



NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2018

NEW SCHOOL vs RENOVATED SCHOOL

<u>NEW SCHOOL</u>	<u>RENOVATED SCHOOL</u>
90,000 SQ FT	150,000 SQ FT
27 CLASSROOMS	49-52 CLASSROOMS
NO AUDITORIUM	AUDITORIUM
NO GREEN SPACE	GREEN SPACE

Conclusions: There has not been any compelling evidence presented that supports construction of a new Cohen building as the best option for the community, and for the present and future students at Cohen. The suggestion that a new school building will attract more students without successful academics (A or B school), athletics, and a band is not true. Additionally, the proposed new building offers no opportunity for expanding and establishing new school programs. Conversely, there is indisputable evidence that remodeling the existing Cohen building is the best plan.

A RENOVATED SCHOOL will provide the following:

1. **Auditorium** – the Cohen auditorium has been a source of revenue for the school and has provided housing for several community organizations. One organization rented the auditorium for approximately two years. Certainly, it readily accommodates student, faculty, and staff activities.
2. **Additional Classrooms** – there would be 27 classrooms in the new building compared to 49 plus classrooms in the renovated building. This additional space will provide classrooms for interventions, special needs programs, and other programs yet to be established. These programs must be established if Cohen is to attain its potential greatness.
3. **Green Space** – this area on the current school site has been a source of annual revenue for the school. Since the 2013 Mardi Gras Parade Season, parking alone on the campus has generated more than \$125,000. Additionally, this area provides recreational space and space for other outdoor student and community activities.

In the fall of 2014, the WLCAA commissioned the architectural firm of Clifton James, LLC to produce a Conceptual and Programmatic Design of the renovated Cohen building. In 2018, the WLCAA has consulted with Byron J. Stewart, Sr., an Architect, 1974 Graduate of Walter L. Cohen, and current Chairman of the WLCAA School Construction Committee. We have been advised by both architects that a renovated building is the best plan and it meets the needs and desires of the community and provides a state of the art educational facility for Cohen students. It also maintains a physical and psychological connection to the existing site and structure.

WLCAA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our **GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT** and the one that we are **MOST PROUD** after several years of litigation, campaigning, and protesting, was in 2015.

The Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association was victorious in preventing the RSD from land banking Cohen and relocating students, teachers, and staff to a high school to be built on the Booker T. Washington (BTW) site and merging Cohen and BTW as one mega school.

In addition, part of the agreement is the have a new/remodeled school at the current location.

- ✓ 2013-2018- raised over \$201,000 parking cars at Cohen during Mardi Gras Season (donating \$127,000 to the school).
- ✓ 2017- Purchased team jackets for the Girls Basketball Team.
- ✓ 2016-2017- Conducted a letter writing campaign and presented a petition with 385 signatures to the New Orleans City Council opposing the opening of a low barrier homeless shelter only a block from the Sylvannie Williams Elementary School.
- ✓ 2016- Purchased lunches for the Cohen band during Mardi Gras.
- ✓ 2016- Collected books and purchased school supplies for students at Crocker school,
- ✓ 2015- Accepted a commitment from RSD to build a new school at Cohen's current site.
- ✓ 2015- Organized the First Annual All Alumni Picnic.
- ✓ 2015- Supplemented a graduating senior's initial tuition to attend the University of Pennsylvania.
- ✓ 2014- Accompanied Cohen students to the investiture ceremony for Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice and Valedictorian for the Cohen Class of 1960.
- ✓ 2014- Purchased football equipment.
- ✓ 2014- Donated funds to the Debate Team.
- ✓ 2014- Purchased tickets for the Poetry Class to attend a poetry show.
- ✓ 2013-2014- Sent students to the Bayou Classic Football Game.
- ✓ 2013- Purchased a trip to Beijing, China for 12 Cohen Foreign Language students and 2 teachers.
- ✓ 2013- Purchased graduation sashes for seniors and new band uniforms.

New Principal!

Let us **WELCOME** the new Principal, Darren Lewis, of Walter L. Cohen College Prep High School!



"I'm proud to finally be able to announce that I will serve as Principal at the legendary Walter L. Cohen College Prep High School. As usual, I'm looking forward to helping to move this school to the next level. We will quickly compete with and exceed the top schools in New Orleans. If you're looking for a place to send your high school student, Cohen is the place!"

Darren Lewis' Facebook post

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Alumni Association NEEDS YOU!
The CHILDREN of Walter L. Cohen College Prep High School NEED YOU!

Alumni of Walter L. Cohen are needed to **HELP** with the following:

- **BAND** (former band members to assist the school's Band Director with continue development of the band).
- Redevelopment of the **CHOIR.**
- Redevelopment of the **DRAMA CLUB.**
- **BOOSTER CLUB.**

If you are interested, please contact James Raby at raby1229@aol.com.

THE SUCCESS OF COHEN IS LINKED TO YOUR INVOLVEMENT!

The Alumni Association would like to
WELCOME the NEW MEMBERS!



