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Museum to display sports trophy restored by Sunset alumni



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Alumni from Sunset, Adamson and four other Dallas high schools will gather Saturday morning at the Old Red Museum for an invitation-only unveiling of the Sanger Trophy at its new home.

From 1929 until the mid-1950s, the trophy was awarded annually to the high school with the year's best showing in athletic competition. Sunset won the award 12 times followed by Woodrow Wilson (8), Adamson (3), North Dallas and Crozier Tech (1 each) and Forest Avenue High (0). (BTW, a fine young tennis player, Roy Appleton Jr., helped Sunset bring the Sanger home in 1942 by winning the city doubles title his senior year.)

This from Don Martin, Sunset Class of 1952, who led efforts to restore the Sanger Trophy after it was found dented and missing parts at the school in 2001. Former Bisons ponied up some \$2,500 to return the trophy to its original look. And alumni from the six schools raised about \$4,000 to retrofit a case to hold the pedestaled trophy for permanent public display on the Old Red Museum's first floor. [More here](#) for subscribers.

The case will also contain plaques for each of the six schools including the names of some (but far from all) their famous/notable alumni. As in:

Sunset

- John M. Stemmons, Class of '27
- Betty Jameson, '39
- Linda Darnell, '39
- Louise Latham, '40
- Robert S. Folsom, '44,
- Davey Williams, '45
- Don January, '47
- Clay Armstrong, '52
- Lee Smith, '53
- Eddie Southern, '55
- Jerry Mays, '57
- Bill Melton, '58
- Jerry Rhome, '60

Adamson

- William Harden Adamson
- Howard A. Allen
- Adm. James Holloway Jr. '15
- Joe Thompson, '18
- E. King Gill, '20
- Gen. Charles Cabell, '21
- Roy "Father" Lumpkin, '24
- Samuel Dealey, '25
- Michael "Pinky" Higgins, '27
- Charles Sprague, '35
- Jim Wright, '39
- Troy "Tom" Chandler, '43
- Donald Holmquest, '57
- Michael Martin Murphy, '63

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