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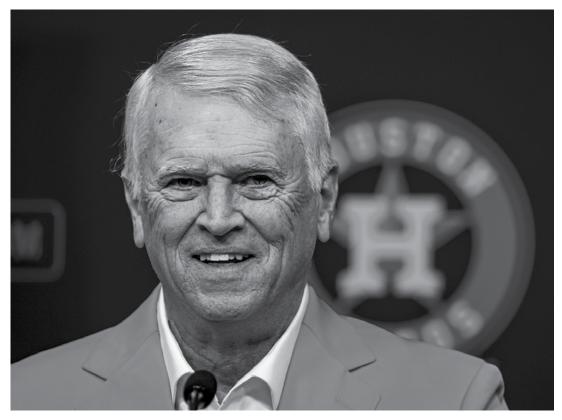
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Bill Brown, 30-year TV announcer for Astros baseball, recipient of 2024 Sedalia School District Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award



2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Bill Brown Smith-Cotton High School Class of 1965

The Sedalia School District Foundation Alumni Committee is proud to announce Bill Brown as the recipient of the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award. Brown will be presented the award and speak to members of Smith-Cotton High School class of 2025 at a ceremony on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Heckart Performing Arts Center. Baseball fans, community members and Smith-Cotton alumni are invited to attend.

Brown is a 1965 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. During his time at Smith-Cotton he was president of his junior and senior class, a member

of the band, Latin Club, Publicity Staff, Student Council, Archives staff and National Honor Society. At 18 years of age Brown landed his first broadcasting job at KDRO radio station covering the news and doing play-by-play for local high school sporting events. In 1969 he graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in journalism. Brown served in the US Army as a sportscaster/broadcaster in the Armed Forces Vietnam Network in Saigon. After leaving the Army, he went to work at Cincinnati TV station WLWT. In 1976 he earned his first full-time major league broadcasting job as television

play-by-play announcer for the World Champion Cincinnati Reds.

In February of 1987 Brown joined the Houston Astros, and for the next 30 seasons was their television broadcaster with play-by-play commentary. Inducted into the Astros Hall of Fame in 2023, his biography on the Astros' Hall of Fame website reads, "For 30 wonderful seasons, Bill Brown served as the primary television voice of the Houston Astros. In that span, he became one of the most popular and well-respected broadcasters in all of baseball. His professionalism and knowledge of the game, along with his powerful voice and relentless preparation, made him one of the top play-by-play men of his generation. Fans grew to appreciate his love and respect for the game and his in-depth knowledge of the Astros players as well as their opponent. Nobody was more prepared to broadcast a game than Bill Brown."

As a 37-year Major League Baseball broadcaster, Brown has been recognized for his professionalism and expert knowledge multiple times over the course of his career. Honors include induction into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in 2004, induction into the Houston Astros Media Wall of Honor at Minute Maid Park in 2011 and voted Texas Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sports Media Association in 2013. He was honored by the Houston Astros with a pregame ceremony recognizing 30 seasons with the team in 2016. Brown was inducted into the Smith-Cotton High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.



RECIPIENT (From page 1)

Brown has authored and co-written several books. "My Baseball Journey: A Sportscaster's Story", co-authored with Tim Gregg, documents Brown's career and personal influences and has key memories of his family, Sedalia, Smith-Cotton, and his teachers. Additional books include "Baseball's Bizarre Season," "Houston Astros: Deep in the Heart," "Breathing Orange Fire: Jose Altuve," "Houston's Team Houston's Title," "Houston Astros Golden Era," "Sportscasting 101," and "Swinging for Glory."

He is a member of the advisory board at Houston Sight into Sound and has been a volunteer reader for over 24 years. He and his wife Dianne Dugan Brown, who also graduated from Smith-Cotton in 1965, have been involved for over 10 years with the "Salute to our Heroes" scholarship fundraiser with the Cy-Fair Texas Educational Foundation. Bill and Dianne reside outside Houston and have one daughter and three grandchildren.

