



WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL, INC.
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WINTER 2014



2014 Winter Calendar

January

31-Girls Basketball @Home @4:30pm vs Frem

February

**5- Girls Basketball @Home @4:30p vs McC
Boys Basketball @McC @4:30pm**

**18 - WAA Board meeting
28 - Career Day applications due**

March

4 - Career Day



Career Day 2014

The annual **Oakland High Career Day**, sponsored by the school and the Wildcats Alumni Association, is scheduled for the morning of **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**. OHS alumni and others speak to students in two classes about their occupations, professions, careers. Students and teachers each year appreciate the presentations and meeting OHS alumni. Specific information about participating will be posted on the WAA website; **applications due February 28**. An email invitation will also be sent at that time to previous participants. If you are interested in sharing information about the duties and preparation for your career, sign up through the Wildcat Alumni Association website <http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/>.

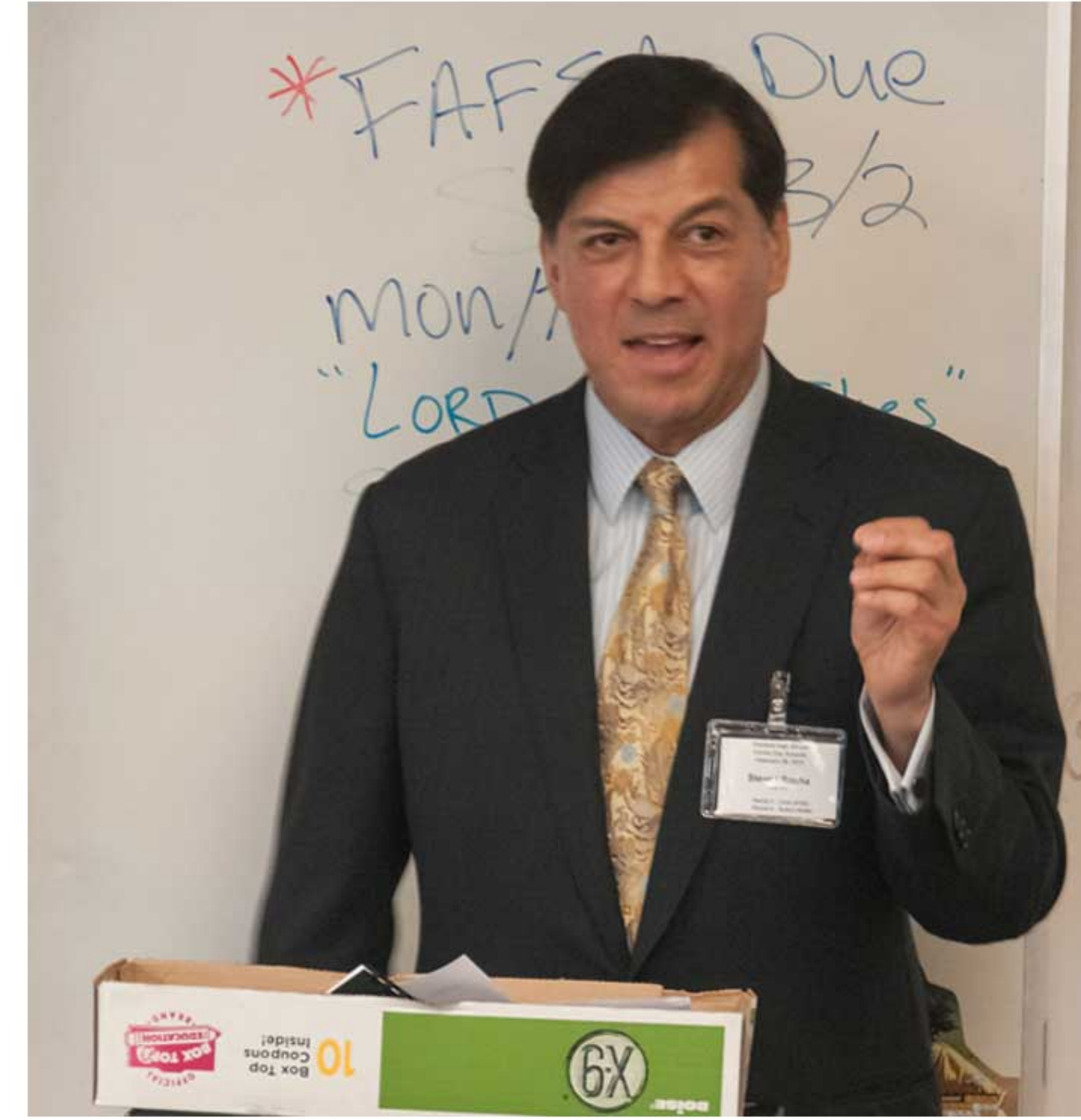


OHS Trivia Question:

