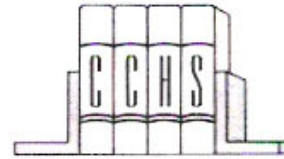




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*Haven't You Heard...*

## CCHS Distinguished Alumnus Wesley Gibson

By Lauren Baity, Multimedia Student



Wesley Gibson and his wife Linda, in a picture taken at the Hall of Achievement and Hall of Service Induction Ceremony.

Wesley Jay Gibson is a 1975 Carbondale Community High School (CCHS) graduate, and is anything but extraordinary. While attending CCHS, Gibson was a strong leader and always strove to do his very best. Throughout his high school career Gibson was the main student athletic manager and spent 3 years as student representative. Gibson was also inducted into the National Honor

Society for his junior and senior year.

After CCHS, Gibson attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where he obtained a B.S. degree in Accounting. From 1981-1990, Gibson was in charge of building the operational consulting practice for the Chicago Office of Arthur Andersen & Co.'s Special Services Group. During his tenure, he built the practice into the largest and most profitable in the world within Arthur Andersen's operational consulting group.

From 1990 to 2001, Wes was the Founder and Managing Partner of Gibson & Associates, Inc. With his expertise, Gibson was able to expand his consulting firm from one person to more than 180 professionals with offices in Chicago, Tampa, and London. In 2001, Gibson sold his company to begin focusing on operational consulting in manufacturing.

After selling his company, Gib-

son became a Founder and the Managing Partner of Gibson Consulting, LLC. Gibson and his company focuses their consulting on 4 key areas of manufacturing. Gibson has spent the last 25 years working for a wide variety of Fortune 500 and private equity clients within the Target Industries. As Gibson has continued to grow in his professional life, he has made a name for himself which some people only dream of.

As in his professional life, Gibson's personal life has also been a success. He and his wife Linda reside in Hinsdale, Illinois, and have four children: Christopher, Michael, John and Frances. Gibson and his family enjoy traveling together, especially to their cabin in Minnesota.

Since graduating in 1975, Gibson has continued his support of CCHS by being a charter member of the CCHS Education Foundation Board of Directors, past Chairman of the Board, and a generous supporter of the CCHS Education Foundation. CCHS would not be what it is today if it weren't for people like Wesley Gibson.



Wesley Gibson's senior yearbook picture.



## *Haven't You Heard...*

# **Mr. Steve Murphy To Take Over for Mr. Steve Sabens as the New CCHS Superintendent**

By Shannon Simmons, Multimedia Student



CCHS retiring Superintendent, Steve Sabens.

The 2010-2011 school year will be Mr. Steven R. Sabens's last year as the Superintendent of Carbondale Community High School District 165. Mr. Steve Murphy will take over the role of Superintendent effective July 1,

2011.

Sabens has served as Superintendent of District 165 since 1994. He began his educational career in 1971 and upon his retirement, Sabens will have completed 40 years in education, 17 of those years as District 165's Superintendent. During his exceptional career, Sabens has performed at all levels in education: Mathematics and Physics Teacher, Department Chair, Assistant Principal, Principal and Superintendent.

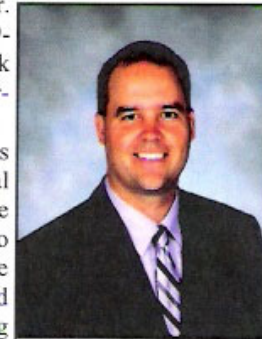
As District 165's Superintendent, many believe the highlight of his career is the construction of the new high school. In announcing his retirement, Sabens said "It has been a distinct honor, on both a personal and professional level, to have had the opportunity to serve as the Superintendent of Carbondale Community High School District 165. I have had the pleasure of serving with outstanding Boards of Education and I sincerely appreciate

the support I have received over the years." Mr. Sabens will be missed by CCHS and the entire community.

As Sabens is set to end his Superintendency, Murphy is prepared to begin his. Murphy began his career as a chemical engineer for Archer Daniels Midland in 1994. After deciding on a career change, Murphy started teaching chemistry at CCHS during the 2002-2003 school year.

While teaching at CCHS, Murphy was also an assistant football coach for 5 years. Climbing up the ladder, he accepted the role of Assistant Principal for CCHS in the 2007-2008 school year. Subsequently, in the 2009-2010 school year, Murphy took over as Principal for the retiring Vicky King.