Congratulations to the 2024 Sedalia Community Educators and Associates of the year

Building Level Outstanding Educators:

Loftus Early Childhood Center: Courtney Wiedermann

Heber Hunt: Olivia Harrison Horace Mann: Stacey Morton Parkview: Melissa Johnson Skyline: Sara Quinn

Washington: Sarah Miller

Sedalia Middle School: Brenna Hendrix Smith-Cotton Junior High: Monica Rowlette Smith-Cotton High School: Melissa Lackey

Whittier High School: Alice Tester

Educator of the Year: Melissa Johnson

Congratulations to the 2024 Sedalia School District #200 retirees

Name	Years	Building
Lisa Laughery	4	Washington
Brenda Buckner	11	Heber Hunt
Paul Arias	10	Central Office
Kandith Derden	12	Smith-Cotton High School
Gerry Mathieu	12	Central Office
Sylvia Perriguey	13	Smith-Cotton Junior High
John Contreras	14	Heber Hunt
Cindy Calafaty	19	Parkview
Sherry Melby	19	Heber Hunt
Debbie Wenig	19	Central Office
Susan Howe	22	Heber Hunt
Kay Palmer	23	Heber Hunt
Lucy McRoy	27	Smith-Cotton High School
Sorita Walter	27	Washington
Kathy Garrison.	29	Sedalia Middle School
Carmen Brock	30	Smith-Cotton High School
Lisa Volk	30	Washington
Jill Barnholdt	37	Skyline

Building Level Outstanding Associates:

Loftus Early Childhood Center: Maggie Anderson

Heber Hunt: Erica Pfannenstiel Horace Mann: Kaylyn Dickon Parkview: Harley Wolfe Skyline: Amanda Couch Washington: Randy Simons

Sedalia Middle School: Mia Anderson Smith-Cotton Junior High: Nathan Cramer Smith-Cotton High School: Kevin Fox Whittier High School: Lynne Welton

Central Office: Kristie Jonson

Associate of the Year: Kevin Fox

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Smith-Cotton High School Homecoming Week "A Century of Coming Home"



Thursday, Sept. 26th

Distinguished Alumni Award presentation ceremony for Bill Brown SCHS Class of 1965: 11 a.m., Heckart Performing Arts Center at Smith-Cotton High School, 2010 Tiger Pride Blvd

Friday, Sept. 27th

Homecoming Parade: 3 p.m., downtown Sedalia. Contact the Student Council sponsor at the high school to enter a float in parade, 660-851-5300

SSDF Tailgate Party: 5 to 7 p.m., Smith-Cotton High School. Open to the community, complimentary hot dogs, and the Smith-Cotton High School Marching Tiger Band will make an appearance

Football Game: 7 p.m., Tiger Stadium at Smith-Cotton High School. Tickets \$5 for adults

Saturday, Sept. 28th

All-Class Reunion Pancake Breakfast:

7:30 to 9:30 a.m., FEMA building cafeteria at Smith-Cotton Junior High, 312 E Broadway Blvd, community invited, \$5 per ticket at door or email schfound@sedaliasdf.org for advance pricing

Sound Effects performance: 8 to 8:30 a.m., Smith-Cotton Junior High auditorium. Vocal music performance by Junior High "Sound Effects" choir, under the direction of Ms. Kayla Bradley, free admission

Open House at the "Original" Smith-Cotton:

7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Smith-Cotton Junior High School. Class reunions and alumni are welcome to tour the campus, wander the halls, and reminisce

Homecoming weekend picture gallery and tours: 9 to 11 a.m., Smith-Cotton High School. Guided tours of Smith-Cotton High School and athletic complex

Smith-Cotton High School Centennial Celebrations "100 Years of Tiger Tradition"

Community Holiday Concert: Dec. 12, 2024, Smith-Cotton Junior High School, 312 E Broadway Blvd.

Courtwarming and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony: Feb. 7, 2025, Smith-Cotton High School, 2010 Tiger Pride Ave.

"100 Years of Being a Tiger" history book sales:

Purchase a copy of the Smith-Cotton centennial history book at home football games, the Distinguished Alumni Award ceremony, All-Class Reunion Pancake Breakfast, homecoming weekend tours of high school, and centennial celebration events, \$50 each.

Save-the-Date! Class Reunions and Luncheons!

