



The Mustang

The newsletter of the Myers Park High School PTSA

May 2009

Are we really just a couple of weeks from the last day of school? It's hard to believe that the 2008-2009 school year is about to end. Even though it's been a year to remember as we all deal with the unusual economic times, your PTSA could not have achieved all the great things we were able to do without the dedication and support of all the wonderful Mustang families, staff and administrators. Everyone has stepped up to the plate when the need was there, and we especially want to thank **all** the PTSA volunteers who have helped make our job as co-presidents much more enjoyable.

You put in countless hours to hold open houses for prospective parents; provide lunches and snacks for teachers and staff; buy supplies and help with outreach, proctor exams; staff the front office, attendance and counseling, along with college research for students. You volunteered in the media center, as prom chaperones, as senior exit board members and got MP news out through Mustang Express, the website, and the newsletter. There was so much accomplished because of **you**, and this is what helps make Myers Park the nationally recognized school that it is!

We also want to thank the wonderful staff, administrators, and teachers for the outstanding job they have done to keep Myers Park running smoothly all year. This dedicated group of folks has contributed greatly to the academic excellence Myers Park continues to achieve. They have provided challenging learning experiences and support for all our students.

To all those who contributed to the Priority Funds for Myers Park, many thanks! This is our only fundraiser. With the funds we raised this year, we were able to purchase items for **all** departments across the whole school from computers, printers, digital cameras, support to students competing in academic competitions, software, plant material for horticulture, lights for the auditorium, and even a

gong for the orchestra! Your money has been invested wisely in areas that support all our students.

A special "thank you" goes to this year's nominating committee for a job well done. The committee, chaired by Karen Reid, included Kim Peters, Kathy Merrill, Beth Rayburn and Kathy Hammack. The following slate of officers was recently approved for 2009-2010:

Co-Presidents	Beth Rayburn, Margaret Marshall
Co-President Elect	Sian Harris, Kathy Hammack
1 st VP Website	Peaches Deal
2 nd VP Newsletter	Katherine Forney, Mickie Hall
3 rd VP Advisor	Donna Aliotti
Treasurer	Cornelia Hoover
Secretary	Sandra Conway

Congratulate this fine group of leaders coming in for next year, and wish them the very best for 2009-2010! Your PTSA will be in very capable hands!

Finally, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your PTSA Co-Presidents this year. Thank you for a great year! We want to wish all 2009 graduates much success in their future endeavors. We hope all Myers Park families and staff have an enjoyable summer. Go Mustangs!

*Donna Aliotti
Leslie Perlik
Co-Presidents 2008-2009*

Coming up:

Memorial Day, May 25, is a regular school day in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, to make up for a Snow Day.

Exams begin May 27

June 10 is the last day of school.

Have a great summer!

**Graduation is scheduled for 2 p.m.
June 14, at Time Warner Cable Arena.
Congratulations graduates! You've
made us proud!**



Scholarship News

This has been a stellar year for scholarships in the Myers Park Class of 2009. All scholarship winners will be recognized at the Senior Awards ceremony May 29.

The following students have received notification of school-nominee based scholarships or awards relating to particular competitive scholarships.

(bold type denotes scholarship accepted by student)

Rachel Myrick: Morehead-Cain and Coca-Cola
(and Benjamin N. Duke and Ingram Vanderbilt)

Allison Hofmann: Park, and alternate Morehead-Cain

Elena Botella: Robertson and A.B. Duke
(and Georgia Tech Presidential, Cooper Union University)

Tong-Tong Xiang: A.B. Duke

Rebecca Jeffries & Tolison Humphrey: Benjamin N. Duke

**Vighnesh Sivasubramaniam & Suman Sivasubramaniam:
Cornelius Vanderbilt**

Laura Carpenter: Georgia Tech Presidential Scholarship, Park

Nicholas Ricci, finalist, Toyota Community Scholars
Suman Sivasubramaniam, semi-finalist, Toyota Community Scholars

Katy Stewart: Washington & Lee

2009 Junior Book Awards

Catherine Hare: The Wellesley award goes to the female junior who best exemplifies a drive to achieve, intellectual curiosity, and social awareness. She possesses great leadership in the classroom, on the field or in her community. She should also have a passion or area of interest that distinguishes her from her peers.

