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We are Half Way Home

I am very pleased to announce that the alumni scholarship funds are about half way to being self-funded. The "Hawk Pride" fund has over \$12,000, the "Nathan Lynch Memorial" has \$7,000 and the "Sally Van Buskirk Memorial" is just getting started, but has over \$2,000.

The Hawk Pride Scholarship is for a student who has provided service to his/her peers, faculty and/or staff of LHHS. This scholarship is not for a great athlete or a super student, although being a great athlete or super student does not exclude someone from this scholarship.

The Nathaniel Stewart Lynch Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Nathan Lynch who graduated from LHHS in 1999. Nathan died from melanoma before he graduated from college. Nathan was a diligent student, was involved in Boys Scouts, took challenging courses and participated in athletics. Nathan was a good friend, and he loved LHHS. This scholarship is for a student who shares Nathan's qualities.

Sally Van Buskirk was a reading and English teacher who opened LHHS. Sally passed away from cancer in 1988 at age 32. This scholarship in her honor is meant for students who have had to overcome adversity during high school, whether financial, academic or personal.

Now that LHHS has helped you become the successful person you are today, why not give back to your alma mater? If you would like to help future Hawks, donate to one of the three scholarships outlined above. Remember, your donation is tax deductible!

Spring Mixer

Come and join alumni from all years at the **Spring Mixer**. The mixer will be held at the California Pizza Kitchen (at the Laguna Hills Mall) on **April 25**. The event will begin at 5:30 PM and the first ten people to arrive will get a free drink. Why wait until the ten or twenty year reunions to see old classmates? A few years ago, two alumni reconnected and were married a year later. Call some old friends from LHHS and plan on getting together with other Hawks at the spring mixer.

Hawk History Quiz

As LHHS approaches its thirtieth anniversary we thought it might be fun to test your knowledge of "Hawk" trivia.

1. What year did LHHS open its doors?
2. What was the average price of a home in the area when the doors opened at LHHS?
3. What was the average price of a lot in Nellie Gail when the school opened?
4. Name at least three "Hawks" that have competed in the Olympic Games.
5. Which sport's team at LHHS has the most league championship titles?
6. In which years did the LHHS OCAD Team win the State Championship?

Answers are on page three

Hawks in Flight

Todd Bennett '82 - owns and operates a MCAT preparation business which is still going strong and his life is zipping along. He has recently started running half-marathons and has traveled abroad to pursue some long dreamed about diving excursions. He made it to Boracay Island (in the Philippines) this past June, and it was nothing short of amazing.

Michel Kripalani '85 - works for Autodesk as a Senior Games Industry Manager. He got engaged last May on a trip to Japan for his work and had two wedding ceremonies later in the year. The first wedding ceremony (in Connecticut) took place in August. They held a second ceremony with an Indian theme in San Diego in October. Karen and Michel honeymooned in Fiji. In November, they spent 2 weeks traveling in Asia for work.

Lauren Turner '97 - graduated from CSU Fullerton with a degree in Liberal Studies and English and continued on to earn her teaching credential. Lauren taught English and science at LAUSD's Highly Gifted Magnet in Tarzana. She married Mike Turner, her sweetheart of 7 years and began working for Gateway Computer's advertising department in Irvine. They moved to Laguna Niguel and had their first child in February, a boy and his name is Gavin Riley.

Sisi Cheung '98 - graduated from USC in 2002 with a Bachelor's in Psychology. In 2004, Sisi got a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy from USC. She is now working at Kaiser in the regional office in Pasadena doing quality control work.

Alexandra Hanson '01 Since her days as a Hawk, she has graduated from UCSB with a double major in Political Science (IR emphasis) and Law & Society. She took a year off to work and study for the LSAT and is currently a first year law student at Chapman University's School of Law. In between, she has been fortunate enough to travel through South and Central America.

