Sullivan hosts first Alumni Weekend

Sullivan University’s first Alumni Weekend in Louisville was a great success. The event brought together generations of graduates who have stepped through the doors of education that the Sullivan family opened nearly fifty years ago. More than a thousand graduates and guests gathered to get a glimpse of the future while they reminisced about the past. Lucky alumni walked away with more than $10,000 worth of giveaways given out throughout the weekend.

Friday night featured a red carpet welcome for graduates and their guests. After registration and passing for a free commemorative photo, they enjoyed passed hors d’oeuvres and a walk through Sullivan history in the a’la carte cafe where campus, class, and activity photos were accompanied by artifacts and memorabilia including some from the Sullivan ‘Executives’ championship basketball seasons. Shuttles were available for those wishing to tour the new-to-market Bakery on Sullivan’s West Campus and Sullivan’s Collage of Pharmacy.

Lounges were set up in rooms 121 and 118 for mingling and enjoying delightful small-bite tasting tours prepared by culinary students in the labs.

Saturday featured another first, free museum tours. The Alumni Affairs Office worked with the Museum Row on Main Street group to provide free tours of some downtown gems. Many took advantage of the opportunity, most for the first time, to tour the Muhammad Ali, Slugger, Frazier and other museums in the group.

The evening Gala Dinner took place at the new Gardiner Point Residence Hall. It took a creative use of space to try to accommodate all those who signed up to attend. Julep’s Catering and an army of student and staff volunteers prepared and delivered an extraordinarily memorable culinary experience . . . just ask anyone about the Sea Bass and you will see what we mean.

The great news for those that missed it is that more events are on the way including some very special events already being planned to celebrate the 50th Anniversary in 2012. If you have ideas or experiences to share with the Alumni Affairs Office, please feel free to contact them at (502) 413-0881 or email sullivanalumni@gmail.com. This is your alma mater, too.

Dr. Stephen Coppock honored at Fall graduation

Sullivan University’s Fall 2010 graduation is now history and The Herald is pleased to give you highlights of that wonderful event. One again the formal commencement was held at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. More than 4,000 graduates, family and guests from Sullivan’s campuses in Louisville, Lexington and Fort Knox attended.

The commencement speaker, Dr. Stephen Coppock was a familiar face on the day to many. Dr. Coppock, served as Chief Executive Officer of Sullivan until his retirement in 2009; he currently teaches at Sullivan’s Graduate School. In addition to sharing some of Sullivan University’s history, Dr. Coppock also spoke about the five things he learned in 42 years as a college administrator . . . “It’s not fair (GOMO=get over it, move in 42 years as a college administrator . . . spoke about the five things he learned addition to sharing some of Sullivan University’s Fall 2010 commencement. Dr. Stephen Coppock honored at Fall graduation

Sullivan’s formal Hooding Ceremony by graduate faculty adds to the commencement experience by focusing on advanced degree candidates and their accomplish- ments. Left, Dr. Ken Miller hooded Cecil Brookins, who earned his EMBA at the Fall 2010 commencement. Dr. Eric Harter, CEO and Dean of the Graduate School are also pictured.

“ Even though I physically walked across the stage by myself, I represented my family and friends who all had my support during that huge milestone in my life. I’m only the third person in my family to earn a Bachelor’s and the only one to obtain a Masters Degree.”

Cecil Brookins’ 10, EMBA degree

With smiles and pride, the graduates in their caps and gowns, crossed the stage to receive certificates, diplomas, associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Dr. A.R. Sullivan, Chancellor, left and Glenn Sullivan, President, right, presented Dr. Stephen Coppock with an honorary Doctor of Philosophy PhD degree.

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College of Pharmacy holds third White Coat Ceremony

The Sullivan University College of Pharmacy recently held its third annual White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2013 at the Sullivan’s Fort Knox Campus. The event is one of the highlights of the academic year for Sullivan’s College of Pharmacy. The White Coat Ceremony is an important rite of pas- sage for every pharmacy student as it signifies their formal entrance into the profession of pharmacy. Students were coated either by their faculty advisor or a healthcare professional that has had a special impact upon them.

Currently, there are 255 students enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program and graduation for the Class of 2013 is scheduled for June 11, 2011. The White Coat Ceremony was very rewarding and appropriate. As a parent, I was pleased to be able to participate in some way to actively show support for my son’s efforts and accomplishments. . . the ceremony was timely and appropriate in order to encourage the students to maintain a vision for their goals.”

Dr. Frank P. Faciane, Associate Professor, Clinical & Administrative Sciences, and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs congratulates Nathaniel Adams, Class of 2013.

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