En route to the 1989 World Series Title, the Oakland Athletics including an Oakland Tech and a St. Liz alum squared off against the Toronto Blue Jays and an O-High Wildcat alum for the American League Championship Title. Name the Wildcat. (Bonus if you can identify the Tech and St. Liz grad reppin' the A's)

Answer at the end of this Newsletter.

(Pictures from Career Day 2013 - Clockwise from top left: Heather Hong Dinh ('03), Alejandro Castillo-Terriquez ('02), Steven Rocha ('73), Ricardo Flores and Chiquita Tuttle ('63).



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

Volunteers Needed

Oakland High's Principal, Matin Abdel-Qawi, has asked the WAA to let OHS alumni know that the school could use their help. With reduced budgets, volunteers are needed in several areas. Help is needed monitoring the halls, students have asked for tutors, and assistance is needed in the offices with filing, typing, and answering phones. One can state a preference for working in an office or having contact with students.

California state law requires volunteers in public schools to be fingerprinted and pass a background check. School resources will pay the fee for the fingerprinting.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mr. Abdel-Qawi at Oakland High by phone (510-874-3676), fax (510-874-3675) or email (matin.abdel-qawi@ousd.k12.ca.us).

For more Student News

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



The class of 1963 had a blast at their “blast-from-the-past” 50th reunion dinner dance held October 16 at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. Nearly 200 classmates danced to 60s music backed by projected images from the decade when they grew from high school freshmen to adults. The slide show, featuring rock groups and Dance Party clips, was created by “Beau Brummel” basist Ron Meagher. Former Commissioners-of-Assemblies Terry Lee and Ron Meagher MC-ed the program and passed out raffle prizes. Roni Johnson Jennings was given a special thank you for having organized the eight previous reunions. Former song girls and cheerleaders led the assembly in an impromptu Wildcat cheer (but did not form a human pyramid). Classmates circulated from table to table taking “selfies” with their old friends. It was an amazing evening of checking out the display of old photos from grammar schools and junior highs (organized by Anita Cacciaroni Cleveland), and peering from name badges with graduation portraits to faces that still showed signs of that 17 year old girl or guy you sat next to in physics or French class.

Classmates came from as far away as Hawaii and the East Coast. About seventy alumni and their guests met for a no-host cocktail party the night before the dinner dance and then again for breakfast at the hotel the morning after. It gave friends a leisurely way to really catch up. Stories of high-school escapades and reminiscences about classmates who could not be there filled the hotel’s café.

Beginning with very little contact information and no email addresses, the reunion committee had a big job locating alumni. They divided the alphabet and used social media and every other shred of contact information they had to find the class of 1963. The 50th Reunion Committee was an energetic and dedicated group, led with drive and determination by “I will help, but cannot be the chair” Camille Chan. Richard Lee served as treasurer, and Denis Ko took care of printing the program and name badges. Ron Meagher and Mike Eash took care of sound and music. Wine maker and '63 alumnus Jay Pahlmeyer donated all the wine for the dinner from his winery. Many other members pitched in to decorate and man the registration tables.

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(Counter-clockwise from top: 1-Geoff Leubert and Darlene Lee Hamady make sure they have memories to take home; 2-Kris Soderberg Moore and Janna Jensen Smith; 3-Reunion Committee Chair Camille Chan with classmate Art Tani who came from Hawaii to attend; 4-Dancing to the Oldies; 5-Mike Eash and Ron Meagher help decorate.)

Most who attended the reunion agree that it would be a shame to wait five more years for another get together and hope that more 1963 graduates will find their way to the OHS Class of 1963 website <http://www.ohs63.co/> and register, so that they receive news of future events. The website is free. Anyone with an email address of a former 1963 graduate can send that graduate an invitation to register at the site by filling in the box on the "Missing Classmates" sidebar.