One of the biggest changes that Murphy made as Principal was to get faculty to use more technology and less paper to communicate within the school. He has also continued in the initiative of making CCHS a very positive place for students, faculty, staff, parents, and the community. After serving a successful 2 years as principal for CCHS, Murphy will now take the place of Sabens as Superintendent. Congratulations to Mr. Murphy.



CCHS Principal and incoming Superintendent, Steve Murphy.

## *Congratulations to Mr. Sabens and Mr. Murphy!*



On the left: Mr. Sabens and Mr. Steve Kosco enjoy the company at the Education Foundation Gala.

On the right: Mr. Murphy, along with his wife, Erinn (far right) and Barbara Levine (far left) pose for a picture at the Education Foundation Gala.



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A crowd of people look on at the Induction Ceremony as the Hall of Achievement and Hall of Service inductees are recognized.



Many attendees make their bids at the Silent Auction at the Gala event Saturday evening.



Attendees go through one of the many food lines at the Gala event Saturday evening.



Hall of Achievement and Hall of Service inductees and their families watch the Terrier football game.



The Gala attendees enjoy the beautiful evening and scenery at Pine Manor.



The Gala attendees take pleasure in good food, atmosphere, and conversation.

## Hall of Achievement and Hall of Service Nominations

The Hall of Achievement recognizes graduates who have accomplished distinguished records in their chosen fields of endeavor, over a substantial period of time. The Hall of Service recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to CCHS.

Those desiring to put forward the names of individuals for recognition in the Hall of Achievement or Hall of Service can submit nominations to the superintendent's Administrative Office.

Forms for this purpose can be obtained from the Office at 330 S. Giant City Road in Carbondale (618) 457-4722. Forms can also be obtained by going to <http://cchsterriers.com/> and clicking on Hall of Achievement and Service.

## Students Involved with the Creation of the Newsletter

As a project, students of the CCHS Multimedia Class design the Education Foundation newsletter. Creating the foundation newsletter gives the class a valuable hands-on experience that they are able to translate into the business world.

Students relate how classroom activities such as writing, photography, scanning photos, editing, and layout apply to the real world.

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## Haven't You Heard...

# CCHS Education Foundation Halls of Achievement & Service Induction Ceremony

Friday, August 27, 2010 marked the official unveiling of the Halls of Achievement and Service. Nine distinguished and accomplished CCHS alumni were named to the Hall of Achievement and twenty-two distinguished and generous CCHS supporters were named to the Hall of Service.

The night began with the inductees and their families being welcomed into CCHS by CCHS Student Senate members. The inductees posed for a picture and mingled with each other until the ceremony began. When the induction ceremony started, the inductees were honored by CCHS Education Foundation Board Chairman David Coracy. All inductees were recognized during a presentation that paid tribute to their specific accomplishments or service. After the inductees were acknowledged, the actual Halls of Achievement and Service were unveiled.

The Halls of Achievement and Service consist of wooden presentation murals with plaques that include each inductee's name. These murals hang just outside of the CCHS cafeteria and were designed by CCHS art teacher, Frances Swedlund.

After the induction ceremony, the inductees and their families were invited into the CCHS cafeteria for dinner, consisting of lasagna, green beans, salad, rolls, and strawberry shortcake. The appetizing dinner was provided by the CCHS cooks and was served by CCHS FCCLA and FBLA student members and their sponsors.

When dinner was over, inductees were ushered to Frank Bleyer Field to watch the CCHS Terrier football team take on the Murphysboro Red Devils. Inductees and their families sat in a special roped off section on the CCHS track and watched the Terriers beat the Red Devils 23-12. During half-time, the inductees were recognized with a brief summary of their achievements or services. Overall, the first installation of inductees into the Halls of Achievement and Service was a huge success.



Barbara Levine, Hall of Achievement inductee, proudly stands next to a poster that depicts her career accomplishments.



Dr. Kevin Accola, Hall of Achievement inductee, accepts a congratulatory pin from David Coracy, Education Foundation Chairman.



Mr. Steve Sabens is pleasantly surprised to learn of his induction into the Hall of Service.



Halls of Achievement and Service inductees and their friends and family enjoy dinner in the CCHS cafeteria after the Induction Ceremony.