Alvin D. Turner, Sr. – Class of 1956
Darren Hookfin, Sr.
Estrelita H. Simpson – Class of 1972
Evelyn Williams – Class of 1969
Jezerel Jones – Class of 1976
Joyce Paulin Dupclay
Kenneth B. Moore
Lois A. Wilson
Lydia Washington
Sharlene Foster – Class of 1982
Sharon Ambrose Smith – Class of 1968
Vanessa Douglas – Class of 1972
Yolande Morant

**THE STUDENTS AT COHEN NEED US!!
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!!**

We firmly believe the future success of Cohen is directly linked to Alumni involvement and support.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL ENSURE OUR
CONTINUED SUCCESS!**

GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!



Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association's Mission Statement

Open to all Alumni, Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association is a membership organization whose programs foster a lifelong connection with Walter L. Cohen Sr. High School. The purpose of the Association is to promote, influence, and support the educational, cultural, and social life of the school, and to provide a means by which Alumni may both serve the school and its students and help guide Walter L. Cohen Sr. High School in the future.

WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



**The Association's Newsletter is
published quarterly:**

**January
April
July
October**

SEND AN ARTICLE: Articles must be received one month prior to publication. Send to Carol Griffin at cgriffin083@yahoo.com

If you would like your **CLASS REUNION** information in the next newsletter, please send information to Carol Griffin at cgriffin083@yahoo.com for consideration.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to submit your information for the next newsletter is September 1, 2018.

All submittals are subject for approval and are not guaranteed to be published.

ALUMNI EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday, August 19, 2018
New Zion Baptist Church
2319 Thirst Street
New Orleans, LA 70113
10:55 a.m. service time

Alumni Picnic

Saturday, October 6, 2018
W.L. Cohen School Grounds
3520 Dryades Street
New Orleans, LA 70115
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Party

Friday, December 7, 2018
Xavier University Convocation Center
7900 Stroelitz Street
New Orleans, LA 70125
9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

See the attached flyers for more information!

CLASS REUNIONS!

The **Class of 1968** is planning their 50th Year Class Reunion, November 10-11, 2018. For more information, send an email to dhaynes@uno.edu or nolangrady@bellsouth.net.



A champion is not defined by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall

_____ Serena Williams



Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association Meetings are held quarterly:

Place: Don's Place
2339 Soniat Street
(Corner of Soniat at S. Robertson St.)
New Orleans, LA

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Refreshments are served

**INVITE AN ALUMNUS TO ATTEND THE
NEXT MEETING!**

ALUMNI MEETING DATES:

**September 11, 2018
December 11, 2018**

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!

Check the Alumni website for updates:
www.wlcohenalumniassoc.org

**Board of Directors for the Walter L. Cohen
Alumni Association**

Officers:

James H. Raby, President - Class of 1955
Clover Bellizan-Davis, Vice-President - Class of 1971
Elaine B. McClain, Secretary - Class of 1969
Carol Griffin, Treasurer - Class of 1983

Directors:

Lucy Bates - Class of 1955
Joycelyn Linsay Butler – Class of 1972
Donald C. Brown - Class of 1958
Terri Sterling Frazier – Class of 1974
Rev. Moses S. Gordon - Class of 1973
Janis Hayes-Mitchell - Class of 1955
Henry Jones - Class of 1965
Leroy Jones – Class of 1966
John P. Linnes – Class of 1954
Bessie Nelson - Class of 1955
Charles Noel – Class of 1973
Constant Serrette - Class of 1958
Ernette Sterling – Class of 1972
Lorraine Williams – Honorary Member
Elaine D. Hayes – Class of 1953 - Emeritus

Alma Mater

By Elaine Davis-Hayes, Class of 1953



Cohen we hail thy name today!
In glory and praise and song.
We'll try to build thy fame, dear school,
As we go marching on and on.

We love thy colors, yes we do,
Of Kelly Green and White.
With praise may they unfurl to thee,
To stand always for truth and right.

Cohen we hail thy name today!
In glory and praise and song.
We'll love thy halls and walls, dear school,
Yes, whether near to us or far.

We'll love the colors, yes we will,
They're ever in our sight.
With praise they will unfurl for thee
And always stand for truth and right.

DETACH

YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT IS VITAL TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF OUR ASSOCIATION. ONLY THROUGH YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR STUDENTS AND BE OF ASSISTANCE TO OUR ALMA MATER AND THE STUDENTS SERVED BY WALTER L. COHEN COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

DATE: _____

NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____

ADDRESS _____ APT/SUITE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ FAX _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: RENEWAL () NEW MEMBER ()

() ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - \$30.00

() GENERAL DONATION - \$ _____

() OTHER DONATION/CONTRIBUTION OF YOUR CHOICE

Please Explain _____

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**PLEASE SEND FEES TO: WALTER L. COHEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 750941**

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70175-0941 or email this form to Carol Griffin at cgriffin35@cox.net for an invoice.



