TC Boards to transfer ownership of the campus back to Tarkio College last March. Even more critical was the state certification process. An application to commence classes in technology areas was submitted at the end of 2018, with required revisions being made by Mr. Davis and Dr. John Fisher, V.P. of Academics/Programs. Final certification of two programs—plumbing and wind energy technology—was received in September, causing a delay in the beginning of classes until January 6, 2020. A welding technology program was submitted for state approval in November and is hoped to be ready for January as well. Preparations for these technology classes are at a fever pitch—renovating the lower level of Thompson Learning Center and the welding lab in the old heating plant. We will continue to expand programs, adding classes when the demand and finances allow.

Without the financial support of alumni and friends, as well as the incredible volunteer efforts of staff, none of this would have been possible. We are very grateful. The Founders Fund exceeded the initial goal of \$250,000 and progress has been made on the extended goal of \$500,000. These funds are earmarked for expenses related to reopening the school. Our current critical need is monthly operating expenses. To address these, a “Partnership Program” has been instituted. Our “Partners”—TC alumni and friends—designate an automatic monthly donation to be given toward operational expenses, such as insurance, utilities, maintenance, and office staff salaries. A small monthly donation by many would make a tremendous impact on allowing Tarkio Technology Institute to expand and thrive. Prayerfully consider becoming our “Partner”. Call the Tarkio Tech office at (660) 623-9071 or email to [info@tarkiotech.com](mailto:info@tarkiotech.com) for additional information.

**Don Jagger, '70, President/Chair, Tarkio College Board of Directors**

### Tarkio College, Tarkio Technology Institute, Tarkio Tech?

Are you confused? It is easy to be. Maybe we can help you out.

Tarkio College was founded in 1883 as a four-year liberal arts college with affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. In 1953, it was incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri as a not-for-profit institution and then received its 501(c)(3) status. In 1992, it went into bankruptcy and the corporation remained inactive until TCAA later reactivated its status and took control of TC. TCAA itself had become its own separate 501(c)(3) corporation in 1992 when the College ceased to be active. Two separate boards were formed although many of the same people served on both boards until 2019. Today each board is entirely separate although there are representatives on each board from the other board.

Tarkio College, under the leadership of then President Robert Hughes, and with the assistance of VP of Academics/Programs, Dr. John Fisher, began the arduous task of seeking reinstatement as an academic two-year institution with the idea of being an aid to those students who needed academic help in gaining admission to our local four year colleges as well as offering degree completion (AAS degrees) in certain limited areas. The goal was never to be in competition with NWMSU, MO Western etc, but to be a supplier to them with students who needed extra assistance for admission as well as degree completion in certain AAS areas. TC made an initial submission and that was later followed by an in-house inspection from the MO Department of Higher Education. As all suspected would happen, the State asked for more paperwork!

At about this same time, President Hughes began looking into adding a tech component since tech certification is faster and easier to obtain than academics with the hopes that certification in this area would in turn lead to a faster certification for the academic programs. As Bob and Dr. John were working on this new submission, Bob began having some health issues which resulted in the TC Board bringing on Johnnie Davis as his assistant. Johnnie is a retired high school guidance counselor with a real interest in tech training issues. Bob eventually had to resign in December 2018 because of his health. Johnnie was elevated to Interim President. The tech submission was completed by Dr. John and Interim President Johnnie. This submission was submitted under the name of Tarkio Technology Institute and was eventually approved in September 2019! Business is now being legally conducted under Tarkio College, doing business as Tarkio Technology Institute. Tarkio College remains a legal corporation. Tarkio Tech is a branding name similar to Mizzou being used for the University of Missouri.

Thank you to Bob, Dr. John and Johnnie for their persistence!

