

THE DRAGON PRIDE

Welcome to the September 2008 edition of the Sac High Alumni Dragon Pride e-Newsletter. For previous editions of the Dragon Pride, please visit www.sachighalumni.org

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Events



Sac High Welcome's back the Class of 1958

A special open house has been scheduled for the Class of 1958 on Saturday, September 13. More than 60 alumni are expected to come visit their alma mater and tour the newly renovated campus in hopes of bringing back some fond memories of their high school years at Sac High. After a brief welcome and introduction by co-principal Ed Manansala, the current student government leaders will serve as tour guides to take small groups on the grand tour of the old auditorium, new east wing, Haas Pavilion, new weight room and the old cafeteria building. Following the tour, the Sac High cheerleaders will lead the alumni group to the football field for a special alumni picnic just before the first home football game vs. Valley High School.

College Night

Sac High is hosting the second annual College Night for current students. More than 30 colleges and universities will be represented by staff members who are alumni from each school. Students and their families will have an opportunity to learn more about various colleges and ask questions about admissions and more. As a Sac High alumni you are welcome to join the festivities as a guest or to present your own college. For more information contact Adrienne Hall at ahall@sthope.org.

St. HOPE Dinner

As the only major fundraising event of the year, the St. HOPE Dinner is fast approaching on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency, Sacramento. As the chartering agency for

Sacramento High School, St. HOPE provides a great deal of support to the school including staffing, finance operations, student recruitment and public relations. This year's event will celebrate St. HOPE's commitment to public education. The St. HOPE Dinner has sold out each year drawing more than 1,000 guests and raising nearly \$500,000. Although the keynote speaker for this year is yet to be announced, past speakers have included Bill Cosby, Julius Erving, Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley, Sinbad, John Wooden, Chris Webber, Bill Walton and Steve Young. The highlight of each year is the compelling student diaries in which current Sac High students share their personal stories with the audience. For tickets and sponsorships, please visit <http://www.sthope.org/StHOPEDinner.php>.

Back to School Night

With an estimated 1,000+ guests, this year's Back to School Night was a huge success. The event which took place on August 19 opened with some words from student body vice-president Megan McCulloch and co-principals Ed Manansala and PK Diffenbaugh. During the presentation, parents and students learned of the tremendous test score improvements Sac high has made over the past few years. The campus was swarming with parents and students who traveled from class to class to speak with teachers and learn about what to expect this school year.



More than 1000 students and parents packed the room for Back to School Night

News

Class of '08 College Update

With the highest percentage of students being accepted into a 4-year college, the Class of '08 has already begun the next phase of their life. We will share some of their stories as they embark on new adventures.

“Hello All,

I hope all is well. I am loving Washington D.C. I have just completed my first week in college, and I have already had so many experiences. Since my major is marketing, I am in the School of Business, which has a highly structured freshman program, Howard is the only school in the nation that allows freshman into their Business School. (Usually you enter as a pre-Business major, and after your sophomore year you become a Business major). All freshmen are placed into teams of 15-20 with a sophomore team lead, each team has a corporate sponsor and is required to create a business and present to our corporate sponsor at the end of the year. Also, every Tuesday and Thursday I am required to wear a business suit to class as part of the Business program.

I am taking 15 units which consists of 6 classes. One of which is German, I was so scared to take German since I have always taken Spanish as a foreign language. In college, the teachers do not speak English and they force you to learn the language by only hearing that language. Seldomly does my professor translate, but repeats what she is saying so that we can translate for ourselves. I am proud to say I got a 100% on my first German test. I am also taking Business Orientation and Intro to Psychology, which have 100+ students... big difference from high school. I just make sure I get to class early to sit in the front.

College is a lot of fun and it's all about balancing everything. In high school, I was able to do so much however in college I am already forced to study more. My goal is to get a 4.0 so I am concentrating more on schoolwork than extra-curricular activities. There is so much more to talk about but I will save it for later updates! I am going to continue to keep you all updated and thank you so much for the support.

Let Sac High students know if they would like to talk about college, that I am here!!! Feel free to give them my contact info.”

Shenise McKnight – Howard University

Football team dedicates season to teammate

Two weeks ago, at a Saturday morning practice, the Sac High football team learned that one of their teammates had been shot and killed at a house party the night before. Robert Haynes was a transfer student who had already created a strong bond with the new Dragon team whom he had practiced with throughout the summer. Having struggled academically his first two years, Robert decided to transfer to Sac High in hopes of finding a new beginning. He was off to a great start with a 3.8 GPA and a starting position on the varsity football team.

Support counselors were on hand for the many students who took the news hard on Monday following the incident. While the funeral took place this past weekend, the following fund has been set up in Robert's name:

Robert Haynes Memorial Fund
Bank of America
Acct # 04066 6999

Sac High looking for Alumni volunteers

The Sac High Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with various projects in an effort to build alumni relations. Some of the projects include data entry and coordinating alumni events. If you live in the Sacramento area and have a few hours a week to help, please contact Adrienne Hall (ahall@sthope.org). Additionally, Sac High is looking for alumni to spearhead the Turkey Day Game in November 2009.

Yearbooks temporarily unavailable for purchase

Due to the building renovations at Sac High, all of the historical items including class yearbooks have been temporarily placed in storage. Unfortunately, this means they are not available for viewing or purchase until after the new year. Once they become available, they will be available for purchase online by visiting the team store at www.sachighalumni.org.

2008-2009 Enrollment

With the school year beginning four weeks ago, enrollment is up at Sac High. Both 9th and 10th grade levels are full and just a few openings in the 11th and 12th grade. If you would like information about how to enroll your student for next year, please contact (916) 649-7910 or visit www.sachigh.org.

Class Reunions

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1953

Date: September 20, 2008
Time: 6-11pm
Location: Hilton West Hotel (2200 Haravard St., Sacramento, CA)
Contact: John Rauzy – srauzy@aol.com

Class of 1958

Date: September 12-15, 2008
Location: Main event: Towe Auto Museum (2200 Front St., Sacramento)
Contact: Dick Baldwin – dbaldwin@ix.netcom.com

Class of 1973

Date: November 8, 2008
Location: Elks Lodge (6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA)
Contact: Linda Patton-Finch (916) 654-8701

Class of 1988

Date: October 22, 2008
Time: 7pm
Location: Hilton Hotel (2200 Harvard Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815)
Contact: Class Encounters (800) 445-2527 or Dan Axtell pastordan@restlife.net

Class of 1998

Date: November 29, 2008
Location: Cattlemens Restaurant (12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA)
Contact: Talaina Brown talaina@bellsouth.net or 678-760-6638

Sac High In the News

Recent Headlines

August 24, 2008
The Sacramento Bee
Sacramento gunfire victim, 16, had turned life around
<http://www.sacbee.com/254/story/1181080.html>

August 7, 2008
KXTV- News 10
Going to College? Get a Four-Year Plan
<http://www.news10.net/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=46060&catid=2>

August 7, 2008
The Sacramento Bee
Sac High boys basketball player Tapley prepares to pick college
<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/1138346.html>

July 31, 2008
The Sacramento Bee
<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/1122509.html>

June 22, 2008
The Sacramento Bee
<http://www.sacbee.com/creamer/story/1026889.html>

Recent Sac High Alumni in the News

July 9, 2008
The Sacramento Bee
Home Cookin': Baugh kicks up her heels - and heals
<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/1069822.html>

June 25, 2008
The Sacramento Bee
Optimist: All-Around All Star
http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/1037654.html#comments_here

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