Classmates can view more photos taken at the reunion and also communicate with each other through the site. Any classmate who has photos of the reunion can now post them on the website by clicking on the "Submit Photo" tab; directions are found on the site. The Class of '63 Reunion Committee plans to keep the site running as long as people are interested, and reminds them to keep their contact information current.

(Clockwise from top: 1-The Class of 1963 50th Reunion Committee; 2-Old elementary school friends Georganne Ferrier and Nancy Chu Carey reunite; 3-Terry Lee and Judy Katz Kornbluth; 4-Dancing to the Oldies; 5-Cheerleaders Diann Elston McCannon, Sue Hederman Schmidt, Barbara Manley Cochran and Chiquita Drake Tuttle lead W-I-L-D-C-A-T-S; 6-Jan Phillips Pimentel, Roni Johnson Jennings, and Jana Jensen Smith catch up.



The Wildcats Alumni Association Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Oakland High School's Library at 10:00am. A few announcements included that Career Day will take place on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 and all interested in presenting can fill out a brief application on the website. Also we are continuing fundraising efforts through Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S program where anyone can shop at these grocery stores and a percentage comes back to Oakland High. Reports about membership, scholarships, accounting, class information, reunions and school projects were discussed. Under Old Business, Members voted to award the Franklyn Delbert Helm (OHS'47) Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior for the next 5 years. The scholarship is funded by the Helm family estate through the Oakland Methodist Foundation. All current WAA Board members were re-elected. Officers elected were Stephen Johnson as President, Jarrett Chin as Vice President, Nancy West as Corresponding Secretary, and Creighton Lee as Treasurer. A Recording secretary will be elected at the next WAA Board meeting scheduled for February 18 in Oakland High's Library.

Oakland, City of Athletes

A new book by historian Paul Brekke-Miesner, *Home Field Advantage: Oakland, CA -- The City that Changed the Face of Sports* covers all the athletes that came out of Oakland's neighborhoods and schools and went on to athletic stardom and examines why Oakland produced so many.

Many of the athletes were alumni of Oakland High, the city's oldest high school. Some of the former Wildcat athletes featured in Brekke-Miesner's book include baseball's Lloyd Moseby, Bill Rigney, Lee Gum Hong, Michael Wilson, Jack Tobin, Robert Sasser and Chick Gandil; football's Clark Miller, Bob Grottkau, Chris Burford, Ken McAlister, Lorenzo Lynch, Ray Sherman, John Najarian and Don Burke; basketball's Damian Lillard; Olympians - rower Burt Jastram, diver Zoe Ann Olsen, and marathon runner Mason Hartwell; race driver Ed Elisian; the 1954 and 1955 football teams that produced several pro players and significant coaches; Ed Lickiss, the organizer of the first women's national rowing championship regatta.

Brekke-Miesner is a Castlemont High alumna class of '62. *Homefield Advantage* is available at local book stores including Great Good Place for Books in Montclair, Laurel Book Store on MacArthur Blvd, and Diesel Books on College Ave.

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Use subject line "WAA Newsletter"

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Or WAA, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

Website: <http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/donations>

Class of 1962 Donation to School Sound System

The Wildcat Class of 1962 has donated \$1000 to help update Oakland High School's speakers and sound system, parts of which are nearly 20 years old and not functioning well. This donation will be added to the \$500 donated by the combined classes of 1966, 1967, and 1968 for sound and light.

