

## **BLAKE ALMA MATTERS**

### **October 2011**

*An e-newsletter for the The Blake School community, including alumni, former parents, grandparents and staff. Blake Alma Matters has been created to help connect Blake friends across the country and around the world. This e-newsletter is produced by the Alumni Relations and Communications Offices of The Blake School.*

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#### **ALUMNI IN THE NEWS:**

**Christopher Meeks '72** has a new novel, *Love At Absolute Zero*, which is about a physicist who tries to apply the tools of science to finding a soul mate. Grady Harp, a top-ten reviewer on Amazon says, "It is a given, now, that Christopher Meeks is a master craftsman as a writer.... [The novel] is a gift--and one of the many that continue to emerge from the pen and mind and brilliant trait for finding the humor in life that makes him so genuinely fine a writer." [Learn more.](#)

**Anne Ursu '91** has published a novel, *Breadcrumbs*, based on Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen." Publishers Weekly says of *Breadcrumbs*, "...Beautifully written and wholly original. It's certainly the only children's fantasy around where Minnesota Twins All-Star catcher Joe Mauer figures into the plot." [Learn more.](#)

**Peter McNerney '01** will be in Minneapolis to present "Theodore Boone and the Thrill of Rights" as part of a 20-city tour of the piece, based on John Grisham's series of books. He'll be performing at the Hennepin County Ridgedale Library in Minnetonka on Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm. [Read more.](#)

#### **ALUMNI EVENTS:**

##### **Blake vs SPA 100th Anniversary Football Game**

Blake and St. Paul Academy will celebrate 100 years of friendly football rivalry with a commemorative game on Thursday, Oct. 6 at Blake's Bill Glenn Field. Blake and SPA alumni are invited to join us in the Bovey Chapel from 5-6:30 pm for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Come see vintage football pictures and artifacts from both schools! R.S.V.P. at [advancementrsvp@blakeschool.org](mailto:advancementrsvp@blakeschool.org) or 952-988-3477.

If you are unable to attend the game you can bid in the **100th Anniversary Retro Football Jersey silent auction!** Don't miss out on these one of a kind football jerseys. [Click here for more details](#) on the silent auction and how to bid.

### **Breakfast at Blake with Whitney MacMillan '47**

Join us for a complimentary breakfast on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 am on the Northrop campus with Whitney MacMillan '47 who led Cargill from 1976-1995. Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, Oct. 6 to (952) 988-3477 or [advancementrsvp@blakeschool.org](mailto:advancementrsvp@blakeschool.org). Click [here](#) to read more about Whitney.

### **Regional Gatherings - The Blake School is coming to you!**

Join us in **New York City** on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Yale Club. Invitations will be hitting mailboxes soon. If you live in NYC and do not get any mail at your NYC address, contact [Becky Ankeny](#) to make sure you get the invitation!

Save the date for the **San Francisco** Regional Gathering on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012. More details to follow.

### **Holiday Party: You are invited**

All alumni are invited to the holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 22. Mark your calendars for this festive event. Stay tuned as changes are in store to make this a bigger and better celebration!

### **Reunion & Homecoming Weekend**

Hundreds of alumni from all over the country and some from outside the U.S. came to campus to take part in our Reunion & Homecoming Weekend. [Click here to access the Reunion photo albums.](#)

### **TODAY AT BLAKE:**

**The 20th Annual Blake Diversity Symposium** features Aamera Siddiqui and her one woman show, "American as Curry Pie." This entertaining and engaging show weaves together conflicting perspectives that come with immigration, assimilation and discovering what it means to be an American. Please join us Monday evening, Oct. 24 on the Northrop campus. [Learn more.](#)

### **Head of School Search Update and Invitation for local alumni**

The Head of School Search Committee is pleased to announce that four candidates will visit Blake in October as part of the Blake Head Of School search. We invite our community members to join in welcoming them to our school in early October. [Click here for dates and details.](#)

## **Blake Tops State's National Merit Chart Again**

Eleven Blake seniors were recently named National Merit semifinalists, making this the third straight year the School can claim the highest percentage of semifinalists in the state. [Learn more.](#)

## **ATHLETICS:**

We are halfway through the season. Come cheer on your favorite team! Click here for [athletic schedules](#) and [recent results](#).

## **NOTES and REMINDERS:**

### **Facebook Alumni Page**

Don't miss out on the latest alumni news! [Click here to like our page.](#)

### **Class Notes - Submissions for February 2012 Bulletin wanted**

The February 2012 Bulletin will be featuring young alumni entering the teaching field and alumni and parents in the food industry. We want to hear from our alumni in the teaching and food worlds – how you got there, who influenced you, what you love most about your industry, etc. And we love to hear about any other news you may have to share! Pictures are very welcome! Click [here](#) to submit your class note and picture.

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