



## Mather Alumni News

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#### Mather Alumni Happenings

##### **A gift for the school from the alumni!**

As a result of alumni support for Mather at 50, a special \$25,000 donation of much-needed computers and monitors has been made to Mather High School for the new library.



The library once contained 5 computers, each over ten years old. Now there are 60 computer stations, 30 in the library and 30 in the lab where classes go to conduct research. According to Principal, Chris Jones, this wonderful opportunity for the students could not have happened without the donation from the alumni.

##### **Visit the Alumni Store and treat yourself to a present!**

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.



It's winter and the perfect weather for a warm Mather hoodie sweatshirt. Order yours today! Check out the Mather Gear offered in the Alumni Store. All **Mather at 50** merchandise is **75% off**. [Click here](#) and start shopping.



## **Decisions about the 2011 Mather Alumni Scholarship will be made soon!**

Mather seniors are busy completing this year's application for the Mather High School Alumni Scholarship. Applications are due on February 2, 2011. Last year we received 29 applications, all from very worthy applicants. With such a large number of applicants making a final decision was quite a challenge. This year we anticipate receiving the same number of applications if not more. If you would like to join the Scholarship Evaluation Committee please send us an email to [alumni@matheralumni.org](mailto: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!**

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

**Thursday Feb. 17, 2011  
12:30 p.m.-3:00 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 "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.



Five Mather students will be selected to participate at a regional fair that will be held Saturday, March 5, 2011 hosted by Illinois Institute of Technology. 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 what the students learned through the process.

The History Fair is a wonderful way for Mather alumni to interact and get to know the Mather students. If you would like to become a judge [e-mail](#) Denise Kase-Nabat to get your name on the list.

### **Come and be a part of an incredible speakers forum! Share your Career Story with Mather Students!**

The Alumni Fund has been asked to partner with AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) to bring real life career experiences to the students in the classroom. Students performing in the academic middle join AVID as freshmen. With the help of a team of counselors and teachers they remain with the program through their four years of high school. As juniors and seniors these same "average" students are now taking advanced placement classes. The AVID teams' primary goal is to ensure that all students involved in their program will be capable of completing a college path.

The AVID team has asked us to provide monthly career panels to highlight two professions each month. The first two panels are scheduled for Wednesdays, February 16 and March 16. Speaking to freshman, sophomores and juniors, the panels will run throughout the school day. Alumni can choose to speak during only one class period, three class periods for a half day or 6 periods and join us for the entire day. Lunch is on us for any alumnus who can attend all day.

The AVID students are most interested in learning about the following professions: Engineering, Health Care, Law, Accounting and Veterinary Medicine. If you are interested in joining one of the career panels, or learning more, [email](#) Denise Kase-Nabat, Program Coordinator.

### **We Can Use Your Help!**

We have started a Mather Alumni Fund Raising Committee and we could really use some help from our fellow alums. The Mather Alumni Board has a difficult but very rewarding task: to grant Scholarships to the best performers graduating from Mather. The students of today are every bit as skilled as those we went to school with, but often lack the financial means to achieve their academic and professional goals.

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

### **Join us on a field trip with the students at Mather!**

Last year I did something I have never done before -- I chaperoned a field trip. I joined the juniors and seniors on the bus and then, along with a hospital guide, took them on a tour of Swedish Covenant



Hospital. I have to say, the trip was fantastic. The students were great. And, I even learned something while visiting the hospital labs. I am looking forward to going with another great group of students again this year.

Mather students will be hosted again by Swedish Covenant Hospital for an opportunity to explore medically related careers. This exciting field trip, arranged through Ms. Charmaine Danguilan of the Mather Science Department and our own Alumni Volunteer Program, will take place on **Tuesday April 5th** from 8:30am - noon. Students in A.P. Anatomy/Physiology and Chemistry will tour various departments so they can see careers in rehabilitation, pharmacy, nursing, medical laboratories and marketing first-hand. As a chaperone you will see the medical profession through the eyes of students who hope to work in one of these dynamic fields in the future.

If you are interested in coming along, and helping out, please e-mail me, Denise Kase-Nabat at [alumni@matheralumni.org](mailto:alumni@matheralumni.org)

### **Alumni were judges at the 2010 Science Fair!**

The Science Fair was held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 in the Mather cafeteria. Forty-two students presented projects in the categories of Biology/Botany, Biomedical, Chemistry,



### Physics and Psychology/Behavioral.

Five student projects won the competition, including "Do Natural Fertilizers or Chemicals Work Best?" and Does the Absorption of Different Wavelengths of Light Vary on Different Green Leaves?" The winners will be competing in the Area 19 Science Fair at Northeastern Illinois University on Friday, January 28, 2011. 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: Monica Betance (1977), Oscar Claros (1989), Lynn Danford (1966), Paula Epstein (1964), Kelly Guichon (1990), Michael Gerogianis (1986), George Goltsos (1995), Jennifer Roberts (1990), and Sharon Tuckman (1977).

## School News

### **Batting Cages are needed at Mather High School**

Mather is in need of batting cages to help the Mather Rangers perfect their baseball skills! What a great way to give back! If you are able to donate batting cages please contact Principal Chris Jones at 773-534-2353 or [Cdjones1@cps.edu](mailto:Cdjones1@cps.edu).

## 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 35<sup>th</sup>, 912 Valley Stream Drive, Wheeling, IL 60069. Any questions? Email Dale at [dalecda@aol.com](mailto: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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