The wooden presentation murals created by CCHS art teacher, Frances Swedlund. On the left is the Hall of Service mural and on the right is the Hall of Achievement mural.





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## *Haven't You Heard...* CCHS Hall of Achievement

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**Tom Isbell:** Mr. Isbell graduated from CCHS in 1976. He received his BFA in 1980 from the University of Illinois, and his MFA from the Yale School of Drama in 1984.

As an actor, Mr. Isbell has worked opposite Robert DeNiro, Ed Harris, Helen Hunt, Lynn Redgrave, Hal Holbrook and Anne Bancroft. His film credits include True Lies, the Abyss and 84 Charing Cross Road. Mr. Isbell was a TV series regular in Behind Enemy Lines and AfterMASH, and has guest starred in the Father Dowling Mysteries, LA Law, Designing Women and the Golden Girls.

His theatre performances include Postcards of Kennedy, Me and JFK, My Life and Baseball, Arsenic and Old Lace and The Nerd. Mr. Isbell has also acted in several national product commercials.

As a Professor of Theatre at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, Mr. Isbell has received several distinguished teacher and scholar of the year awards. His most recent play, Teddy Roosevelt and the Treasure of Ursa Major, opened at the Kennedy Center in 2006 and completed a 4 month national tour in 2008. The foreword of the book based on the play was written by former First Lady Laura Bush.



Tom Isbell

**Dr. David Kenney:** Dr. Kenney was born in Carbondale, attended Brush Grade School, Lincoln Junior High School and graduated from CCHS in 1940. He graduated from SIU, received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Illinois and returned to Carbondale and SIU to begin a career in teaching.

Dr. Kenney's accomplishments are innumerable. He is a professor and an author. Dr. Kenney served as Acting Dean of the SIU Graduate School, Delegate to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention, and was twice named Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He has served on countless church and community committees. Dr. Kenney served two terms as President of the Carbondale Lions Club. The David Kenney Award, presented by the Lions Club annually, recognizes an area citizen who best exemplifies the spirit of patriotism, dedication and service toward making our country, our state, and our community a better place to live, work, and enjoy.

He was a charter member of the CCHS Education Foundation Board of Directors and helped establish the CCHS Class of 1940 Scholarship Fund. A political scientist by education, Dr. Kenney had great concern and knowledge of conservation, and to that end helped establish the Fish Hatcheries and Green Earth of Carbondale.



Dr. David Kenney

**Barbara Goldstein Levine:** Mrs. Levine graduated from CCHS in 1955. She credits her education at CCHS for preparing her for her studies at the University of Wisconsin and Northwestern University.

Mrs. Levine's professional career of more than 40 years has centered on the works of John Dewey. As senior editor at the SIU Dewey Center, she has numerous publications to her credit.

In addition to serving as an advisor for students at SIU, Mrs. Levine has served the students of CCHS through CCHS Operation Prom and the CCHS Sports Boosters. She has served as a Board Member or Officer of the CCHS Music Boosters and Carbondale Junior Sports. Mrs. Levine has also served as Historian and past president for her synagogue, and has been actively involved with the University of Illinois Mothers Association, the American Association of University Women, the SIU Women's Club and countless others.

Perhaps Mrs. Levine's greatest contribution has been serving on the CCHS Board of Education for 19 years, the last 10 as its President. She was closely involved in the construction of the new high school and was an integral part of the Carbondale Community Arts Artworks in Schools Committee, which played a vital role in the sculpture that adorns the CCHS entryway.

She continues to be involved by serving on several boards and committees, which include the McLeod Summer Theatre, the Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees, the Poshard Foundation and her college sorority foundation.



Barbara Goldstein-  
Levine



## Haven't You Heard...

### O'Neal Family Establishes Scholarship

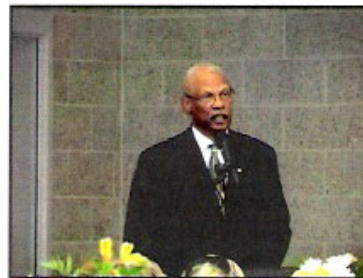
During the excitement of the Induction Ceremony of the CCHS Halls of Achievement and Service, Dr. Wendell O'Neal announced that his family was endowing a \$15,000 scholarship to the CCHS Education Foundation.