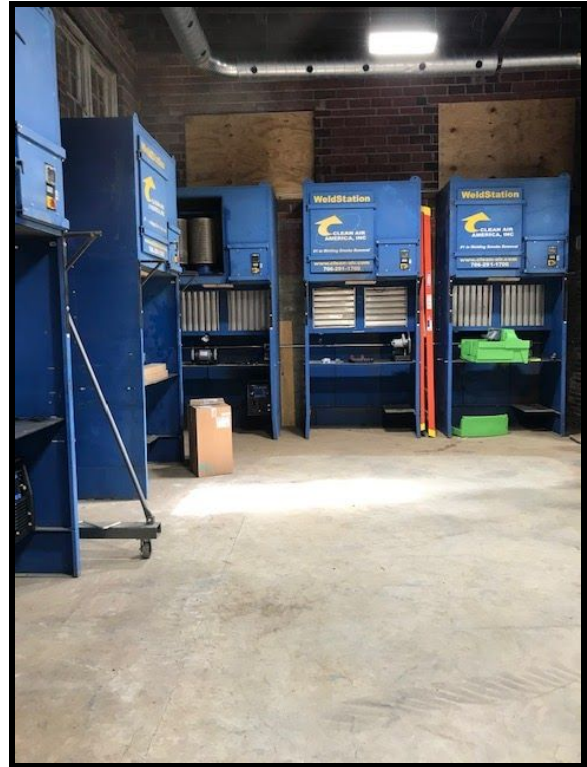
We hope this helps.

## Tarkio Technology Institute Opened January 6, 2020

Great News! The doors of Thompson Learning Center opened to welcome the first students of Tarkio Technology Institute on January 6, 2020. Opening classes available will be in welding, plumbing and wind technology. The old boiler building will house some classes. Additional areas of study hope to be added in the fall such as computer tech, HVAC, and emergency management. TCAA, under the guidance of Roger Claypool '76, is working on rules for adding new alumni to our base.



**First Student of Tarkio Technology Institute**



**Welding Stations**

## Dedication of Flag at Tarkio Activity Center:

The Flag at the Tarkio Activity Center (formerly Schechter Gym) was dedicated in memory of Rick Martin. Rick was a well-known local athlete and worked the chain gang with HoF'er George Barnett at Tarkio College football games.

## Memories - Some Sad, Some Happy!

The February 21, 2019 Atchison County Mail (Tarkio Avalanche) featured an extensive article on the fire that destroyed our beloved Mule Barn thirty years ago on February 19, 1989. Many alumni and townspeople shared their fond memories. What Bob McCoy '65 started as a dream at Tarkio High School in 1967 turned into a renowned area theatre loved and missed by so many. What a loss to all of us.

The Memories Column in the Mail in March 2019 featured a brief that the play "You Can't Take It With You" was playing at the Mule Barn on March 13, 1969, and the Alpha Lambda Sigma fraternity was sponsoring a gala and dinner party following the performance. The men of Alpha Sig have always been our most loyal supporters, and we thank them.

# Homecoming Weekend 2020!

## June 26-28, 2020

Honor Classes: 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990

### News and Views from Fellow Alumni:

Diane Neal Stevenson '51 writes that she is glad to read all of our "good news."

Kay Roberts Bromert '65 received the Region 5 Spirit Award from the Sweet Adelines! You go, girl!

Dr. Phillip Creighton '67 wrote: "Please find enclosed a contribution to the Alumni Association in recognition of all that Linda Brunk Smith has done to vitalize and sustain TCAA. I would appreciate you recording this contribution in Linda's name as a token of my admiration and gratitude for her dedication and devotion to an institution that I continue to fondly remember. Thank you and best wishes." LINDA BRUNK SMITH '65 THANKS PHIL FOR HIS GENEROSITY!

Stephen Reid '68 has been mayor of Point Pleasant Beach, NJ and is running for re-election.

Larry Schwimmer '69 wrote that he was sorry to miss his 50th reunion. He also informed us his son had recently been awarded a Fulbright.

