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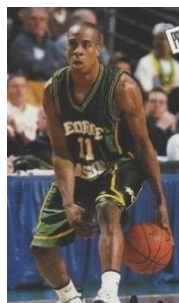


ALUMNI NEWS

Giving Back to the Blair Community:

Two Former Blazer Basketball Stars Talk of Lessons Learned on the Way to the NBA, and the Work That Still Needs to be Done

Swisht Making a foul shot senior Jason Miskiri silences the gym with his perfect form. Miskiri played with skill and speed.



Jason Miskiri



Steve Francis



Also Inside:

HOLD the DATE:
Saturday, May 4, 2024
Alumni Invited to Participate in the

Believe It or Not:
A *Second* Blair Grad Wins
One Million Dollars
on a Quiz Show!



SATURDAY
MAY 4, 2024
12:00PM - 4:00PM

FOOD - FUN - FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Join us to celebrate the **BLAIR COMMUNITY.**
ART, SHOPPING, FOOD, PERFORMANCES AND MORE
This **FREE** event will have something for everyone.






ATTENTION BLAIRITES!



Class of 84' invites you to our
40th Class Reunion

Friday, June 21st - 7p Meet & Greet- TBD

Saturday, June 22nd - 9a Breakfast @ The Hotel Silver Spring
Blair Tours - Old /New

A Night to Remember -6p Dinner & Dancing @ The Hotel Silver Spring
(Formely The Double Tree)

Sunday, June 23rd -9a Breakfast @ The Hotel Silver Spring

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Editorial

A Friend Is Leaving

I was not surprised when I got the official letter stating that **Renay Johnson**, Blair’s Principal for the past 13 years, was retiring. She had been talking about it since last summer, and I found out that she and her husband Jimmy had already built a new home in Florida. She leaves at the end of this school year.



You will hear more about what Renay has meant to Blair in the coming months. We just wanted to take this time to tell you how much she has meant to the Alumni Association during those 13 years. She has been a very vocal champion of our organization since day one.

We have been partners with the school on some great projects that have helped the school, the faculty, the students, and the other stakeholders who have made Blair such a great place. All of the faculty know and trust the Alumni Association and have shown their appreciation to us many times. No one has shown more appreciation than Renay herself. She has helped us become recognized as a full partner in the Blair Community.

The traditions that we alumni cherish about Blair have gotten stronger over these past 13 years because of one person, **Renay Johnson**.

Thanks, Renay



In this edition of the *Alumni News* we have some really exciting articles. In one we celebrate Lisa Ann Walter becoming the 2nd Blair graduate to win **\$1 million** on a national quiz show, *Celebrity Jeopardy!* We reached out to Lisa to congratulate her, and she wrote back.

Lisa Ann Walter

To: Blair Alumni Association
Sun, Jan 28 at 3:04 PM

Thank you so much, Mark! Just know that I knew lots of the answers but was terrible on the buzzer! And there were some bone head ones that I beat myself up about, but I felt OK because I knew that I knew a bunch of the answers.

lol and thank you for sending along the newsletter.

Lisa Ann Walter

The other article/announcement we want to emphasize is the flyer on the inside back cover relating to the **May 4, 2024, Blair Fair**. This will be the first Blair Fair since before covid, and we would love to see a big contingent of Blair graduates come out and support the school. Your Alumni Association is sponsoring one the events at the Blair Fair, the **Alumni Challenge**. This will be a fun competition where attendees of all ages can try to **Beat the Pros** in a basketball shoot-out.

All of Blair’s former professional basketball players will be there to Coach, sign autographs, give out prizes, and prove they have not lost their shooting touch.

All proceeds from the Blair Fair will, of course, go to the school and be used to improve the Blair experience for every student. We hope you can drop by and support the school community. There will be a lot of games and crafts for the kids, a silent auction, etc.

The event is from 12:00noon until 4:00pm at the school. There will likely be an “informal” alumnus gathering afterwards across the road at the Four Corners Pub.

