



## Mather Alumni News

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#### Mather Alumni Happenings

##### **Limited Copies of Mather Yearbooks for Sale**

Mather yearbooks are now available 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.



Want to order Mather gear at the same time? Scroll down on the yearbook page and you will find a link to the Mather gear. All **Mather at 50** merchandise is 50% off. [Click here](#) if you want to check out the Mather gear first.

Happy shopping!

##### **Hey Mather Ranger Fans -- you did it again!**

On October 23rd over 250 alumni got together and enjoyed good food and drink, saw old friends and wandered through the halls of a new Mather High School. [Click here](#) to get all the details and view the pictures of the party. Everyone had a wonderful time!



##### **Remember the Mather High School Alumni Fund for your end-of-year giving!**

Remember the Mather Alumni Scholarship Fund for your end-of-year giving! Continue our ability to support the students at Mather with our scholarships and our unique youth development program, the Sandi Port Errant Alumni Volunteer Program.

Looking for a way to make a real difference? Although donations in any amount are appreciated, we have a special category you might find interesting . . . make a \$500 donation that will go directly to one student as a scholarship! This is a wonderful way to "give back" to your favorite high school and help a student go on to college. Once all of the scholarship decisions are made in March we will send you information about the student that you personally helped. Last year we awarded five of these one-time \$500 scholarships to Mather students. These awards were in addition to the full scholarship of \$8,000.00 (4 years at \$2,000.00 per year). We hope to be able to award that many again this year.

Simply [click here](#) to easily make your donation on-line. Or, if you prefer to write a check download a donation form and mail it to our office.

## Volunteer Today!

### **Sign up as a judge for this year's Science Fair!**

**Saturday, December 11th  
7:30am - noon**

The Science Fair is a great opportunity for students to see that science is not an idle academic chore, but an active and engaging process. The top eight contestants from Mather will advance to the area district science fair, to be held in January, 2011 at Northeastern University.



Make a memorable impact on the lives of some very talented students. Share your knowledge and excitement about science with the Mather student body. All scientific disciplines will be represented -- biology, chemistry, physics, health care, engineering, astronomy, computer science and more! As a judge you will listen to student presentations, ask questions, and give meaningful critiques of the students' work.

[E-mail](#) Denise Kase-Nabat to get your name on the list. Come to the Science Fair and give back to the students at Mather. You'll also have a lot of fun!

### **This Year's Career and College Fair was a smashing success!**

The Career/College Fair was held at Mather on Wednesday evening, November 3, 2010.



Tables filled the Mather hallways with representatives from many colleges and alumni offering information about their careers. Mather students, some with their parents, learned about professions such as technology, teaching, journalism, medicine and more. The alumni were excited as they described their professions and the students were thrilled to hear about what the future can bring with a higher education! Thank you to the following alumni who gave their time:

Beth Jacobson (1986), Personal Trainer  
 Jerry Schenwar (1963), High School English teacher  
 Jennie Spallone (1971), Writer/author  
 Sharon Tuckman (1977), Realtor  
 Oscar Claros (1989), IT Professional  
 Lucio Sanchez (2001), IT Professional  
 Toral Dharia (2000), Emergency Room MD

### **The Mather Speakers Bureau is off and running!**

Beth Jacobson (1986) joined students in Ms. Danguilan's 5th and 6th period Anatomy classes this past week. She shared her experience, education and life as a personal trainer with the students and how anatomy is used in her profession. Beth told the students that drive and hard work are what has made her a successful trainer. She also shared with the class "How lucky they were to be able to study Anatomy in high school because it is a great jump-start for college courses". Beth, thank you so



much. The students listened intently to everything you had to say!

**Additional speakers are needed!** Teachers from Mather's AVID program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) are requesting 6-8 alumni to speak to their classes. AVID is a program designed to work with students performing in the academic middle and ensure that they will be capable of completing a college path. Dates and times are not known at this time but we would like to get a head start. Alumni in the following professions have been requested: medicine, veterinary science, technology, engineering, graph design, business management, finance and culinary arts. All alumni working in an aspect of these professions and interested in becoming a speaker are asked to complete a Speaker's Directory Registration Form. Please [click here](#) to download the form, highlighted at the bottom of the web page.

### **Join the Mather High School Alumni Fund Fundraising Committee!**

To help provide a special focus on our charter to support Mather students, we are dedicating our time to the topic of fundraising. Our first step was taken last week with the formation of a Fundraising Committee. We can use your help and this kind of volunteer activity is very rewarding. Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to use your marketing and communication skills on behalf of the students at Mather High School. All Alumni Fund activities support the school, staff and students! To make sure we are able to continue this support for years to come we are developing a fundraising plan and looking to the alumni to help us develop ideas that are both fun and profitable.

If you are interested in joining the committee or just want to learn more send an [email to the Fundraising Committee Chair, Ron Shulkin.](#)

### School News

#### **A Message from the Student Ambassadors**



The Mather Alumni Event was a fantastic night! The people who attended Mather High School since 1965 visited and reminisced. There was great food, old yearbooks for sale, and Mather spirit wear to buy. People of all ages were delighted to see each other and were surprised to see how everyone had changed or stayed the same.

As student ambassadors, we were asked to assist with various jobs. Our main job was to help sort old yearbooks and sell them at the front desk. We also helped sell Mather spirit wear, took pictures, and greeted the alumni. We rotated jobs so we were able to experience each aspect. While greeting at the door, I assisted an older lady walking in the building. She couldn't walk fast at first, but as we entered the crowd she was filled with joy to see her peers.

The contributions given that night will be used for the benefit of Mather students. We appreciate the efforts made by the alumni committee as their work helps to support many deserving students.

It was such a great event!

Sidra Shah, Senior  
Juliana Rivera, Junior

### **"Harvest for Hope" Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Mather's Key Club and Xplosion Latina Club have joined together to take part in a community food drive for Vital



Bridges, a local non-profit organization. Vital Bridges is located on the north side of Chicago and provides food, nutrition, housing, case management and preventive services to those impacted by HIV and AIDS. Schools and community based organizations throughout the city are a part of Vital Bridges' "Harvest for Hope" Thanksgiving food drive. This is Mather's first year as a participant. Their goal is to collect 1,000 items and have been dedicated to

promoting the event to the staff and students. They are asking the alumni to support the clubs and join the effort.

Vital Bridges is in need of canned goods such as tuna, chicken or salmon, peanut butter, stews or chili and canned fruits such as peaches, pears, and fruit cocktail. Also needed are hygiene items, such as bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo. The drive began on November 2nd and will conclude on November 22nd. If you are able to make a donation you can drop the food off at Door 1 (off Lincoln Avenue) during school hours (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.). The students would appreciate any help they can get in reaching their 1000 item goal!

## Alumni Connection

Held this past September, alumni from the Class of 1968 got together for a day of golfing and dinner. [Click here](#) to view their photo album.



Want to browse the otherphoto albums on our website? Simply click the box on the left in the album tool box. Then click on the photo album you wish to see. The list of albums can be found in the [Alumni Connection](#). We are always looking for reunion pictures. If you have some please forward them to us via [email](#) and we will post a photo album for your class.

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