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Mather Alumni News

March, 2015

What's new?



This incredible international project is partially funded by YOU, Mather Alumni and The Friends of Mather.

Mather Empty Bowls Dinner

One of this year's SPARK Grant winners, Art Teacher Jennifer Brown and Librarian Elizabeth Wright, presented their winning grant project, Empty Bowls, on March 6, 2015 in the Mather cafeteria. Empty Bowls is a national project promoting awareness of hunger in our communities. Students create ceramic bowls during Art Class throughout the year, and "sell" them at the event for a minimum \$10 donation. Event attendees, including parents, students, staff and alumni, used the bowls for their dinners, which were donated by local restaurants. All proceeds from the sales of bowls were donated to local food pantries.

The SPARK Grants are awarded by The Friends of Mather, a branch of the Alumni Scholarship Fund. All Mather personnel are encouraged to apply for a \$400 grant to fund a project that inspires and ignites students' love of learning, and requires resources beyond CPS capability. This is the second time that the Friends of Mather has funded this project.

Scholarships

Celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Scholarship Fund



Julianna Basko, 2000 Scholarship Recipient

In 2000 members of the Class of '65 created an Alumni Scholarship Fund to enable worthy high school seniors pursue their dream of a college education. Fifteen years later, because of the alumni's commitment to education and financial contributions, the scholarship program continues to thrive.

To date, 16 students have received full \$8,000.00 scholarships and 36 students have received special awards of \$500.00 or \$1,000.00.

Please join us on May 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at Mather High School to celebrate the Scholarship Fund's 15th Anniversary. You'll enjoy a continental breakfast in the cafeteria. Following the breakfast is this year's Scholarship Assembly where we will

award the 2015 scholarships. In addition to awarding the scholarship past scholarship recipients Orsejda Basko (2003) and Zade Kurdieh (2014) will address the alumni and seniors about what to expect at college and how the scholarship helped them reach their goals.



Theo Economos, 2015 Scholarship Recipient

You will see first-hand the positive impact you've made in the lives of Mather studentsthrough the scholarship program.

RSVP by email at alumni@matheralumni.org by May 10th

Continue to support the Mather Alumni Scholarship Program! Simply <u>click here</u> to easily make your donation on-line.

Reunions

Class of 1965 (June) & 1966 (Jan) -50th Reunion!

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015 Location: Ravinia Green Country Club, Riverwoods, IL Cost: \$110.00

We have every classmate entered into our own online RSVP & Ticket Purchase database, with your **HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOS!** Follow the simple steps below to check out your picture and to purchase tickets to attend our milestone **50-year reunion**!

To RSVP & purchase tickets safely online, follow the simple steps below:

- 1. Go to <u>www.ReunionDB.com</u>
- 2. Click on the yellow "find me" link at the bottom of the page
- 3. Type your Last Name (Maiden Name) & First Name if needed
- 4. Click on your record and follow the steps in red

Check out our **reunion event details** in full-size PDF format by clicking on the link below: <u>https://www.reuniondb.com/reunion_details/477_MatherHighSchool_65.pdf</u>

To join or visit our reunion **Facebook** Group page, click on the link below: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/MatherHS1965/</u>

We're excited to see you all this summer!

Class of 1970 - 45th Reunion

A fantastic 45th Reunion for the Class of 1970 is being planned!

August 8, 2015 iO Theater (formerly ImprovOlympic) 1501 N Kingsbury St. Chicago, Illinois (owned and operated by a fellow classmate Charna Halpern)

> \$60.00 per person Tickets will go on sale soon.

Find this reunion also on <u>classmates.com</u>. Go to reunions on the middle left side, click on it, then open Mather 1970 45 year reunion.

We need your help!

- Join the reunion committee and help make decisions and plans for each aspect of the event.
- Help us get the word out to our fellow classmates by sending any email lists you might have.

Please contact the reunion committee at in <u>mather45.70@gmail.com</u> to get involved and make this the best reunion ever!

Class of 1975 - 40th Reunion

Save the Date

October 3, 2015 Rob Roy Golf Course Prospect Heights, Illinois Contact Roberta Shapiro Fahey at licorice611@aol.com and get involved to help us plan a fantastic reunion!

Thank you!

The Mather High School Alumni Fund deeply appreciates the donations made by classes following their reunions this past year. These donations were monies remaining once their celebrations were over and helped us to raise the \$8,000.00 needed for last year's full scholarship.

We ask future reunion committees to please help us by donating their extra proceeds to support this year's full scholarship.

More reunions?

Let us know about your reunion plans. We can help! We are able to send e-mail bursts to your classmates to recruit volunteers, announce your reunion, provide information so they can purchase tickets, and more.

Click the YouTube button and meet some of the Mather students your donations have supported in our scholarship program.



Any questions? E-mail <u>alumni@matheralumni.org</u> Or call (773) 342-2749 Visit our website at <u>www.matheralumni.org</u> to learn more!

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