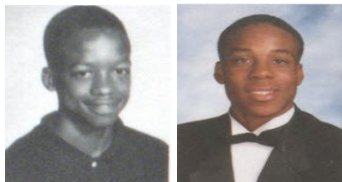
Best Friends for Forty Years, Two Blair Basketball Stars Work Together to Give Back to the Blair Community

For a lot of young people, it is easy to imagine what a great life it would be if they were a professional athlete. They see the glitz and the glamour of being on television, making tons of money, partying with famous people, and living a life of leisure and comfort.

What they do not see is the incredibly demanding work that goes along with the fame and money; they do not see a career with an average length of only @ 4 years; they do not feel the pressure that so many young men and women face every day when they go to “work.” They do not see the time away from family and friends.

Two childhood best friends, who grew up next door to each other on Maple Ave. in Takoma Park, can (and will) tell them what it is like to have both the good, and the not-so-good, parts of being a professional athlete.

Steve Francis and **Jason Miskiri** were still best friends, and teammates, when they were at Blair during their junior year in 1993 when the



basketball team went 20-2, losing only two heartbreaking games late in the season by a total of 3 points!

They both played college basketball in the DMV, Jason at George Mason University, Steve at the University of Maryland. They both are now in their respective school’s Athletic Hall of Fame. They both played in the NBA, Jason with the Charlotte Hornets and Steve with three teams (Houston, Orlando, and New York). Following their careers in professional basketball, they both became successful business people.

Now, some 30 years after leaving Blair, they are both committed to giving back to their school, to their old neighborhood, and especially to the young people struggling to thrive in both of those places.

“When I went to Blair, when I walked through those doors, it wasn’t just a school, or just a building,” Steve said recently. “It was really a community.

In many ways, it was the most important and safest community I knew,” he noted.

“I think most people know that I didn’t have the best home life,” Steve acknowledged. “and I know there are still a lot of young people in the Blair areas of Takoma Park and Silver Spring that are struggling with the same challenges I had to face growing up. I really believe that having been where they are now gives me the motivation, and maybe the credibility, to reach out to them and get them to listen to me. I want them to know that being a better person is way more important than being a better basketball player.”



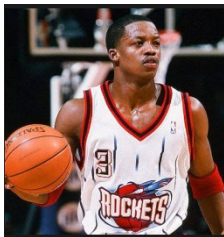
That is a strong statement coming from the guy who was always the “better basketball player.” Although Steve did not graduate from Blair (his family moved during his senior year) his basketball skills took him to the highest levels at every stop. He twice led his junior college teams (San Jacinto and Allegheny, MD) to undefeated seasons. He then transferred to the University of Maryland. In his one season at Maryland, Steve was a consensus All American, scoring 17 points a game and leading Maryland to as high as a national #2 ranking. He was noted for his ability to soar high above the court and throw down exciting dunks. His jersey number (23) is among those of other Maryland basketball legends that hang in the Comcast Center on Maryland’s campus, and he is an inductee in the MD Athletic Hall of Fame.



Steve spent just one year at Maryland, then was the second player taken in the NBA draft. He went on to have the best NBA career of any former Blair (or Maryland) player. He played for three teams, had a career scoring average of over 18 points a game, and was selected as a three-time NBA All Star.

Overcoming Some of Life's Challenges Has Made Their Stories Even More Meaningful to Young People

After retiring from the NBA, Steve stayed in the Houston area and became active in the business community. He continues to commit himself to the community with his work through The Steve Francis Foundation, the mission of which is “to *create educational and recreational opportunities for at-risk youth in Houston and Washington, D.C.*”



Jason took a somewhat similar path to the NBA and professional basketball, but his journey had an unusual beginning. He was born in Georgetown, Guyana, and moved to the United States with his family when he was five years old. They settled in Takoma Park, MD right next door to Steve Francis and his family. Jason went on to Takoma Park Junior High, and Blair.

