

Mile High Academy

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The spring brings a flurry of activity on our campus—the Spring Bling fundraiser, senior trip, alumni reunion, annual spelling bee—just to name a few.

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Highlights in this issue:

- *Spring Bling* Auction & Dinner March 28
- Inaugural *Gates Philanthropy Award* Presentation
- Alumni Reunion April 17

Thanks to You the “Spring Bling” Event Nets \$20,000

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! To everyone who played a part in the annual fundraiser in March. With your help, the proceeds are around \$20K for student aid for the coming school year!

Our school board, teachers, and staff are raising the bar in the quality of education while focusing on spiritual values. Your partnership is the key to continuing our mission. Your gifts provide financial aid for students who meet our requirements for assistance.

During the silent auction and chocolate fountain yummys, the Mile High Academy String Quartet—*Borealis*—graced us with pre-dinner music. Members are **Christine Blaire, YounSuh Jang, Brenden McNally,** and **Stella Park**, led by quartet coach **Amy Tyson**. Parents **Tammy Kelley** and **Jerry Lang** blessed us with delightful piano music during the evening.

The program included the Inaugural Gates Philanthropy Award presentation honoring the initial recipients, Don & Jo Tautz. We are so blessed to have their support of our mission. See article below for further information.

A “thanks” goes to those who helped with the program that evening:

Brent Baldwin - *MHA Principal*

Todd Essex - *MHA School Board President*

Aaron Fritz - *Parker Adventist Hospital*

Randy Haffner - *CEO, Porter Adventist Hospital*

A great group of volunteers donated time & talent planning the event.

Great job ladies! This year’s Auction Committee members are:

Tiffany Annis - *Item Booklet*

Michelle Chen-Décor & Hotel Liaison

Cheryl Chiasson - *MHA Development Director*

Marijane Hoehn Forde – *Live Auction*

Cindy Haffner- *Décor*

Leslie Haworth - *Hotel Liaison & Checkout*

Teggin Gates Huscroft - *Item Booklet*

Amy Rasco-*Invitations & Entertainment*

Aimee Reynolds - *Silent Auction Closing*

Kristi Weber - *Item Acquisition*

Thank you also to those who assisted with décor & table favors:

Heather Blaire

Bailey Haffner

Mark Hainey

Sandy Hawkins

Bonnie Knaubert

Porter Adventist Hospital Plant Services

See separate articles below for sponsors and auction item contributors.

Spring Bling Auction Sponsors – Thanks a Ton!

A huge “thanks” to the sponsors who make it possible to continue our mission:

- Emerald - \$2,500
 - Littleton Adventist Hospital
 - Porter Adventist Hospital

- Sapphire - \$1,000
 - **Drs. James Chappell & Valerie Imperial**
 - **Denver West SDA Church**
- Pearl - \$500
 - **Michael & Shelley Boyson**
 - **Don & Jo Tautz**
- Program sponsor
 - **Jack Duran** – in Loving Memory of Jacklyn Duran

Don & Jo Tautz Inaugural Recipients of the *Gates Philanthropy Award* Given at *Spring Bling*

Don and **Eva Jo Tautz** have given generously to Mile High Academy of their time, talent, and finances. Their journey began in 1969 as parents, and continues today as grandparents.

Their three children—**Tim**, '85; **Terry**, '82; and **Pam Bernal**, '83—all graduated from Mile High Academy. During the time their children attended MHA, Don and Jo were actively involved with the school in various ways: everything from PTA members, to classroom parents, to senior class fundraisers. Eva Jo served as a member of the school board (School Operating Committee) and then Board Chair in the early 1980's. During that time, she facilitated the building of the large gym that our students and community still utilize today. Don has served on the Development Board for several years.

It is, indeed, a privilege to honor Don and Eva Jo Tautz as the first recipients of the *Gates Philanthropy Award* for their active, ongoing and loving commitment to Mile High Academy's mission.

The award is named in honor of the Gates family, who has supported MHA for generations and continues to do so today.

