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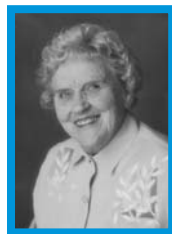
History of Summit School



Jim Williams

The Summit School: The Creation of a Child-Centered Education

It all started with a phone call. Jim Williams, a father of seven-year-old identical twins with learning disabilities, called Ruth Tofanelli, a respected Special Education teacher in the Elgin public schools. Jim encouraged Ruth to start a private school to help his sons and other children with similar problems.



Ruth Tofanelli

Although Ruth gave him many reasons why she couldn't, Jim said, "You and I are going to start a private school." Fifteen minutes later, Jim called Ruth and announced that he had rented rooms at the Congregational Church in West Dundee. Summit School began with eight students in 1968. As enrollment grew, the locations changed, but the passion of creating innovative programs to empower children with special needs has continued.

Over the past forty years, thousands of children and young adults have benefitted from the dedication of very special educators. It has been an honor to see the growth and success of Summit School. Our journey has been a successful partnership of staff, caring board members, volunteers, parents, and business partners.

Today, Summit School, Inc. is proudly returning to its roots as it foresees growth and new opportunities on the horizon. We have expanded our focus and recently received international recognition by the Council of Exceptional Children as an exemplary program.

Summit now serves children ages three through high school diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in addition to Learning Disabled (LD), Emotional Disorder (ED) and Other Health Impaired (OHI) students.



At our Summit School Early Learning Center, children who are two years of age with developmental disabilities are enrolled in the Early Intervention program with Developmental Therapy aimed at increasing a child's overall development levels. The center also provides pre-kindergarten programs for children ages 3-5 who are at risk for academic failure.

We take great pride in seeing our students successfully approach their personal challenges and develop healthy attitudes about school and life.

Celebrating Forty Years



Dr. Joseph Scime

Dear Friend of Summit School,

It is with great pride that we celebrate a significant milestone in our history as Summit School reaches “40 Years of Empowering Children with Special Needs.” Beginning with our founders’ vision in 1968, Summit School has provided innovative programs and instructional methods to maximize the abilities of our students.



Leo Flanagan, Jr.

We can truly look back with pride at Summit’s contributions to the lives of thousands of children who walked through our doors. They’ve achieved successes in life far exceeding their dreams and expectations.

Summit School provides a safe and secure environment for students to achieve at their highest individual potential. Children learn through an array of programs, which enhance the student’s educational experience and build self-esteem.

The significance of our achievements could not have been possible without many individuals, organizations, foundations, donors, and volunteers who enthusiastically embraced our mission and joined us on our journey for forty years. Our students’ successful outcomes, accomplished through our dedicated staff, are a result of the meaningful support we have generously been given throughout the years.

Today, Summit School, Inc. is privileged to serve hundreds of students each year who arrive at our facilities from over 40 school districts and communities.

We look forward with optimism and anticipation to celebrate together again as we reach a half century and beyond with the continued growth and fulfillment of Summit School.

On behalf of the board of directors, staff, and students of Summit School, Inc., thank you for joining us in commemorating “40 Years of Empowering Children with Special Needs.” Your encouragement, generosity and support is truly appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo Flanagan, Jr." in a cursive style.

Leo Flanagan, Jr.
Chairman Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Scime" in a cursive style.

Dr. Joseph Scime
President/Chief Executive Officer
Summit School, Inc.

What Summit Means to Me...

Currently I work on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as a Commodities Broker in the Cattle and Hog markets. Before this I worked on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade in the Soybean Crush markets trading soybeans, soybean meal, and soybean oil. I have traded for the world's biggest hedge funds as well as the world's largest commercial grain companies.

The things I remember about being at Summit School are the experiences and diversity the school provided. There were specific experiences I had at Summit School that I now realize were designed at the time to help me realize that I was not a "second class citizen" and that although I was a person who saw the world differently, this was in itself not a bad thing. I was a person first, who did have value and who did matter and was a LD child second.

