

A Tribute To Peter L. Johnson



Dear Sycamore High School Alumnus,

Sycamore High School and alumni are fundraising capital to establish a "Tribute to Peter L. Johnson" on the campus of Sycamore High School. The tribute will feature a life-sized statue of Pete denoting the impact Mr. Johnson has had on the Sycamore community, education system and athletic program. The statue will be displayed prominently in the field house area.

Mr. Johnson is a life-long Sycamore resident, a graduate of Sycamore High School, fought in the Pacific in WWII and returned to coach and teach at Sycamore High School. During Pete's tenure as an educator in Sycamore, he led the Spartans to eight undefeated football seasons and to one of the top ten winning percentages in the history of football coaching in Illinois. Just as importantly, Mr. Johnson developed the Diversified Occupations program that impacted thousands of youth throughout the state of Illinois. Pete ended his education career at Sycamore, serving as the high school principal for ten years, retiring in 1981.

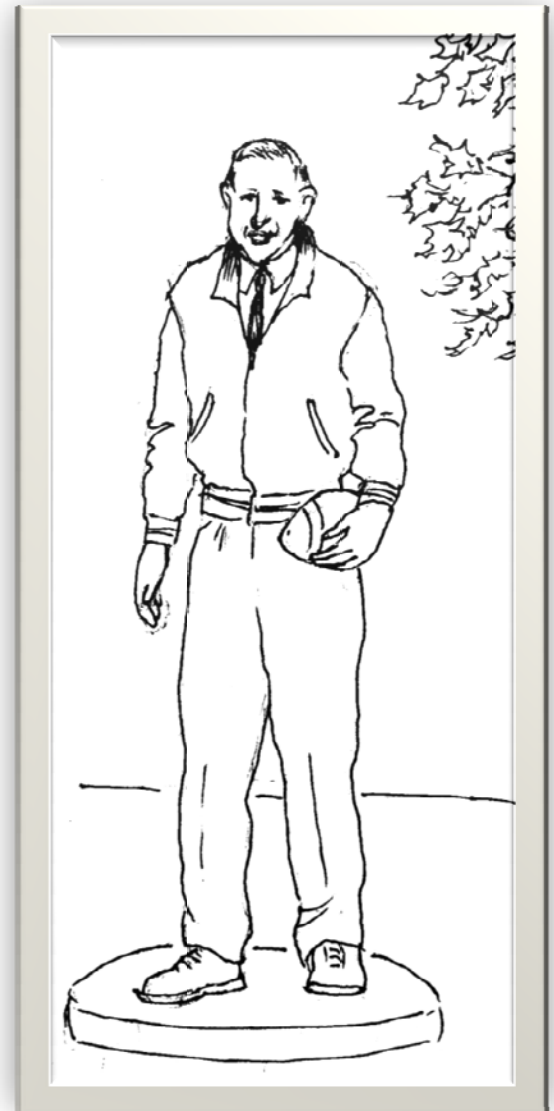
In honor of Mr. Johnson, we are soliciting donations to honor the most impactful educator in the history of Sycamore. All funds donated will be deposited in a pass through fund at the DeKalb County Community Foundation. These donations are tax deductible and funds from this account will be disbursed only for the cost of the statue, recognition area and scholarship.

The location of the statue will also allow for donations to recognize and support the Sycamore Sports Boosters, Sycamore Music Boosters, Sycamore Alumni Association, the "In Memory of" section and the Sycamore Education Foundation. Your donation will result in a brick with your name engraved being embedded in the area surrounding Pete's statue. Your donation may also remain anonymous if you wish.

Our committee has met several times over the past three months planning this tribute. We are now in the most important phase – fundraising. We need your help to make this tribute occur. No donation is too large or too small. The entire project will cost an estimated \$50,000. Twenty percent of the money has already been donated. The goal is to have all the money raised by May 1, 2010, and unveil the statue in October 2010. We hope you can help.

Sincerely,

The Peter L. Johnson
Tribute Committee



**Peter L. Johnson Tribute Committee
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