

10 Year Reunion of the Stuy Class of 1996 Is a Smashing Success!*

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There's a proverb of how absence makes the heart grow fonder. This may not be taken literally for all Stuyvesant alumni, but for the Stuyvesant Class of '96 (Stuy96) at its recent 10 Year Reunion, one could see that memories can at least encourage us to come back. For Stuyvesant's first class to attend the school at its current hallowed halls of 345 Chambers Street, the special event was held this past November during the Thanksgiving Weekend 2006. For some classmates, it had been the first time in ten years to return to our home of Battery Park City and Lower Manhattan.

It all started in the afternoon, with about 30 people coming in to visit the school before the reunion. Many found it exciting to reminisce about the teachers and classes that we all had to survive to reach where we are in our lives today. Afterwards, the class gathered about 8 blocks from Stuy, at the Woolworth Tower Kitchen located at the landmark Woolworth Building opposite City Hall.

People came to the reunion traveling from as far away as Germany, Britain, California, or even Columbia (we mean the graduate school here in the city). Seeing how many classmates all changed and matured to be more than just students, but everyday people making this world work and enjoy life for all that it has to offer. Many Stuy96ers are nearing completion of their graduate degrees and spending endless hours working hard (not only as doctors, lawyers, and bankers, but with non-profits, government, bloggers, or simply as parents or spouses). With a just over 275 people at the reunion, the Stuy96 class has proven to be class that will always share a strong common bond for the future.

It was an amazing experience especially for the planning committee led by Andy Woo, supported especially by Jennifer Kim, Cindy Lo, and Melissa Marrus with invitation preparation and venue securing. This team's vital support made everything possible along with involvement from people like Katie

Schaaf, Shuvo Dastidar, Amy Yu, Preeti Davidson, Quinn Raymond, and countless others of our class who are all ready for the next big reunion.

Although former Social Studies teacher, John Frank, was the only teacher to make the reunion, other teachers such as Ms. Zoe Yoon '87, Mr. Walter Gern, and Mr. Jim Lonardo wished the Stuy96 could not, but still wished their very best regards.

The Stuy96 Reunion made more than \$2000 and money will be donated to the Alumni Association to a specific school need. Enjoy the photos and good luck to all with your relationships, careers, and lives. Feedback is always appreciated and can be sent to wooa@yahoo.com or visit the website at www.stuy96.com. Keep your calendars open for a 15th in 2011 or sooner since we'll need to reconnect to what made us who we are today,

*Aren't you curious?
(Stuy96 Reunion motto)

