



Mather Alumni News

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Mather Alumni Happenings

The Mather Alumni Fund Raising Committee is going strong!

The Mather Alumni Fund Raising Committee held its first meeting and ideas abound. The committee developed an exciting list of ways we can raise money for our scholarship program. In addition, a Facebook page has been set up so committee members can continue their brainstorming. It is not too late to join this committee.

Your participation in this effort can really make a difference. We are looking for those who can help with Event Planning, Marketing, Public Relations or Fund Raising. Your skills and fellowship can add real value to our efforts and will be greatly appreciated. If you have an interest in joining the good works we're doing as your service project this year please contact Ron Shulkin 847-949-4290 or Larry Weiler 847-410-3819.

Mather Gear close-out sale! All merchandise is being sold at a deep discount.

Check out the remaining inventory and [order your gear](#) today.



	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Mather Rangers Hat (\$5.00)	88					
Mather Rangers Fleece Sweatshirt Hoodie (\$10.00)			6	2	4	1
Mather Rangers Fleece 1/4 Zip Pullover (\$10.00)					6	
Men's Mather Rangers Polo Long Sleeve (\$7.00)	2	4	19	24	11	
Ladies Mather Rangers Polo Long Sleeve (\$7.00)	7	6	3	1		

Mather at 50 Ladies Long Sleeve T-Shirt (\$7.00)	5	1	7	3		
Mather HS Ladies Long Sleeve T-Shirt (\$7.00)	4	2	5	9		
Mather at 50 T-Shirt (\$5.00)	7	4	8	11	5	3
Mather High School T-Shirt (\$5.00)	5	5		10	1	1

Looking for a yearbook?

Limited copies of Mather Yearbooks are for sale. [Click here](#) to order your's today! A chart is available so you will be able to see which years we have in inventory.



Class Ring Found!

Are you missing a 1980 class ring with the initials JVM engraved inside? If you are the owner please contact us at alumni@matheralumni.org.

Don't be fooled by a 2nd Mather Alumni Site and Newsletter!

Recently alumni from many Chicago high schools, including Mather, received a notice stating that the Mather Alumni Site will be changing to an annual membership fee. This notice came from a for-profit corporation, called Alumni Class, which creates school websites and sells merchandise. It is not associated with Mather High School or our alumni association. We do not have a membership fee! Any money you pay to them will not support Mather High School or our alumni association, directly or indirectly.

Volunteer Today!

Calling all Health and Psychology Majors! Volunteer as a Judge at Mather's Health and Psychology Fair.

April 29, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.

We are look for alumni with a major in psychology, or work in the field in some way (psychologist/therapist/counselor), who would be interested in being a judge at this fair. There will be approximately 50 projects/display boards. Many Mather students are interested in majoring or minoring in psychology.

The teacher in charge of this fair is hoping alumni would be able to just talk to and advise some of these students that may be interested in pursuing a career in the field as they judge their projects.

Please [contact](#) Denise Kase-Nabat if you are able to participate at this fair.

The Alumni Speaker's Bureau is Having a Terrific Year!

The Mather High School Alumni Fund has teamed up with the A.V.I.D. (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. We have created a once a month speakers' forum where alumni speak to freshman, sophomores and juniors throughout the school day. The forums were so successful we have now been asked to conduct a forum monthly during the next school year. We would like to thank this great group of college grad professionals who recently shared their life experiences with the A.V.I.D. team:

Sara Manewith (1980) - Social Worker
Steven Harris, MD (1977) - Physician
Samuel Tennenbaum (1966) - Lawyer
Sharon Tuckman (1977) - Realtor
Mitchell Ross (1977) - Police Officer

Also, airline pilot, George Karagiannis (1984) spoke to a Physics class about Bernoulli's principle and flight. It was a wonderful example of how what the students are learning in the classroom can be applied to a particular profession. Thank you George for coming out and spending the day with us!

Teachers are looking for individuals who can come to their classrooms and share their expertise, ideas and professions with the students. We are always seeking alumni who would like to join our Speaker's Directory. If you would like to be a part of our A.V.I.D.'s monthly speakers' forum, or just interested in speaking to one class, we are very flexible and will work with you! Interested alumni are asked to complete a registration form. Please [click here](#) to download the form and email it back to us.

If you have any questions [email](#) Denise Kase-Nabat, Program Coordinator.

This year's History Fair was a great success!

On Thursday February 17, 2011, Mather alumni met some very talented History students by volunteering as a judge at this year's History Fair. The theme of the fair was "Debate and Diplomacy in History-- Successes, Failures, Consequences" It is a part of a citywide History Fair, sponsored by the Chicago Metro History Education Center.



The regional fair was held Saturday, March 5, 2011 hosted by Illinois Institute of Technology. Congratulations to Shiva Upadhyayon advancing to the state regionals. His project, "The Black Sox Scandal" was very impressive!

Thank you to alumni Carol Dragon (1965), Gary Tuber (1963), Marlene Brill (1963), Judith Cohen (1963), Monica Betance (1977), Carol Gold (1977) and Jerry Schenwar (1963).

School News

The Mather Rangers Finish On Top! Senior, Nikko Liotta Finishes 5th in State Wrestling Competition

The Mather Rangers are proud of Nikko Liotta, the only Chicago Public School student to medal in Class 3A at the State Wrestling Championship.

The event was held Feb. 18 & 19 at Assembly Hall in Champaign, Illinois. Liotta defeated Minooka's Bobby Zabel 5-3 to take home the first 3A All-State tag in Mather's history.



Nikko lost his first match on Friday morning to Jameson Oster of Lockport, a former state champ. In the double elimination tournament, he beat St. Charles East senior Nick Ruffino, ranked 4th in the state, in triple overtime to advance. In his next match, to move to the medal round, he beat West Aurora senior Miguel Venecia in overtime, earning a spot on the podium.

Following a loss in the medal rounds to Marist senior Sean Raddatz, Nikko wrestled Saturday night at Assembly Hall in front of 17,000 people for a shot at 5th place and won.

Alumni Connection

The Class of 1976 is holding its 35th reunion on Saturday, August 6th!

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this festive event.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Venue: Cubby Bear North
21661 N. Milwaukee Ave., Lincolnshire, IL

Price: \$60 per person (\$70 per person at the door)

Enjoy appetizers, full buffet dinner, dessert, soft drinks, 1 drink ticket per person and additional cash bar as you and your fellow classmates reminisce about your days at Mather.

RSVP early! Send your check to Dale Trackman
Nelson/Mather 35th, 912 Valley Stream Drive, Wheeling, IL
60069. Any questions? Email Dale at dalecda@aol.com.

**Is your class holding a reunion? Let us know and
we will help get the word out to your classmates.**

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