



WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL, INC.
E-NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2013



**OHS ATHLETICS
CRAB FEED**



SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

6:00PM-9:00PM

OHS CAFETERIA

TICKETS: \$40

ALL FUNDS GO TO OHS ATHLETIC TEAMS

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2012 Spring Calendar

April

- 16 WAA Board Meeting
- 20 OHS Athletics Crab Feed

May

- 21 WAA Board Meeting
- 25 Class of 1983 Reunion
- TBD Senior Awards Night

**2012 Summer Calendar
Preview**

June

- 12 Class of 2013
Graduation
- 13 Last day of school



Career Day 2013

Oakland High's annual Career Day took place Tuesday, February 26. Students in 29 different classes heard from 28 speakers, most of whom were Oakland High alumni. The nineteen teachers who participated said their students greatly benefitted from hearing and speaking with the presenters about their occupation, profession and career path.

As occurs each year, speakers shared many stories and anecdotes, which make the career come alive for students. They heard about careers as different as pediatrician, electrical engineer, public relations, and crime lab technician. Hearing about the various aspects of a profession or occupation, students learned about the education needed, the availability of jobs (especially in the current very tight job market), pay and benefits, and the pleasures and challenges of the career. They also learned about the hard work and sacrifices that may be necessary to accomplish one's career objectives.

OHS alumni who participated are Rany Ath ('02), Gordon Baranco ('65), Akiba Bradford ('06), Alejandro Castillo-Terriquez ('02), Heather Hong Dinh ('03), *(cont. on page 2)*



**Classes of '53-'56 Reunion
Donation**

John Beery hosted the recent reunion of the classes of 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956 and while they all had a marvelous time partying and reminiscing, they also raised \$545 toward the Wildcat Alumni Association Scholarship. The scholarship will be one presented this spring to a graduating senior to further his/her education. Our thanks for their generosity and support.



All three 2012 WAA scholarship winners last year happened to be students in the AVID program and are pictured here with AVID teacher Jennifer Howard.

**Annual WAA Scholarship
for 2013 Wildcats**

Applications are out for the Wildcat Alumni scholarships, which provide financial assistance for the post-secondary education of graduates who have had exceptional experiences during their years at Oakland High. This year thanks to generous donations we will be awarding two scholarships, the annual \$3000 Alden McElrath Wildcat Alumni Scholarship and an additional \$1000 scholarship from the classes of 1972-73.

The deadline for applications is April 26. Both scholarships will be awarded based on a senior's essay, achievement, and need. If you would like to be a reader to help select the winners for this year's scholarships, contact Vanessa Lee at waa@oaklandhighalumni.org.

OHS Trivia Question:

What former Washington State Governor and Chair of the Atomic Energy Commission taught science at Oakland High in the 1940s?

Answer at the end of this Newsletter.

Join WAA Today

The Wildcat Alumni Association is the only official alumni association affiliated with Oakland High School.

Membership fees are
\$ 35 for one year
\$ 450 for a lifetime membership

To join, fill out the application at the end of the newsletter and send with a check to Wildcat Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

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Oakland High's On-line
Student Newspaper
<http://oaklandaegis.com/>

January Annual Meeting and Trophy Case Dedication

The Wildcats Alumni Association held their annual meeting on Saturday, January 12th, 2013 in the Oakland High School Library. Stephen Johnson (June '58) was re-elected WAA President. Also re-elected were Vice-President Jarrett Chin ('89), Corresponding Secretary Nancy West ('75) and Recording Secretary Frank Kao ('66). Creighton Lee ('72) was elected Treasurer.

Prior to the annual meeting, alumni were invited to the dedication of the new Trophy case constructed in the OHS Theater lobby. Stephen Johnson presented the trophy case plaque to ASB President Lily Dinh, a Class of 2013 senior, who accepted the plaque on behalf of the Wildcat student body. Many of the alumni present to witness this notable event were members of the Class of January 1957, who initiated the trophy case project. After the brief ceremony, alumni were given a tour of the school.



Alumni News *Wonder what your former classmates are doing? Here are a few we have heard from.*

Eda Chao (1992) is a pediatrician in a health center in Manhattan Chinatown, very similar to Asian Health Services in Oakland.

Jimmy Dinh (2008) is currently a 4th year UC Berkeley student majoring in integrative biology with a focus in human biology and health sciences, will be graduating this Spring 2013. Medical school is in his future with a goal to be a physician working with minorities, low-income patients, and the uninsured in underserved communities like Oakland.

Heidi Hou and Sau San (both 1994) spent Thanksgiving visiting with former teachers and their families Al Rossi and Georganne Ferrier at Heidi's family home Kona, Hawaii.

Michelle Lei (2004)—dropped a line to say at work she met author Toni Morrison.

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Sau and Heidi in Kona, Hawaii.



Career Day 2013 Cont.

Patrick Huie ('08), Michael Jameson ('81), Steve Kauzlarich ('72), Creighton Lee ('72), Tina Lo ('99), Karen (Lim) Lum ('62), Al MacLeod ('66), Larry Parker ('72), Steven Rocha ('73), Michele Silvia ('74), Judy Sue ('67), Raymond Trinh ('98), and Chiquita (Drake) Tuttle ('63).

The speakers gave a realistic view of what the future can hold for students: that one can go out into the world after Oakland High and succeed—an important message to help teens face the challenges that come after high school!

Kudos to these alumni who help maintain the strong tradition of excellence at Oakland High; their participation is very much appreciated.



(Clockwise) Heather Hong Dinh ('03), Al MacLeod ('66), Mike Tran; (Previous page, clockwise) Michele Silvia ('74), Gordon Braranco ('65) Michael Jameson ('81), Judy Sue ('67)

OHS TRIVIA Answer:

Dixie Lee Ray taught biology at Oakland High from 1938-1942 before going on to serve on the Atomic Energy Commission, 1972-75, and as the only woman governor of Washington State, 1976-80.

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