

Spring 2021

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Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy

# Mather Alumni

National Alumni Association

DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## GRAND REUNION POSTPONED AGAIN: UNTIL 2022

*Previously rescheduled from 2020 to 2021*

### Message From Our BHMA NAA President

#### Greetings Matherites and Friends:

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and continued serious health risks, our **2021 Grand Reunion has been postponed until next year, 2022** – still in Jacksonville, FL.

The BHMA Alumni Board voted unanimously to take this action in a telephone conference meeting Sunday, February 21, 2021.

The Reunion had been re-scheduled from August 6-9, 2020 until this year in hopes that the pandemic status would be favorable. Unfortunately, it isn't and likely won't be by our August meeting timeframe.

Please share this change with fellow Matherites and others. This notice is on our website at [www.mathernaa.org](http://www.mathernaa.org). An email about this has been sent to everyone on our emailing list.



Although alumni voted during the 2018 Charleston Reunion to meet in Greenville, SC in 2022, the Board felt that we should still try to meet in Jacksonville to maintain the \$500 hotel deposit made in 2020. The hotel has agreed to honor it through 2022.

BHMA Alumni Association dues, of \$25.00 annually, are usually assessed and paid with Grand Reunion registration fees. Reunion postponements have delayed dues collection. Our Alumni board also voted unanimously to waive dues for the 2019-2020 years of no reunion.

Therefore, **dues assessments of \$50, covering 2021-22, payable to BHMA-NAA**, may be mailed to our treasurer, **Knorphe Byrd, at BHMA-NAA, P.O. Box 15303, Quinby, SC 29506**, or paid as part of Grand Reunion 2022 registration fees.

Please stay safe, and be well.

**Bernadette Session ('72)**  
BHMA NAA President

## BHMA Memorial Site Bench in Camden Needs Replacing

The wood bench at the Mather Memorial site is deteriorating and needs to be replaced.

The BHMA Alumni Board has identified a **new bench** (sample shown at far right) that is made of recycled plastic, durable, weatherproof, and low-maintenance.

Made by Tree Top Products, it has a 50-year warranty against breakage – a fitting attribute that will help sustain our site and legacy.



Donate towards the \$1,300 cost by sending a check to **Treasurer Knorphe Byrd** at the dues address on the other side of this sheet by June 1.



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## Pay 2021-2022 Annual Dues . . . Waived 2019-2020 for COVID-19

Mail \$50 (payable to BHMA-NAA) to: Treasurer Knorphe Byrd, at BHMA-NAA, P.O. Box 15303, Quinby, SC 29506 . . . OR . . . wait to pay as part of Grand Reunion 2022 registration fees.



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## Support the Mather Academy Endowed Scholarship Fund

Our partnership continues with Claflin University, which houses our Boylan Haven Mather Academy archives & administers the Mather Academy Endowed Scholarship Fund.

To date, Matherites have contributed over \$44,000 to the endowment, from which numerous scholarships have

been awarded. Expect a detailed report at Grand Reunion 2022.



Contributions have customarily been made during our Grand Reunion, yet may be sent at any

time to:

**Mather Academy Endowed Scholarship Fund**

*(Please specify the above name on any checks/correspondence sent)*

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