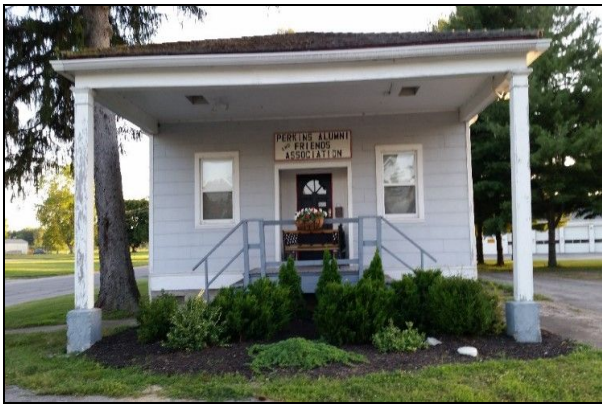




HISTORY OF THE PERKINS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PAFA)

A long, gray building at the corner of Taylor Road and S. Columbus Avenue in Sandusky, OH, is the home of the Perkins Alumni and Friends Association. Several interested graduates and community members established it in 1998 with the following goals:

1. Provide scholarship money to deserving high school seniors.
2. Donate money to each of the Perkins schools to further educational goals of each building.
3. Develop an alumni database with contact information to keep alumni connected and help individual classes with reunions.
4. Obtain and maintain an alumni building for meetings and storing memorabilia.
5. Publish a newsletter.
6. Sponsor a Hall of Fame banquet to recognize former students, staff and support people who have distinguished themselves in their communities or professions.



The association was approved as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 2000. In 2003, the Perkins Board of Education gave the Perkins Alumni and Friends Association permission to use the building at the corner of Taylor Road and South Columbus Avenue. Originally, this same address was once a Methodist church, a Grange Hall, a township hall, an infirmary in the Plum Brook Ordnance Works, and a NASA storage facility. With the help of grant money, donations, members of the association and many other community people, the building was renovated for its current use. Ceilings were lowered and windows were replaced along with the

heating system. Walls and floors were cleaned, prepared, painted and carpeted. Filing cabinets, display tables, chairs and miscellaneous office furniture were added as well as stocking the kitchen with a stove and refrigerator. The official opening was in the afternoon of Saturday, October 26, 2003.

Today, those original goals are continually met each year! The Perkins Alumni and Friends Association provides a \$1,000 scholarship to selected high school seniors; the sons and daughters of our alumni. Each school building receives \$100 for their building needs. The alumni database is continually updated with contact information available for reunion planners. The Perkins Alumni and Friends Building houses a good display of history, memorabilia, and is the location for association meetings. The alumni newsletter, *The Venerable Buccaneer*, is published four times per year and sent to all dues-paying association members. The Hall of Fame includes over 80 people deserving of induction since the first banquet in 2001.

There are now Perkins graduates all over the world who can remain connected through the efforts of the Perkins Alumni and Friends Association. Anyone interested in becoming a member may download a membership form on this website. Your support will ensure the continuation of this special organization's goals and projects.

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