

Cherokee Award Dinner
To Benefit The
Ed Malin Scholarship Fund



July 23, 2012

Aqua Sol Restaurant & Bar

Bear, Delaware

PROGRAM

6:00 – 7:00

Cocktails

7:00 – 8:00

Dinner

8:00

Introductions

A word about the Ed Malin Scholarship

Outstanding Teacher Award

Cherokee Award

Closing Remarks

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OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Rob Naylor

As principal at the Conrad Schools of Science, I have had the opportunity to observe Mr. Naylor not only as a science teacher but also as a coach, director, advisor, and overall leader within the school. Mr. Naylor is an exceptional teacher and a vital member of the Conrad community. His classroom is driven by questions rather than answers and he utilizes inquiry-based units which require students to think at higher levels. I observed Mr. Naylor and his students in the midst of a lesson on density. Students were organizing the density of liquids by dragging them into a cylinder on the Smartboard, placing the most dense at the bottom and least dense at the top. Later in the lesson, he had his students consider the Titanic and why it was able to float even with the weight of the steel. All students were engaged. As a high school teacher, Mr. Naylor has empowered students through his development of 21st Century Digital Media, our most popular high school elective course. He has strategically divided the course into four student-centered, project-driven units- Web 2.0 Tools, Photography & Technology, Video & Technology, and Broadcasting. Students in this course take immense pride in their work and have produced most of the marketing media promoting Conrad. The most recent project from these students has been the weekly news, video broadcast in our main lobby daily. Beyond his teaching assignment, Mr. Naylor contributes to Conrad more than most staff members. He has developed both the high school drama program and volleyball team from their inceptions and each has amongst the highest rates of student involvement in the school. This is a testament to the belief and respect students have for Mr. Naylor. Additionally, Mr. Naylor is our tenth grade class advisor and one of our liaisons to Conrad's Alumni Association. Although Mr. Naylor's professional qualities stand on their own merit, a letter on his behalf would be incomplete without mentioning his personality. Rob is quite simply one of the most compassionate and conscientious people with whom I have ever worked.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Pruitt, Jr.

Principal

CHEROKEE AWARD

Outstanding Conrad Alumnus

R.W. “Buck” Simperts Class of 1965

Buck has always been dedicated to the profession of Architecture, as well as the Wilmington community, since he chooses it as his lifelong endeavor. He served as board member of AIA DE in the early 1990s and as President of AIA DE from 1996 – 1997. Through the AIA Buck has served as an advocate of the architecture profession and championed architects' future by enhancing public belief in the value of design. He has also been recognized by his fellow architects as achieving design excellence and outstanding professional achievement. As a registered Architect for over 30 years, Buck and his company, BSA+A, have worked with and designed numerous Elementary, Middle, and High Schools in school districts in DE, PA, MD, NJ, and NY. The schools have given students a higher quality working environment. Schools are the primary focus and passion in his career. While he could have chosen more lucrative projects, this passion has always kept him focused on schools. He has been a professional mentor and teacher at BSA+A for many younger professionals entering the profession of Architecture. He takes time to nurture their careers while helping them understand what it takes to have a successful career in Architecture. Another notable achievement in his career was being chosen to design the Court House building in Wilmington. Secondly, Buck is equally known for his willingness to help with whatever needs to be done in the community. Buck served as a volunteer teaching mentor to students at Ferris School for Boys from 2002 – 2010. Buck's first degree was education so he has a passion for helping all types of students. He has been a Rotarian for over 20 years. The Rotary Club of Wilmington, provides service to others, promotes high ethical standards, and advances world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. He has offered council and support to Governors, State and local Senators and others in public service and those from the community. Finally, he is in a select group of people who are so proud to have been graduates of Conrad. When he talks about his career he talks gratefully about the teachers who mentored him enough to make sure he graduated and succeeded going forward. He is an outstanding advocate not just for what Conrad was but also for what Conrad is becoming, having worked tirelessly over the last three years leading the challenging process of forming and guiding the Conrad Alumni Association.

ROBERT J. ANDRZEJEWSKI, Ed.D

Conrad Alumni Association
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June 23, 2012

Dear Friends:

It is my privilege and honor to support the nomination of Buck Simperts for the 2012 **Outstanding Conrad Alumnus** award. I have known Buck for over 30 years as both a friend and professional colleague and during that time he has exemplified the **Love and Honor** creed that Conradians have embraced in both their work and volunteer efforts throughout the community.

Buck's list of accomplishments throughout his professional career and personal endeavors is too lengthy to identify in this letter but one of his most important contributions to the Conrad community has been his commitment to support the return of Conrad as a high school – a journey that began about 8 years ago.

During my tenure as Superintendent of the Red Clay Consolidated School District, I had the privilege of working closely with Buck who volunteered his time to help me and the Red Clay team develop a plan to transform Conrad into a grade 6 to 12 school with career pathways in biomedical science and allied health. Buck served as one of my advisors on several key components of the project plan for the opening of the Conrad Schools of Science. Throughout the planning and implementation process, Buck consistently supported the inclusion of the Conrad High School traditions of the past as we developed a new culture and program for the Conrad High School traditions of today.

The Conrad Alumni should be proud of Buck's commitment and leadership in support of the Conrad Schools of Science as well as to his efforts to enhance the work of the Conrad Alumni throughout the years. Buck is truly deserving of this special Outstanding Alumnus Award. The Conrad community will forever remember him for his dedicated commitment to the Love and Honor creed that has been part of his spirit since he attended Conrad a few years ago.

Thank you for your time and good luck in your efforts to identify this year's Outstanding Conrad Alumnus. GO REDSKINS!

Sincerely,

Robert J. Andrzejewski, Ed.D

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July 2, 2012

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Gentlemen:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write this letter to support the nomination of Buck Simperts at the 2012 Outstanding Conrad Alumnus. I have had the opportunity to personally know and work with Buck for over 25 years.

My association with Buck began professionally as we were both members of the Board of Governors of the University & Whist Club. Over our twelve years of service on the board, I gained a first-hand insight into his capabilities. The reason we worked closely was that our Club had a fire which severely damaged the facility. Buck offered his skills to the Club as part of the restoration process. We are very grateful to him for his unselfish service.

In the community, his firm, BSA+A, has always been generous assisting those in need throughout the state. He has unselfishly provided counsel to governors, senators, and mayors and a number of elected officials over the past thirty years. His counsel is sought and appreciated.

Buck has always remained connected to his roots and proudly tells all that he is a Conrad graduate. He was also very instrumental in the "rebirth" of the Conrad School of Science. All at Conrad should be proud to call him alumni. He has proudly been a member of the alumni for many years.

I am confident that his collective body of work since graduation uniquely qualifies him for this honor. Thank you for this opportunity to submit this letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Yacyshyn

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