After playing three years for Blair, Jason played at Montgomery College. He then moved on to **George Mason University** to play for their new coach, **Jim Larranaga**. He had an illustrious career at George Mason, twice being selected for the Colonial Athletic Conference All Conference Team. In his senior year, Miskiri captained the George Mason team that won the Colonial Athletic Association championship. Jason is an inductee into the George Mason Athletic Hall of Fame



When he left George Mason, Jason wasn't drafted by an NBA team but he did catch on with the **Charlotte Hornets**, who would sign him to a contract on October 4, 1999, making him the first Guyanese NBA player. His career in the NBA was short, but he continued to play professional basketball for three more years in the NBA Development League for Greenville, Charleston, and Huntsville. Following his retirement from basketball, Jason went into the restaurant business, and opened several highly successful restaurants in Silver Spring and other D.C. area locations.



At the same time, he began his “giving back” activities in the area. He hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the homeless and donated to charities. He held a basketball camp each summer for local kids. At his restaurant in Silver Spring, he posted a motto to capture the spirit: “Good food. Good people. Good will.”

Along their way to success in basketball and beyond, both Steve Francis and Jason Miskiri had their share of problems. Some were personal, some were business-related, some were legal.

“I’ve made plenty of mistakes,” said **Steve**. “I know I had, and still have, a high-profile public life. That puts a sometimes-unwanted extra pressure on you to be careful about what you say and do, because social media picks things up and they expand everything. All I can do now is continue to focus on the need to help others who are facing some tough challenges themselves.”



Jason Miskiri was even more open about his mistakes. “Yes, I did a lot of stupid things and hurt a lot of people who love me and support me. No one is perfect, and I certainly am not. But I believe that you can learn from even the negative things that happen in your life. Those things I did, and the price I paid for them, are now part of who I am. Through our charitable work with the Miskiri Foundation for Sports and Living, I think I can touch a lot of people because I can share the mistakes that I made and, hopefully, help them to not make those kinds of mistakes in their lives.”



As they move forward with their lives, both Steve Francis and Jason Miskiri are concentrating on the good things that happen when you give back. One of the things they have done to make an impact on the Blair community is to establish the *J.D. Scaggs Memorial Athletic Scholarship*. It was named after their former basketball coach at Blair, Dave Scaggs. The scholarship will go to a Blair senior who will be playing sports at the next level.

It is a wonderful way to show their affection for their former coach, their desire to help the next generation, and their love for their high school, Montgomery Blair.

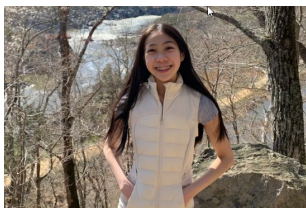
What's Happening at Blair (and beyond)

Five Montgomery County Public Schools students – including two from Blair - were selected as **Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars**

The students are conducting original research on Alzheimer's disease, osteoporosis, mesh implants and other STEM topics, and were recognized as part of the nation's next generation of talent in STEM—science, technology, engineering, and math.

Blair student **Jonathan Fan** submitted his research project titled, "A Genomic Meta-Data Analysis of Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Reveals New Insights for Future Research."

Blair's **Angela Yue Wu**, was selected for her research project titled, "Calcium Induced Mitochondrial Sorcin Aggregation: A Model System for Investigating Chaperone Suppression of Protein Aggregation."



Blair Advances to National Science Bowl Finals

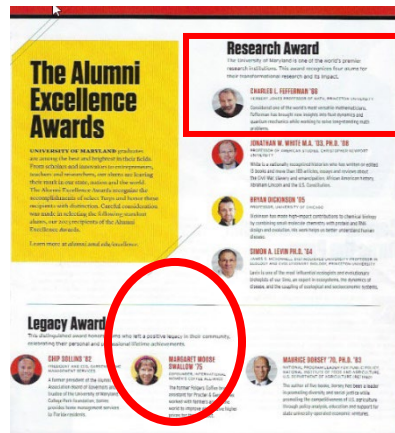


Blair won their **National Science Bowl (NSB)** regional competition and will compete in the national finals in the spring. The U.S. Department of Energy sponsors the

nationwide academic competition each year. Teams face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format similar to the local "It's Academic" quiz show. Questions cover a range of disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space sciences, and math.

