

## Alumni of Distinction Assembly!

### FEATURING OUR OWN to MOTIVATE OUR OWN

Our goal with this program is to offer our students positive role models that graduated from our wonderful school, Hancock Place School District. I started this program in allowing only chosen students of distinction to attend and listen to alumni guest speaker; however, two years ago I changed the program to include the entire student body and to give more attention to the success of each alumnus in which allows a larger number of students to be reached. In the four years that we have hosted this event we have been honored by many speakers; however, all of them are not listed below because the program was different. I am asking that those of you not listed below to follow the new format for your speech found in the other attachment as you accept my invitation to be one of our guest speakers. It is most likely that if you spoke to our students 2-4 years ago that the majority of your audience has moved on to the high school and we would appreciate your appearance once again now that the program reaches more students and is much better organized. Our speakers for the last two years included the following:

<u>Last 2 Years' Alumni of Distinction</u>	<u>Class of</u>	<u>Profession</u>
<b><u>2005-06:</u></b>		
Bill Collier	1973	Business Entrepreneur
Ken Nix	1976	Internet Crimes Detective
Emily Titov	1993	Phlebotomist
Ray Barnett	1994	Body Builder
Bridget (Barnett) Fusco	1998	Cosmetologist
Amy Faulkner	1999	Body Builder
Spencer Storey	1999	Teacher
Crystal (Pingleton) Franke	2001	Journalist
*Sergeant Amanda Pinson	2002	Army Cryptologist
<b><u>2006-07:</u></b>		
Nelson Sinclair	1950	President of HP Alumni/ CPR/Bus Sup.
"Cotton" Irvin Schaeffer	1951	Lemay Fire Department Chief
Roger Brodbeck	1954	Hancock Place School Superintendent
Fred Kratky	1960	State Representative
Bob Keeling	1975	Hancock Place High Teacher/Coach
Jim Keeling	1976	Hancock Place Middle Teacher
Debra Kyle	1983	Hancock Place Elementary Principal
Officer Michael Schira	1992	STL County Police Officer
Antoinette Dismuke	1993	Manager of Fontbonne Food Services
Michael Dittrich	1994	Hancock Place Elementary Asst. Principal
Amanda Nevois	1998	Army Sergeant
Amy Keith	2000	Development Officer for Sigma Sigma Sigma
Adis Avdic	2003	Logan Chiropractic School
Officer Erica Ellebracht	2003	STL Metropolitan Police Officer

\*Honorary Alumnus of Distinction Award presented to her parents for her ultimate sacrifice as she was killed in Tikrit, Iraq, on March 16, 2006.

Please understand that we are not able to include everyone this year. September is open for those of you that would be willing to speak. We give a survey to students to seek their interests in career choices to determine speakers. We also try to mix it up as far as race, sex and graduation year of speakers. Please rank the dates in the other attachment by your availability and I will gladly get back to you in order to solidify our schedules together.

I also understand that some of you no longer live nearby, so I would be honored if you would send me your speech. I may share it at an assembly or display it in our Alumni Bulletin Board for all to see. All of you in the armed services- God Bless You and may God return you home safely to your loved ones.

Thank you,

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