



Mather Alumni News

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Alumni Scholarship Fund Happenings

Celebrate with the 2008 Scholarship Winners



For the past nine years, Mather alumni have been reaching back and helping the current Mather students with college scholarships. This year, the Alumni Scholarship Evaluation Committee included Mather alumni from the Class of 1963 through the Class of 2002.

The 2008 recipient of the Mather Alumni Scholarship is Farzana Akter. Chosen from a field of 27 exceptional candidates, Farzana captured the hearts, and elicited the compassion of the entire scholarship committee. Born in Bangladesh, she came to the U.S. at the age of eight. Those eight years, however, left her with an understanding of poverty and the importance of health care. She plans to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor, and use her professional skills to meet the medical and humanitarian needs of those who don't have access to such services. Of Farzana, her teachers note, "Work assignments have a depth and scope of understanding far beyond the average student." "As a news editor for the Mather Free Press, she has shown an ability to communicate important messages with elegance and effectiveness, and without showing bias." We are thrilled to have her as our 2008 recipient.

Farzana will receive an \$8,000 scholarship for tuition, fees, and books, payable over four years, as well as mentoring through the process. In addition to the scholarship, eight students were chosen to receive special recognition for their excellent performance as students at Mather. They are Jose De La Rosa, Muhammad Feroz, Anisah Nanlawala, Vu Nguyen, Naznin Patel, Eduardo Samoyoa, Kiran Wadia, Xin Yang.

All Mather alumni are welcome to attend the Mather Awards Ceremony on the morning of June 6th, where the seniors will be honored, and scholarships awarded. To donate or learn more about this scholarship click "Donate Today" under quick links on this newsletter.

An alumni scholarship will also be awarded by the Zeolites from the Class of 1964. It will be presented at an assembly on May 5th, 2008, which will honor Patricia Daley, a former Mather teacher.



Get involved in the Mather 50th Birthday Party planning

Planning is well underway for Mather's 50th Birthday Party. At a recent meeting of the planning committee committees were formed. A contest is underway with students presenting ideas for the 50th logo. A vision for the event is being fine-tuned. Join us at our next meeting on April 29th at 7:00p.m. at Mather as we finalize a date, judge the student logo contest and finalize the event concept and logistics.

Join the planning committee. All alumni are invited to join. We need your ideas and expertise to help make this an event to remember. Click [here](#) to download the committee sign-up form.

Volunteer Today!

Volunteers have been active!

The Mather alumni volunteer program sponsored two programs during the spring. A group of students visited the Steven Papageorge Hair Academy to learn more about a career in cosmetology. They were also treated to facials and manicures while there. Steven Papageorge attended Mather during the 1970's and has been active in our career fair. We thank him for his help in making this a wonderful learning experience.



We will be hosted by Swedish Covenant Hospital in a field trip that we arranged with Ms. Charmaine Danguilan for about 80 students in A.P. Anatomy / Physiology and Chemistry. All of these students are interested in medically related careers. The hospital staff will be speaking to them in the hospital

auditorium and then take them on tours of various departments so the students can become more familiar with careers in rehabilitation, pharmacy, nursing, medical laboratories and marketing.

School News

West Side Story at Mather!

On April 9, 2008, the *Sharks and Jets* recreated their timeless conflict in the Musical Review of *West Side Story*. Approximately 100 students and 10 teachers worked on this production both on stage and behind the scenes. As students danced, sang, and performed scenes from the play, the Advanced Orchestra performed instrumentals, transforming the Mather Auditorium into a 1960's New York street scene. This is the first musical production at Mather since the 1980's.



Remember past performances of Ruetama and other musical productions directed by Mr. Paulick?

A 1971 alumnus went to the event, and said, " it was quite nice to sit in the Mather auditorium after being away for 37 years. I got to walk down one hall and take some pictures. --- actually being able to go to Mather and sit in the auditorium, that was really a reunion in itself."

News from the Mather Student Advisors

Since the New Year, the Student Advisory Team and Faculty organized a pizza party for all freshmen divisions as well as the newly enrolled student advisors. This initiative proved to be a fresh start for everyone with hopes and leadership in the coming year. After the pizza party, the old and new advisors were assigned their duties to conduct a routine checkup on the freshmen division for first semester finals and provide encouragement for higher grades. Apart from regular division checkups, we encouraged the students to participate in extra circular activities and sports to improve their upcoming academic year. Previously we had five minute divisions but recently all the student advisors were allotted with a new assignment about the service learning hour's opportunity for the freshmen academy.



The student advisory faculty team planned a post test survey for students during homeroom visits. We are also helping the fundraising event "Wall and Roll Chicago" for the benefit of American Cancer Society which is being held on Sunday, May 18. Mather high school is taking 70 students to this event to volunteer as route marshals which will help the freshmen to gain 7 service learning hours. This event is going to be an interesting and fun event for the soon to be sophomores as we got a very positive response from the students. We are still working on it and will try our level best to gain more students to serve for a good cause. Overall, I would state that Student Advisory Team possesses the most outstanding leadership and is a very strong team which has the opportunity to help students and serve other people in the best way possible.

Sincerely,

Naushaba Khan
Student Advisor

Ethnic Fest at Mather!

On Friday, May 2 the entire day is holding an All School cultural enrichment by sharing the dances, costumes, music, foods and games of all of the different ethnic groups that are represented at Mather. More than 14 clubs participate by sponsoring a dance group, food table in the lunch room or show another aspect of their culture by inviting others to a classroom that is specifically dedicated to the one culture. These are some, but not all of the clubs that are represented: African Heritage, Albanian, Arabian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Slavic, Chinese, Columbian, Filipino, Hawaiian, Indian, Muslim, and Vietnamese.

Mather High's Wish List

Don't forget to [check out](#) the Mather High School wish list on our website. We are always adding more "wishes" from the teachers.

School Renovation Update

Know your target audience.

The renovation of Mather has begun. Summer school will be held at another location (still to be determined), so that the work can progress quickly while there are no students present.



As we have reported in past alumni newsletters, Mather is getting a \$ 25 million renovation which will be completed around September 2009. Shortly after completion, Mather will celebrate its 50th birthday.

Alumni Connection

The Class of 1978 is holding its 30th reunion on July 19th!

Join fellow classmates at your 30 Year Reunion.

- Private Room
- Appetizers and unlimited soft drinks from 8-10pm
- Cash bar
- Live band after 10pm



WHERE: CUBBY BEAR/LINCOLSHIRE
21661 Milwaukee

TIME: Check-in 7:30pm - ??

COST: \$25 per person - pay at the door or mail. Checks payable to Debbie Karbin, 515 Nichols Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

RSVP: by July 12th to dkarbin@comcast.net

Calling all members of the Class of 1969!

The 1969 Reunion Planning Committee are starting plans for their 40th reunion. They are asking that past alumni from 1969 please email them at Mather69@aol.com so they can create a master invitation list.



Class of 1965 Get Together

The Class of 1965 will have a summer get together at Stash's in Highland Park on July 12th at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.00. Any questions? E-mail them at mather1965@yahoo.com.

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