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## Remembering Dr. Frederick Aho



**Dr. Frederick Aho**  
*General Consultant, Trustee*

**Dr. Frederick Aho**, an American School Trustee for nearly two decades, died last month near his hometown of Lititz, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Aho came to the American School in 1990 and, until the time of his death, was a trusted advisor and good friend to many staff members. He directly impacted students as well, serving for many years as a judge in the School's annual scholarship competition. Prior to his American School service, he worked for fifteen years in the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, including seven as Executive Director of its Commission on Secondary Schools.

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At this time, the *All American* believes it is fitting to reprint an article written by Dr. Aho in 1997 on the occasion of the American School's centennial so that you may hear from him in his own words. At the same time, we offer our condolences to Dr. Aho's wife of 56 years, Mary Jo, and his entire family.

## **THE AMERICAN SCHOOL** **CENTENNIAL—AN OBSERVATION**

After spending many years as a public school educator, I concluded a career in education with an agency which conducted evaluations of schools in both the public and non-public sectors culminating in school accreditation. While in this latter role, I was afforded the privilege of serving on the American School's Annual Scholarship Committee and received a wonderful introduction to the mission and goals of the American School.

Having now served on the American School Scholarship Committee for a number of years and more recently as one of the Trustees of the school, I feel I have gained particular insight into the workings of the school and, more importantly, its significant success as a provider of high school programs on a home study basis.

Now that the American School is celebrating its 100th year of operation, I am gratified to have the opportunity to commend all who have worked for this school through the years and especially those individuals who provided leadership for the school. The American School has faithfully strived to meet the needs of all its students; its purpose as a school is clear and its recognition by prestigious educational authorities is very evident. The school has truly taken its rightful place as a school to be honored and praised in this its centennial year!



Dr. Frederick Aho, American School Trustee; Formerly Executive Director, Commission on Secondary Schools, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

  
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## American School celebrates 75 years of partnership with Better Business Bureau



**American School President Gary R. Masterton, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and Fox Chicago reporter Darlene Hill share the stage at the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois's 82nd Annual Dinner Meeting held in Spring 2009.**

The American School recently was honored for our 75 years of partnership with the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois.

President Gary R. Masterton accepted an award on the School's behalf at the BBB's 82nd Annual Dinner Meeting, where he shared the podium with Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Chicago television personalities Allison Rosati and Darlene Hill. In his remarks, President Masterton discussed

how the School incorporates the BBB's Code of Business Practices into our business model and stressed the importance of the School's strong ties to the BBB.

"By having a long-standing relationship and that stamp of approval from the Better Business Bureau, people throughout the country can be confident that they are dealing with a school that has values and goals similar to their own," Masterton said.

The BBB's Code of Business Practices includes building trust, advertising honestly, telling the truth, being transparent, honoring promises, being responsive, safeguarding privacy and embodying integrity—all guidelines which have shaped the American School's policies in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

"The American School has had a win-win relationship with the Better Business Bureau for 75 years, and we plan to continue this relationship for another 75 years," Masterton said. "The American School is proud to be associated with such a great organization."

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## American School attends inaugural AdvancEd conference

The American School recently attended the inaugural AdvancEd Conference in downtown Chicago.

AdvancEd is a new organization which combines the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), and the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA) into a single body.

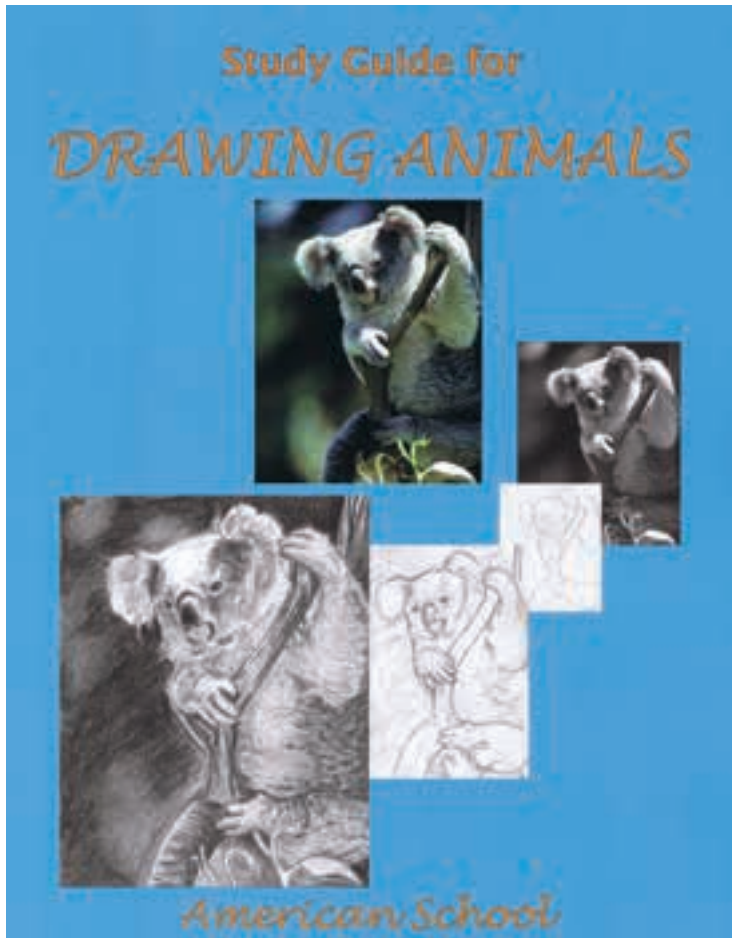
Several of our staff members attended several conference sessions so that we can continue to offer our students the best educational experience possible. The conference also gave us the opportunity to meet some of the nearly 1400 educators in attendance, introduce them to our program, and show them how we can benefit their students.

We look forward to having similar success when we meet high school counselors at the American School Counselor Association Conference June 29-July 1 in Dallas.



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## New Drawing Animals course debuts



Students who have an interest in sketching tigers, zebras and other wildlife can earn their stripes by taking our newly-revised Drawing Animals course.

The main objective of the half-unit course is for students to develop the basic skills necessary to draw, in pencil, realistic animals in natural settings. The course's four unit exams will test how well students use proportion, texture, shading and perspective while drawing a variety of animals and environments.

Instructor **Dorothy Emry** was instrumental in revising the content of the course and designed its new study guide cover (pictured).

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### from our graduates



Jennifer Nichols

2002 graduate **Jennifer Nichols** (pictured) competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing as part of the United States Archery team. Her previous Olympic experience included shooting at historic Panathinaiko Stadium during the 2004 Athens Olympics. Currently she is continuing her education at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas...Fellow 2002 graduate **Myles Matteson** is in his second year at Oxford University's Trinity College, where he is studying criminology. Myles won the American School's R.T. Miller Scholarship in 2003 and later added the Truman and Marshall Scholarships to his resume. He plans on attending law school and working in public service upon graduation...Myles' brothers, **Tyler** and **Tucker**, are also American School graduates, and soon a fourth member of their household will have an American School diploma. The Mattesons are hosting a Rwandan refugee and have enrolled her in our program...2008 graduate **Andrew Stevens** of Lansing, Illinois, received a scholarship to continue his education at Hope College in Holland, Michigan...The 2009 American School scholarships will be awarded June 16. Profiles of this year's winners will appear in an upcoming *All American*.

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