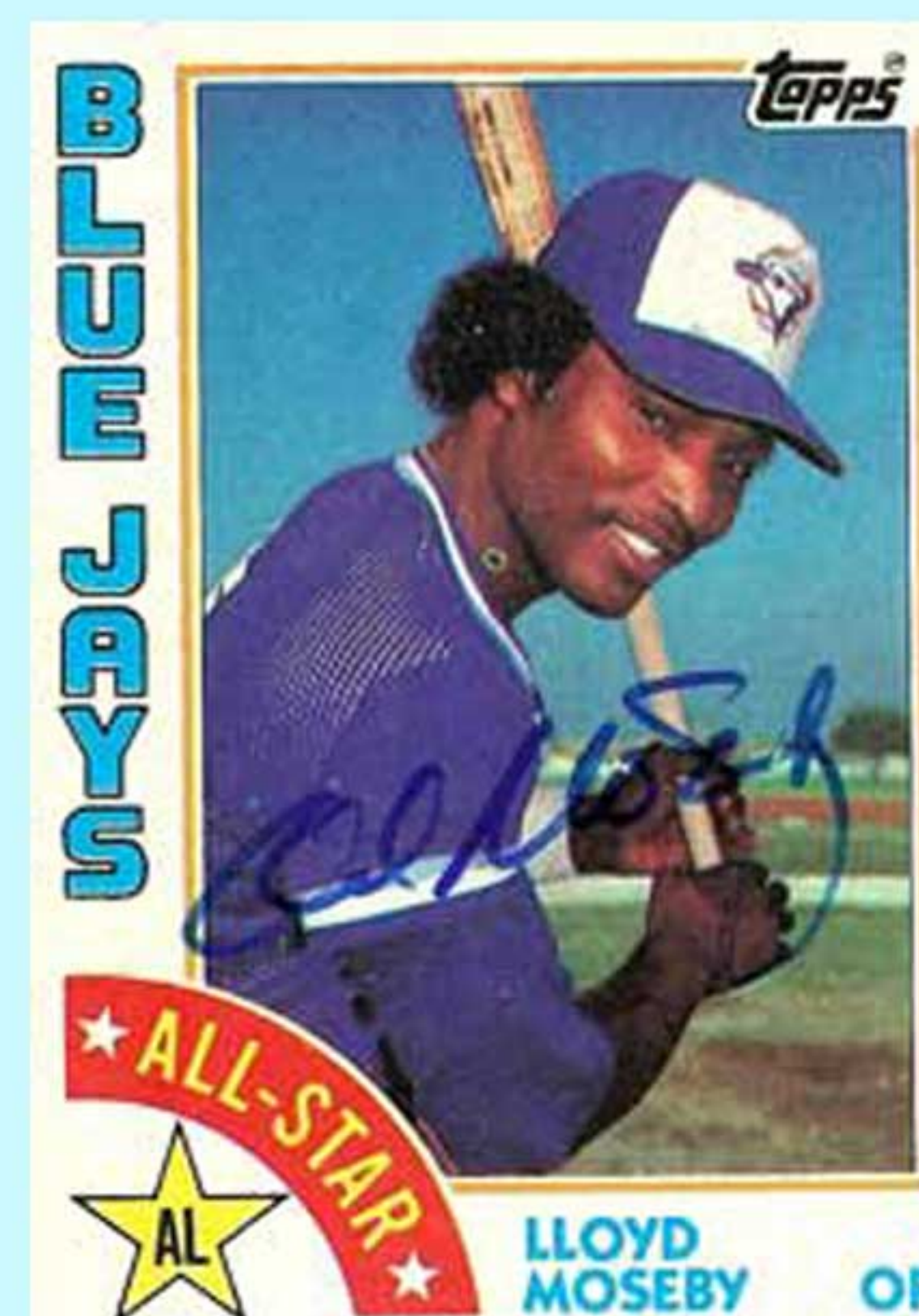


Ronald W. Miller, Class of 1941 and Oakland High School Social Studies Teacher

Ronald Miller, who graduated from Oakland High in 1941, attended UC Berkeley and later returned to teach social studies and humanities classes, died November 6, 2013. He was 90 years old.

His students remember him for his class's model US Senate debates on hot issues of the day. He often assigned students the side in the debate they least favored, so that they had to do serious research, and more importantly thought, in preparing their arguments. Many also warmly remember his roles in the hilarious annual faculty skits where he usually played the villain, often in some ridiculous wig. In 1963 he joined music teacher Jewell Lord and English teacher Miles Myers in creating the Humanities class, which they team-taught, covering the relationship between history and the arts. The Humanities course was unique in the Oakland school system and a popular class with students. He also helped to create and lead the Oakland High School Faculty Senate, which gave teachers a voice in how the school should be run (also unique in the Oakland School District at that time), and was active in the American Federation of Teachers.

A fuller obituary may be found at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/insidebayarea/obituary.aspx?pid=168008410#sthash.Uk0jR3Te.dpuf>.



OHS TRIVIA Answer:

Lloyd Moseby was the center fielder for the Toronto Blue Jays that year. He and the Blue Jays lost to Tech's Rickey Henderson, St. Liz's Dave Stewart and the rest of the A's for the ALCS Title.

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