Dr. O'Neal, a Hall of Achievement inductee, was a 1960 Attucks High School graduate. Dr. O'Neal reflected on his family moving to Carbondale because it was a college town and it would enable himself and his siblings to attend college and live at home, a move he felt

blessed by because he was able to attend Attucks, which he felt was like a family.

Dr. O'Neal also expounded on the importance his parents, John and Rosetta, placed on education. Both of Dr. O'Neal's parents were teachers and taught in the Attucks school system.

Because of their commitment to education, Dr. O'Neal and his family bestowed the \$15,000 to the CCHS Education Foundation. This generous donation is to establish the John and Rosetta Scholarship Fund.



Dr. Wendell O'Neal announcing the endowment of the John and Rosetta O'Neal Family Scholarship Fund.

### Education Foundation Gala Benefits CCHS

On Saturday, August 28, 2010, the Education Foundation continued its Gala weekend to raise funds for the CCHS Education Foundation and to honor the Halls of Achievement and Service inductees, with a golf scramble and Gala dinner party.



Attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner at the CCHS Gala held at Pine Manor.

The golf scramble was held at the Jackson County Country Club and organized by Ms. Vicky King. The field was full with 25 teams competing.



Attendees enjoyed live music under the gazebo.

On Saturday night after the golf scramble, more than 500 guests attended the Foundation Gala's main event. Attendees were

treated to a myriad of delights at Pine Manor, an estate belonging to the illustrious Wesley Gibson.

An exquisite dinner and drinks were served. Live music was provided and a dance floor was constructed for the event. The attendees enjoyed marvelous ice sculptures and absolutely beautiful surroundings.



Beautiful ice sculptures decorated many of the tables at the Gala.

A silent auction was held, and with private donations, the event raised well over \$75,000. The perfect evening was capped by a thunderous onslaught of fireworks.

The goal of the entire Gala weekend was to raise funds for the high school and to make people excited to share in the entire CCHS community. The Gala was the biggest fundraiser in the high school's history. Special thanks to all who made this wonderful event possible. For more pictures on the Gala weekend, please visit the Terrier website at <http://www.cchs165.jacksn.k12.il.us/Events/Yr1011/GalaWeekend/Gala2010Index.htm>.



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## **CCHS Education Foundation Thank You**

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Dear CCHS Alumni and Friends –

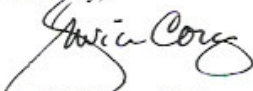
Christmas came in August for the CCHS Education Foundation and CCHS! Words cannot express my appreciation to our friends, family, CCHS alumni and supporters for making the first CCHS Gala Weekend a smashing success. On Friday, August 27, thirty-one outstanding individuals who comprise the 2010 Class of the CCHS Hall of Achievement and the CCHS Hall of Service were recognized at a ceremony that unveiled the Halls and inducted their inaugural class. Over 100 participated in a beautiful Saturday of friendship and fun at the Gala Golf Scramble; and over 500 celebrated at the Saturday night Gala Event which helped us to raise over \$75,000. What a huge boost this will give the Foundation in funding education grants for our CCHS students, and in continuing to build the CCHS Education Foundation endowment. The weekend was made even sweeter with the Football Terrier's victory over arch-rivals, the Murphysboro Red Devils.

In addition to all who participated, the CCHS Education Foundation board of directors, and the CCHS faculty and staff deserve a very big "Thank You" for all their help and support in making the Gala Weekend a reality. Special kudos to Foundation board members Joe Hudgins, for serving as chair for the weekend event, and Vicky King for putting together our golf outing. But the real credit for the Gala Weekend and its success goes to Wes Gibson and Gibson Consulting for their financial support and for hosting the Gala Event on Saturday night. Without Wes, celebrating Christmas in August would not have been possible. It was most fitting that Wes also received the "Game Ball" on Saturday night!

From here, we have nowhere to go, but UP! We have high expectations as we move forward that many others will be recognized for their successes and contributions to CCHS. The Education Foundation will continue to find the resources necessary to improve the quality of education that our future students deserve. That future success is up to us. We hope you'll be a part of it.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous 2011!

Sincerely,



David Coracy, Chairman  
CCHS Education Foundation Board of Directors



Joe Hudgins, Chairman  
Community Education and Fund Development

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