



# LIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

**MARCH 2023**



## Note from Head of School Trent Williamson

Welcome to our second annual alumni newsletter! We received such a wonderful response from our first newsletter, and we are thrilled to reconnect with you. Here are a few exciting updates to catch you up on the past year.

- **Enrollment** increased for the third year in row.
- We wrapped up **Multiply the Mission** which raised over \$3 million to serve students today and for years to come.
- We have a waitlist of over 75 families for our **infants and toddlers** at Little Harding. (Good news – Alumni are given priority after siblings of current families.)

If you haven't been on campus lately, please stop by for a visit. Chat with your favorite teachers, find your senior picture, and see all the improvements on campus. Reach out to me anytime at [president@hardinglions.org](mailto:president@hardinglions.org).

Cover: Class of 1992 reunion during Homecoming weekend 2022

## ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

In 2022, we inducted our inaugural honorees into the Harding Academy Athletics Hall of Fame.

### ATHLETES

Bill Briggs '73  
Juana Dremice Brown '97  
Marlon Brown '09  
Tasha King-Davis '94  
Michal Edwards '98  
Stephen Carl Flatt '74  
Jon Goad '87  
Mark Goode '75  
Angela Johnson Graves '91  
Darnell Johnson '94  
Steve Jones '68

Ronn Rubio '65

Susan Bishop Schumaker '93  
Hubie Smith '79  
Kevin Starks '93  
Brad Watson '75  
Bryan Woods '80

### TEAMS

1992 Volleyball Team  
Coach Todd Humphry

### COACHES

Harold Bodiford '70  
Dee Bonner  
Debbie Moltz  
Alan Pritchard '60  
Ronn Rubio '65  
Kevin Starks '93

### CONTRIBUTORS

Harold Bowie  
Paul Goddard



## NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are open for the new class of inductees! Read the guidelines and submit your nominee at [hardinglions.org/halloffame](https://hardinglions.org/halloffame).

## Distinguished Alumnus of the Year RON CHACKO

We were honored to present Ron Chacko ('99) with our Distinguished Alumnus Award at Taste & Tunes 2022. This award recognizes alumni who have enhanced the reputation of Harding Academy through their professional and community leadership and their advancement of Harding Academy's mission.

Ron earned his degree at Northwestern University through the Honors Program for Medical Education. He went on to complete his training in family medicine with an additional fellowship in primary care for those affected by HIV. Over the past 25 years, he has served in leadership and teaching roles at the intersection of primary care, health care delivery, and community medicine.



Currently, he splits his time providing primary and HIV care in Chicago's Albany Park neighborhood and serving as Clinical Director of Data and Digital Services at Heartland Health Centers—a federally qualified health center in Chicago.

Ron is married to Sunitha, and they are proud parents to Amadee and Prashanth.

### Nominations for Alumni of the Year

Would you like to nominate a graduate for this honor? Simply email your nomination to [advancement@hardinglions.org](mailto:advancement@hardinglions.org).

## Black Alumni Association

The Black Alumni Association celebrated its second year of implementing the Black Alumni Mentorship Program! In the fall of 2022, they hosted Felicia Orr, the TSAC Director of College Access, to share about finding specific scholarships to fit their interests. The association wrapped up their fall semester by hosting a potluck Christmas party for mentors and mentees, complete with a gift exchange and Christmas movie favorites.



Pictured (left): Makyah Malone ('23), Jayda Mitchell ('23), and RJ Freeman Jr. ('23)



Pictured (right): Victoria Brooks ('25), Alexandria Fadeyi ('24), and Johanna Parker ('24)

## 2023 EVENTS



**Taste & Tunes with Stars Go Dim and David Johnson ('09)**

**Saturday, April 1**  
[hardinglions.org/taste](http://hardinglions.org/taste)



**Harding Academy Theatre presents Disney's Frozen Jr.**

**April 13–15**  
[hardinglions.org/frozen](http://hardinglions.org/frozen)



**Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Weekend**

**September 8–9**  
[hardinglions.org/halloffame](http://hardinglions.org/halloffame)



**Homecoming**

**Friday, September 15**

## Honoring Paul Goddard

As we have celebrated Harding Academy's 70th anniversary, we have often said that we are standing on the shoulders of giants who have gone before us. We lost one of those giants February 6, Mr. Paul Goddard.

Mr. Goddard passed away after a long battle with cancer. He dedicated his professional life to the mission of Harding Academy, serving 38 years as a teacher, dean of students, mentor, and friend. His influence on our school and on countless individuals he served is immeasurable. There are few people who better exemplify the term "Lion for life" than Mr. Goddard. We will miss him very much.



## ALUMNI UPDATES

Laurie Thompson ('92) has been promoted to Bartlett Police Department Captain.

Jessica (Reed) Love ('04) has earned the rank of Captain in the US Air Force.

David Johnson ('09) will perform at Taste & Tunes in April. His new gospel single is called "Shake em Off."

### BIRTHS

Lauren McDaniel Hannaford ('04) - Henry  
Andrew Park ('05) - Eleanor  
Victoria Franklin Jones ('07) - Michael Ray  
Missy McIntyre Litton ('10) - Marion  
Brianna Siebert Helms ('13) - Emerson

### HAVE AN UPDATE?

Let us know what's been going on with you! Send in your update at [hardinglions.org/alumniupdate](http://hardinglions.org/alumniupdate).