

# MHS Congratulations to the Class of 2014



## Madeira City Schools District Digest

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# MHS Class of 2014

## Service & Leadership Awards

- **Class Officers:** CLARE GORDON, JACOB SCHEID, JASMINE WOOD, HANNAH SCHIGEL
- **Matthew 25 Ministries Service Award:** ANDREW SHULL
- **Madeira High School Stampede Editor:** MCKINZIE MOON
- **Silverton-Kenwood-Madeira Kiwanis Club Award:** ZOE EVANS

## English Department Awards

- **CP English Outstanding Academic Achievement:** ANASTASIA THIELE, EMILY THOMPSON
- **CP English Academic Excellence:** HANNAH SCHIGEL, MAGGIE GRIFFIN, JAKE SCHWEPPE, EMMA WILLIAMS
- **AP English Literature Academic Excellence:** KEVIN BRADNER, TAYLOR KNEIP
- **Andrea Dennis Outstanding English Student Scholarship to the senior who most exemplifies Andrea's qualities as an outstanding English student:** ABBY DOYLE

## Social Studies Department Awards

- **AP U.S. History Outstanding Academic Achievement:** LOUIS GRAETER, SARAH FISCHER
- **Critical Thinking:** JASMINE WOOD, KEVIN BRADNER, CLOAY MAIER, CLARE GORDON, JAKE SCHWEPPE
  - **Creativity:** RYAN KORENGEL, CYNTHIA WAGNER, CHARLOTTE FITZ, NATHAN HORSTMAN
- **Future Politicians:** LOUIS GRAETER, BRIAN GROENKE
- **Outstanding Four-Year Social Studies Award:** LOUIS GRAETER

## Foreign Language Department Awards

- **Top AP French Student:** SARAH FISCHER
- **Grand Concours French Contest:** MICHAEL GRIMM
- **Outstanding AP Spanish 5:** ABBY DOYLE, CASSANDRA NIEMAN
- **Honorable Mention National Spanish Exam:** CASSANDRA NIEMAN
  - **Bronze Medal National Spanish Exam:** ABBY DOYLE
  - **Highest Average Percentage in AP Latin:** TAYLOR KNEIP
- **"Dux" Award to the AP Latin student who finished with an "A" average, shows creativity, critical thinking, leadership, dedication and enthusiasm:** MARIA RAMOS

## Math Department Awards

- **AP Statistics Academic Excellence: "Pafnuty Chebyshev" Award,** MATTHEW SHEFCIK; **"Florence Nightingale David" Award,** MAGGIE GRIFFIN
- **Academic Excellence Pre-Calculus:** EMILY THOMPSON, ABBY SEAMAN
- **Academic Excellence in AP Calculus:** TAYLOR KNEIP
- **Outstanding Four-Year Math Award:** MATT SHEFCIK

## Science Department Awards

- **CP Environmental Science Academic Award:** RANNICCA HUON
- **CP Physics Academic Excellence:** GRANT KARDA
- **Honors Anatomy & Physiology Academic Achievement:** HANNAH SCHIGEL
- **AP Physics Top Students:** KEVIN BRADNER, MATTHEW SHEFCIK
- **Honors Physics Top students:** MAGGIE GRIFFIN, SARAH FISCHER, EMILY THOMPSON
- **AP Environmental Science Top students:** LOUIS GRAETER, AUDREY KEHLING
- **CP Forensics Excellence:** SARAH FISCHER
- **AP Biology Top Senior:** AUDREY KEHLING
- **Grand Slam Award for all AP sciences:** AUDREY KEHLING
- **Triple Crown Award for completing 3 of 4 AP Sciences:** YAN-NAN HUANG, EMMA LANDIS-ASHBAUGH
- **Outstanding Four-Year Science Award:** AUDREY KEHLING

## Family & Consumer Science Awards

- **Rising Star Award:** ELLIE BISBEE
- **Best Creative Foods Group Award:** MADISON CORR
- **Best Male Creative Foods Student:** GRANT KARDA
- **Creative Foods Students Extraordinaire:** CHARLOTTE FITZ, EMMA TOON

## Business Department Awards

- **Web Design Student of the Year:** ZOE EVANS
- **State of Ohio Personal Finance Challenge Champions:** LOUIS GRAETER, NIXIA NIJIAT, MATTHEW SHEFCIK, ZOE EVANS
- **Second in the State of Ohio Personal Finance Challenge:** SARAH FISCHER, CASSANDRA NIEMAN
- **Entrepreneur of the Year:** JAKE SCHWEPPE
- **"Pinnacle Award of Excellence":** SAM SHELANDER
- **Producer of the Year for "What's up Madeira?":** JACOB SCHEID
- **Video Productions Editor of the Year:** RANNICCA HUON
- **Video Production Music Video of the Year:** EMMA WILLIAMS
- **Entrepreneur Competition Winners, Shining Star Industries for earning over \$3000.00 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation:** HANNAH GARRISON, QUINN OURADA, NICOLE SCHATZEL, SAM SHELANDER, MAGGIE GRIFFIN, JAKE SCHWEPPE