Thanks to Auction Item Contributors

Thank you to the businesses, families, & MHA classes who donated items

for the silent & live auctions:

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Wal-Mart
Wellshire Golf Club-City of Denver
White Fence Farm
The Wild Animal Sanctuary
Wildlife Experience
Betty Wine
Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum
Yes! Golf

Zip Adventures

Making Memories at the Alumni Reunion April 17

Thanks to all of you who spent time with us on our campus for the annual Alumni Reunion on April 17. What a fun day and night! During the church service our guest speaker, **Pastor Ron Halvorson**, delivered a dramatic and powerful message about facing the world's fears and how God arms us for these battles.

Thanks to alumni and MHA parents who helped with the church service. In addition to Pastor Halvorson, we appreciate the help of **Tammy Kelley, Rod Kelley, Todd Essex, Brent Baldwin, Dave Dunkin** and the **MHA Choir**, the **Denver South Youth Gospel Choir** under the direction of **Will Dickerson '03, Jim Brauer '70, and Dave Ferguson, '65.**

The traditional basketball games on Saturday night provided fun and another time for reminiscing. Thanks to **Todd Essex** and **Blair Tikker** for referring the games!

The Honor Classes were 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, & 2005.

Our website is in transition. We will post the honor class pictures as soon as possible. In the meantime, check our Facebook site—Mile High Academy Alumni.

Facebook Site for Alumni & Friends

Have you visited the MHA Alumni Facebook site? Our site is "Mile High Academy Alumni." It's a fun and casual way to keep in touch. Check out the photos from the beginning of school and from the golf tournament. See you there!

Counselor Available at MHA for Students and Families

A counseling intern, **Michelle Kozlowicz**, is doing her counseling internship at MHA and is available to help anyone with any counseling needs he or she would like to address.

This offer extends to all students and their families, during and outside of school hours. Michelle is very excited to be here at MHA and looks forward to helping in any way she can. She will be here on Thursdays and Fridays in the conference room across from the small gym. You may contact her by leaving a note in her mailbox in the office or by email at michellestherapy@gmail.com.

Host Family Needed for Foreign Exchange Students

Bring a new and fascinating world into your home! When you host a foreign exchange student, your entire family will discover a world of adventure. Bring a new and fascinating world into your home, and gain a new perspective, a new friendship through the exchange program families can;

- Find out something new about your own culture and point of view by seeing it from a fresh perspective.
- Gain better understanding of another country and its culture and society.
- Build Lasting friendships with people from other cultures.
- Feel confident and comfortable with people from other cultures

Please call **KoAm Education Alliance, Soonja Rosser** at 303-690-0719 or e-mail at srosser@koameduall.org for more information or to apply to become a host family.

Summer Yard Sale for New England Trip

The students going on the New England Tour next fall are planning a yard sale for this summer and are looking for donated items. If you have items sitting around you'd like to get rid of, please bring them to Ken Hallam at the school.

Do You Shop at Sunflower Market or King Soopers?

Purchase Sunflower Gift Cards from the Junior Class and King Soopers Gift Cards from the Senior Class.

The junior class is selling Sunflower Market Gift Cards in \$25 and \$50 increments. The senior class is selling King Soopers Gift Cards in various increments—regular or reloadable. See any of our juniors or seniors or

contact the office at 303-744-1069.

Do You Shop at Target? Use Their REDCARD & Help MHA!

We recently received a check from Target—a 1% rebate from parents who used a Target REDCARD (any of Target's charge cards). Remember, become a regular Target REDCARD shopper, and help Mile High earn a rebate! For more information about how you can help MHA by using a Target REDCARD, call Cheryl at 303-607-4917 or email her at cchiasson@milehighacademy.org.

Online Gift Giving Made Available via PayPal

You may give to MHA online through PayPal. Just go to the PayPal website, click on "send money," and enter the email address gift@milehighacademy.org to complete. You will receive an email acknowledging your gift, and a tax receipt will follow by mail. Thank

Blessings,

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