

Bourgade Hall of Fame Nomination

(June 30, 2014)

Dear Bourgade Hall of Fame Nominating Committee,

Please accept this nomination of Mr. Thomas Campbell to the Bourgade Hall of Fame. A wounded World War Two veteran, Mr. Campbell taught at Bourgade for 22 years, retiring in 1988. He taught drafting, art, government, US History and World History. He oversaw the Chess Club for nearly his entire tenure at Bourgade.

What makes Mr. Campbell stand out among the Bourgade faculty was his friendly demeanor and obvious love of the subjects he taught and the respect he gave his students. The one thing that stands out for me about Mr. Campbell was his open-room policy during lunch. Rather than retreat to the Faculty Lounge during the lunch hour, Mr. Campbell always had his door open. His room was always abuzz with the sounds of students playing chess, drawing, or working on extra-credit projects. He was always there for his students. He loved being around them.

Mr. Campbell was an inspiration to many, but especially to me. He encouraged my love of history and I am convinced that he is largely responsible for my museum/history career. The Bourgade Archives and exhibits in Blue Angel Hall would not be a reality today ~~because of him.~~ ^{without (me)}

Even after retirement, Mr. Campbell remained active in the community. He volunteered many hours at the Arizona State Capitol Museum, cataloging artifacts and helping to create the Merci Train Exhibit at the McCormick Railroad Park in Scottsdale.

Steve Hoza, Bourgade Class of 1980

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Deceased 2002

From Steve Raths, Bourgade Class of 1968:

Mr Campbell was a great drafting teacher when I attended BCHS for my senior year. He took me under his wing as a transfer student and I helped him quite a bit after school with various projects. Then when I taught there in the mid-70s, we met up again and worked together on several projects to improve the physical plant, etc. He would make a great nominee for the hall of Fame!
Thanks,
Steve

From Mary (Hoza) Dickson, Bourgade Class of 1973

He also ran an electronics club. Not sure what it was called but was active in the 60's and 70's. He would show the students how circuitry works and they would assemble all sorts of projects. I am sure this led to career paths for more than a few students. When I took over his classes after his retirement, there were still several of these projects in his storage cabinets. I have no idea what they were. There were also several reels of film- so he may have done some type of film club as well. He came and picked all these up after I let him know they were left behind.

As for me, he was instrumental in my career path as well. I tried for two years to get into drafting classes. I was told by the school counselor (an elderly nun) that girls didn't take drafting. She tried to sign me up for home economics and typing which I vowed NEVER to need.

I went to Mr. Campbell and told him how much I wanted to take his class and he convinced the counselor to let me take it. The rest is history.

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Mary taught
drafting @
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My son Bill
had her from
1989 to 1993
(or 90)
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