About 10,000 middle and high school students compete in 65 high school and 50 middle school regional Science Bowl tournaments. The Blair team won their regional competition which included teams from Maryland and D.C. schools. The top two middle and high school teams will win \$5,000 for their schools' math and science departments.

Alumni Association Hall of Famer and an "Almost Blair" Mathematics Genius are Recognized by UMD

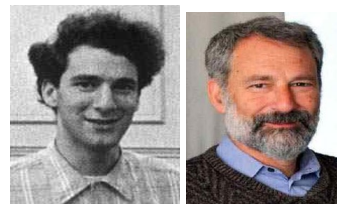


Margaret Moose Swallow ('71) HOF, was one of seven **University of Maryland** graduates to receive the school's **Alumni Excellence Awards**. Margaret was recognized for her work as one of the co-founders of the



International Women's Coffee Alliance, which works with farmers around the globe to improve working conditions in the coffee industry. Margaret was previously recognized for this work when she was inducted into the **Montgomery Blair Alumni Association Hall of Fame** in 2014.

Also named was **Charles Fefferman**, one of the world's most honored mathematicians (Field Medal, etc.), who did not go to Blair but should have. Charlie (which is what we



called him as our classmate at **Takoma Park Junior High**) used to call himself a high school dropout, since he went from TPJHS directly to UMD when he was 14. His class at Maryland is listed as 1966, which really should have been his class at Blair. So, we believe it is completely appropriate to claim Charlie as a product of the Blair feeder school system, i.e., he is an **Honorary Blazer** (maybe not another Field Medal, but pretty close).

ALUMNI ROLL CALL

1951

Joseph Powers lives in Fredericksburg, VA. He is retired. He is also enjoying traveling and visiting family.



1954

Troy Hambright Robinson lives in Largo, FL. She is retired and loving it. She credits **Mr. Keibler**



with teaching her how to write checks.

1955

Marian Goodwin Brumley lives in Rotonda West, FL. Most of her life's work was in the banking and accounting fields. She credits **Mrs. Callahan** and **Mrs. Glazer** for the inspiration.



1956

Stuart Balderson lives in Glenwood, MD. He says **Miss Helen Cook**



directed him to an administrative and business career.

Patricia Williams Powers lives in Fredericksburg, VA. She is retired. She is also enjoying traveling and visiting family.



1958

Barbara Kirby Stewart lives in Corea, ME. Her love of history and politics is because of **Mrs. Enright**, her history teacher. She



helps with polls and the historical society. Also, because of Miss Sterling she is a library volunteer and book club member.

1959

Frank Mason lives in Sun City, SC. He and his wife Barbara Zoda Mason retired in 2019. They are healthy and doing well.



1960

Susan Kuskin Gerstel lives in Marietta, GA. She says **Dr. Leonard Orloff** inspired her with a long love of reading and delight in writing



poetry for her friends and relatives. She became a teacher and hopes that she has inspired others as he inspired her.

1961

Diane Greenbaum Goldstein lives in Silver Spring, MD. She moved out of her large home into a condo at Leisure World with her husband. They are meeting new neighbors and beginning to take advantage of all the activities in the community. They are also very proud of their three grandsons.



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Sherri Wise Legere lives in Silver Spring, MD. She says she is alive and active at 80 years young. She is driving as she says she is a good driver and still talks to several of her classmates.



Ann Marie Groomes Pisani lives in Silver Spring, MD. She cannot believe it has been 63 years since she graduated. She lost Warren Groomes class of 58/59 in 2022. She now has 2 great grandchildren who also reside in Maryland.



Rita Callen Wertlieb lives in Potomac, MD with her husband Barry class of 1960. Miss Cross taught her how to be a responsible student. Dr. Reubens was the most likeable teacher that everyone loved.



