

PASCHAL ALUMNI

# PANTHERETTE

MOTTO: "REMEMBERING THE PAST...BUILDING THE FUTURE."

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## PASCHAL JAZZ BAND INVITED TO MONTREUX JAZZ FESTIVAL

In early 2013, PHS Jazz Band conductor, Mark De Hertogh, and his friend and PHS alum, Grammy-award-winning jazz trumpeter John Thomas, had a dream.

They wanted to give the students in Paschal's outstanding jazz band an experience that most musicians only dream of... to play in the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. This international festival is the oldest and most respected jazz festival in Europe, hosting the likes of Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles and Miles Davis!



Last year, Mr. D (as the kids call him) and the booster club worked diligently to raise money just for a quality sound recording of the students for their entry into the festival. This, along with the promise of a collaborative performance with Mr. Thomas, has now earned them the invitation of a lifetime!

Now comes the hard part... raising enough money so that all 20 members of the band can attend their performances, not only in Montreux, but in Paris as well.

The student have committed to work tirelessly to earn the money themselves, and could use some support.

Paschal Alumni who would like to help send the PHS Jazz Band to Switzerland may send donations to: Paschal Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11876, Fort Worth, TX 76110-0876 or contribute via PayPal or credit card from the website, [www.paschalalumni.com](http://www.paschalalumni.com).

# ALUMNI SIGHTINGS...



*PHS Alumnus, John Thomas, Grammy winning jazz trumpeter and professor of Jazz Studies at USC, will perform with the Paschal High School Jazz Band this summer at the Montreux Festival in Switzerland.*

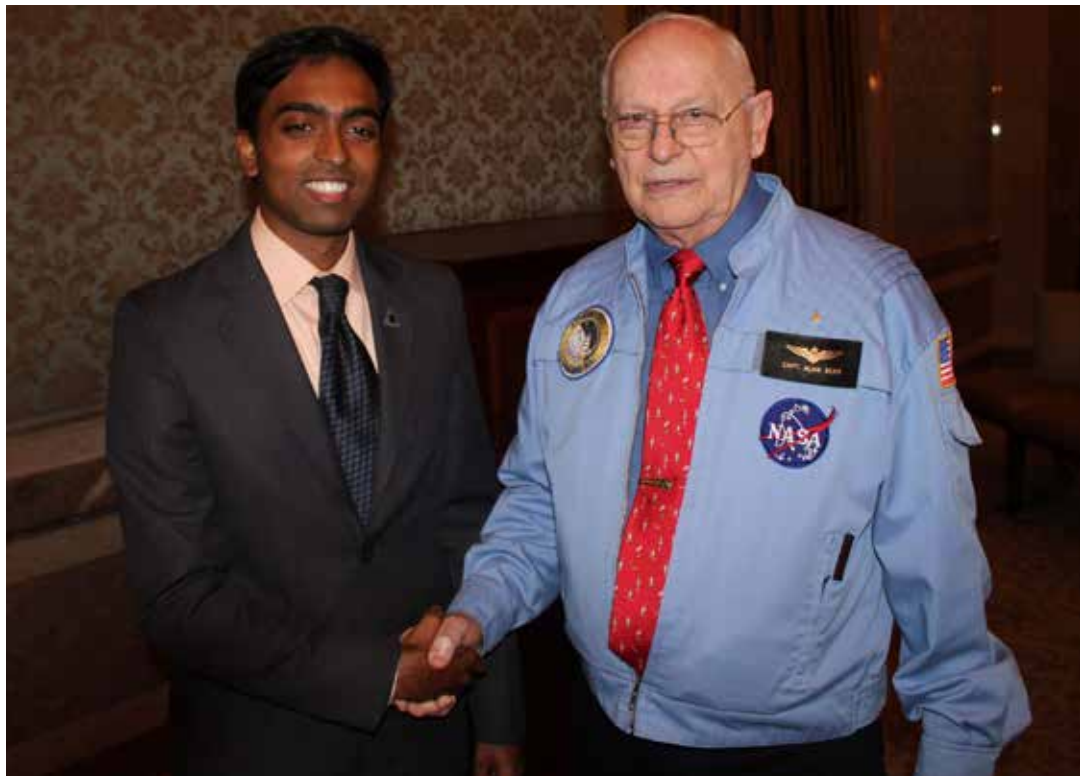
## ASTRONAUT ALAN BEAN '50 PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP TO PASCHAL ALUMNUS

**2**011 Paschal grad, Sai Gourisankar received a \$10,000 scholarship from the Astronaut Foundation for his undergraduate research.

Gourisankar, a chemical engineer student at the University of Texas, has earned numerous awards and scholarships, but this award was special. It was presented by former Panther, Alan Bean '50, our famous PHS Alumnus who was the 4<sup>th</sup> man to set foot on the moon.

