

Contact: Sue Starrett
(216) 295-4329

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“Memories and Innovations”
Shaker Schools Foundation Invites Graduates and Friends to Dinner at
Shaker Heights High School on February 28

The Shaker Schools Foundation will host a special dinner at Shaker Heights High School for Shaker graduates and friends.

- Saturday, February 28, 2009 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Shaker Heights High School, 15911 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights
- \$10 per person for dinner; advance reservations required
- Co-sponsored by Tucker Ellis & West LLP
- Information: <http://shaker.org/foundation/events> or call (216) 295-4329

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with a pasta dinner in the newly renovated, two-story cafeteria. The meal will be provided by a new vendor, AVI Foodsystems, and will include penne pasta with a choice of sauces, tossed salad, dessert, and beverages. At 8 p.m., the Shaker Schools Foundation president, John Murphy, and High School principal, Michael Griffith, will give welcoming remarks. Afterwards, participants may take self-guided tours of the High School until 9 p.m. Throughout the evening, Shaker students from the instrumental and choral music department will perform.

The High School’s recently restored small and large auditoriums are featured on the tour. From 2002 to 2008, the Shaker Schools Foundation raised \$1.6 million for these projects. The small auditorium was updated to create a 100-seat academic space for lectures, multi-media presentations, and technology-enhanced instruction; it reopened in November 2003. For the

\$2.4-million large auditorium project, the Foundation partnered with the Shaker Heights City School District to pay for the complete restoration and renovation of the space, along with upgrades to the theatrical lighting and sound systems. The large auditorium reopened in February 2008.

The Shaker Schools Foundation was founded in 1981 to receive financial support for programs not included in the Shaker school district's budget. The first foundation in the state of Ohio to benefit public schools, its mission is to *provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of students in the Shaker Heights City School District.*

AVI Foodsystems is a family-owned business based in Warren, Ohio. In late 2008, AVI was hired by the Shaker Heights City Schools to redesign the cafeteria menu and offer healthy options for students. AVI provides services in corporate, industrial, government, health care, and educational settings; locally, it also handles the lunch program for the Beachwood City Schools.

###