



WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

E-NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2013

2013 Summer Calendar

August

- 3 Joint reunion for Classes of 1957, 1958, 1959
- 20 WAA Board Meeting
- 26 First Day of School

September

- 17 WAA Board Meeting

OHS Trivia Question #1:

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.

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

Wildcats, Get SHARES!

Support Wildcats Alumni school projects by using a SHARES card at Lucky's/Save Mart stores. Swipe the card at purchase and the store will pay Wildcats Alumni 3% of total qualified purchases quarterly at no cost to the shopper. Obtain a free SHARES card at waa@oaklandhighalumni.org Or WAA, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

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



Awards Nights at Oakland High for Outstanding Athletic and Academic Performance Sports Awards

Wildcat Sports Awards Night began at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 6 in the Commons. The Oakland High Wildcat Alumni Association presented two awards. Wildcats Alumni Association Board member Vanessa Lee ('04) was happy to present the Jimmy Dix Award for the Most Inspirational Player on the baseball team to Luis Inda, the awardee for the second year in a row, and the most inspirational softball team player award to Julia Saravia. Each received a \$100 American Express gift check and had their names engraved on the perpetual plaque.

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Clockwise from the top:
Luis Inda, Julia Saravia, Jimmy Tran, Trinh Nguyen.



Academic Awards

(L-R: Frank Kao, Georganne Ferrier, Vanessa Lee, Xiao Di Li, Stephen Johnson, Calvin Thach)

Friday, June 7, the Seniors Award Night, conducted by Head Counselor Carlos Padilla, took place in the Theater. The Wildcats Alumni Association awarded the Alden McElrath Wildcats Alumni Association Scholarship for \$3000 to Xiao Di Li. She will be attending University of the Pacific in Stockton and plans to major in Graphic Arts. Also presented was Classes of 1972-1973 Joint Class Reunion Scholarship to Calvin Thach, who will attend UC Davis with a major in Biology.

Among the seventy-four scholarships announced and presented at the Senior Awards Night were seventeen from the Marcus A. Foster Educational Fund and five from UC Berkeley.





WAA Membership Drive

The Oakland High School Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) needs new members! All dues go to supporting Oakland High through scholarships to graduating seniors and support of student activities. In addition to the scholarships awarded to two seniors this spring, our most recent project was to provide a new trophy case, so that the history of the school could be displayed for current students along with the trophies that recognize their achievement. We have also helped obtain needed equipment for the football team and supported their study hall by providing nourishing snacks. All of this was made possible through alumni donations and memberships in WAA.

There is a constant need to supplement what the school district can provide, and the Wildcat Alumni Association wants to be able to give as much support as possible, but to continue doing that, we need members. Membership is only \$35 a year.

See our website to sign-up
<http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/membership>.

Members of the class of 1963 are planning an informal reunion for their 50th at **Pacific Coast Brewery, 906 Washington St. Oakland (across from Swan's marketplace) on Wed, July 24, from 5 to 8 pm.** Drinks and dinner are no host. Class members are asked to bring some old photos to share. Spouses/significant others are invited, and classmates are asked to spread the word to other 1963 alumni.



Pacific Coast Brewery serves beer and wine and a wide selection of food, and as they are not charging the class for use of their facility, they ask that everyone bring cash money to pay the servers.

Oakland High Says Good-Bye to Veteran Teachers



Longtime English Language Development teacher Tom Young retired this year to enjoy time without bells and papers to grade.

Veteran AP English teacher and Yearbook Adviser Ted Harris also leaves for a new life in his home state of Montana.

Both added much to the life at Oakland High and will be fondly remembered by their students and the staff.

2008 Alumnus Damian Lillard Honored



Congratulations to 2008 OHS graduate DAMIAN LILLARD, NBA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR! Concluding a very successful season with the Portland Trailblazers of the National Basketball Association, Lillard is only the fourth NBA player to be unanimously selected Rookie of the Year. The sixth player picked in the 2012 NBA draft, Lillard also joined Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson as the only players to record more than twenty points and more than seven assists in each of his first three rookie season games. Congratulations, Damian! Very well done!

Awards Night 2013 Cont.

The Stan Peters Award for Scholarship and Academics was given to Jimmy Tran (Basketball) and Trinh Huynh (Volleyball and Badminton). Trinh is a multi-year All-City Team member in both sports, this year being the only unanimous selection in Volleyball. She was also on the soccer team. Each received a plaque commemorating the award. Photos of these award recipients can be viewed at the WAA website. (www.oaklandhighalumni.org)

OHS Trivia Question #2:

Speaking of 1989, name the OHS 89 grad who played Tommy Lee Jones's wife in the Oliver Stone film Heaven and Earth.

Answer at the end of this Newsletter.

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IN MEMORIAM

Bob Hudson who taught English and drama for several decades at Oakland High passed away July 8 in Washington state. He directed many term plays and musicals at Oakland High, always previewing them to the entire student body at the weekly assembly. He not only developed actors, but taught all students how to be sophisticated audience members. The plays he produced at Oakland High ranged from ancient Greek farce to serious drama, and, with orchestra teacher Jewel Lord, many from the American musical canon, including Oklahoma! and Bye Bye, Birdie.

For a fuller account of Bob Hudson's life see: <http://www.ohsmemorial.com/OHS/articles/99-hudson.htm>



Wildcat graduation day and Senior Picnic with water slide, snow cones, cotton candy and music.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS of 2013!
'ONCE A WILDCAT, ALWAYS A WILDCAT!'



OHS TRIVIA Answers:

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

#2 - Hiep (Diep)Thi Le, played Le Ly Haslip in Heaven and Earth.



WAA Board Members 2012-2013

President:

Stephen Johnson '58

Frank Kao '66

Creighton Lee '72

Members:

Jarrett Chin '87

Vanessa Lee '04

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