



Mather Alumni News January, 2009

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Mather Alumni Happenings

Fellow alumni - don't forget to scroll down to see if your reunion is listed!



"We have an obligation and a responsibility to be investing in our students and our schools. We must make sure that people who have the grades, the desire and the will, but not the money, can still get the best education possible. "

**Barack Obama,
44th President of the United States of America**

Celebrate and Support our High School

**Mather at 50
~A Birthday Celebration~**

**Saturday, October 10, 2009
Mather High School
7:00 p.m.**

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

DO IT NOW AND SAVE WITH EARLY REGISTRATION RATES!

First 500 registrants also receive a free "CPS Alumni" tote bag!
Net proceeds will benefit the school.

GET INVOLVED!

- ~ Join one of the Mather at 50 committees: communications, sponsorship, logistics or entertainment
- ~ Become a Class Representative and help us collect alumni e-mail and mailing addresses.
- ~ Share your photographs with us. We want to post photographs on the website that portray the students and the school during each decade. You can send photographs electronically to alumni@matheralumni.org. Or send hard copies to Gary Tuber, 1988 Georgetown Lane, Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169. A SASE will get your photos back. Please include identifiers of year, location, and names of subjects, if possible.
- ~ Spread the word and forward this newsletter along to other classmates who might be interested.

Visit www.matheralumni.org/50thParty.aspx to learn more and stay involved! Over the next few months we will continue to update the website. Come back often to keep up to date as we post the exciting activities planned for the event. And, in a few weeks, you will be able to see if your friends are joining the fun when we begin to post the registration list.

QUESTIONS?

E-mail

matherat50@matheralumni.org

Or call the hotline, (773) 873-5050.

...See you October 10, 2009...

The 2009 Mather Alumni Scholarship

Mather seniors are getting ready to apply for the Mather High School Alumni Scholarship. Applications are due on March 6, 2009. Last year we received 27 applications, all from very worthy applicants. This year we anticipate receiving more.

The Scholarship Committee will meet to review of the applications in early April. If you would like to join this

committee please complete the volunteer form on our website.

Last year Charna Halpern (Class of 1970) created a unique scholarship for a Mather High School student. This scholarship is for admission to their Summer Intensive program. The Summer Intensive condenses the entire iO Theater school of thought into five incredible weeks. This year's recipient will be selected in April by the Scholarship Committee. Thank you, Charna, for offering this exceptional opportunity.

Another academic scholarship, the Zeolite scholarship, is offered by alumni from the Class of '64 and February, '65. To learn more about this scholarship, contact Jan Gordon at Barry950@aol.com.

Volunteer Today!

Become a judge at the History Fair!

February 21, 2009 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Make a memorable impact on the lives of some very talented students by volunteering as a judge for the History Fair. The theme of this year's fair is "The Individual in History (Chicago)". It is a part of a citywide History Fair, sponsored by the Newberry Library. Ten Mather students will be selected to participate at a regional fair that will be held at the University of Illinois Chicago.

Share your knowledge and excitement about Chicago history. As a judge you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on how well students have prepared their projects depicting Chicago history. You will evaluate how the posters look aesthetically and discuss with them what the students learned through the process. And, please join us for lunch after the judging.

The History Fair is a wonderful way for Mather alumni to interact and get to know the Mather students. [E-mail us](#) to learn more.

Calling all Musicians!! Mather Alumni invited to participate in the Spring Cabaret!

Alumni are invited to join the Mather orchestra for this year's Spring Cabaret. The show, titled ChiCabaret, will exclusively feature the music of Bob Fosse and Kander and Ebb. The Spring Cabaret will be held March 19 and 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

All interested musicians should [email orchestra teacher, Christian Smith](#). There will be only one rehearsal.

Join the Alumni Speaker's Directory

Teachers request classroom speakers throughout the year. To help fulfill these requests, we are developing an Alumni Speaker's Directory. We are looking for alumni from all professions who are willing to share their expertise with the Mather students in all grades.

Interested alumni are asked to complete a registration form. Please [click here](#) to download the form, fill it out and email it to [Carol Gordon](#).

Help Mather seniors with their college application essays!

