

NATHAN HALE NEWS

OF FAMILY, ALUMNI, STAFF AND FRIENDS

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Seniors Stepping Up

GRADUATION 2008

Friday, June 13th, the 44th graduating class from Nathan Hale stepped to the stage at Raider Field. Surrounded by their teachers, their families and the Nathan Hale Community we smiled with pride and in celebration of this step forward for an involved and successful class.

Some highlights of the amazing class of 2008:

- The Class of 2008 contributed over 23,000 hours of service in their community.
- Our seniors received over \$500,000 in scholarship offers. The Class of 2008 has a National Merit Scholar finalist; and nine National Merit semifinalists.
- More than half of our graduates have participated in interscholastic athletics; and, more than three-fourths have participated in leadership during their four years at Nathan Hale.



"SEATED IN THIS CLASS ARE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS, WRITERS, MUSICIANS, PAINTERS, ACTORS, LINGUISTS, AND COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE BRINGING TO THE WORLD THEIR SPIRIT OF EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE."

MARNI CAMPBELL

- Two thirds of our seniors are heading to post-secondary education this next year. These include technical schools, community colleges and universities. As close as North Seattle, as far as Sarah Lawrence in New York.

What an incredible difference the Class of 2008 has already made They have contributed to our school community. They have excelled on the athletic fields, in the arts, and in the classroom. They have demonstrated their proficiency through their senior exhibition and culminating project.

Congratulations to all of the members of the Class of 2008 and their families. To the hard working students and also the staff at Nathan Hale we say thank you, well done. We look forward to this class, these students returning to Nathan Hale someday with incredible tales of new adventures, new successes, and new contributions.

Teen to Student to Citizen

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2008/2009

We are so proud of our graduating seniors - you've done it 2008! As we say farewell to the Class of 2008, we welcome the incoming class of 2012. Whether you're new to Nathan Hale or have a long history with the school, your donation to the Annual Campaign helps ensure that all students become honorable, thinking, skillful citizens.

Thank you to the families, alumni, staff and friends who have donated this year. Please see the list on pages 3 and 4. If you haven't yet donated or can do more, we need you! Your generous donations are vital for maintaining student excellence at Nathan Hale .

Our pledge to you is that every dollar donated to the Annual Campaign will be used in the 2008-2009 academic year to support our unique educational system, help transform lives in the classroom and building a stronger community every day.



STUDENT LEADERS TOOK THE STAGE AT THIS YEAR'S GRADUATION, LEADING THE CEREMONY, ANNOUNCING THE GRADUATES, AND INSPIRING THE AUDIENCE



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Note from the Principal

MULTIPLE FORMS OF EVIDENCE RANGING FROM ONGOING OBSERVATION OF THE LEARNER TO COMPLETION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS SHOULD BE USED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE LEARNER'S STRENGTHS AND NEEDS, AND TO PLAN FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITES TO EXHIBIT THEIR EXPER-TISE BEFORE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

COALITION OF ES-SENTIAL SCHOOLS, PRINCIPLE #8



Marni Campbell

Our 2008 Graduation was a great example of an “exhibition of expertise” presented to our community. If you were able to attend graduation, you saw ample evidence of our students becoming “honorable, thinking, skillful citizens.” You saw a young trumpet player, not yet a graduate but a supportive colleague, loaded down with music stands, quietly setting up for his fellow musicians. You saw and heard student leaders, not adults, calling out their classmates’ names as they came forward to receive their diplomas. You heard skillful student speeches ranging from a poetic celebration of the spirit of Nathan Hale to a passionate cry for continued commitment to social justice to a celebratory invitation to stand and be recognized for participation in athletics, leadership, the arts, and academics. From start to finish, our Graduation was truly an exhibition of student learning and achievement.

We have had many other exhibitions of understanding this spring, including a night of art and performance exploring themes of apocalypse, the culminating community presenta-

tion of the 9th grade Human Ecology Project, an exhibition of our 10th grade Authors of Change project, exhibitions of our 11th grade American Character projects, as well as photo and art exhibitions, drama productions, a final music concert, and exciting athletic competition. Our Performing Arts Center has been used multiple times a day, and is quickly becoming a center of our community.

As we have worked with architects on our upcoming building remodel, we have identified two key images that express the spirit our new building should embody: we want our physical space to be both the heart of the community and a beacon to the community. We want to simultaneously provide a social and emotional space that is nurturing and supportive and also communicates ideals of learning, growth, and social justice. Our Performing Arts Center has become a heart and a beacon for student exhibition, and as we redesign our entire building, we will carry that spirit into our new library, classroom spaces, commons areas, and fitness center.

Rachael LeValley was honored both as a Nathan Hale Patriot and as the Eric Benson scholarship winner. She was

chosen as this year’s Benson scholar because she embodies the spirit of Nathan Hale as both heart and beacon. She participated in athletics, drama, the diversity club and the gay straight alliance. She is a caring and intelligent classmate and friend, quick to provide empathy, support, and a smile.

Our graduation, our exhibitions, our building redesign and remodel, and our ability to recognize and celebrate students like Rachael are all made possible by the generous, selfless support of so many of you in our community through the Nathan Hale Foundation. Your donations of time, skill, and money make it possible for us to provide personalized learning and opportunities for exhibitions. Your generosity has helped our PAC to thrive, supports our work with Seattle Schools in our school design, and provides the medium for our scholarships and awards. I cannot thank you enough for your gifts and for supporting our young students as they grow into scholars and citizens. Best wishes for a warm and productive summer.