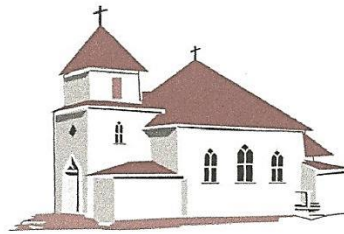
Walter L. Cohen



Alumni Association Fellowship Service

(Hosted by the Class of 1972)

Join us as we
"Worship, Praise & Celebrate"



Sunday – August 19, 2018 – 10:55 am
AT

New Zion Baptist Church

2319 Third Street – New Orleans, LA 70113

Pastor - Dr. C. S. Gordon, Jr.

Reception immediately following the service

*All Cohen Alumnus are encouraged
to wear Kelly Green & White*

*WLCAA Members are asked to give ALL monetary offerings to Ernette Sterling
so a lump donation can be presented to the church in the name of the Association*



"WE ARE ONE"

Walter L. Cohen Alumni 4th Annual Picnic

Sponsored by - The Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association

Hosted by - The Walter L. Cohen Class of 1972

WHEN
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2018
9 AM - 5 PM

The Class 1972 graduated 261 students;
98 young men and 163 young ladies.
"Officially... The LAST class to
graduate from the OLD Building"

WHERE
W.L. COHEN
SCHOOL GROUNDS
3620 DRYADES ST.

Calling ALL CLASSES

*Gather your Classmates, Tents,
Grills, Chairs, Food, and Drinks.*

No Glass Bottles/Containers

*Come join your Green Hornet family
for a day of Fellowship, Music & Fun.*

Music by:
D J Byrd

Games
&
Fun

Volley Ball Game Competition (starts at 1:30 pm)

Teams of Nine (9)

Classes must Sign up - Day of Picnic by 1:00 pm @ DJ Table



For Sale

COHEN T-shirts, Caps, Aprons, etc.
ALL proceeds benefit the Alumni Association

NO other sales will be allowed



**Please be considerate of our Cohen neighbors. DO NOT PARK in driveways on lawns, etc.
If you do, you may be ticketed and/or TOWED!!!!!!**



WALTER L. COHEN ALUMNI
Annual Christmas Party

at

Xavier University
Convocation Center

7900 Stroelitz Street

Friday – December 7, 2018

9:00 P.M - 1:00 A.M.

*****Attire – A Kelly Green & White Affair*****

Catered Food
Music by DJ Byrd
CASH BAR



Tickets

Reserved Tables of 10 -- \$250.00
Individual Tickets - \$25.00 Advance
NO CASH AT DOOR

ALL Tables and Tickets are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Tables & Tickets – ON SALE

September 11, 2018 (at the quarterly meeting)

OR at

www.wlcohenalumniassoc.org

CENTERPIECE DECORATING CONTEST

*Limited Parking Available in Xavier's Parking Lots
@ \$5.00 per vehicle.*





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ALL GREEN HORNETS!!

The Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association (WLCAA) supports Samuel E. Butler, III a Cohen football player. Sam moved from San Diego to New Orleans three (3) years ago after the death of his mother. While the move came with its challenges and obstacles, nothing could have prepared Sam for his current struggles.

On February 13, 2018, while enjoying the city's Mardi Gras celebrations and festivities, Sam was shot in the head. The bullet caused major damage to the right side of his brain and it, along with fragments, still remain lodged in his head. Doctors performed emergency surgery to relieve the pressure from his skull and the fluid accumulated on his brain, necessitating the need to remove a portion of Sam's skull in order to save his life.

Sam was diagnosed with a Bilateral Frontal Subdural Hematoma with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Left Hemi Paresis, and Dysphagia with peg tube status. He is unable to walk or speak and his communication is limited to simple hand gestures. Sam is paralyzed on the left side of his body and receives his meals through a tube. Recently he has experienced seizures.

Currently, Sam receives physical, occupational and speech therapy. As a part of his treatment plan, medical personnel have suggested Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. This treatment plan recommends twenty (20) sessions. Each 90-minute session cost approximately \$220.00. Technological devices are also needed to improve his communication skills.

As the family contemplates Sam's home plan, there is an immediate need for the following:

- A customized van with wheelchair accessibility to accommodate a motorized wheelchair.
- A specialized wheelchair that utilizes technology to operate its movements.
- Re-location to housing that is American Disability Act (ADA) compliant and has wheelchair accessibility.

Sam's recovery will require a great amount of patience, time and money. Family, friends and community supporters can help ease the financial burden on his family and improve Sam's quality of life with our support.

Sam is an example of God's grace and mercy. As believers, we pray that you will find it in your heart to contribute to this campaign and aid Sam and his family in this time of need.

The WLCAA asks that you make a donation by mail or online.

Mail payments to: Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association
 P. O. Box 750941
 New Orleans, LA 70175-0941
 OR

Pay online at: www.wlcohenalumniassoc.org

Make checks payable to: Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association
Memo Note: Sam Butler Donation