Jeffrey Prouty: The Washington & Lee University award goes to a junior who exemplifies the qualities of honor, academic excellence, strength of character and leadership.

Julian Tigler: The Wake Forest award is for a Junior with commitment to liberal learning, openness to new ideas and the pursuit of truth, and recognition of his/her responsibility to serve and guide society. Leader in and outside the classroom and a role model of conduct for other students. Book awarded: *The Complete Collected poems of Maya Angelou*

John Haskell: The Sewanee award goes to a junior with a GPA of 3.4/4.0 in college prep course of study, PSAT score of 60 or above. Top 20% of class, leadership role in the school. Book awarded: *Walden*, embossed with the University crest on the cover.

Debolina Banerjee: The Harvard award is for a junior who displays excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields.

Daniel Salo: The Yale award is for a junior who exhibits outstanding personal character and intellectual promise.

Selected students for the **2009 Governor's School** are: Debolina Banerjee, Grace Danello, Tanvika Gupta, Zachary Kobos, Leah Taub, Amberli Young

Students awarded scholarships in the **National Achievement Scholarship Program** are Hubert T. Humphrey and Amanda Johnson

The **Charlotte Post nominees** are Asha Thomas, Lauren Fox, Niccarra Brown, Jennifer Leath, Quanetti Nash, Hubert Tolison, David Hunt

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Award:** Nicholas Ricci

Students who have advanced to Finalist standing in the **National Merit Scholarship Program** are:

Jillian C. Becker	Jacqueline C. Mc Neill
Kevin J. Blackwell	Rachel M. Myrick
Kyle P. Bowen	Suman P. Sivasubramaniam
Laura E. Carpenter	Vignesh U. Sivasubramaniam
Tyler J. Fitch	Kathryn Stewart
Allison K. Hargett	Andrew R. Thomason
Rebecca C. Jeffries	Bo-Tsuong Xiang

Junior marshals for 2009 are

Sarah Adams, Alexandra Anderson, Debolina Banerjee, Margaret Barrows, Timothy Bell, Hannah Brown, Hannah Clark, Madison Coburn, Hannah Comstock, Neha Contractor, Marcelo Cordova, Rebecca Deloache, Elizabeth Driggs, Benjamin Durham, Megan Early, Anson Fisher, Nico Forlenza, Emma Garrett, Sarah Gaspari, Matthew Giannuzzi, Catherine Grainger, Tanvika Gupta, Amy Hammond, Catherine Hare, John Haskell, Stephen Haskell, Christina Hawley, Abigail Henderson, Emily Hudson, Michael Humphries, Nicole Iacopetti, Alecia Johnson, Rachel Kaplan, Dayna Katz, Rafael Kettler, Zachary Kobos, Clara Kremer, Rakesh Kumar, Dylan Lang, Adam Levinson, Mishael Luu, Zackery McKenzie, Eric Melvin, Nicholas Montoni, Christopher Morrow, Nathan Mynatt, Alexandra Nevado, Roopa Panduranga, Amir Parikh, Jeffrey Prouty, Francis Ralston, John Reid, Daniel Salo, Diana Settlemyer, Pratik Shah, Elise Smith, Solomon Sprinkle, Atar Stav, Matthew Steyl, Benjamin Sutherland, Julian Tigler, Rebecca Todd, Maggie Umberger, Paige Vantassell, Sarah Whetstone, Katharine Yost, Amberli Young, Emily Zhu.

Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Program are Katherine Atkins, Catherine Auerbach, Elena Botella, Mary Boyle, Florence Bryan, Rosemary Chandler, Ana Christian, Katherine Dill, Marissa Duncan, Sara Falk

Suzanne Fleishman, Lauren Garrett, Caitlin Graham, Katherine Hall, Hannah Hindel, Allison Hofmann, Amanda Johnson, Rasesh Joshi, Cole Kettler, Kathryn Knight

James Kutrow, Kevin Lang, Everett Lozzi, Vera Nance, Clark O'Bannon, Mallory Pitser, Siva Ramesh, Andrew Thrash, James Wood