Class of 1953 Class Luncheon: Oct. 4, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bandanas Bar-B-Que

Class of 1964 Reunion: Sept. 27–28, 2024, Sedalia Country Club

Class of 1969 Reunion: Sept. 28, 2024, Pork Place. Facebook page "Smith-Cotton Class of 69"

Class of 1974 Reunion: Oct. 11, 2024, Fitters; Oct. 12, 2024, 6 p.m. at Sedalia Country Club, \$25 per person

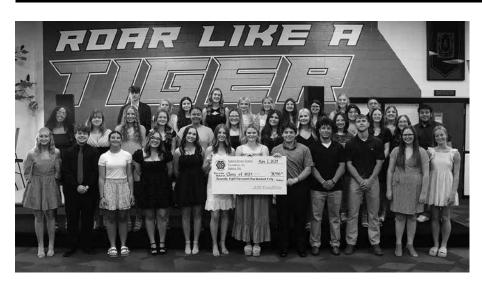
Class of 1984 Reunion: Sept. 28, 2024, Fox Theater Event Center. Facebook group "Smith-Cotton High School Class of 1984"

Class of 1989 Reunion: Sept. 28, 2024, 615 W Broadway Blvd, 5:30 p.m. Facebook page "Smith-Cotton Class of 1989"

Class of 1994 Reunion: Sept. 27-28, 2024, 6 p.m., Liberty Center, email smithcottonclassof1994@gmail.com

Class reunion organizers: Send information to the Sedalia School District Foundation for posting on our website and Facebook page. Email schfound@sedaliasdf.org or call 660-829-2562 and leave a message.

Congratulations Class of 2024 SSDF Scholarship Recipients



Recipients of Sedalia School District Foundation scholarships were awarded \$78,950 at Senior Awards Night on May 1, 2024.

In 2024, the Sedalia School District Foundation awarded 108 scholarships to graduates of Smith-Cotton High School, twelve scholarships to Whittier High School graduates, and renewed three students' annual scholarship for a grand total of \$81,200. The awards were from 43 named scholarships, PTA/PTO scholarships from the elementary schools and junior high, three scholarships funded from the Foundation's general budget, and managed funds from three flow-through scholarships.

Students will be attending Central Methodist University, Drury University, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Moberly Area Community College, Northwest Missouri State University, Purdue University, State Fair Community College, Temple University, University of Central Missouri, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Washington University and Yale University.

Congratulations to the following recipients

Dakota Acosta Brady Anderson Kyle Ayers Laissa Barillas Ziek Barth-Fagan Emili Boston Jalvn Buri Hailey Burlingame Makayla Caballero Alex Davila Lisa Dennis Stephanie Diaz Savannah Ditzfeld Dominick Domingue Kathryn Ellison Parker Ellison Emily Eschbacher Mia Estrada Bladen Finch Anna Goodrich Skyler Green Kylah Hawkins

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Whittier High School scholarship recipients

On May 10, 2024, at Whittier High School graduation, the following students were awarded \$2,400 in scholarships from the Patty Abney, Jacob Howe Memorial, and Marion and Lloyd Forbes Scholarships funds. Whittier High School scholarships help students take the next step in life after graduation.

Liliana Alarcon Haley Narron
Bryan Borgstadt Lance Norman
Angela Campos Isabella Norton
Elyssa Dodson Jakob Viles
Olivia Fante Hession Olivia Rubio
Haley Florez Brienn Young

Read More

Visit the Sedalia School District Foundation webpage at sedaliasdf.org. More information is available about the scholarship program, Mini Grants, golf tournament, Leave a Legacy, Distinguished Alumni, Smith-Cotton High School class reunions, and a secure way to make contributions and gifts in memory of classmates.



Connect with the Sedalia School District 200 on Facebook to follow the amazing things happening in the district.



New scholarship established by Smith-Cotton graduate



Smith-Cotton High School class of 1954 graduate Charlene "Charlee" L. Laudenberger Brown left funds in her estate to establish a new scholarship for Smith-Cotton High School students. The new scholarship, named the Charlene "Charlee" L. Brown Scholarship in her honor, will be available to the class of 2025. It is a general scholarship for students studying any major while attending a community college, four-year college, or university. Students must show financial need.

