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The Spring Luncheon is the Schools Fund's annual fundraiser and a celebration of community support for our public schools. Join us and the early Leadership Sponsors in paying tribute to the achievements of the public school community by attending or donating to the Spring Luncheon.

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**Spring Luncheon**

**May 8, 2015**

*EXPANDING*

*OPPORTUNITY*

## EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY



The theme for this year's Spring Luncheon is *Expanding Opportunity*. We are recognizing educators who are successfully engaging students outside of the traditional classroom. Our honorees this year demonstrate the dedication that is necessary to put all students on their path to success.

**JOHN FIKE, TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, BERKELEY TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY (BTA):** John Fike's mission is to help transform BTA and its students "using restorative justice, healing, mindfulness, music, and art, while building a strong, caring community based on respect, trust, and intention." He has received a classroom grant, Friends & Family grant, as well as a Strategic Impact grant from the Schools Fund in order to assist with his goals for the BTA school community. John is committed to addressing the tough and, oftentimes, basic needs of his students, tackling problems with patience, understanding, and a listening ear.

**MATT TSANG, GROWING LEADERS PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WILLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL:** When faced with budget cuts, garden teacher Matt Tsang and others came up with an innovative solution to save the Willard garden program: have students grow and sell meals to the community. Growing Leaders is a program aimed at developing college and career readiness through real-world entrepreneurial experience. Students from Willard and BTA apply business, math, science, English, and mentorship skills in the kitchen and garden to produce bimonthly meals for sale, giving them experiences in all aspects of operating a business.

**NAOMI WASHINGTON-DIOUF, AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES TEACHER, BERKELEY HIGH:** Naomi Washington has been inspiring generations of Berkeley High students inside and outside the classroom through dance. Naomi explains, "Because dance is inseparable from a sense of community, I tell my kids that an individual shines because the community shines." Naomi's classroom mimics a family environment, providing a stable and safe space for students to explore history, geography, and storytelling through the art of West African dance.

# Spring Luncheon

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

Hs Lordships Restaurant  
On the Berkeley Marina

11:00 AM

No-Host Cocktails

12:00–1:30 PM

Luncheon Served

Catering by CURT CLINGMAN

Wine provided by EDMUNDS ST. JOHN, FINE WINES  
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