Lowell Wilhite '72 ran for the Board of Directors of the Mutual 1st Federal Credit Union. Unfortunately we don't know how the election turned out. Lowell is also an award winning BBQ'er and was featured in the May 29th Omaha Magazine.

Mike Vagnino '72 Is an award winning knife maker.

Linda Campaigne '73 emailed us that she survived the Dallas tornadoes in June! Great!!

Charlie Parker '73 was inducted into the Greater Kansas City Boys and Girls Clubs Hall of Fame in May. Always a leader, Charlie

Sam Dubin '75 sent us an Easter card. Thanks, Sam.

Sheila Dunbar '87 has a new job. She is now a contractor at the Farm Bureau. Congrats, Sheila!

Phillip Michael (Mick) Howery '88 has been named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Arcola, IL Rotary Club and has also earned his student pilot's license. Proud of you.

Margo Byrne '90 is now president and CEO of the Channel Islands YMCA. Way to go, Margo!

Jane Spencer '90 has been a realtor for RE/MAX for five years and loves it.

TC received a gift of used office furniture from several sources for which they are grateful. Many locals helped with the move.

Do you enjoy reading about others? Share your news with us please.

### Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

T.J. Horton and spouse celebrated 20 years on May 29, 2019. She and her husband were also recently featured on TV in Kansas City during the holiday season for their tradition of open houses when they feed the officers in blue on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Thank You TJ for making us proud!

Jesse Ray Martinez '92 and Annette Salazar '91 celebrated 15 years on May 29, 2019.

Chip and Angela McIntosh Sherman '80 celebrated 40 years of marriage on June 1, 2019. Angela's mother and father, Barbara Enarson '54 and Ray McIntosh '51 celebrated their 65th in 2019 also! Amazing!!

Congratulations to Gina Borgmeyer Keppler '89 and spouse on number 30 on June 10, 2019.

Wayne '71 and Karen Gelston celebrated number 40 on June 9, 2019. Congratulations to our former president and his spouse. Thank you to both for all you have done for TCAA.



Jim '64 and Carole Smith '65 Taylor celebrated 50 years on June 29, 2019. Congratulations, my friends!

July 9, 2019 marked the 25th anniversary of Lyn Muir Simmons and her spouse.

Former Board Member and HoF'er Ron '89 and Dina Garza '91 Pratt celebrated their 30th on July 22, 2019.

Current Board Member David Womack and his wife celebrated their 25th on October 15, 2019.

Best wishes to all. Your editor has gleaned most of these from Facebook, so I hope she has caught them correctly. Help me out by sending news directly to me at [tcaa@tarkio.net](mailto:tcaa@tarkio.net)

## Retirements and New Beginnings:

Jeff Dalbey '76 retired from Knit Rite after 43 years in March 2019.

Barney Farley '88 retired as Tarkio postmaster on December 20, 2019 with 34 years of service. Barney currently serves on the Tarkio College board as parliamentarian.

## Births:

Mike '73 and Annette Perry are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Reagan Ameera Perry on August 9, 2019. Her parents are Adam and April Perry. Welcome to the Owl's nest baby Reagan.

Carol Ingle Berger '91 welcomed her first grandchild, Cheyenne Nichole Ray, on December 28, 2019. Cheyenne's parents are Brittan and Trent Ray. Another Owlette!

## Obituaries:

**Monte Tubb Jr (Faculty) Eugene**, OR, died June 30, 2016. He taught music at TC in the 1960's.

**Thomas G. Simmons Jr.**, '?', Rochester, MN, died December 21, 2018. He was a WWII veteran, and he farmed and owned an implement dealership when living in Tarkio.

**Richard Henstorf '69**, Corning, IA, died January 5, 2019. He had a varied career working with children and had helped establish the MA State Office of Children.

**Lloyd Wayne Gayler**, '57, Holden, MO, died January 24, 2019. He had worked in construction and carpentry. He was a devoted member of the Grover Park Baptist Church.

