

Get Back

Alumni, former faculty and friends come together from across the universe to celebrate Reunion 2008



"What a fantastic reunion... my husband and I enjoyed our time so much."

LAURA TOOKER ABUHL '84

It all began in September 2007, when the alumni office announced a contest for members of the ASL community to design a Reunion 2008 logo. A brand was born when **ANDREW BENTLEY '83** (and father of **JAMES '10** and **MATTHEW '13**) submitted his "Get Back" image. More than 400 alumni, parents of alumni, and former faculty and staff responded to the call of the Beatles and got back to where they once belonged for a weekend to remember. From a golf outing, to Parliament tours, West End shows, a "Twist & Shout" dinner dance in Covent Garden and, of course, a pub crawl, alumni kept themselves busy getting reacquainted with classmates, teachers and the city of London.

Reunion Chair **LISA SAMS '80** worked tirelessly with a team of more than 70 volunteers to make the events a success. Throughout the weekend, student tour guides showed alumni around ASL's ever-evolving campus to the strains of many "ooohs" and "aaahs" from those who had not been back in decades and others who were students before our current facility was built. The tours ended with a video documenting ASL through the years, produced by **DANIELLE RENAUD CORNELIUS '87**

and **GIGI WERNER WINSLOW '83** (with help from Gigi's daughter, **ALEXANDRA '08**). Danielle and Gigi also managed to locate archival photographs of nearly everyone in attendance for the slideshow shown at the Saturday night gala.

A highlight of the reunion was the 2008 Celebration of Excellence, honoring Chuck Dodson and Tosh Lee, recipients of the Stephen Eckard Award for Inspiring and Dedicated Service to Education, and **GAVAN MEEHAN '90**, the Distinguished Alumni Crystal Eagle Award recipient (see facing page).

The weekend came to a close with a brunch hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Tuttle at Winfield House, their residence in Regent's Park, where **PATTY BRAHAM DANVER '76**, development director of the alumni association, thanked the crowd for their support of ASL and welcomed the recently retired Director of External Affairs Mike Miller (ASL 1998–2008) into the alumni association.

The next all-school reunion will be in 2011. There will be plenty of opportunities to reconnect with other ASLers over the coming year. For information about regional events, visit www.asl.org.



Marty Cornelius '86 and Danielle Renaud Cornelius's '87 sons, Ryleigh '18 (left) and Russell '20 (right) with Dylan Meehan, son of Jim '86



Former faculty and staff, back row: Georgia Bassett, Dick Bassett, Suzanne Brooks, Bob Carter, Cathy Adams, Dave Sutherland, Bill Moore, Gordon Murphy, Nathalie Murphy, Alice Iacuesa; third row: Millard Shaw, Vicki Diez-Canseco, Hazel Simpson, Hazel Culbert; second row: Bill Iacuesa, Michelle Chaney, Helen Blum, Jan Mikrut, Sue Ellen Johnson, Spencer Namyst, Sally Marlow; front row: Chuck Dodson, Tony Marlow