1962

Dale Bennett lives in Bluffton, SC. He is enjoying the Golden Years and wishes everyone good health and God's blessings.



Helen (Honey) Villalon Destrempes lives in Charlottesville, VA. In 2023 she became a Deacon at the Olivet Presbyterian Church. She has taken several art classes in the past few years, and has renewed her interest in art skills. She has also been teaching herself on



the keyboard the songs she played in high school which bring back wonderful memories.

Fred Steele lives in Hilton Head, SC since 2009. He is still happily retired. Volunteering and golf occupy his days.



1963

Dick Byer lives in Bad Soden, Germany. He has published a book of 17 of his short stories in German. The title is Jazz, eine Traumfrau... und weitere Kurzgeschichte. He has been retired for 20 years.



Allen Chauvenet lives in Arlington, VA. He had a fantastic annual trip to costal Maine in September with a side trip to Nova Scotia for whale watching. He sailed Windmill Nations in Hoover, South Carolina with success. He then sold his boat to a friend from Florida.



Barbara Levine Cronin lives in Silver Spring, MD. Her granddaughter started college this past fall 60 years after she went. She has individual memories connected to many from Blair that have been touchstones throughout her life.



Richard Spigler lives in Lusby, MD. He retired in 2023 as a Maryland Realtor. He volunteers many hours every month at his local



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Knights of Columbus Council and the Solomons Optimist Club supporting their programs for the needs of the community as well as the youth. He also writes for the local paper and provides stories about the good people of the area, including the many charitable groups here.

1965

Jim and Chritine Tuve ('66) Burris live



in Washington, DC. Jim's biology teacher



Thema Baker

mentored him on science fair projects. She is part of the reason he went to medical school and had a long career practicing internal and administrative medicine.

Henry Shapiro lives in Albuquerque, NM. His 25 years of teaching (3 high school, 22 university)



were modeled on the way Mrs. Abramson taught honors chemistry.

1966

Jim and Janet Gehringer Ross live in



Harwood, MD. Jim retired from his cardiology practice and is enjoying the

horse business. Janet is enjoying being with their 11 grandchildren and their parents, substitute teaching, a docent at the National Gallery of Art and hobbies such as book club.

Stan Tillotson lives in Weaverville, NC. He started a small antique and collectables business in the mid '80s that has been almost exclusively online

since 2000. He still ships out about 1000 boxes each year. He says antique dealers never really retire, they just slow down.

1967

Beverly Potler Barnhard lives in



Marietta, GA. She is still teaching full time in a private school for dyslexic children in Atlanta. She also teaches Sunday

School at a local synagogue. She says it is all very rewarding. She misses all of her class of '67 buddies!

Chester Levine lives in North



Bethesda, MD. He has a 4-year-old granddaughter and 4-month-old grandson. He has a lifelong interest in

world travel and has traveled to every continent except Antarctica because his wife will not go.

1968

John Wood Jr. lives in Burtonsville,



MD. Mr. Nickerson influenced his appreciation of Shakespeare and American traditional folk music. **Mr. Zarubaiko**

influenced his appreciation of how time and detail can contribute to how an object or structure is designed and constructed.



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9 1969

Steven Gitomer lives in Tampa, FL. He retired from being an OBGYN in 2020 after a very fulfilling career. He enjoys spending time with his wife of 50 years, their 3 grandchildren and the outdoors. For their 50th Anniversary they plan to visit the South Georgia Islands and Antarctica on an adventure type ship.



Rosalind Springer Reshad lives in Ocean Pines, MD. In 2020 she bought a home in Ocean Pines on the Eastern Shore. She is always delighted to run into a fellow Blairite who lives in the Ocean City area or who visits. She now has an adorable mini-Bernedoodle puppy who keeps her very busy.



John Randy Sharman, Jr lives in Fort Mill, SC. He has not lived in Maryland since 1979 but maintains contact with many of his classmates. He and his wife live in a Del Webb Retirement Community in South Carolina. He takes a lot of satisfaction from providing help to those in need.



