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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS:

WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010
10:30AM - 12:30 PM
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A GROUP ON FACEBOOK!

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SEARCH FOR "WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION"

Mark your Calendars!
WAA CAREER DAY 2010
Tuesday March 4, 2010



Lucky
Supermarket
S.H.A.R.E.S.
Program!

The Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) is now participating in the Lucky Stores community fund program. S.H.A.R.E.S. is an acronym for Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education and Sports.

Lucky Stores is donating up to \$2 million annually to registered non-profit organizations whose members and friends use the S.H.A.R.E.S. card when making a purchase. WAA receives 3% of a purchase made with a S.H.A.R.E.S. card coded for the WAA.

If you shop at Lucky, Save Mart, S-Mart, or Food Maxx and would like to help the WAA raise funds for scholarships and other support programs for Oakland High students, you can request a card by emailing your mailing address to us at waa@oaklandhighalumni.org or leaving a voice mail at (510) 455-7350. Please give your name and an address to which the card may be mailed. (Let us know your class and email address so we may add you to our mailing list. We do not give out any contact information without your permission.)

*Have a Happy Wildcat Holiday
and New Year!*

KEEPING IN TOUCH – What have your classmates been up to since high school? This page will feature brief statements of any alumni who wishes to post.

Brian "Bear" Crawford (Class of 1997) is getting married in October 2010 and is currently living in Springfield, MA.

Do you want to let your fellow Wildcats know how you're doing? Email your name, class and a brief line about yourself to waa@oaklandhighalumni.org

NOTABLE ALUMNI – famous Wildcats come in all shapes and sizes and disciplines, this page will feature alumni who have made significant achievements in their field



Sherry Hu (OHS 1969) is celebrating her 30 plus year career with CBS 5 Eyewitness News! Hu, an Oakland native, is an Emmy award winning reporter with the San Francisco based television station.

As a general assignment reporter, Hu most loves the stories she covers in the neighborhoods. She strives to share with viewers the lives of people in our communities, their triumphs and tragedies. Some of her favorite stories have even taken her to other parts of the world – from Hong Kong

and southern China in the days following the pro-democracy demonstration in Beijing's Tianamen Square, and to a tiny mountain village in Guatemala on a mission of mercy with Bay Area doctors and nurses.

Hu is recognized around the Bay Area for her leadership and contributions to community events, fundraisers and organizations. She's especially fond of groups that promote and celebrate education, animals and volunteerism. She has spent time as a classroom volunteer and reading tutor at Lincoln Elementary School in Oakland's Chinatown. She is a mentor to students and aspiring journalists. Hu has been honored by the Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute as a distinguished alumnus for her commitment to young people.

Yosuke "Frank" Matsuoka (OHS1896) received a law degree from the University of Oregon after leaving Oakland High School. Returning to Japan in 1902, he joined the Foreign Service, advanced rapidly, and first gained international notice as the diplomat who announced Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations in 1933, leading the Japanese delegation out of the League's meeting hall. Appointed Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1940, Matsuoka was a primary architect of the Tripartite Pact between Germany and Italy and Japan. A strong supporter of a Japanese invasion of Soviet Russia and a strong believer that the United States wanted war with Japan, he was replaced as Foreign Minister in July 1941. After the war he was captured by the Allies and placed on trial for war crimes. He died in 1946 before his trial was completed.



2009 WAA SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1000 scholarships were awarded to four members of the Oakland High class of 2009. The awards were announced and presented at the annual Senior Awards Night on June 1, 2009.

- Rocio Briseno is attending Laney College intending to pursue a career in Nursing
- Michael Riley is at Fresno State University majoring in English, with Law School in mind.
- Tina Ruffin is also at Fresno State University.
- Wayeal Zhao is at the University of California at San Diego studying to be an Engineer.

*Photos of the scholarship recipients can be viewed at www.oaklandhighalumni.org.
Click on the Scholarships tab.



JIMMY DIX AWARD

The annual Jimmy Dix Award is given to the Oakland High Wildcat baseball and softball player voted most inspirational by their teammates. Each player receiving the award is presented with a certificate and a \$150 gift card, and their name is engraved on the Jimmy Dix Award Plaque.

The 2009 recipients were presented with their award at the Annual Spring Sports Banquet on May 28, 2009.

Softball --- Jessica Martinez-Torres
Baseball --- Antonio Lopez

*Photos of the recipients may be viewed at the www.oaklandhighalumni.org
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WAA SCHOLARSHIPS . . . **WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!**

The Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) has awarded three to five \$1000 scholarships for the past eight years to further the education of deserving Oakland High graduates. For this to continue, donations are needed. They are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

We hope to raise \$3000 for scholarships by asking a lot of people to contribute a little. A \$10 donation would help us reach our goal.

If you would like to donate --- just \$10 --- to the WAA scholarship fund -
Click on the Donations tab on our website.

NEW TO THE WAA WEBSITE

HALL OF FAME CHARTER and NOMINATION FORMS

The purpose is to recognize and honor Oakland High alumni, faculty and staff who have successfully united noteworthy accomplishments in school and life, and who have contributed to Oakland High School and the community.

Read more on our website!

WELCOME to the WAA Board of Directors:

**Ms. Georganne
Ferrier
OHS Class of 1963**

Recently retired from
teaching English at
Oakland High this past June

Wildcat Trivia #2

**WHAT ROCK GROUP MAN-
AGED TO "LAUGH, LAUGH"
INTO THE TOP 40 CHARTS
IN 1965 AND WHO WAS
THE OHS ALUM WHO
PLAYED BASS?**

ANSWER IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!

COMING SOON IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:



- Highlights from the 2010 Annual Meeting
- Details on special projects to help Oakland High
- More Keeping in Touch with Wildcats

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