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August Luncheon
"State of the School Address"
8/13/2020
11:30 to 1:00PM
DoubleTree Hotel
Cost: \$12



Interested in learning more about the unique history of north Springfield? In a video series called *Love Life/Live North*, John Sellers, Executive Director of the History Museum on the Square, discusses this "Tale of Two Cities." You can find the video segment here:

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FINALLY, SOME POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE

For some it's a matter of accomplishment, a sense of freedom for another, and for others; a right of passage that signals entry into adulthood. While it's different for many reasons, but to not have the chance to walk your graduation is to miss the memory of a lifetime; and, well that's just unthinkable. So, after waiting for three months, the Graduating Class of 2020 from Springfield Public School's finally had their moment to shine.

future success of north Springfield began with improved high school graduation rates. We've been committed to the cause for 23 years and we've pushed for 99% or better attendance each year, and rewarded that success with an Annual Attendance Party."



NSBA is always proud of our graduating seniors, and since the late 1990's we've had a vested interest in our students crossing the stage. Back in 1998, when graduation rates were at an all time low for Springfield's two northside high schools, Central and Hillcrest, NSBA decided as an organization to be the champions of attendance for students in all 13 northside elementary schools. According to Jacque Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President, "we knew as an organization that the

SPS recently announced that graduation rates in 2020 were at an all time high of 93.4% across the district.

"It's unfortunate that this year we were not able to host our event, Harness continued, but our hearts were always with our graduating seniors, especially for those from our northside family."

Back in May when it was looking like a traditional ceremony was not going to happen, SPS conducted a survey with parents and students, and it quickly became apparent they still wanted a ceremony.

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TIME TO RING THE LUNCH BELL ONCE AGAIN

After a four month absence, the NSBA monthly luncheon returns on Thursday, August 13th from 11:30 to 1:00pm at the DoubleTree on north Glenstone. Our topic is the annual State of the Schools Address from Springfield Public Schools.

Social distance will be practiced, and we must have your reservation for lunch no later than 10:00 am on Monday, August 10th.

Please RSVP through this link: <https://forms.gle/SYnuHTvLjyG78kKm7> to let us know you plan to attend.



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The Zoom Coffee House is open each Wednesday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. Join NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap and his guests for conversations designed to help carry us through our shared experience. You can find Brent on Facebook and he'll gladly share the Zoom link.

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So, keeping everyone's safety in mind, SPS, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and Missouri State University devised a plan which honored the seniors, and so finally graduating seniors crossed the stage on August 6th and 7th at JQH Arena on the MSU campus.

The ceremony was not open to the public and each student was allotted only 8 tickets for family and friends, but the ceremonies were live-streamed for anyone wishing to watch.

While every precaution was taken to protect those in attendance, the customary handshake was not offered after being awarded their diploma. However, seniors did not have to wear a mask while they walked across the stage or while getting a photograph with their diploma.

While it wasn't the ceremony many of us remembers from our final days in high school, it was one we will all remember together. NSBA is very proud and wishes only the best for the graduating class of 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!!!



The Double Tree by Hilton / O'Reilly Hospitality Management have been supporters of NSBA for 8 years, when asked why they joined our association, General Manager, Brian Inman stated, "We have an important number of large investments in the north side of Springfield. We also have a "Teaching Kids to Care" program as part of our Culture and it ties in with the NSBA Mission Statement.

Inman went on to say that the best part of being located in north Springfield, "there is a great opportunity for growth and development within north Springfield.

If you'd like to network with Brian, please connect with him at:

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Who We Are



Our Purpose:

To encourage and promote worthwhile and honorable endeavors which will make North Springfield a better place in which to work and live. Our intent is to be alert to our community's needs and well-versed and knowledgeable in order to take constructive action for community betterment.

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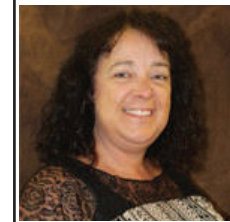
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Letter from the NSBA President



I'm so happy that we're finally able to have lunch together again, and for those who are unable to join us, we have plans to make a broadcast available of our August 13th luncheon. It's baby steps, but as we all know, it's been a year of disappointing set-backs' - especially when you consider this is our 50th year as an organization; but alas, we persevere!



We will still be honoring our annual award recipients at some point in the near future, as well as some notoriety will be given to the students who achieved 99% or better attendance this past school year; plus before the end of 2020 we will make some noise for 5 decades of making north Springfield a better place to live, work and raise a family!

Jacquie Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President

Nate's Notes



DID YOU KNOW?

Springfield Public School has a **Back To SPS School Re-Entry Plan** available on online, complete with a downloadable guide at sps.org/reentry

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