

# Mid-America College of Funeral Service Alumni Association



Newsletter

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

I find the writing of this first letter in our newsletter to be very exciting. I want to thank those that chose me to head our newly founded Alumni Association. I look forward to the exciting things we have in the works for our members.

For those of you who have not yet joined I hope to soon see your name on our roster. There has been an amazing response this first year. We hope to be able to start funding scholarships this coming year and have many things planned. As funeral service continues to change we want to keep you informed and up to date on the industry changes. We hope that through our network of members we can help reconnect some old relationships that started in mortuary school.

We plan to have a mem-

bership directory available soon. We are planning two big events this year. We will be hosting a reception at both the Indiana and Kentucky Conventions. The Indiana Convention is being hosted by Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Homes at their new Floral Park Chapel and The Kentucky Convention will be held at the Hyatt in Louisville with more details to follow. I look forward to meeting and seeing each one of you at the conventions.

Also, we are in need of four additional board of directors to serve on our board. If you have an interest please let us know. Feel free to call me anytime at 317-512-0121. Thanks for allowing me to serve as your founding president to one of the strongest and fastest growing alumni association in mortuary science.



Michael Johnson,  
President

Michael R. Johnson  
President

## WHO ARE WE...OUR MISSION

The mission of the Mid-America College of Funeral Service Alumni Association is to provide a network of communication and

resources for graduates and students; be a strong support system for the college; and aid each graduate and student to further

themselves in the funeral profession

# TO TAKE NOTE.....



NFDA President-Elect, John Reed (left), joined our association after the March Graduation , of which he was the Key Note Speaker.

## Thank You

### Batesville Casket Company

for your contribution to the Alumni Association at the Stainless Steel Level.

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## MEET THE BOARD.....THE PRESIDENT.....

**Michael Ray Johnson**, son of Brenda Fadely and the William "Bill" Johnson was born and raised in Henry County, Indiana. He has been serving families and community members in Henry County and other various surrounding areas for the past several years.

He is a 1988 graduate of Knightstown High School, and attained an associate degree through Mid-America School of Mortuary Science graduating in 2004.

Mike began his career in the funeral service industry in 1998 at a rural Henry County funeral home. He was selected as a member to the British Institute of Embalmers. He is a licensed Indiana funeral director,

embalmer, and a licensed life insurance agent. He is in the process of attaining his Kentucky funeral director and embalmer licenses and will finish in September 2008. He has been appointed and currently serves as president of the Mid-America college of Funeral Service Alumni Association as a lifetime member and is an active member of the school board of directors for the Mid-America College of Funeral Services. He serves as members of both the Indiana Funeral Director Association and National Funeral Director Association. He resides in Hancock County, IN where he and his family are in the process of developing a funeral home/cemetery combination. He is an ordained Baptist minister and a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Greenfield, IN. He is also a member

of the Sons of The American Legion. Michael has a son named Zachary (wife, Amy) who is an active member of the 82rd Airborne in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and a granddaughter Kaylynn, who all play a very active and important role of his life. He also has a sister Lori (husband-Brian) Sorrell of Greenfield, IN. He enjoys collecting toy tractors, being outdoors, riding his Quarter Horses, and collecting muscle cars. He believes that personal attention, compassion, and details are important in serving a family.

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## UPDATE OF THE SCHOOL.....



FISH NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES

The March graduation had 21 students. 3 with Honors.

The school enrolled 19 students in the general education department and 8 students were added to the funeral service division.

The Chemistry, Microbiology, Pathology, and science survey professor changed. The new professor is Alisa Perkins. She also teaches at the University of Louisville

Mr. Bruce Campbell has retired. He will be staying on part-time for a short period.



This is a space for your announcements. Anything you want other alumni to know about, or of you just want to brag, we will print it, **Birth, Marriage, Death, Purchase of a funeral homes, Promotions.**

**Home Comings...**

Michael Johnson, Mid-America '04- Son came home from the Iraq.



**Fundraiser:** The alumni association is selling a personalized scale model horse-drawn hearses. Each of these items are handmade custom pieces. Each will come with a registered serial number, and is offered in Black. The cost of each is \$700.00. Please contact Michael Johnson, President at 317-512-0121 for orders.

Do you need help ??? Do you have something to sale ??? Let us know.

Send all request for the Announcements, Help Wanted, and For Sale to:

MACFSAlumni@hotmail.com or fax it to the school attention Alumni Association at (812) 288-5942.

Please include all contact information in case we need to contact you.

## DATES OF INTEREST.....

Tuesday June 24, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 pm, we will have a hospitality room at the Hyatt in Downtown Louisville at the Kentucky Convention

Don't Forget September is Graduation Month.

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at  
**Mid-America.edu**



## QUOTE OF THE NEWSLETTER.....

Life is not a static thing. The only people  
who do not change their minds are  
incompetents in asylums, and those in  
cemeteries.

Everett McKinley Dirksen

## RIDDLE ME THIS.....

1. What is bought by the yard and worn by the foot?
2. The following number is the only one of its kind. 8,549,176,320 Can you figure out what is so special about it?
3. When I am filled I can point the way. When I am empty, nothing moves me. I have two skins - One without and one within. What am I?
4. Forward and forward I go, never looking back. My limit no one knows, more of me do they lack. Like a river I do flow, and an eagle I fly. What am I?
5. What is it that when you take away the whole, you still have some left over?
6. What six letter word in the English language contains ten other words without rearranging any of its letters?
7. I move very slowly at an imperceptible rate, I take my time, I am never late. I accompany life, and survive past demise, I am viewed with esteem in many women's eyes. What am I?

Riddle Answers: 1-A carpet, 2-The numbers are in alphabetical order, 3-A glove, 4-Time, 5-The word wholesome, 6-The word is Spared. The ten words are: Spa, Spar, Spare, Pa, Par, Pare, Pared, Are, Re, and Red, 7-Your hair.