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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## May 2008 Newsletter

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### Thanks to blood donors!

In the annual SGA blood drive this year, a record number of 72 students and staff made donations of blood. The event was facilitated by Inova Health Systems. The SGA would like to thank all of the participants who supported this good cause.

### Looking for an awesome class to take next year?

Then look no further than Blake's very own Student Leadership class! This unique course entails hands-on work in student government. Don't let the opportunity slip by, talk to your counselor today.

### Elections Approaching

It's that time of year again—on June 3, students will vote for the SGA Officers for the next school year. Speeches will air and voting will take place in homeroom classes. Make your vote count!

## BLAKE SGA WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The National Association of Students Councils has recognized the Blake SGA as a 2008 National Gold Council of Excellence, making it the only SGA in Maryland honored this year. The award is given to student councils that "demonstrate the highest levels of leadership and activities" by meeting NASC's most stringent set of standards, including over 50 initial criteria. This accolade verifies the diligence and efforts of the Blake SGA—an organization that is certain to maintain that effort in the years ahead.

## Coming soon: Drive for Supplies

### Don't delay, donate today!

As the end of the school year approaches, instead of trashing your perfectly good pencils and notebooks, consider an eco-friendly alternative: donating them to someone who needs them. The Blake SGA is proud to be participating in the MCPS Drive for Supplies which takes gently used school supplies, such as paper, pens, book covers, etc. and redistributes them to students around the county. Please drop off your materials in the main office, SGA office, or B230.

SGA staff interviews for the 2008-2009 school year will be held on June 10 after sixth period exams in the SGA Office (lower G Hallway.) If you are interested in applying for a position, please come! Available positions are listed on the SGA website. We look forward to enriching our staff with your talents.

Blake took second place in the Pennies for Patients challenge which donates to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Bengals raised \$4,807.39, the highest number in Blake history!

### TWO GRAND SLAMS: Pennies for Patients, sandwich making drive showcase Bengal generosity, character

In the first SGA sandwich making drive, over 100 students made nearly 800 sandwiches, which were donated to DC Central Kitchen. This generosity truly made a difference in the lives of others.

### Homecoming Ideas

It seems early to be thinking about Homecoming, but, believe it or not, planning is already underway. Help us make next year's Homecoming fun for everyone by sending in your ideas for the theme (last year's theme was Board Games.) Please email your suggestions to [OfficerTeam@BlakeSGA.org](mailto:OfficerTeam@BlakeSGA.org).

### A Picture Perfect Year

Be sure to check out the SGA website which now includes picture galleries from events of the past year. Take a glance back at the many SGA sponsored occasions including Pennies for Patients Pizza Night, sandwich making, and Homecoming week. You may be surprised to see some shots of yourself!