**The Rev. Bernarr L. Rhoades '58**, Gilbertsville, PA, died January 26, 2019. He was an ordained minister.

**Alle E. Redfern**, age 99, Overland Park, KS, passed away February 20, 2019. She had worked in food service at the College.

**Paul R. Osborne**, '60, Ft. Branch, IN, died March 1 2019. He was a Hall of Fame member as a football player. He had taught and coached for many years.

**Derrick C. Bailey**, '?', Washington, DC. We are unable to verify the date of death, but services were held March 16, 2019. He was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

**Deva M. Marrs**, age 89, Tarkio, MO, passed away April 9, 2019. She had worked in the cafeteria and at the snack bar at the College for many years.

**Wilberta E. Smith**, '?', Tempe, AZ, passed away on April 17, 2019. She had been a teacher serving Native American schools.

**Lorraine Emily Carothers Riley**, '57, Springfield, MO, passed away April 24, 2019. As an Army spouse and Christian she taught Sunday school etc wherever she lived and helped coach many sports also.

**Stanley B. Yates**, '67, Princeton, NJ, died May 24, 2019. He had held various positions at the Princeton University Library. He was an avid music lover also.

**Robert V. Schaefer**, '65, Heyworth, IL, died July 7, 2019. He was a musician, woodworker, and model railroader.

**Robert Jack Mehaffey, '47**, Tarkio, MO, died July 21, 2019. Jack had a beautiful voice and sang in the TC Men's Quartet and shared his musical gifts with all in the Tarkio area and at Tarkio Presbyterian. He was a member of the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a lifetime farmer and active in civic and church life. He is survived by many TC alumni including his sister, Maxine, and daughters, Linda, Susan and Karen and their spouses.

**Marcus Browder, '88**, Huston, TX, died August 2, 2019. He was a member of the Hall of Fame in track and field.. We are unaware of his life's work.

**John H. Wilcox Jr, '60**, Tarkio, MO, died August 7, 2019. John was a life-time educator, retiring as the principal of Tarkio Elementary. He shared his vocal talents with his church, Tarkio Methodist, as well as the community. He loved animals and gardening.

**Michael P. McMillan, '74**, Fairview, KS, died September 4, 2019. He was the youngest of the "McMillan Boys"—David and Harry. He was a Vietnam Veteran and a member of the VFW and American Legion. He worked for Pioneer Hi-Bred International Seed Company for many years as district sales manager. He had also owned Smoke's Tavern in Sabetha, KS.

**Kenton S. Krusor, '63**, Withrop, IA, died September 14, 2019. He taught physics and coached football and golf. He was a Mason and Shriner and a member of the Church of Christ United.

**David Lawrence Beckwith, '75**, Wheatridge, CO, died September 17, 2019. He had been a chef, dancer and educator.

**The Blankes: Henry and Phyllis (Faculty)**, Lincoln, NE. Henry died on September 14, 2019 and Phyllis passed on September 20. What a love couple! They were speech and drama instructors at TC (1959-1961) and remained loyal to us all their lives. They also formed the Brownville Village Theatre in Brownville, NE after leaving Tarkio.

**Ronald "Dutch" Kinsey, '59**, Omaha, NE, died September 20, 2019. He was a former minister and had worked at Boys' Town.

**Daniel P. Boylan '79**, Millersville, PA, died November 5, 2019. We do not have information about his life's work. While at TC, he was a hurdler and played basketball.

**Lucretia K. Fahsler Baurcom, '84**, Tarkio, MO, passed away November 8, 2019. She was a CNA working at various local hospitals.