The teachers in my mainstream schools were not prepared for the specific academic challenges that I would have and did not have the skills required to teach me in a group class or a one-on-one situation.

Parker McMahon, III
Former Student

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Summit School, Inc. Administrative Staff



Dr. Joseph Scime, Chief Executive Officer of Summit, Inc.

Dr. Scime has been affiliated with Summit School since 1984 serving in many capacities including board president. He received both Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Northern Illinois University and a Doctorate in Education from Vanderbilt University. He and his wife Nancy have been married for 48 years and have four sons and nine grandchildren. He was employed by Community School District #300 for 30 years, serving 8 of those as Superintendent of Schools.



Johanna White, Principal of Summit School

Johanna White has served as Summit School principal for three years. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Quincy College in Sociology and a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Western Illinois University. She also has an Educational Specialist degree in Administration from Northeast Missouri State. She retired after working thirty four years in special education in public schools. She and her husband, David Soderstrom, enjoy entertaining family and friends at their home on McCullom Lake in McHenry.



Karen Romano, Director of Summit School Early Learning Center

Karen Romano has been Director of Summit School Early Learning Center since its inception in 2003. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from University of Wisconsin LaCrosse and two MS degrees from Northern Illinois University one in Curriculum and Instruction and one in Educational Administration. She is both a certified Developmental Therapist and Early Intervention Specialist as well as an Access and Equity Trainer. She and her husband, Ron, have been married for three years and have three children between them. She is a member of Strengthening Family Network and AOK Network/Kane County Health Department.



Judy Lovett, Coordinator of Business Operations of Summit, Inc.

Judy Lovett has been affiliated with Summit School for nearly twenty years starting at the Dundee Campus, where she held the positions of assistant, purchasing agent, and receptionist. At Summit, Inc., Judy works with Dr. Joseph Scime and is responsible for general daily operations in a variety of capacities, including human resources. Judy and her husband, Bob, are residents of Huntley. She has a blended family of seven children, plus twenty grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Recognition of Past Summit School, Inc.

Administrative Leadership

Jean Berryman

Sharon Carl

Sharon Butzirus

Dana Isaacson

Barb Lachel*

** In Memoriam*



Congratulations
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For
40 Years of Excellence

