



Mather Alumni News

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Mather Alumni Happenings

HEY MATHER RANGER FANS
Let's do it again, one more time!

Saturday October 23, 2010

PLEASE NOTE: Change of date from "save the date" card!

5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Mather High School

\$5.00 per person (paid at the door)

Food for sale, courtesy of Mather alumnus Drew Olbur and Weiner Take All

All alumni are invited. Come join the party in Mather's new library.

[Click here](#) for more details and to pre-register.

Any questions? E-mail us at mail us at alumni@matheralumni.org

Mather is turning 51. It's your last chance to be part of the celebration. All Mather at 50 gear is 50% off!

Visit the Mather Gear Store and purchase Mather Rangers and Mather at 50 T-shirts, pullovers and hats.

Quantities for Mather at 50 Gear are limited so [order today!](#)



Calling all Mather Ranger sports enthusiasts!

Remember what fun you had playing team sports at Mather? Regular participation in sports promotes physical fitness and gives the students the opportunity to be a part of a team. Most important, in today's world, it keeps teens off of the streets. The 2009/10 was a great year for team sports at MHS, and the Alumni Fund needs your help to keep this program going strong!



Many high school athletic programs in the city, in order to survive, need and have a booster club to support them both vocally in the stands and financially. The Alumni Fund is reaching out to all of you to see if anyone would like to become a great part of Mather history and help us establish Mather's "Booster Club". Hopefully all of us working together can raise money and parent involvement for years to come in Mather sports. Let's keep MATHER SPORTS GOING STRONG! If you are interested in helping us create a "Booster Club" please email us at alumi@matheralumni.org.

The Mather High School Alumni Fund plans for the next school year!

As reported in past newsletters, the 2009-10 school year has been very exciting for our alumni association. Our successes include:

- Awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to five deserving seniors
- Expanded alumni involvement in on-going volunteer activities
- Increased communications with Mather administration and staff about alumni activities via teacher-only web page and e-bursts
- Elected a new Board of Directors
- Hired new staff to coordinator the volunteer program
- Connected with over 66% of the student body through alumni activities

We are currently setting goals for the 2010-11 school year. These include:

- Award a minimum of one full scholarship and 4 special awards, totaling \$10,000

- Increase alumni volunteer hours by 15%
- Expand and add new activities that introduce Mather students in all grades to post-secondary college and career choices
- Coordinate events to highlight the new library at Mather

All of this cannot happen without your help. Unlike most high school alumni organizations we do not charge a membership fee. Instead we sustain the association by individual donations and corporate/foundation grants.

You recently received a request for a donation. Thank you to all who have already responded. We hope to receive donations from many more. No amount is too small. A donation to the Mather Alumni Fund is a wonderful way to "give back" to your favorite high school and help a student go on to college. Simply [click here](#) to make your donation on-line. Or, download a donation form and mail it to our office with your check or credit card information. (Check with your employer to find out if they match employees' donations. This is an excellent way to double your donation.)

In support of the Sandi Port Errant Alumni Volunteer Program we are always looking for new grant opportunities. If you, your family or employer are aware of any opportunities please send us an email with the information. We will follow up on all grant leads.

Thank you again and we look forward to a very successful school year!

Volunteer Today!

The Sandi Port Errant Volunteer Program is supported by Harris Bank.



The 2009-10 school year has been very successful for our volunteer program!

Throughout the year alumni volunteered to:

- Judge students' Science Fair exhibits
- Introduce students to different career options at the Career Fair
- Share professional interests and expertise by taking part in the Speakers Bureau as well as speaking at a freshman assembly, and providing the keynote addresses at the National Honor Society Induction ceremony and the 2010 Graduation Ceremony
- Help raise money to provide scholarships to students and

- support the volunteer program
- Join the Scholarship Evaluation Committee to select this year's scholarship recipients
- Mentor past scholarship recipients while they are in college
- Assist the Mather High School Alumni Fund by helping with a variety of administrative tasks

We are proud to announce that this year 30 alumni volunteered 373 hours. Approximately 1,100 freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors directly benefited from the alumni presence in the school.

The volunteer program is coordinated by Mather alumnus, **Denise Kase-Nabat** (1986). Denise joined us last January and has done an outstanding job! As Denise puts it "High school was the greatest time in my life as a teen and I love Mather. Growing up in West Rogers Park was the best. There is nothing in today's world like it." Denise is delighted to be back, working with the alumni, and giving back to her favorite school.

We are planning for the upcoming school year. Now is the time to let us know you want to get involved. [Click here](#) to learn more and sign up for the volunteer opportunities. You can also download the registration form for the Speakers Bureau. Contact Denise at alumni@matheralumni.org if you have any questions.

Career Goals of the Mather Freshman Class

A recent survey (March, 2010) of the freshman class at Mather revealed the career aspirations of these young people. Of the 208 respondents, 29% are interested in Business and 32% were interested in the Medical-Health Science field. Not surprisingly, 38 % showed an interest in Law Enforcement and the Legal Profession, since Mather has a selective Law Academy Program which attracts many serious students with these interests. Students were asked to indicate which of 22 career areas were of interest to them. 58% focused on 1-3 areas, indicating that many of these 14 year olds had already narrowed their focus.

There were distinct gender differences. 41% of the boys indicated an interest in Business (only 21% girls), whereas 43% of the girls chose the Medical Field (15% boys). In areas such as Social Work, 23% of the girls and only 8% of the boys indicated interest. Both boys and girls indicated a strong interest in Fine Arts/Film and the Music Industry, and the boys

indicated a very strong interest in the Sports Industry, perhaps all indicative of their interests, rather than serious career aspirations.

The Computer Industry, the Military and the Hospitality Industries also garnered notable interest. Some students indicated more specific career goals such as digital photographers, chefs, game designers, and fashion designers.

43% of the students indicated that they don't know anyone in their fields of interest. Our Alumni Speakers Bureau and the Sandi Port Errant Volunteer Program offers an opportunity for alumni to get involved in the career development of these young people.

Alumni Connection

Don't miss the Class of 1968's Golf Outing!

What would Labor Day weekend be without attending the golf outing sponsored by Mather Class of 1968? The golf outing is again being planned for this year.



Date: Friday, September 3, 2010

Where: Golf: Chevy Chase Golf, 1000 N. Milwaukee,
Wheeling

Dinner: Chicken Charlie, 1143 Church St., Northbrook

Time: Golf: 1pm Dinner: 6:30pm

Cost: Golf: : \$70 Dinner: \$35 Both: \$105

Send your check made out to Mather Class of 1968 before August 27th to:

Stephen Pawlow
RSM McGladrey
570 Lake Cook Road, Suite 300
Deerfield, IL 60015

For more details contact Steve Pawlow at
Stephen.Pawlow@mcgladrey.com

Not a golfer? Not a problem. Please join everyone at the dinner.

Check out pictures from the golf outings in 2008 and 2009. A photo album of 84 pictures can be found on the website [here](#).

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