Jamie Cookson (Lautenschleger) '01 - played soccer all 4 years at UCSD and they won the national championship her freshman year. She met her future husband, Jeremy through soccer; he played for the men's team & he

graduated in 2004 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Jamie graduated with a B.S. in Management Science in 2005. They were married in July 2005 in San Diego and they both work at Edwards Air Force Base. Jeremy is an armament engineer on the F-16's and Jamie is a purchasing agent for the business office. They own a house in Tehachapi and enjoy skiing, biking, hiking, camping, and solving the "who gets to do the dishes dilemma" by playing ping-pong on the full sized table in the dining room....Needless to say, Jeremy does a lot of dishes.

Christianne Bengard '01 - graduated from UCLA with a degree in Spanish. For the past 2 years, she has been working for Young Life running their special needs program here in Orange County; they actually meet weekly at the Laguna Hills Community Center. She recently returned from Costa Rica where she helped setup the Young Life Program there. She now lives in San Clemente.

Denise Beltran '01- graduated from USC with a bachelor's degree in Communication and a minor in Cinema/Television. She co-owns a medical spa in Irvine called Bella Derma. She is not married and does not have any children. Denise lives in Aliso Viejo and does as much traveling as possible. This year, she is going to Hawaii, Cabo San Lucas, Italy and France.

**Send in your bio to Steve McCormack at
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Class of 1987 20 Year Reunion

The class of 1987 will be holding their twenty year reunion on July 21, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Irvine. Cocktails begin at 7 PM and dinner is at 8 PM. Tickets are \$93 and can be purchased directly from the Great Reunions website at www.greatreunions.com/reunions/school/reunion/index.cfm?Reunion=3980

Class of 1997 10 Year Reunion

The details for this reunion were not available at the time the newsletter went to print. Nathaniel Dawkins is working on it.

Lost Treasure

This winter one of the most dedicated, appreciated and beloved "Hawks" has left the "Hawk's nest". Karen Roberson had been our IT coordinator for the last ten years. During those years, she has assisted every teacher and many of the students at LHHS. Karen would get here early in the morning and stay late at night. She also would be seen carting computers around campus on weekends.

Even though all of the teachers are "technologically challenged", Karen always kept a smile on her face and didn't seem to mind showing some teachers the same thing over and over again. Karen not only gave software support but also was in charge of maintaining all of the computers on campus.

Recent budget cuts at the school district office eliminated Karen's position and she left the nest this winter. She plans on taking a few months off before going into private industry. All of the teachers and students at LHHS wonder how we are going to survive without her.

Mark Your Calendars

The new LHHS Football Stadium should be completed before the opening of the next school year. A big celebration is being planned for **September 28 at 7 PM.

Answers to Hawk History Quiz

1. 1978
2. \$65,000
3. \$50,000
4. Mark Kwok, Tayyiba Haneef, Chad Carvin
5. Varsity Wrestling
6. 1990 and 1991

E-mail Newsletter

In an attempt to save money on postage and printing, we are trying to develop an electronic newsletter. To do this we will need all of your e-mail addresses. Could you please **send an e-mail** to Steve McCormack at mccormacks@svusd.org

Shea Homes

The Alumni Association would like to thank Shea Homes for their donation to the alumni scholarship fund. New homes are being built by Shea in many locations in Southern California. Stop by and take a look at some of their models. When you do, make sure to tell them that you saw their ad in the LHHS Alumni Newsletter!

"Hawks helping Hawks"



"Mr. Collins, I meant stool sample"

This is just a small sample of the humor found in **Dr. Gene Syn's '85** book titled "Jokes from the hole." Gene is a proctologist practicing in Laguna Hills. His office number is (949) 609-0500.

Are your teeth reflecting the school colors..... brown and gold? Then maybe it is time to see **Dr. Marshall Young '93**. His office is located at 2011 Westcliff Drive in Newport Beach. You can call for an appointment at (949) 631-3733. Don't forget to tell him you are a "Hawk."

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