

Medaria Arradondo, RHS 1985, Minneapolis Police Chief

He is the first African American appointed police chief in Minneapolis and is known for his values, ethics, morals, and respect for others.

Byron Barnett, RHS 1973, Emmy Award Winning Broadcaster, Community volunteer

After working in the Twin Cities at Channel 9, he moved to Boston, and has won seven major broadcasting awards, including an Emmy, and is in the Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Alphonsa Cannon, RHS Science Teacher for Thirty Years

Many students have cited Al Cannon as their favorite teacher at Roosevelt. Most importantly, he was the first African-American teacher at Roosevelt and had an impact on thousands of students.

Michael Corcoran, RHS 1958, Educator, Community volunteer (Deceased)

Michael taught and was an administrator in local school districts, as well as Venezuela and Libya. He was a Burnsville Teacher of the Year and finalist for the same title in Minnesota. He is a member of the Burnsville Schools Hall of Fame.

Douglas Englund, RHS 1957, Military and in Government (Deceased)

He retired as a Colonel in the Army, having served two tours in Vietnam, was a foreign affairs officer in Moscow for 15 years, and a director of operations for the United Nations in Iraq, and NASA representative.

Margaret Erickson, RHS Social Worker for Thirty-Five Years (Deceased)

Margaret was the only social worker for almost 3,000 students, and worked with not only with the regular population, but also with students potential dropouts and troubled youth. She is remembered for her kindness.

John Hines, RHS 1971, Radio Broadcaster

He started at WWTC, then went to KSTP-TV, followed by WLOL, and then spent the next 16 years on K102. He just retired as a morning broadcaster on WCCO-Radio. He is dedicated volunteer for many causes. [Because of a conflict, John will be officially inducted in the next round in 2020.]

William Knutson, RHS 1941 and RHS Math Teacher for Twenty-Six Years (Deceased)

Bill taught in Minneapolis, from 1955-81 at RHS. He had a band which was the "house band" at the local Legion Club, and then founded the Y'sMen.

Stuart Lindman, RHS 1939, Broadcaster (Deceased)

He served in the Army, winning a Bronze Star for combat, a Purple Heart, and two battle stars, finally serving from 1975-87 as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He was a longtime broadcaster, becoming the face of WTCN/KARE 11. He was a member of the Shriners and Masons.

Freeman "Mac" McInroy, RHS Social Studies Teacher and Coach for Thirty Years

He is the "spiritual leader" of Operation Holiday Basket, an annual event providing food to needy Minneapolis families which he began forty years ago. He still continues to come back each December to rouse the students with his booming voice saying "Ho, ho, ho" over the PA.

Nancy Nelson, RHS 1965, Broadcaster

Nancy had a long career on WCCO, WTCN, and as a news anchor in Los Angeles. She was a Miss Minnesota, and is known for her almost 100 infomercials. She is in the broadcasters Hall of Fame and is involved in many charities.

Evan Ringquist, RHS 1980, Environmental Economist (Deceased)

After receiving two Master's and a Ph.D., he devoted his life to environmental science. He has been a professor at universities in Texas, Florida and Indiana. He has received honorary awards, authored several books and many articles.

Paul Sorlie, RHS 1961, Health and Medicine

Paul received BAs and MAs from the University and a PhD from Johns Hopkins. He worked with the peace corps in Ghana. US Aid in Uganda. He now directs the heart study section of the National Institute of Health.

John Thomas, RHS 1993, Athlete and Sports Executive

At Roosevelt John was the 92-93 basket ball captain and a Gopher recruit. At the U, he was captain of the 1997 Gopher basketball team which made it to the NCAA semi-finals. He was a first-round NBA draft pick and played for six NBA teams, and teams abroad. He is now Vice-President for the Timberwolves and the Lynx.

Mary Tjosvold, RHS 1961, Businesswoman and Humanitarian

After receiving a PhD from the U of M Mary has developed and managed a successful business for over 40 years. She also has authored numerous books on cooperation, team organization, leadership and conflict management, is a national speaker and has received many awards, including being one of the "Women Who Lead" in Minnesota.

John C. Wells, Roosevelt Principal for Seventeen Years (Deceased)

In addition to being principal, Jack served on the State Athletic Commission and was both a Shriner and a 32nd Degree Mason. The gym is named in his honor. He was known as a tough, but excellent leader.

These two Hall of Famers were selected in 2016, but were inducted this year.

Bruce Paulson, RHS 1963, Musician

Excelling in music, Bruce has played all over the world with a who's who of the music world, including Glenn Miller, Buddy Rich, and in the Doc Severinson *Tonight Show* band for 20 years. Besides performing, Bruce taught music at UCLA, UNLC, and at Roosevelt.

Bill St. Mane, RHS 1953, Retailer and Community Volunteer (Deceased)

He has been a fixture in the south Minneapolis athletic area, providing teams with uniforms and equipment, often at cost as his store since 1958. He is in the Minneapolis Hockey Hall of Fame and was past president of the Lions Club.