1971

Carol Whiting Bowen lives in Concord, MA. In 2024 she will be traveling to Australia, South Pacific, Scotland, and a Norway Cruise. She goes back and forth



between Sarasota and the Boston area. After being widowed in 2012, she met someone wonderful, and they got married in 2022. She says they are healthy and happy. She also does a lot of volunteer work with various groups.

Marguerite Wason lives in Silver Spring, MD. She took a small trip to Utah and another to Cleveland both by airplane. That was an accomplishment for her as she had not flown in over 2 decades.



1972

Matthew Mantich lives in Laurel, MD. He is retired and spends his time volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Metro Maryland. **Mr. John Wilson** confirmed his interest in working in the Theater/ AV industry.



1973

Shirley Charney Feldman lives in Silver Spring, MD. Her unique adventure was having cardiac surgery in October 2023. She is a retired speech-language pathologist but still continues her animal rights activism.



Joanne Ochsman lives in Bethesda, MD. **Mrs. Wubnig** made her want to go to school every day.



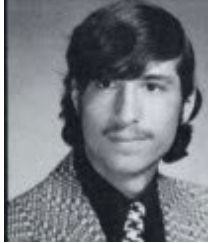
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1974

Janet Gessford Buhler lives in Clifton, VA. She is getting ready to move. It will be her 50th year since graduation this year.



Tod Burke lives in Christiansburg, VA. He enjoys playing pickleball and tennis. Retirement has provided time for pleasure reading. He co-authored a book, Foundations of Criminal Justice – 4th edition. It will be coming out in March 2024 from Oxford University Press.



Alice Brown Taylor lives in Waltham, MA. She has retired from practicing law following her initial 15+ year career in computer graphics. She lived in Denmark from 1985-1988. She is the current chair of the board of directors of The Charles River Center. She has been married for 40 years to Jonathan Taylor. She has 3 adult children, the oldest of which has severe autism. She was admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in 2019.



1979

Bill Lewis lives in Huntington Beach, CA. He and his wife are retired and cruised the Mediterranean Sea 3 months at a time on their '51 sailboat Raffaellesco. The boat is moored in Scardino, Italy. When in California they enjoy sailing on their boat Rascal.



Special Thanks to Our Scholarship Program Leadership Group (as of February 15, 2024)

Named Scholarship Level

**Jacque Crenca
Hinman '79 HOF**



Bill Mason '62



Jeff McClelland '60



**Dave Williams '56
(posthumously)**



Diamond Level Contributors

**Richard
Cohen '59**



**Rich
Hozik '69**



**Larry
Raney '61**



**Jeff
Weisleder '64**



Double Platinum Level Contributors



**Charles
Polinger '62**



**Rob
Levin '65**



**Marc
Berman '77**

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David O. Williams '56
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Jacque Crenca Hinman '79 HOF
Jeff McClelland '60

DIAMOND LEVEL

Richard Cohen '59
Richard Hozik '69
Larry Raney '61
Jeffrey Weisleder '64

DOUBLE PLATINUM LEVEL

Marc Berman '77
Allen Chauvenet '63 HOF
Nora Roberts '68 HOF
Charles Polinger '62
Rick Tavan '66
Robert Levin '65

PLATINUM LEVEL

David DeJong '68
Daniel Dickson '62
Eileen Powers '73
Donald Robertson '62
Tim Wagner '62

GOLD LEVEL

Peter de Vos '66
Scott Kennedy '67
Stanley Sobel '59
John Wood Jr. '68
Edith Roby Edwards '45

SILVER LEVEL

Robin Backstrom '59
George Bland '62
Aileen Hurd Boyd '62
Charles P. Brenner, DDS '61
Jim & Christine Burris '65 '66
Bill Clark '65
Mary Etta Beasley Craze '59
Betsy Davis '80
Pamela McWilliams Dodd '58
Sophie Patellis Dunn '68