FOLLOW MARNI'S BLOG AT:
[HTTP://NATHANHALEDAILY.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://NATHANHALEDAILY.BLOGSPOT.COM)



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Annual Campaign

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR BEING AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE!

Personalization

The keys to Nathan Hale's success with all students

- Low student : teacher classroom ratio



- Teacher collaboration time to develop interdisciplinary curriculum & projects that support all learners
- Additional learning support, such as after-school homework help

Excellence in Science

High level, hands-on science learning for all students

Tools for Learning

Current technology to support excellent academics.

Emphasis on Literacy

Unique reading program that creates a culture of literacy & builds student skill & stamina as scholars

Two easy ways to

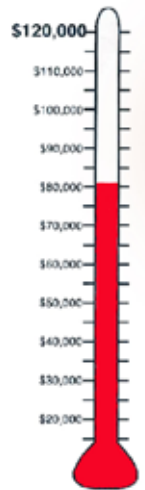
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- Pledge online at nathanhale.org

- Mail your pledge/donation, checks made out to AFE/NH Foundation, in the enclosed donor envelope.

Pledge envelopes are also available at the school:

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10750 30th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98125



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(includes online donations through 5/30/08; checks mailed through 6/20/08)



Watch for These Raider Events

'ROCK IT' FOR THE RAIDERS ON NOVEMBER 14TH!!
THE 2008 AUTUMN DINNER & AUCTION

Nathan Hale needs YOU to be a part of "RAIDERS ROCK!", the annual Dinner & Auction Event to support our school's classrooms and programs at the Nile Country Club.



The Auction Committee is in full planning mode for this Fun and Exciting evening. We hope you'll take this opportunity to Sign Up and Participate in any of the following ways:

- Volunteer your time to help with Committee activities.

- Donate items and services to sell at the auction.
- Acquire auction items from friends and businesses (forms in the main office).
- Use your vehicle to transport auction items.
- Offer to help set up on-site on the day of the auction; or help with another night-of job.

• ATTEND THE AUCTION AND BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY !

If you have general questions or want to help, contact stever@u.washington.edu
For procuring items please contact our procurement committee chair alichelanczos@msn.com.

SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 14th

REUNION CALENDAR

- Class of '68
August 23rd.
Emerald Downs.
Contact Barb Dunson,
to4camano@msn.com

- Class of '78
August 8th-10th. Contact Ric or Janet Wraspir, fourwraspirs@comcast.net. Classes of 76-80 are invited to join the fun!
Wedgewood Broiler (Fri.), Wedgewood Community Center (Sat.), Picnic (Sunday.)

- Class of '88
October 11th.
Shilshole Bay Beach Club.
www.reunionswithclass.com

- Class of '98
Working to get a team together.
Contact Aliana Bazara at ollie205b@hotmail.com

- Raider Alumni Game Baseball on August 2nd
Contact tauno_latvala@comcast.net,
206-344-9119

School News

FALL BOARD MEETING
First week of September. Contact stever@u.washington.edu to take part.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Date TBD. Watch NathanHale.org/Calendar.htm

FROM THE PRESIDENT
Student success is everything we strive for. Nothing better represents what we do as a school, and nothing better represents what we support as a Foundation as our graduates. Congratulations to the Class of 2008. Congratulations to their families and congratulations to our hard working staff. Our graduates are everything we hope for our community.

Yours in public education,
Steve Reynolds

FORMULA FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT ATHLETES AND COACHES

Did you know - more than half of Nathan Hale students participate in one or more sports. And year after year they are recognized for their sportsmanship and academic prowess.

- Nathan Hale student athletes won the 2007-2008 Metro League's "Sportsmanship Award"
- This Spring, the girls track and field team had the highest average GPA in Washington state.

Long time teacher and coach, Gary Case, was recognized by the Mariners on June 2nd and threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Congratulations Gary on 41 years of athletic excellence at Nathan Hale!

NHHS CONSTRUCTION LONG AWAITED REMODEL BEGINS THIS SUMMER

June to August - field turf replaced.
August - demolition starts on existing portables.
August - four portables moved to south lot.
Late Aug.- temporary classrooms set-up in portables.
November - construction on new library and radio/TV additions will start in earnest.



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or be part of leadership, please call Steve Reynolds, 206-784-0625. Join us!

Reunions: Raiders Unite!

Class of 1968. Contact Barb Dunson, to4camano@msn.com

Class of 1978. Contact Ric or Janet Wraspir, fourwraspirs@comcast.net

Class of 1988. Visit www.reunionswithclass.com

Class of 1998, contact Aliana at ollie205b@hotmail.com

Raider Baseball alumni game, Aug. 2nd, tauno_latvala@comcast.net

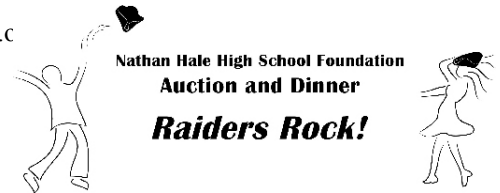
Foundation events:

Fall Board Meeting: first week of September. Contact foundation@nathanhale.org

Performing Arts Festival: Date TBD. Watch NathanHale.org/Calendar.htm

2008 Autumn Dinner and Auction, November 14th

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- ATTEND. Contact foundation@nathanhale.org



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