Astronaut Alan Bean, a member of the Apollo 12 crew, took the Paschal High School flag with him on the mission to the moon in 1969. He returned the flag to Earth and then to Paschal where it has been proudly displayed for 45 years.

The flag remains a source of pride for Paschal students who claim special bragging rights. What other high school has a flag that has been on a journey to the moon and back?



Sai Gourisankar and Astronaut Alan Bean



# CHARLES F. PENDLETON '49 HONORED AT MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL

A stately granite monument was placed at Veterans Memorial Park on Camp Bowie Boulevard to honor three Fort Worth recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Major Horace S. Carswell, WWII; Corporal Charles F. Pendleton, Korean War; and Spc. 4C Robert D. Law, Vietnam War, all grew up and attended high school in Fort Worth.

A dedication ceremony was held on October 18, 2014 to honor these hometown heroes.



*Corporal Charles F. Pendleton  
Class of 1949*



Pendleton, Paschal Class of 1949, was killed July 17, 1953 during the Korean War and was awarded the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty."

Corporal Pendleton was inducted into the distinguished Panther Hall of Honor at Paschal High School. His medal was donated to Paschal by his widow and is proudly displayed at the school.

## CLASS OF 1955 DONATES \$500 TO THE PHS CARE CLOSET

The Paschal Care Closet is located at University United Methodist Church, which is directly across Forest Park Boulevard from PHS.

The church has generously partnered with Paschal by providing needed space for the Care Closet, which is stocked with clothing, coats, shoes and toiletries.

Students are referred to the Closet by the Counseling Department. During the 2013-2014 school year, the PHS Care Closet has provided items for over 100 Paschal students.

Since a large percentage of Paschal students are considered economically disadvantaged, many Panthers walk the halls without essential needs for school.

Recently members of the Class of 1955 heard about the Paschal Care Closet and wanted to donate to this project.

Special thanks to these alumni for giving back to our alma mater and for helping our current Panthers in need.

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS...

## PANTHERS TOP CITY WITH MOST NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

**P**aschal High School has 12 National Merit Semifinalists and is the only high school in the FWISD to have Semifinalists competing for the near \$33 million worth of scholarships in the spring.

Paschal's own campus has more Semifinalist than the entire school districts of Arlington, Crowley, Birdville, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, and Northwest.

The Panther scholars also outnumbered top high schools in the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD and all of the private schools in Tarrant County as well.

Only Carroll ISD, probably one of the wealthiest school districts in Texas, has more students in Tarrant County named by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

### **38 Paschal students are receiving national recognition:**

- 12 Semifinalist
- 15 Commended Scholars
- 10 National Hispanic Scholars
- 1 National Achievement Outstanding Participant

Accolades to the hardworking Panthers and the dedicated teachers and staff for continuing the proud tradition of academic excellence at Paschal High School.



## PHS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING TEAM WINS 2014 CHAMPIONSHIP

**P**aschal High School's computer programming team competed at the University of Texas Dallas in the fall High School Programming Contest. The Panthers beat 88 other high school teams in the state to win the 2014 championship.

We love our Panther "nerds!"



# THANKS, ALUMNI, YOUR DUES DO HELP!!

**P**anthers, please take time to join the Paschal Alumni Association. Your dues and generous donations continue to be a great support for our alma mater.

With your help, the Alumni Association has been able to “give back” by contributing to all areas of Paschal: academics, athletics, the fine arts, school pride projects and campus improvements.

The Association sincerely appreciates your help in “remembering the past and building the future” of R.L. Paschal High School.

**How to pay your Paschal Alumni Association dues on-line.... it's easy!**  
Dues, contributions and memorials can be made via PayPal or credit card from the Paschal Alumni website: [www.paschalalumni.com](http://www.paschalalumni.com)

**Also, please feel free to send your dues by mail:**  
Paschal Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 11876  
Fort Worth, TX 76110-0876

Please note any amount over the annual membership dues will be considered a contribution. Thank you!

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES

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Last Name First Name Middle Graduation Year

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Maiden Name Spouse's name (class year if a PHS Alum)

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Address City State Zip

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Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number Email Address

### DUES

\$20 per person  \$10 if a 50 year graduate

### DONATION

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Bill Allen Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  John Hamilton Endowment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memorials \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to PASCHAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
and mail to P.O. Box 11876, Fort Worth, TX 76110-0876  
We are a 501 (c) 3 organization - all donations are tax deductible.

You may also pay online  
by credit card or PayPal  
from the Alumni website,  
[www.paschalalumni.com](http://www.paschalalumni.com)

Please send new or changed alumni data to Paula Pike Medford '75 at [paschalalumni@charter.net](mailto:paschalalumni@charter.net). Thanks!

Thanks for your continued support of R. L. Paschal High School.

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