

Medaria Arradondo, RHS 1985, Minneapolis Police Chief

At Roosevelt, "Rondo," as he prefers to be called, was an excellent student, a member of the yearbook staff, and played football. His love of body building led to being Mr. Teenage Minnesota. Always popular with students, he was Homecoming King. After graduating from college, he joined the police force, and climbed the ranks to assistant 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

Byron attended the University of Minnesota where he was a reporter for the *Minnesota Daily*. He worked for KSTP and won the Sigma Delta Chi Page One Spot News Award. He joined a station in Boston and covered many major, national stories, established and managed a news bureau, and was the long-time host of a local show covering controversial issues, where he interviewed news-makers and political figures. He has won seven major broadcasting awards, including an Emmy, and is in the Broadcasters Hall of Fame. His volunteer activities were rewarded by several community service awards.

Alphonsa Cannon, RHS Science Teacher for Thirty Years

Many students have cited Al Cannon as their favorite teacher at Roosevelt. As one said, "He took an interest in each and every student." His classes were fun and he was "very funny." Another said that he was a role model, and had a passion for his subject matter. Many indicated that they pursued a career in science because of his teaching. Most importantly, he was the first African-American teacher at Roosevelt and had an impact on thousands of students.

Michael Corcoran, RHS 1958, Educator (Deceased)

After graduation, Michael attended St. Olaf, where he graduated with a degree in social studies and English, and received advanced degrees from Mankato State and Harvard. He 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. After being diagnosed with cancer, he co-founded the Twin Cities Lung Run/Walk, and Breath of Hope Lung Cancer Foundation. He received the Angel Award from the Angel Foundation.

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

After graduating from the University of Minnesota with an International Relations degree, he went into the Army. He retired as a Colonel in the Army, having served two tours in Vietnam. He was a foreign affairs officer assigned to the embassy in Moscow for 15 years. He was a director of operations for the United Nations in Iraq, NASA representative in Moscow, and Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. As a nominator said, "He spent his post-Teddy time saving the world from itself, searching for weapons of mass destruction." He has a very large list of awards and accolades.

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

Margaret graduated from South High, and then attended the University of Minnesota, graduating with a degree in social work. At Roosevelt, she 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 was well-respected by her colleagues, parents, and students. She was admired as one nominator said, "as a great lady with compassion, and intelligence, who was very caring."

John Hines, RHS 1971, Radio Broadcaster

Following his graduation from Roosevelt, John attended Brown Institute and has spent 44 years in local radio and TV. He started at WWTC, then went to KSTP-TV, followed by WLWL, and then spent the next 16 years on K102. Currently he can be found in the mornings on WCCO-Radio. He is an original Board member of Wishes and More, and is very involved in the Special Olympics and Armed Forces fundraisers. He continues to give his time to many charitable organizations.

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

After serving as a weatherman in WWII, Bill graduated from Augsburg, with a Masters from Macalester. After teaching in Reville, SD, he 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, a group which raised money for kids to go to camp. In retirement he volunteered his talent at nursing homes. He was a member of the Minnehaha Lutheran Church for almost 90 years.

Stuart Lindman, RHS 1939, Broadcaster (Deceased)

After graduating from high school, Stuart attended the U of MN. 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 inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2001 and in 2002 won a Silver Circle Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He was a proud member of the Masons and Shriners, where he became a Potentate in 1972.

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

Most students who knew Mac, call him committed, dedicated and encouraging. Mac was loud, but nowhere was his voice louder than when cheering students at pepfests or sporting events. 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

While at RHS, Nancy's career began with a teen show on KMSP through the work program, working with Mel Jass. She was Miss Minnesota, and was in the 1970 film *Airport*. She then became WCCO TV's Saturday Night Weather girl, followed by 13 years at WTCN-TV. She went on to Los Angeles as a news anchor and did one of the first infomercials. To date, she has done almost 100 infomercials and is named by Forbes as one of the ten most effective sales people. She was inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2009. She has been involved in many charities, and most recently made the news as a kidney donor.

Evan Ringquist, RHS 1980, Environmental Economist (Deceased)

After graduating from Moorhead, he received two Master's and a Ph.D. He works in environmental justice. He is known for researching the inequity of environmental violations in low-income and minority communities. He investigated cap and trade systems. Most recently he investigated broken environmental pledges by successful politicians. 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

After graduation from Roosevelt, Paul received BAs and MAs from the University and a PhD from Johns Hopkins. He worked with the peace corps in Ghana and later worked with US Aid in Uganda. After working at the National Institute of Health for some years, he now directs its heart study section. He has also taught and works in court as an advocate for youth.

John Thomas, RHS 1993, Athlete and Sports Executive

At Roosevelt John was the 92-93 basket ball captain and a Gopher recruit. The team won the Minneapolis City Title. More importantly he was popular with classmates and known by teachers as polite, a hard worker, and a positive leader. 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 in his 16 years in pro basketball, he played for six NBA teams, and teams abroad. He is now Vice-President of Community Engagement for the Timberwolves and the Lynx.

Mary Tjosvold, RHS 1961, Businesswoman and Humanitarian

Mary has a PhD from the U of M and completed programs at Harvard Business School. Developing and managing a successful business for over 40 years, she also has authored numerous books on cooperation, team organization, leadership and conflict management. She has chaired the Board of the American Refugee Committee, and is on the University's Advisory Board. She is a national speaker and has received many awards, including being one of the "Women Who Lead" in Minnesota. She is one who left "Roosevelt driven to serve, equipped to lead, and determined to positively impact the world."

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 will be inducted this year.

Bruce Paulson, RHS 1963, Musician

Excelling in music, Bruce has been a member of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Buddy Rich Band, and, for twenty years, the NBC Tonight Show Band with Doc Severinsen. He played all over the world with a who's who of the music world. Besides performing, Bruce taught music at UCLA, UNLC, and at Roosevelt.

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

A member of the hockey and baseball teams at Roosevelt, Bill operated a sporting goods store in the RHS neighborhood since 1958. He has been a fixture in the south Minneapolis athletic area, providing teams with uniforms and equipment, often at cost. He was a volunteer baseball coach, and was known for donating equipment. He is in the Minneapolis Hockey Hall of Fame and was past president of the Lions Club.