Get Your Ticket to Ride

“Come Together” for the Oakton Educational Foundation’s spring benefit Ticket to Ride, 8 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at the Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines.

Travel back in time to the 1960s, when the Beatles reigned supreme on the radio waves, and enjoy a performance by American English, the legendary Beatles tribute band. Since 1999, American English has been entertaining audiences “across the universe.”

The “fab” evening also features the celebrated WLS-AM DJ Clark Weber, a Chicago radio personality since 1961. Enjoy a pint beginning at 7 p.m. and pub grub following the 8 p.m. performance. Come dressed in your grooviest ’60s attire.

Proceeds from the spring benefit support the Student Scholarship Fund. Thanks to lead sponsor Lawson Products, Ticket to Ride will make you “shake, rattle, and roll!” Tickets are $50 and may be purchased by calling 847-635-1893.

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The Oakton Educational Foundation announces the appointment of Ken Daubenspeck to its board of directors. Daubenspeck is the president of Daubenspeck and Associates, Ltd., rated by Crain’s Chicago Business as one of Chicago’s top executive search firms.

Daubenspeck started his company in the 1980s to meet the growing need for assessment knowledge in the information technology arena. Clients include Fortune 100 companies, small privately-held local businesses, blue chip professional service firms, start-up companies, and nonprofit associations.

With more than two decades of experience working in executive search, he is considered an expert on employment trends. Named to the Who’s Who in the Midwest, he has been featured, quoted, and interviewed by various media outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, Information Week, Computer World, Crain’s Chicago Business, WGN, and ABC.

An active member of the Society for Information Management, The Executives’ Club of Chicago, the Association of Executive Search Consultants, and Junior Achievement, he speaks at various technology and career events, including the Financial Executives Network.

Daubenspeck began his technology career by serving in the nuclear submarine program for the U.S. Navy, and then moving to the business arena to work with top IT firms such as EDS. He holds a degree in human resource management from DePaul University.

He and his wife Rima live in Chicago and have two daughters.

Knowledge alone cannot make the world a better place. Real change requires action, and people like you, who contribute to Oakton’s important work, help enhance opportunities in higher education for our students.

Creating an endowment with the Educational Foundation encourages change by providing a permanent fund to support our students or enhance the College’s programs or services. Your gift establishes a special relationship with your favorite cause or program and creates a lasting legacy in your name or the name of someone you wish to honor.

With a $10,000 gift, you can establish a scholarship endowment that benefits students for generations to come. The Michael Gilson Memorial Scholarship Endowment, one of Oakton’s first, has helped students each year since 1987.

“My scholarship gave me a chance to have more time to study and to achieve my academic and educational goals,” said Naramsin Ashoormaram, the most recent Michael Gilson Memorial Scholarship recipient.

For a donation of $35,000 or more, you can fund an endowment that will provide support for your designated program, project, or activity. This kind of endowment is extremely valuable, ensuring the continued excellence of education at Oakton by encouraging innovation that cannot be funded elsewhere. Each year, the endowment’s payout can be invested in projects or activities that enhance the intellectual and cultural development of Oakton students.

The Foundation invests endowment gifts in funds that promote long-term growth and keep pace with inflation. By generating a permanent stream of annual funds, endowments represent a living testament that honors your interests over many generations. Endowments can be established through an outright gift, bequest, or with an initial contribution of $3,000 in a pending endowment account. If you would like to explore the possibility of an endowment, please contact Lisa Fischer, manager of planned and major gifts, at 847.635.1893.
The riveting satire, celebrating its 20th anniversary at Oakton, delivered hilarious parodies of political, sports, and show business newsmakers. Three lucky guests left with more than just a few good laughs. The evening’s raffle prizes included the grand prize of a $500 Nordstrom gift certificate donated by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tippett; a weekend stay for two at the Palmer House Hilton, donated by the hotel; and a $50 gift certificate to Carlucci, donated by the restaurant.

After the performance, guests enjoyed wine generously provided by Future Brands and sampled smoothies out of test tubes from Fisher Scientific.

1. Newly elected Foundation director Ken Daubenspeck (far left) and Foundation Vice President Brian Little (far right), enjoy the reception with their wives Anise Little (second from left) and Rima Daubenspeck.

2. David and Jean Nelson try to discover the magician’s secrets.

3. Oakton students Kathryn Peyer (left) and Julia Poroshkova (right) enjoy the evening with recent Oakton graduate Simi Khurana.

4. Oakton Trustees Jody Wadhwa and Ann Tennes (center: left, right) “put on the ritz” with their spouses Florence and Howard.

5. Sparks fly between Bar Revue performers on and off stage.

6. Sue and Allen Kravis (left) have a monstrous good time with Catherine Rategan and Ralph Kravis.

7. Trent Richards (left) relives the show with Educational Foundation President Howard Singer.
Scholarship Banquet

Wednesday, September 24, 6 p.m.

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

Oakton at Arlington

Saturday, August 16

Noon

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 scholarships and special programs that further the College’s mission.