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## the brookline high school 21st century fund

local solutions for national challenges in education

### Enhanced Program, Enhanced School

*by Gaelen Harrington, BHS English Teacher*

**BHS's Tutorial program keeps getting better and broader.** Sally Noteware, Tutorial's program leader since 2004, says, "What's really invigorating for me is to work with teachers from every department, so every day I get to see what's happening throughout the entire school—all the creative teaching tools that content-area teachers design for their students." Now, with the inclusion of special education colleagues in Tutorial's cohort of teachers, the toolkit of great teaching strategies available to students in the program has gotten even bigger. This newest outgrowth of the original Tutorial Program, piloted last year, is called Enhanced Tutorial. Its structure has been retooled for the '09-'10 school year, thanks to the experimentation and discovery that the 21st Century Fund supports in all its programs. The revised model is designed to more deeply integrate the expertise that the special education teachers bring to both the students and their regular education colleagues in the program.



The scope of Enhanced Tutorial's impact on the culture of Brookline High is profound. Under normal circumstances, content-area teachers and special education teachers occupy separate spaces in the high school and have little opportunity to interact. With Enhanced Tutorial, they share the same space on a daily basis, as well as in monthly professional development meetings. The regular education teachers involved in Tutorial can take strategies learned from their special education colleagues and import that expertise into their regular classrooms, so even students not involved in the Tutorial Program can reap its benefits. With Enhanced Tutorial, the whole of Brookline High School is enhanced!

And there's more good news. Freshman Tutorial—a branch of Tutorial that provides a "soft landing" for ninth graders in need of additional support to meet the increased demands of a high school setting—has been fully absorbed into the high school's annual budget for the '09-'10 school year. Yet another 21st Century Fund success story, which will spawn countless more success stories of BHS students who launch their four-year journeys through high school with the guidance and momentum they need.

[Visit the 21st Century Fund website to learn more about the Tutorial program.](#)

**Announcing the Studio 21 Forum:**

**Studio**

## Join the Journey!

*Friday, October 23, 6-7:30pm in the BHS Auditorium*

All students and their families are invited to join the 21st Century Fund for an interactive forum with all the amazing and inspiring honorees of the 2009 Gala:

**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.

Forum tickets are only **\$5 for students** (18 and under), **\$10 for adults**, and are available in the 21st Century Fund office in room 168B at the High School or at the [21st Century Fund website](#).

Everyone in the Brookline community is welcome, and we hope you encourage your students to attend and engage in a lively discussion about what it takes to follow your dreams with these incredibly talented and accomplished members of the BHS family.



## 2009-2010 BHS Academic Planners

Help your students keep their homework and schedules organized this year. Created for our Tutorial Program, the BHS 21st Century Fund is again underwriting this very popular homework planner so that students can purchase a nifty BHS-specific planner for only \$5. They will be on sale the first week of school in the Atrium from 7:30am-8:30am or any time during the school day in the 21st Century Fund office in room 168B until supplies run out.

## Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!

GRAND PRIZE:  
HP Pavilion dv7-2180us Entertainment Notebook PC  
(retail value \$1,225)



Tickets are \$50 each or 3 tickets for \$100.

Purchase tickets in the 21st Century Fund office at BHS (room 168B), at the [21st Century Fund website](#), or by calling the Fund office at 617-713-5211.

Notebook Details:  
500 GB Hard Drive

Intel Centrino 2 Processor Technology  
 Genuine Windows Vista Home Premium  
 17.3" Diagonal HD and LED Brightview WS  
 6144 MB System Memory

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#### About the 21st Century Fund

The Brookline High School 21st Century Fund innovates effective local solutions to national challenges facing public high schools. The Fund is a nationally recognized non-profit organization that brings together educators, parents, alumni and philanthropists committed to academic achievement for all students. The Fund has invested over \$3 million in 14 programs; six have been fully integrated into the Brookline High School curriculum and several are already national models. The Fund is made possible by tax-deductible contributions and volunteer support from BHS parents, BHS alumni, and the broader Brookline community. [Visit the 21st Century Fund website](#) for more information or click the Donate Now button to make a contribution.



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