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Chaffin-Luhana Media Center Dedicated at Oak Glen High School

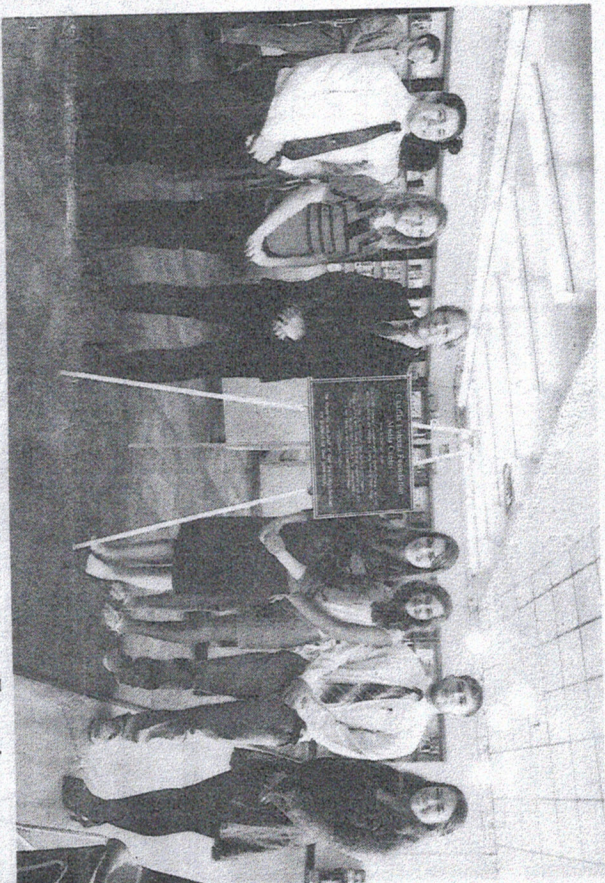
Five months after being launched, the Chaffin Luhana Media Center at Oak Glen High School is a reality. Made possible by a \$25,000 donation from the Chaffin Luhana Foundation, the Center transforms the school's library into a state-of-the-art resource for students providing them with research and communication skills and increasing computer, science, math and media skills.

"The Center is opening the door to a whole new world," said Oak Glen Principal Dave Smith, who predicted that the Center would "grow and continue to get better and better." Smith recognized Christina Portmeyer, director of the Chaffin Luhana Foundation, for her work on the project.

"She (Portmeyer) has made this dream a reality," he said. He also thanked Carol Rosenlieb, vice president of and Michelle Chappell, member of the Hancock County Board of Education, for their work on the committee. He cited the dedication of team members Carla Carinci-Bell, vice principal, Lissa Dullick and Morgan Martin, English; Ted Amteault, History, Government & Psychology; and Julie Zoellers, Math & Technology. Eric Chaffin, partner at Chaffin Luhana, and a 1989 graduate of Oak Glen, spoke of the opportunities that the media center would bring to the student body.

"Open your own doors in life," he said as he recalled working for County Commissioner's Jeff Davis's pizza business while in high school. He credited Davis and his father as setting an example for him as entrepreneurs. Chaffin went on to earn his bachelor's degree from WVU and his law degree from Washington & Lee University. Chaffin Luhana has offices in Weirton, Pittsburgh and New York.

An open house for the public is slated for October 21.



Media Center Dedication - A plaque, designed by Emery Engraving, was presented during the dedication of the Chaffin-Luhana Media Center. Pictured are (l-r) Alice Swiger, Morgan Harris, Eric Chaffin, Christina Portmeyer, Lindsey Smith, Ryan Cunningham and Natalie Chappell.