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OAKTON AT ARLINGTON

Save the Date!
Saturday, August 28
(See details on back cover.)

Some Enchanted Evening

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, friends of the Oakton Educational Foundation packed the College's gym and revisited their prom night during the spring benefit, *Some Enchanted Evening*. The nostalgic fundraiser showcased The Moods, a rocking Chicago quartet who sang such classics as *My Girl* and *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*. Attendees danced the night away to the mesmerizing music; snacked on mini burgers, sweet potato fries, and ice cream sundaes; perused photographs of past proms; and raised nearly $5,000 for the Student Scholarship Fund.

"It was a beautiful night," remarked Foundation Director Rosemary Geisler, who was crowned Queen of the Prom.

The King of Prom, Allen Kravis, seconded her sentiments. "We had a lot of fun," he said.

Above, from left: Foundation Director Brian Little and his wife Anise are ready to dance the night away with their daughter Kial (center) and her friend Jessie Hennings; Foundation Director Jeff Rodriguez shares a promenade with his wife Jaime.

Both Geisler and Kravis have served on the Foundation Board for some 20 years and were recognized at the prom for their unwavering commitment to Oakton.

Adding to the merriment, Foundation Director and fundraising chair Pamela Hermanek created beautiful corsages and boutonnière that guests could purchase before entering the gym.

"I want to use her for my wedding," exclaimed Coordinator of Student Life and

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volunteer Krissie Harris when she saw Hermanek's floral skills.

The evening also featured a raffle with prizes that included a one-night stay at the Belden-Stratford Hotel in Lincoln Park and tickets to the famous blues club, Kingston Mines; a signed photograph of "The Naked Chef" Jamie Oliver and his latest cookbook, *Jamie's Ministry of Food*; two bottles of Lynfred Winery's table wine and a hand-painted wine glass; a leather Kenneth Cole briefcase and a one-night stay at The Crown Plaza Hotel Northbrook; and tickets to the Foundation's August fundraiser, Oakton at Arlington. The lucky winners were Foundation Director Rosemary Geisler; Foundation President Howard Singer; Foundation Director Allen Kravis; adjunct accounting faculty member and volunteer Cyndee Timmerman; and Executive Director of Institutional Research, Curriculum, and Planning Trudy Bers.

Special thanks to the Foundation Affiliates, fundraising subcommittee, and volunteers Lynne Adams, Julie Berman, Rosemary Geisler, Krissie Harris, Pamela Hermanek, Simi Khurana, Sue Kravis, Paulette Levy, Vicki Prot, Joan Richards, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Betty Rosenblum, Cyndee Timmerman, Cheryl Valloni, Rita Veron, and Marilyn Wroblewski who added to the evening's enchantment.

1. *Foundation President Howard Singer (third from left) and his son Sam escort Emma Singer (right) and Gabrielle D'Adamo.*

2. *From left, Foundation Director Dr. Joy Rico, Oakton President Peg Lee, Foundation Director Jeff Rodriquez, and his wife Jaime love the mini burgers and sweet potato fries.*

3. *Oakton employees are all smiles during* Some Enchanted Evening.

4. *Foundation Director and fundraising chair Pam Hermanek pins a boutonnière on her husband Don.*

5. *Foundation Director Allen Kravis and his wife Sue, Foundation Affiliate, get groovy on the dance floor.*

6. *Executive Director of College Advancement Carlee Drummer (right) crowns the King and Queen of the Prom, Foundation Directors Allen Kravis and Rosemary Geisler.*

7. *The best dressed winner, Mike Gilbert, is sure to make heads turn.*

8. *Scholarship recipient Dina Margetis (center) celebrates the evening with her mother Pat Margetis and friend Jessica Winograd.*

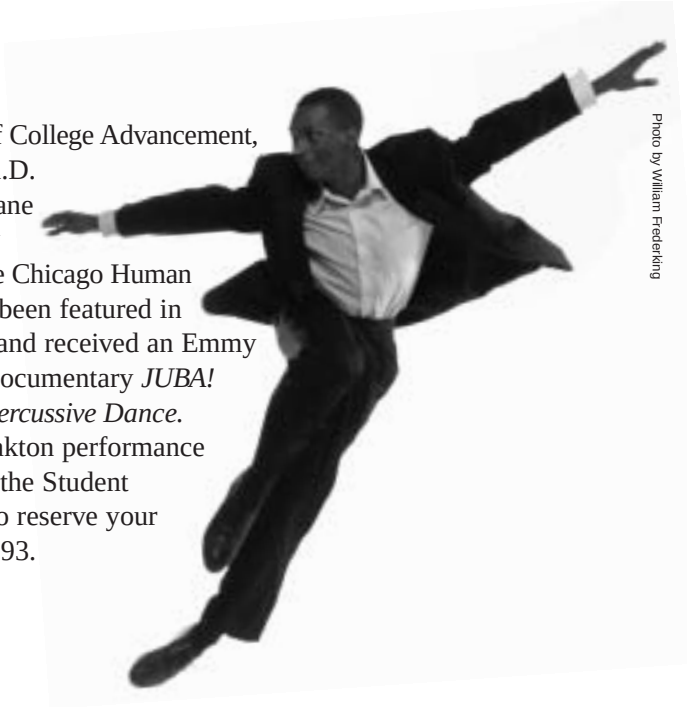
Get Rhythm

On Sunday, September 19, the Educational Foundation will host the Chicago Human Rhythm Project, a dance group that celebrates and preserves American tap dance through performances, education, and the creation of new work and documentation. The Chicago Human Rhythm Project's goals include building community and promoting ethnic minority participation and partnership among Chicago artists.

"We are thrilled to host such an innovative, talented group at Oakton," says Executive Director of College Advancement, Carlee Drummer, Ph.D.

Co-founded by Lane Alexander and Kelly Michaels in 1990, the Chicago Human Rhythm Project has been featured in the *New York Times* and received an Emmy nomination for the documentary *JUBA! Masters of Tap and Percussive Dance.*

Tickets for the Oakton performance are $20 and support the Student Scholarship Fund. To reserve your seat, call 847.635.1893.



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Wentcher Scholars Celebrate in Chicago

In June, Ernest C. Wentcher (center) hosted his annual reception for recipients of the Wentcher Scholarship. Thirty-five students—nine from Oakton—gathered on the rooftop of Mr. Wentcher's home at 535 North Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Mr. Wentcher provides full tuition and books for 10 first-year and 10 second-year Oakton students who intend to continue their education at a four-year college or university. Shown here are Wentcher scholars Jennifer Koval, Erin Nahrstadt, Samantha Zalewski, Eliosa Flores, Elizabeth Cano, Scott Hutchinson, David Patterson, Kaitilin Kozubal, and Monica Johnson.

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Upcoming Events

Scholarship Banquet

Wednesday, September 29, 6 p.m.

A festive evening honoring Oakton's esteemed donors and exceptional scholarship winners

We Are Oakton: Forty Years of Inspired Teaching

Saturday, November 6

Presentations and lectures from Oakton faculty, including a keynote address by Bill Kurtis

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Saturday, August 28, at noon

Join us at the races!

Enjoy the races from the private International Room. A luncheon buffet, four-hour open bar, and silent auction promise to make this a fun-filled afternoon.

Tickets are $85. To order, call 847.635.1893.

Proceeds support student scholarships.