
The groovy fundraiser, which allowed guests to travel back in time to the 1960s to visit Abbey Road, raised more than $15,000 for the Student Scholarship Fund.

Three lucky guests also left with fab raffle prizes. Joan Henneman of Chicago was the grand prize winner of $500; Sue Kravis of Niles won a stay at Intercontinental Milwaukee; and Howard Singer of Northbrook received gift certificates to Double Door, Hard Rock Café, and Santullo’s Eatery.

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Ticket to Ride guests get groovy as they pose in front of an image the Beatles made famous—Abbey Road.

1. Karen Wickman and Foundation Director Daniel Luber, Vice President of Corporate Planning and Development at Lawson Products, take a stroll down Abbey Road.

2. David Jones and wife Stacy (second from right) celebrate with friends Linda and Denis Berkson (far right).

3. American English gives peace a chance as they mingle with guests after the show.

4. Foundation Director Arnold Cowen (left) and wife Phyllis (right) enjoy the evening with Foundation Senior Vice President Sylvia Footlik.

5. Foundation President Howard Singer (far right) and wife Alisa relive the 60s with their family and friends.

6. Executive Director Carlee Drummer is star-struck when she meets Eric “Paul McCartney” Michaels.

7. Magician David Ranalli (right) mesmerizes Barbara and Dwight Palmer of Golf.
Alumna Inspires May Graduates

Oakton alumna Cheryl-Lynn May encouraged students to reach for the stars at the College’s 37th Annual Commencement on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

May graduated with high honors from Oakton in May 2006, having overcome a variety of family and personal challenges to her education. As a low-income, first generation college student who took six years to earn a high school diploma, May arrived at Oakton unsure of her abilities to achieve success in college. Now, she continues to be recognized for her academic achievements.

In 2006, she was named a Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholar. The prestigious award, worth up to $30,000, allowed her to continue her education at Lake Forest College, where she earned a 4.0 GPA in her first semester as an art history major. In 2008, May received the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s Continuing Scholar Graduate Award, a $50,000 scholarship for graduate school. Also this year, she was one of only eight students accepted as a Fellow to the exclusive Winterthur Program in American Material Culture at the University of Delaware.

“Where I was once defined by fear, I am now defined by the strength that comes from believing in yourself and from having the courage to pursue and seize your dreams against all odds,” she told the Oakton Class of 2008. “Today I look to the future confidently, knowing that because of my experience at Oakton, I really can go anywhere and I really am ready for anything.”

May also told the graduates that Oakton always will play an important role in their lives.

“By receiving your degree from Oakton Community College, you have achieved something extraordinary,” she said. “You have gained a wealth of knowledge and experiences that have forever changed the person that you are. You have also gained an entire community of support that—I promise you—will make it possible for you to continue on your magnificent journey.”

In addition to her academic pursuits, May is dedicated to community service. She volunteers for the Wilmette Historical Museum, National MS Society, Holocaust Memorial Foundation, and American Cancer Society. Recently, May finished training to join Oakton’s acclaimed VITA literacy program, to help non-native speakers improve their language skills.

Paradise Found

More than two dozen Oakton employees packed Cheeseburger in Paradise in Des Plaines to support the Educational Foundation’s fundraiser, Here Comes the Sun, on Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Celebrating the unofficial start of summer, as well as the close of another academic year, the inaugural event allowed Oakton staff, faculty, and administrators to enjoy an evening of food and fun, while raising money for student scholarships. Summery sounds were provided by Na Mele Aloha, Oakton’s Hawaiian Music Club. Located at 1472 Market Street, in Metropolitan Square, Cheeseburger in Paradise graciously donated its space and provided plenty of “island fare” for the fundraiser.

“Everyone had a great time,” said Rich Bolinder, women’s basketball coach and manager of the Fitness Center. “It was a great opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause while seeing co-workers in a social atmosphere. Let’s do this again!”
Upcoming Events

Scholarship Banquet

Wednesday, September 24, 6 p.m.

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

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.