Harvey Franks '56
Thomas Gough '66
Ilona Ely Heckman '58
Joan Wells Hozik '63
Mary Ann Bowman Hunt '64
Charles Krupsaw '67
Dana Beers Laake '62
Bill Lewis '79
Bruce MacDonald '68
Harry Packard '55
Robert & Robin Platky '73
Susan Peper Prucha '62
Peter Remsen '62
Mary Ellen Shepherd '61
Betsy Stanley Thomas '58
William Turner '58

CENTURY LEVEL

Frank & Florence Anderson '55
Dianne Brott Apter '64
Stuart Balderson '56
Kirby Barger '62
David Berson '72
Lynn Dietle Booth '64
Carol Whiting Bowen '71
Paul Budesheim '63
Janet Gessford Buhler '74
Dick Byer '63
Phil Byer '66
Myra Hirst Cannon '56
Guy Carleton '63
Richard Celentano '72
Maggie Chapman '67
Ron & Rita Cima '71
Bill & Anna Connellee '64
Barbara Levine Cronin '63
Linda Jean Denniston '60
Sandra Clevering Drimal '66
Dr. Richard Edelman
Steed & Sharon Edwards '67
Roland Ferguson '56
Barbara Stewart Fisher '62
Nancy Edelman French '73
William Furlow '49
Joan Hudson Gartrell '55
Stephen Craig Gillis '64
Rita Kowalchik Glyn-Jones '55
Ron Gold '67
Diane Goldstein '61
Robert Grohs '60
Lorraine Barth Harding '55

Brenda Fisher Holt '59
Paul Hoylen Jr '71
Roger Huff '63
Ron Hurley '61
Sharon Myers Jordan '62
Charles (Chad) Joyce '59
Nadav Kaufman '92
Alan Kerxton '56
Mark Kromer '63
Larry Levin '66
Chester Levine '67
Jonathan Levy '64
Matthew Mantich '72
Jo Ann Marceron '66
Bob Marques '67
Steve Mudrick '66
Chic Murray '60
Ronald Orleans '61
Ann Marie Groomes Pisani '61
Ruth Freas Pollard '57
Rosalind Springer Reshad '69
Joseph Rosenfeld '66
Jim & Janet Ross '66
Terri Zeibert Sanker '69
John Sasse '62
Nancy Pursell Schulze '59
Stuart Schwartz '74
Herb Sehorn '49
John Randy Sharman, Jr. '69
Joe Simpson '68
Richard Spigler '63
Fred Steele '62
Sidney Strauss '63
Nadyne Silverman Turner '55
Carol Valoris '64
Eugene Vicere '68
Judith Freitag Walter '62
Ervin Walter '72
Robert Warsaw '57
Barry & Rita Wertlieb '60 '61
Roberta Smith Wilhelm '65
Stephen Steve Wilson '74
Dennis Winson '57

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Lois Weyer Hamilton '64
Bart Johnson '59
Bridgett Bunch Katz '64
James Krekorian '74
Moira Cargill LaVeck '73
Sherri Wise Legere '61
Esther Leise '71
Marc Lewis '66
Lou Novick '72
Joanne Ochsman '73
Troy Robinson '54
Gale Storm Schaffer '83
Kim & Jane Beck Sherman '59
Merrill Smith '80
Barbara Kirby Stewart '58
Dennis Theoharis '67
Linda & Valter Valenca '70
Marguerite Wason '71

SUPPORTER LEVEL

Kathryn Giddings Allan '63
Arthur Aron '65
Robin Roth Ayers '78
Alfred Barth '63
Dale Bennett '62
Charles Brown '54
Marian Goodwin Brumley '55
Michael Bucci '69
Jean McPherson Buchanan '64
Tod Burke '74
Roger Epstein '63
Shirley Guthridge Fink '53
Pam Lazzari Fisher '66
Linda Folks '69
Steven Gitomer '69
John Holt '55
David Hudgel '61
Jeff Johnson '81
Marylin Babin Jordan '56
Dr. Thomas Klechak '58
Sonny Lacangelo '59
Arlene Hoffman Lamark '60
Ronne Larson '67
Mary Lee Hauver LeBarton '66
Pat Butler Lynagh '57
Judith Margolis Macaluso '62

