



# Signals

The Newsletter of the  
Signal Hill Education Foundation

## Our Mission:

To insure continuing financial support for the Signal Hill School to enhance the strength of the region by providing exceptional opportunities for intellectual discovery for all members of the Signal Hill community.

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**Summer 2013**

The Signal Hill Education Foundation (SHEF) is proud to begin its third decade of providing extraordinary educational opportunities and experiences for pre-school through elementary school children residing in the Signal Hill School District, above and beyond those provided by the public school system.

Over the past year, SHEF has provided financial support for additional Promethean boards in the classrooms and pilot efforts for the Alternative Learning Center and a new foreign language program. We held the Signal Hill Family Olympics in the Park, a Cocktails for a Cause fundraiser, and our big 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (see separate article for details).

We will begin the year with a new program entitled, “**High Five Your School**” where it’s cool (and easy) to support your school. Look for more details on this and other upcoming events at our web site [SHEFinfo.org](http://SHEFinfo.org). Don't forget to "Like" us on [Facebook.com/SignalHillEducationFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/SignalHillEducationFoundation) for news, information, and support opportunities.

Paul Sforza, Chairman

**THANK YOU** to the following board members for their past service:

Paul Slocomb, Past Chairman  
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*Hail Our Warriors, Hats Off To Thee!*

## Signal Hill Education Foundation Celebrates 20 Years

By Steve Suess

On Sunday, April 7, over 200 members of the Signal Hill School community gathered at St. Clair Country Club to celebrate the founding of the Signal Hill Education Foundation. Twenty years ago, Supt. Darrell Hardt and the 1993 Board Education assembled the original following directors of SHEF: Tom Barnett, Kathleen DuMontier, Tom Farquhar, Linda Havlin, Lewis Laughlin, Rob Petroburgo, Susan Stiritz, Steve Suess, and Harry Wilson to create a mission and vision “to insure continuing financial support of the Signal Hill School...”

The gala event dubbed “Hail Our Warriors” was not only a SHEF celebration but a homecoming for all families connected to the school. The evening began with a toast by Gus Kurrus, Marlin Hollis, Karen Strong, Dede Farquhar, John Beckwith, and Angela Kammann after which everyone sang the “School Fight Song.” Next, Emcee Steve Suess gave a short history of SHS before introducing the following speakers:

Greg Nester, who recognized current school board members; Jan Noble, who recognized former school board members and read a letter from June Cox, the first woman who served as president; Paul Slocomb, who honored the past and present members of SHEF; Suzette Lambert, who recognized the current faculty and staff; Don McCrady, who introduced former teachers and, who at 85, entertained the audience with a marvelous trombone solo; Zabelle Vartanian, who honored former valedictorians; Steve Dirnbeck, who saluted all former athletes and coaches; and Nancy Sperry, who paid tribute to all SHS parents—past, present, and future.

In addition, Steve Suess paid homage to everyone who participated in pageants, operettas, and 8th grade plays. The evening concluded with a moving tribute to “Past Warriors” by Zabelle Vartanian, and everyone singing “The Tree.”

**Check out photos and videos from the event:**

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