Summit School Staff

Summit School

CEO

Joe Scime

Principal

Johanna White

High School Coordinator

Vicky Harrington

High School Teachers

Duane Diedrich

Natalie Gielarowski

Nancy Lowers

Tamara Mileham

Nancy O'Leary

Jeri Salzmann

Judy Smith

Joel Abbamonte High School Dean

Maureen Lyons High School Counselor

Greg Schauble High School Counselor

Cindy Bohlin Occupational Therapist

Mike Malloy PE Teacher

Linda Hitzeman High School Paraprofessional

Joyce Kobylinski High School Paraprofessional

Kate Wawak High School Paraprofessional

Barb McNally Nurse

Ann Hanley Administrative Assistant

Rose Sturgess Receptionist

John Clark Facilities

Elementary Coordinator

Kathy Malloy

Nancy Bell

Gail Burke

Sharon Carl

Kathi Nelson

Alesia Hollis

Karen Mueller

Mendy Sears

Wayne Henriott

Michelle DeBoer

Jennifer Glim

Denise Schlofner

Lila Jacobs

Joyce Wright

Peggy Ayello

Felicia Hardt

Kim Loeschelt

Sharon Stojak

Maribel Duran-Mendez CREST Paraprofessional

Cody Hurder CREST Paraprofessional

Sharon Knoff CREST Paraprofessional

Jodi Arnold Autism Paraprofessional

Staci Duenn Autism Paraprofessional

Becca Gliessmann Autism Paraprofessional

Nancy Highstreet Autism Paraprofessional

Grace Szubrych Autism Paraprofessional

Susan Weir Autism Paraprofessional

Lori Rodeback PE Paraprofessional

Elementary Teacher

Autism Program Teacher

Elementary Teacher

Elementary Teacher

CREST Teacher

CREST Teacher

CREST Teacher

Elementary Dean

Elementary Counselor

Autism Program Social Worker

Speech Pathologist

Speech Pathologist

PE Teacher

Elementary Paraprofessional

Elementary Paraprofessional

Elementary Paraprofessional

Elementary Paraprofessional

Summit School Early Learning Center

Director

Karen Romano

PreK/Preschool Classroom

Sofia Forke Teacher

Patricia Quinn Paraprofessional

Preschool For All Classroom

Krista Barclay Teacher

Ericka Villarreal Paraprofessional

Nancy Chae Family Activities Coordinator

Two Year Old/Early Intervention Classroom

Cindy Castaneda Teacher

Lindsay Koldon Developmental Therapist

Sonia Cervantes Teacher Assistant

Transportation Department

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Summit School, Inc. Board of Directors



Leo M. Flanagan, Jr., Board Chairman of Summit Inc.

Leo Flanagan has been a member of Summit Inc. board for 5 years serving as its chairman since 2006. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Lewis University and his law degree from DePaul University Law School. He and his wife Carol have been married for 42 years and have a son and a daughter and six grandchildren. He is a partner in the law firm of Brittain & Ketcham, P.C. from 1975 to the present day. He is the former Chairman of the Board of Directors of EFS Savings Bank and former Director of Mid America Bank. He serves as a Director of EFS Foundation.



Jeanette Mihalec, Secretary of Summit Inc. Board

Jeanette Mihalec has served as a member of Summit Inc. board since 2002 serving as its secretary. She graduated from Southeastern Illinois College and Northwestern University. She has two children and is Vice President - Membership of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce. She is active in Kiwanis, Elgin Hispanic Network, New Citizens Recognition Committee, NAMI of Kane County, Southwest Area Neighbors and other community projects. She is a retired elected member of the Board of Trustees for Elgin Community College.



David Dattilo, Treasurer of Summit Inc. Board

David Dattilo has been a member of Summit Inc. board for over seventeen years serving in many capacities including board chairman, Fund Development Chair and treasurer. He is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a degree in General Business. He retired from Safety-Kleen Corp. as Senior Vice president of Sales and Service and currently serves as a consultant for SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives). David also sits on Hearing Boards for the Attorney Registration and Discipline Commission. He and his wife Patty have two children. David has served on many boards including The Dundee Chamber of Commerce, Dundee Township United Way, Easter Seals Jayne Shover Center, Elgin Chamber of Commerce, and Community Unit District #300 school board.



Barbara Ferguson, Summit Inc. Board Member

Barbara Ferguson has been a member Summit Inc. board since 2002. She is a graduate of University of San Francisco with a Bachelors degree in both Education and World Literature. She and her husband Roger have been married for 44 years and have two children and six grandchildren. She writes a column for the Daily Herald and is a member of a writing assessment team for Community Unit School District #300. She has served on many boards including Dundee Township United Way, Community Crisis Center, League of Women Voters, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Council and is currently an executive board member for both the Far Northwest United Way and Boys and Girls Club of Dundee Township.

What Summit Means to Me...



Earl Snodgrass

I came to Summit as part of Ruth Tofanelli's dream. We wanted a program that offered not only the academics needed by the students, but also activities that provided learning in an outdoor environment. The program evolved during the following years to include a variety of options for students based upon their I.E.P. goals.

Summit offered me and its' students the challenge to learn outside the classroom and the chance to expand horizons beyond what the typical school would offer. This same ideal has always been present at Summit as we tried to offer students the opportunities and a curriculum to meet their needs.

I have been blessed over my years at Summit to work with many fine educators, administrators, wonderful parents and concerned school districts. Most meaningful, though, has been working with the students.

I retired in June 2007 after 35 years at Summit. Looking back now, I, too, became part of a dream, one that I hope may continue for years to come. Thank you to all of those involved in my career, as it was truly a dream come true.

Earl Snodgrass

Former Teacher, Associate Principal

Judge Patricia Piper Golden

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*Congratulations
to
Summit School, Inc.*

Ad paid by Citizens for Judge Golden.