Francis/Frank Mason '59
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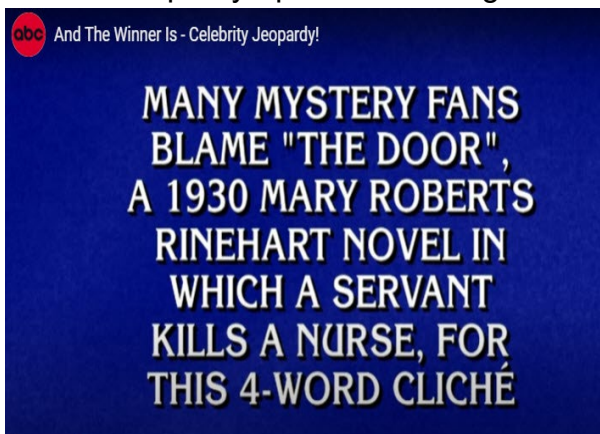
A **Second** Blair Graduate Wins **\$1 Million** on a National Quiz

What are the odds? We just get through sharing **Lisa Ann Walter's** visit to Blair (Fall, 2023 *Alumni News*), when she is selected to appear on "Celebrity Jeopardy!." Lisa won preliminary rounds and eventually earned a place in the multi-game ***Celebrity Jeopardy! Finals***.



Lisa, one of the stars of the award-winning ABC sitcom, *Abbott Elementary*, beat out CBS Sunday Mornings' correspondent Mo Rocca, a native of Bethesda and graduate of Georgetown Prep, and sports commentator Katie Nolan.

In the ultimate game, Lisa was in third place heading into Final Jeopardy! and was the only contestant to guess the final question correctly. The Final Jeopardy! question that night was:



(Note: The answer is elsewhere in this edition of the Alumni News. Give it a guess instead of Googling it!)

She won **\$1 million** for her charity, the Entertainment Community Fund, which helps people in the entertainment industry who are struggling financially.



She was initially in a state of disbelief, looking around to see if it was true. She recovered in time to receive the trophy from Jeopardy! Host **Ken Jennings** for her victory,



Amazingly, she is NOT the first Blair grad to win \$1 million on a major quiz show. In 2014, **1990 Blair graduate** and Takoma Middle School math teacher **Sarah Manchester** (below, with host **Pat Sajak**) won \$1 million on *Wheel of Fortune*.



Did we go to an amazing school, or what???



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MAY 4, 2024
12:00PM - 4:00PM

FOOD - FUN - FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Join us to celebrate the
BLAIR COMMUNITY.
ART, SHOPPING, FOOD,
PERFORMANCES AND MORE
This **FREE** event will have
something for everyone.



All Blair grads are encouraged to come out and be a part of this community-wide celebration of Blair. Be sure to come by the Alumni Association's special activity, the **Alumni Challenge**. Attendees will get a chance to test their basketball skills against some of Blair's greatest basketball players.

Try to win your **"I Beat the Pro"** prize by outshooting these stars!

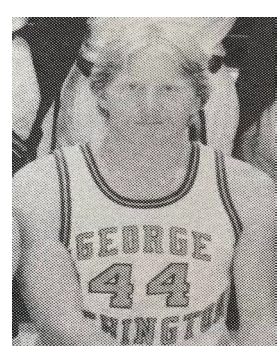
Players scheduled to participate include:

Jason Miskiri - Blair - George Mason (Hall of Fame) - Charlotte Hornets

David Vanterpool - Blair - St. Bonaventure (Hall of Fame) - Washington Wizards

Steve Francis - Blair - University of Maryland (Hall of Fame) - Houston Rockets

Brain Magid - Blair - George Washington (Hall of Fame) - Indiana Pacers (drafted)



Pssst. The answer is, "The butler did it!"

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