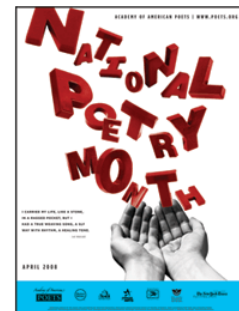
Theresa Schiltz, the school Librarian, is recruiting volunteers to review college essays and provide feedback to the students:

Tuesday mornings (10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) and Thursday afternoons (1:30 pm. - 4:00 p.m.) in the School Library, beginning February 3rd.

Apply for this volunteer opportunity by submitting a paragraph describing why you want to participate in this program and work with the students. Please submit your paragraph directly to Theresa Schlitz at tsschiltz@cps.edu by January 31st. She will be in touch with all applicants the first week of February. For additional information, please contact Ms. Schiltz or [e-mail Carol Gordon](#), Alumni Volunteer Program Director.

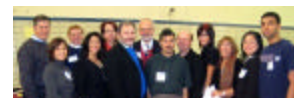
Calling All Poets!

April is National Poetry Month. Activities are in the planning stages. A writer's workshop, storytelling and different bilingual activities will be part of the festivities. The Mather Librarians invite all alumni to join the fun. Currently activities are planned for Saturday afternoons and early evening during the week. If you have an interest in poetry please contact the Librarians, [Ms. Schiltz](#) or [Ms. Wright](#). You can also get your name on the list by [contacting us](#).



Alumni Spotlights Different Professions at the 2008 Career Fair

The Career Fair was held on Friday, November 21, 2008 in the large and



small gymnasiums. Thirteen Mather Alumni attended and offered information about their careers. Mather students learned about professions, such as accounting, teaching, journalism, banking and aviation. The alumni were excited about describing their professions to the students and sharing stories as students with fellow alumni.

Thank you to the following alumni who gave their time: Jennie Spallone (1967), George Karagiannis (1984), Alan Solomon, Brooke Benjamin (1988), Teri Silverman Rudich (1966), Cary Rosenthal (1978), Brian Zeid (1992), Barbara Thompson (1971), Fran Abramson (1967), Steven Papageorge, Robert Smoller (1964) and Natasha Peric. Joining us this year was Coach Don Fontana, who talked to the students about his career as a firefighter and paramedic.

Alumni were Judges at the 2008 Science Fair

The Science Fair was held on Saturday, December 12, 2008 in the Mather cafeteria.

Congratulations to the first place winner, senior Marzieh Salehitazangi. Her project was entitled "Are Stem Cells Present In Prostate Epithelium?". She and the other runners up will be competing in the Area 19 Science Fair at Northeastern University on Friday, January 23, 2009. Good luck to all these future scientists.



Alumni said how impressed they were by the variety of exhibits. Thank you to the following alumni who were judges at the Science Fair: Arni Miller (1967), George Karagiannis (1984), David Kaplan (1975), Bryan Kent Wallace (1988), Ivy Kroman (1973), Jennifer Roberts (1988) and Janice Abelman. Also serving as judges were Aakash Chokshi (2008) and Ijaz Mohideen (2008), two of the six finalists that made it to the Area 19 Science Fair last year. Aakash had also made it to the city finals. It was terrific having them back.

School News

Introducing the new CPS Alumni Website!

Mather staff wants to make you aware of a new website through the Chicago Public School system that offers information about alumni activities for all of the Chicago Public Schools. Check out www.cpsalumni.org

Mather High's Wish List

Thank you to those alumni who have donated items requested by the teachers and staff. Don't forget to [check out](#) the Mather High School wish list on our website to see how you can help. New requests have been added since the last newsletter.

Alumni Connection

Calling all members of the Class of 1969!

Mark your calendars for your 40th reunion!

June 27, 2009

Maggiano's, Skokie

Stay in touch with the planning committee and learn more about the reunion plans by visiting their website at www.mather1969.com.



Class of 1968 Reunion Pictures are ready for viewing.

Relive your 40th reunion and enjoy the pictures. [Click here](#) for the show.

We would like to post pictures from all reunions. [Contact us](#) to arrange to get your pictures posted on the website.



Reunion Spotlights

We have created a new forum in the Alumni Connections to help keep the memories of your reunions alive. Go to the [Alumni Connection](#) and click on your reunion and post your thoughts and experiences and continue the fun.

If your reunion is missing simply send us an e-mail and we will add it to the forum.

Planning a reunion? Let us help! Send us an [e-mail](#) with information about your reunion and we will publicize it in our e-newsletter.

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