The advertisement features a red and blue background. At the top left, the name "Judge Patricia Piper Golden" is written in blue. To the right is a circular logo with a white scale of justice on a red background. Below the name is a white star. On the left side, there is a portrait of Judge Golden. To the right of the portrait, the word "GOLDEN" is written in large white letters, with "SINCE 1996" in smaller white letters below it. The bottom half of the ad has a white background with blue text that reads "Congratulations to Summit School, Inc." and "Ad paid by Citizens for Judge Golden."

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Summit School, Inc. Board of Directors



Robert B. Hansen, Summit Inc Board Member

Robert Hansen has been a member of the Summit, Inc. board since 2003. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa and a Master of Science degree from Northern Illinois University and has done post graduate work at Loyola University. He and his wife Barbara have been married for 38 years and have three children and 5 grandchildren. He retired from Community School District #300 after serving as a school administrator for 31 years, 23 years as Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and 3 years as Associate Superintendent. He is currently working part time as the interim regional director of a 10 county special education cooperative and is also a board member of Renz Counseling Center serving as Secretary/Treasurer.



John Ostrem, Summit Inc. Board Member

John Ostrem has served as a member of Summit Inc. board for over twenty years during that time he served as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee as well as being an Executive Committee member. He graduated from The University of Iowa with a BBS-Finance degree. He and his wife Denise have two daughters. He has been a commercial banker since 1977, working in the Elgin Community since 1986. He is currently Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking, at First Chicago Bank & Trust in Elgin. He has also served on boards or committees for Ecker Center for Mental Health, Epworth Methodist Church, Saint Thomas More School, Elgin Chamber of Commerce and United Way.



Mike Polchopek, Summit Inc. Board Member

Mike Polchopek has been a member of Summit Inc. board for six years and is a retired Sears executive after being with the company for 31 years. He received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Northern Illinois University. He has multiple interests and is currently an instructor at the Northwestern University Traffic School. He also serves as primary facilitator for Facilitated Solutions, a consulting organization for businesses on Process and High Performance Team Management. He also is a signage consultant for the Alphabet Shop, a custom sign shop in Elgin. He and his wife of 40 years Nancy, have three children and five grandchildren.



Darlene Ziebell, Summit Inc. Board Member

Darlene Ziebell has been a member of Summit Inc. board for five years playing a major role in the schools long-range planning. She is a graduate of Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She owns two companies. The first one is Actoras Partners LTD which is a management consulting firm specializing the Fortune 1000; and the second is Ziebell Enterprises Inc. which is a consulting and business coaching firm specializing in serving closely held companies. She is the former chair of the Chicago-based Eleanor Foundation and currently chairman council member of Conservation International. She is also a pilot and member of various pilot associations and flying clubs.

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Mary Galvin

- Served as a member of the Board of Directors for 29 years from 1973-2002.
- Served as Chairman of the Board from 1991-92.
- She was a dedicated member of the Board who was instrumental in program development including the Gifted and Pre-school programs. Further, she served a key role in facility acquisition, additions and improvements.

Beatrice Wilson

- Served as member of the Board of Directors from 1972-2003.
- During her 31 years tenure on the Board she served as Secretary and member of the Executive Committee for over 16 years.
- Bea was very active in development of the school from the formative years through the outreach years.

Ex Officio Board Member



Chuck Peacock

Charles Peacock, Summit Inc.

Board Member Chuck Peacock has been a member of the Summit Inc. Board for twenty-five years and served as board chairman from September 1995 to May, 2005. After his graduation from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1964, he joined IBM and following a sixteen year career there became a Chief Financial Officer and consultant for small to mid-sized manufacturing and distribution companies until his retirement in 2000. He and his wife Sandra have been married for thirty-four years with three children (two of whom attended Summit) with six grandchildren. Chuck and Sandy split their time between McNaughton, Wisconsin and Naples, Florida and enjoy golf and flying throughout the year. They are active in the national Angel Flight.

Former Summit School, Inc. Board Chairmen

David Dattilo	William Lovell*
Joseph Estes*	Parker McMahan, Jr.
Leo Flanagan, Jr.	Robert Morency*
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