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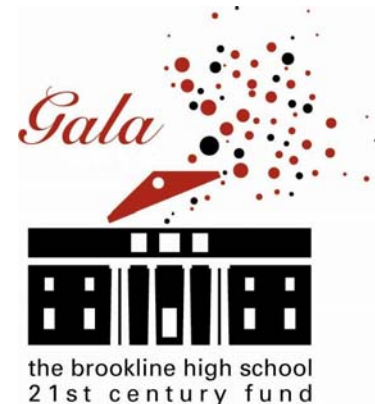
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***Announcing the 2009
Annual Gala Celebration
October 24, 2009***

Join the Journey by participating in the Annual Gala Celebration of the Brookline High School 21st Century Fund. Whether your journey is as a parent, an alumnus, a member of the vibrant Brookline community, or a supporter of the Fund, we invite you to join us at Brookline High School to celebrate the 21st Century Fund's continued commitment to excellence.



Celebrate the journeys of six extraordinary individuals as we pay tribute to our 2009 Distinguished Honorees:

Jeff Adrien '04 - Captain of the NCAA Final-Four UCONN Huskies, Role Model, BHS Alumnus;

Ellen Goodman '55-'57 - Pulitzer-Prize Winning Columnist, Author, BHS Attendee, Brookline Resident;

John Hodgman Jr. '89 - Humorist, Author, Actor, PC Impersonator in Mac® ads, BHS Alumnus;

Stacy Kissel - Brookline High School Physics Teacher, Textbook Author, Physics Daredevil;

Norman Levenson '61 - Real Estate Developer, Philanthropist, BHS Alumnus and Parent; and

Albert Maysles '44 - World-Renowned Documentary Filmmaker (*Grey Gardens*, *Gimme Shelter*), BHS Alumnus.

The Annual Gala will be held on Saturday October 24, 2009, and the six Distinguished Honorees listed above will also participate in our Studio 21 Forum, an informal panel discussion for students and members of the Brookline community on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 6:00pm.

[Learn more about this event and purchase sponsorships and tickets at the 21st Century Fund website.](#)

***BHS English Teacher Elon Fischer Receives the
2009 Award for Teaching Excellence***

BHS English Teacher Elon Fischer was presented with the 21st Century Fund 2009 Award for

Teaching Excellence at the PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Elon has been involved in integrating technology into the classroom at BHS, and was the originator of the CyberCitizens Program, which has evolved into the BHS WebLab. He is also very involved with the African-American Scholars Program. BHS Headmaster Bob Weintraub and outgoing 21st Century Fund Vice-Chair Mike Mayo presented Elon with this award and \$1,000.

"It is an incredible honor, a highlight of my 13 years at BHS," said Elon. "When I was first looking for support with some crazy ideas I had about technology, many years ago, the 21st Century Fund came forth with funding for CyberCitizens, which in many respects was a catalyst for my current work with integrating technology into my teaching. I'm grateful for that, and for this most recent recognition."

BHS Senior Scott Page Presented with the 21st Century Fund Scholarship

Scott Page received the 21st Century Fund Scholarship at the 19th Annual BHS Scholarship Breakfast on Sunday, June 7, 2009. Scott was awarded \$1,000 for his active participation in political discourse at Brookline High School.

"Scott is a very thoughtful and bright young man with a sincere dedication to national, state and local political arenas," says BHS Social Studies teacher J. Malcolm Cawthorne. "He has worked on numerous campaigns of national and local politicians. He is a true follower and student of local politics and argues his stances, as well as others, meticulously."

The scholarship sponsored by the 21st Century Fund was made possible this year through the Fund's Political Literacy Program by a special endowment from alumnus George Weiss '61, who donated funds specifically to foster debate at BHS in honor of his former BHS debate teacher Wendell Weeks.

About the 21st Century Fund

The Brookline High School 21st Century Fund innovates effective local solutions to national challenges facing public high schools. [Visit the 21st Century Fund website](#) for more information or click the Donate Now button to make a contribution.



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