**Sharron Glee Brown**, age 77, Tarkio, MO, passed away December 6, 2019. She had worked in food service at the College.

**Allen F. Reynolds, '60**, Greenwood, MO, died December 11, 2019. Al was a charter member of the Tarkio College Athletic Hall of Fame and its last surviving member. He played professional football 1960-1967 with the Dallas Texans and the Kansas City Chiefs. After leaving football, he farmed and was an operating engineer. He had served as a board member for the Tarkio College Alumni Association and loyally helped with alumni activities in the Kansas City area. His grandson, Charlie, won our scholarship award several years ago. He had also served his community as an Alderman and Mayor Pro-Tem. He loved fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Diane '63, and a large, loving and talented family. We will miss you, Big Al.

## Bricks and Memorials 2019/2020

Muriel Sugar Tosh - 1971  
Clarence "Doc" Stull - 1961  
Ruth Seim - 1961  
Linda Brunk Smith - 1965  
Bobby "Elvis" Prestly - 1976  
Terry Brooks Mason - 1962  
Donalyn Sasso Marchio  
Michael Marchio - 1969  
Steve Shields - 1969  
Wayne Pawelczyk - 1977  
Esther Taggart Kremer - 1985

The above bricks are already in place, the following names are scheduled to be installed this spring/summer:

Jerry Pettit - 1971  
Zelma Schechter - 1960-70  
Dr. W.M. Schechter - President 1960-70  
Hobart Lewis - 1940  
George Lewis - 1942  
Charles Kellenbarger - 1958  
John David Terry II - 1974  
Gloria Martinez Terry - 1974  
Tanya Thomas - 1978

### MEMORIALS/HONOR DONATIONS

John Wilcox '60 by Linda Brunk Smith '65  
Jack Mehaffey '47 by Linda Brunk Smith '65  
Dr. & Mrs. Henry Blanke by Linda Brunk Smith '65  
Muriel Sugar Tosh '71 by Mike Perry '74  
Linda Brunk Smith '65 by Phil Creighton '67  
Al Reynolds '60 by Janet Marti Cook '69  
Al Reynolds '60 by Linda Brunk Smith '65

## HOW TO USE PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD FOR DUES/DONATIONS

1. Go to our website, [www.tarkioalumni.org](http://www.tarkioalumni.org)
2. On the left side of your screen, click on "company matching gifts." This option is also open to smaller individual donations and transactions.
3. Enter the desired amount and choose PayPal or credit card - you also have the option below the amount donated for any special instructions, for example a memorial, etc.
4. If you have a PayPal account follow that procedure - for a credit card/debit card enter your information
5. You have the option of sharing your address information with TCAA
6. After you have entered all the required information - click "donate now"
7. The system will then tell you that you have donated \$\_\_\_ to TCAA.

For matching gifts our **EIN is 43-1617012**

TCAA-Statement of Financial Position  
(Includes unrealized gains of \$3533)  
6/30/2019

ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		\$15,526
Inventory		\$675
Memorabilia	\$15,774	
Printer, Computer, fax	\$7,756	
zAccumulated Dpr	<u>-\$23,530</u>	
TOTAL Other Assets		\$0
Investments		<u>\$29,545</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$45,746</u></u>
Fund Balance		
Tarkio College Fund Escrow		\$0 *
TCAA Fund Balance		\$45,746

TCAA Statement of Activities  
7/1/2018 Through 6/30/2019

Inflows		
Contributions Gifts Grants	\$14,934	
Dues	\$10,512	
Rental Income	\$3,000	
Net Sales	\$498	
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gain	<u>\$1,467</u>	
Total Inflows		\$30,411
Outflows		
Bank, License, Officers Ins. and Office fees	\$2,655	
Depreciation	\$0	
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$16,595	
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$2,649	
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$2,606	
Student Scholarships & Donations	<u>\$2,225</u>	
Total Outflows		<u>\$26,730</u>
OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS		<u><u>\$3,681</u></u>
Change in UnrlzdGain		\$534
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		<u><u>\$4,215</u></u>
*TC funds held in escrow 6/18/18 (transferred to TC August 2018 )		\$16,000