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Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy

Mather Alumni

National Alumni Association

From Our President



Vernell Hayes Wright ('51)

Our Journey since leaving Mather has been an uncommon one. We were taught and guided by teachers and administrators who cared about us as human beings and wished for us to become productive members of our communities.

We have come a long way and it is time for us to continue to join forces and inspire other young people as we were inspired at Mather.

One of the goals of our Alumni Association is to support our Scholarship Endowment Project at Claflin University. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed at our 2010 Reunion. Our goal is to bound together to assist current students to reach their potential.

The Scholarship Project established under the Alumni Association Leadership of James Clyburn in the eighties has been pushed to the forefront by our Association to make this goal a reality. As we look back with a sense of history and pride and look forward with a renewed sense of dedication and hard work, we will assist students who are descendants of Matherites or

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Board votes to transfer CD to scholarship

The BHMA National Alumni Association's (NAA) officers have voted to transfer a nearly \$9,000 CD to the "Boylan-Haven Mather Academy Alumni Memorial Scholarship" at Claflin University.

The CD will help us reach and surpass the basic scholarship endowment goal of \$20,000 by the end of 2012.

Claflin will invest that "starter" endowment and use the interest to aid Claflin-bound students who are related to BHMA alumni or former BHMA students.

Mather alumni have already donated or pledged nearly half of the goal. However, the \$20,000 "seed" money is just the beginning. Much more than that will be needed over the years to increase the amount and



Marion W. Jamison II, Claflin University major gifts officer, explains the scholarship endowment process to Mather alumni at a meeting in Atlanta in June 2011. The NAA board is seeking hosts for sessions in other locations to allow Mr. Jamison to answer questions and explain methods of successful short- and long-term giving. The first meeting was held in Camden in February 2011.

number of the scholarships.

Donors who work for corporations could double or triple their contributions if

the employer has a matching gifts program. Check with where you work if this applies to you.

Donate online at www.claflin.edu (click "Give to Claflin"). Or mail to: Claflin University, Division of Institutional Advancement, 400 Magnolia Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115.

The CD transfer is the fruition of nearly 30 years of efforts by alumni to establish a Mather legacy.

Led by our first association president, James Clyburn ('57), the NAA established the CD in 1988 for scholarships. ■

Camden to build rec facility on former BHMA property

The City of Camden will build a recreation facility on the BHMA property that was below the boys' dormitory.

The city bought that 8.9-acre portion of the property, 823 Campbell Street, in March 2011.

The facility will be operated by the YMCA.

Information is on various web sites, including this: <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14687008>

Arrange a BHMA scholarship info session in your area!

Know of any Mather alumni where you live?

The National Alumni Association is seeking individuals to host information sessions about the BHMA Me-

morial Scholarship endowment, with Mr. Jamison as the presenter.

We are trying to reach a financial goal, and with your help we will reach that goal.

Contact 1st Vice President Jeronell White Bradley ('65) at 843-678-7812 or Jeronell@aol.com if you are interested in hosting a session, which lasts about an hour. ■

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BHMA Class of '61 celebrates Golden Anniversary



Seated (l-r): Carrie Sinkler-Parker, Frances Nelson Hooks, Joyce Vaughn Cummings, Brenda Burton Webb, Phyliss Gail Douglas Faggett, Betty Haygood Williams, Barbara Mack Jones and Barbara J. Buie. Standing (l-r): Moses P. Robertson, Jr., Kenneth W. Washington, Hayes F. Samuels, Jr., David A. Sanders, James K. Alford and Marion Brown.

The Class of 1961 returned to Camden to celebrate its 50th anniversary, May 20-22, 2011.

Fourteen of the 40 graduates made it, travelling from California, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina and South Carolina.

They were joined part of the time by two former teachers, Mrs. Shirley (Miller) Garrett and Mrs. Alethia (Richardson) Porter. Matherites from nearby class years '58, '59, '60, '62, and '65 also dropped by.

Activities included sales of Mather-era pictures and artwork on Friday, a poolside picnic on Saturday, and worship Sunday at the Camden First United Methodist (formerly Trinity).

During the banquet Saturday night at the Robert Mills Courthouse, the classmates themselves served as guest speakers, having fun with "Can or Do You Remember?".

Carrie Sinkler-Parker said this was the first time anyone had been back to Camden since graduating on May 28, 1961. ■

BHMA National Alumni Association Board

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NEXT NATIONAL REUNION:

Charlotte, NC

August 2-5, 2012

Graduates of 1962, 1966, 1972, 1976 & 1982



Contact your classmates and hold mini-reunions during the Charlotte reunion!

Golfers!

Let us know your golf interest and we will provide you with golf course locations in the Charlotte area. Call 704-395-9959.



From Our President *(continued from front)*

recommended by Matherites and are committed to a college education at Claflin University.

If you have not made a donation to the fund, please consider doing so. It would be a highlight of our 2012 Reun-

ion if we offer our first scholarship no later than the 2013-14 school year.

As we plan our 2012 Reunion, we invite classes to consider their reunions at this time. Please contact Jeronell Bradley (jeronell@aol.com) or me

(vww364@yahoo.com) if your class is interested.

Can we count on you? The Executive Board continues its commitment to implementing the goals of the Association. ■