Charlee was a high school English, journalism, and business teacher in Hudson, Wisconsin. She took pride in being the yearbook advisor. She attained two master's degrees. After retirement from teaching, she returned to live in Sedalia. When Charlee was a student at Smith-Cotton she was a member of Spiz, student council, National Honor Society and served as an usher and library assistant. She passed away on May 28, 2024.

Memorial donations can be made to the scholarship fund in her honor. Checks should be mailed to the Sedalia School District Foundation, PO Box 2505, Sedalia MO 65302 with "Charlee Brown Scholarship" in the memo line.

Tax-free charitable donations from Required Minimum Distributions

Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) owners over age $70\frac{1}{2}$ can transfer up to \$100,000 each year to charity tax-free. For a married couple, if both spouses are age $70\frac{1}{2}$ or over when the distributions are made and both have IRAs, each spouse can exclude up to \$100,000 for total tax-free distributions of up to \$200,000 per year.

These transfers, known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs, offer eligible older Americans a great way to easily give to charity. For those who are at least 73 years old, QCDs count toward the IRA owner's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

Any IRA owner who wishes to make a QCD for 2024 should contact their IRA trustee soon so the trustee will

have time to complete the transaction before the end of the year.

Normally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received. With a QCD, however, these distributions become tax-free as long as they're paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization. QCDs must be made directly by the trustee of the IRA to the charity. Talk to your IRA trustee, bank, or financial planner about making a QCD to the Sedalia School District Foundation. The Foundation is recognized as a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. Contact our administrative assistant at schfound@sedaliasdf.org for our federal tax ID number.

Memory Lane at Smith-Cotton High School

Hundreds of proud alumni, Sedalia School District employees, and community members have chosen to leave their legacy through an engraved paver at the front door of Smith-Cotton High School. Paver orders for Christmas 2023 will be installed by Smith-Cotton Homecoming in 2024.

To place a paver order please contact the Sedalia School District Foundation.

Call: 660-829-2562

Email: schfound@sedaliasdf.org Visit: Leave a Legacy website at sedaliasdf.org/leave-a-legacy/ to download a Leave a Legacy order form.



8 x 8 paver Up to four lines of text: \$150



4 x 8 paver Up to three lines of text: \$75



ALUMNIMemberships

New and Renewed Alumni and Friend of the Foundation Memberships

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1988 Tony Crabtree

1958 Kenneth Keele 1958 Richard Morris 1960 Amy McMellen

1950 Wilbert Tobaben

1954 Gordon Williams

rueggemann 1960 John Hausam 1968 Nancy Gray Thomason

New or Renewed

1974 Annie Fischer Best 1974 Michael Best 1975 Stan Garner 1975 Anita Roe Hodges 1984 Carole Isgriggs Garth 1989 Amy Berry Schaumburg 1993 Rose Eads Martin

New and Renewed Friends of the

FOUNDATIONMembers

Ann Best Gordon Williams Reva Woodward

Where are you? What are you doing?

1974 Ann Fischer Best and 1974 Michael Best are high school sweethearts. They live in Leawood, KS and at the Ozarks. He is joining her in retirement later this year to spend even more time with their children and grandchildren and cheering on the Mizzou Tigers.

1984 Phillip Pettis is a new Lifetime Alumni member. At Smith-Cotton he was involved in FLA, Student Council and football.

1988 Tony Crabtree is a new Lifetime Alumni member. At Smith-Cotton he was involved in football. He is married to 1987 Julia Harris Crabtree who was involved in choir, marching band, and flag corp. at Smith-Cotton. They own an advertising and media business. Their son, Conner J. Crabtree, graduated from S-C in 2018.

We are Tiger Pride

Support your favorite Tiger team by joining the Sedalia School District Foundation. The Foundation was incorporated in 1995 as a 501(c)(3) corporation with the goal to raise, manage, and distribute private investment for the benefit of the Sedalia School District's students, staff and patrons. For only \$25 in annual dues, you can join the Foundation as an Alumni or Friend of the Foundation member to Keep Education a Priority.

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1**983 Jennifer Dieffenderfer-Walsh**ordered an 8X8 paver



■H.W. Harris ■Myron T. Herrick

■Jim & Judy Holman

■Betty Hopkins Legacy

□Larry & Donna Howard

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