



Mather Alumni News

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Mather Alumni Happenings

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



Celebrate and Support our High School

Mather at 50 ~A Birthday Celebration~

Saturday, October 10, 2009
Mather High School
6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

We have updated the 50th web pages.

- Check out the Frequently Asked Questions and learn about the catering and entertainment
- Watch three video invitations featuring your former classmates
- Meet the Mather at 50 Sponsors

Don't miss out ...
[REGISTER TODAY!](#)



For \$50 you can register online or send in your check. But don't wait too long as the price goes up to \$60 on June 30.

First 500 registrants also receive a free "CPS Alumni" tote bag.

QUESTIONS?

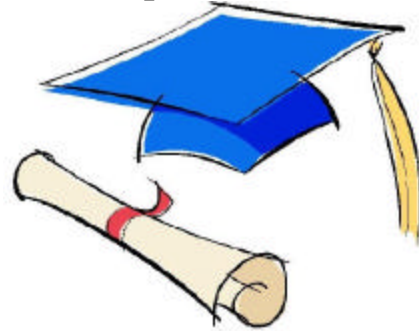
E-mail matherat50@matheralumni.org

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

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

Celebrate with the 2009 Scholarship Winners

For the past ten years, Mather alumni have been reaching back and helping the current Mather students with college scholarships. This year the Alumni Scholarship committee included Mather alumni from the Class of 1965 through the Class of 1983.



The 2009 recipient of the Mather Alumni Scholarship is Hassan Syed. Chosen from a field of 33 exceptional candidates, Hassan's leadership and commitment to education won over the scholarship committee. Born in Pakistan he came to the U.S. at the age of six with no English language skills. As he became fluent in the language he began to experience success in school. As an eighth grader Hassan found himself held and interrogated at the airport as his classmates were preparing to go to Washington D.C. In his words - "At this moment I decided he would fight racism by being asset to the world." His goal is to become a neurosurgeon. Of Hassan, his teachers note, "Hassan thrives in an environment where his intellectual capacity is constantly challenged." We are thrilled to have him as our 2009 recipient.

Hassan will receive an \$8,000 scholarship for tuition, fees and books, payable over four years. In addition two students, Marzieh Salehitazangi and Ana Popa have been selected to receive \$500 special awards.

All Mather alumni are welcome to attend the Mather Awards Ceremony on the morning of June 5th, where the seniors will be honored and scholarships awarded. Send us an email if you would like us to reserve a seat for you at the ceremony. This scholarship can only happen with the involvement of the alumni as members of the scholarship committee and/or donors. Help us continue this extraordinary tradition and [make](#)

[a donation](#) to the scholarship fund or volunteer to be on the evaluation committee.

iO Theater Scholarship

Charna Halpern (Class of 1970) created a scholarship last year for a Mather student to participate in classes at her professional theater, the iO Theater in Chicago. She has graciously offered this scholarship for a second year.

A committee comprised of alumni and Mather drama teachers selected George Buena as this year's recipient. His love for theater began when he and some friends created a 15 minute show with a video camera and showed the film on Google Video. He had a role in the senior play and loved it -- "everything from the acting, the people, the energy, the story, everything." George will be entering Columbia College in the fall where he will study theater. He will receive his scholarship at the June 5th Senior Assembly.

iO, and their Los Angeles branch, iOWEST are world renown theaters for improvisational comedy. This theater has been the training ground for some of the biggest stars in New York and Hollywood like Mike Myers, Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Andy Richter, The Late Chris Farley, Andy Dick, David Koechner, Vince Vaughn, Stephen Colbert and the list goes on. iO performers also make up the writing staff of shows like The Colbert Report, Saturday Night Live, The Daily Show and Late Night with Conan O'Brian. All this developed from the dreams of a Mather graduate. Thank you, Charna.



Volunteer Today!

The Alumni Speaker's Bureau has been very successful in its inaugural year!

Teachers expressed a need for individuals who could come to their classrooms and share their expertise, ideas and professions with the students. Mather students have had the opportunity to hear a variety of alumni speakers. Alisa Arnof (1980), an employment and labor law attorney, discussed ethics and legal cases that were in the news with juniors and seniors in Mr. Chinsio's history classes. Mitchell Ross (1976), a police officer, Steve Lessman (1968), a sales and promotion specialist and Jennie Spallone (1971), an author, described their professions to freshman English students in Ms. Fonzetti's class. Mather alumni have an amazing breadth of knowledge

and experience and we thank everyone who shared their time with the students.

We are always looking for alumni who would like to be included in our Speaker's Directory. Interested alumni are asked to complete a registration form. Please [click here](#) to download the form, fill it out and [email](#) it to us.

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.

School News

Morton C. Rosenwald, art teacher at Mather for many years, died on April 27th. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. Mr. Rosenwald was the chair of the Art Department as well as a driver's education teacher. He is remembered by hundreds of students and teachers for his affable and generous spirit, and the way he encouraged and nurtured students. Mr. Rosenwald also served as the faculty advisor for the Dais. He was an avid handball player and a fixture at the Leaning Tower YMCA for decades. His dedication to fitness and exercise was well-known and admired by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Sami. His surviving daughters, Beth and Gwen, are both alumni of Mather.



Alumni Connection

Mather 1969 Celebrates Their 40th Reunion!

Reunion Weekend
Friday, June 26, 2009
Sheraton Northbrook
Booze & Shmooze

Saturday, June 27, 2009
Pinstripes, Northbrook
6:30 dinner and



Sheraton room rate at:
Sheraton-Northbrook
1150 Willow, Northbrook
(847) 480-1900

www.starwoodhotels.com

Check required with reply no later than April 1st
payable to Mather 1969
\$79 per person
Casual Attire

R.S.V.P.
David Gladstein
3226 Brandess
Glenview, IL 60025

Learn more about the reunion plans by visiting their website at
www.mather1969.com

Send us your reunion pictures.

The Class of 1968's 40th reunion pictures are already on the website. [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.

Don't be fooled by a 2nd Mather Alumni newsletter you may have received!

Over the past few months we have received a "Mather Newsletter" from a corporation not associated with Mather High School or the alumni association. It is not a real newsletter but an attempt to sell merchandise. This same notice

is being sent to Senn, Sullivan and other high school alumni.
We applaud their creativity, but don't want any of you to be
confused, especially with the big event coming up.

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