## Art Department Awards

- **Art Club CO-Presidents:** KAITLYN ROBERTS, TAYLOR KNEIP
- **Creativity, Talent and Dedication:** EMMA TOON, CLAIRE CULLEN, CHARLOTTE FITZ, JACK BELL, KAITLYN ROBERTS, CYNTHIA WAGNER, SAM FRAYER
- **Passport Design Winner:** CLAIRE CULLEN

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# Awards Night

May 7, 2014

- **Congressional Art Competition:** CLAIRE CULLEN, JACK BELL, ELLIE BISBEE, KAITLYN ROBERTS, TYSON GUY, ALLISON DICKE
- **Participation in Mt. St. Joseph's Selections 2013:** EMMA TOON, CHARLOTTE FITZ

## Other Academic Awards

- **MHS PTO Courage & Inspiration Award** for demonstrating courage in overcoming obstacles and inspiring others: RYAN KORENGEL
- **OHSAA Courageous Student Award** for overcoming an illness, injury or disability in a positive way and displaying courage against overwhelming odds: RYAN KORENGEL
  - **Pat Wood Spirit Award** presented to a student who exemplifies love of life, love of others, his unselfish attitude and will to persevere: RYAN KORENGEL
- **Greg Chase Tenacity Award** for succeeding in academics and athletics with "tenacity" to reach goals; GPA of 3.25 for grades 9 - 12; all league recognition in at least one sport; leadership by showing work ethic and "sweat equity": RYAN KORENGEL
  - **Madeira Woman's Club Scholarship:** BAYLA FISHER, CHRISTIN MOERMOND, JASMINE WOOD
- **Kenwood Woman's Club Scholarship:** JASMINE WOOD, MCKINZIE MOON, SARAH FISCHER, BAYLA FISHER, MARGARET GRIFFIN
  - **AAA Safe Driving Award:** CLAIRE CULLEN
    - **Madeira Middle School PTO Roger Slagle Memorial Scholarship** for embodying a love of athletics, passion for living life to the fullest and a positive attitude: MATT BALLWEG
    - **John D. Rahe Scholarship** for outstanding character and scholastic achievement: JASMINE WOOD, HANNAH YOUNG, SARAH FISCHER, JAMES HILLMAN, MCKINZIE MOON
      - **MHS PTO I Made a Difference Award** for making a difference through service to their school or community, work experience and family situation: BAYLA FISHER
    - **Roger Anderson, Jr. Outstanding Senior Boy Award** for above average in academics and sports with emphasis on improvement and achievement, good sportsmanship, service and sincerity: MATT BALLWEG
- **Nadine Wilson Outstanding Senior Girl Award** initiated by the Class of 2011, in honor of former coach Nadine Wilson who taught her players dedication, sportsmanship and respect: CASSANDRA NIEMAN
  - **Sushila Nayar Math & Science Scholarship** established by Uday Khosla in honor of his grandmother who was a physician in India, worked in the independence movement from Great Britain, and was India's first health minister in India's Parliament: JASMINE WOOD
  - **James Rockwell Memorial Scholarship** to the student who is pursuing a major in Science at a four-year college, is a dedicated learner and exhibits exemplary scientific achievement: MCKINZIE MOON

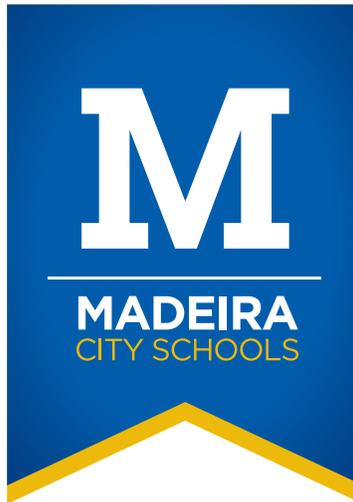
- **Matt Simpson Art Scholarship** to a senior who most emulates Matt; an extraordinary person who has a passion, talent and the dedication required to pursue a degree in visual art, reflects Matt's intense desire to create, his open-mindedness, and his free spirit: CYNTHIA WAGNER
- **Richard & Florence Wellman Scholarship** to a student who will major in education and emulates the hard working ethic of the Wellman's and their children: ABBY FAJACK
- **CHL Scholar Athlete Award** for maintaining a 3.5 GPA while participating in Varsity Athletics: ELIZABETH BOOTH, REBEKAH CARPENTER, SYDNEY COX, ZOE EVANS, BAYLA FISHER, CLARE GORDON, MICHAEL GRIMM, JAYNE JOHNSTON, GRANT KARDA, SARAH MAHLER, HALLE McCULLOUGH, CHRISTIN MOERMOND, CASSANDRA NIEMAN, NIXIA NIJIATI, NICOLE PALATCHI, HANNAH SCHIGEL, JAKE SCHWEPPE, ABIGAIL SEAMAN, MATTHEW SHEFCIK, SAMUEL SHELANDER, EMILY THOMPSON, JASMINE WOOD
- **Madden Award** to the best senior boy and the best senior girl athlete voted on by head coaches: MATT BALLWEG, ZOE EVANS
- **OHSAA/Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award** to promote sportsmanship, ethics, integrity, and exemplary sportsmanship: JACK BELL, ABBY SEAMAN
- **OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award** for receiving a minimum of four varsity letters and maintaining a high scholastic average: MICHAEL GRIMM, SARAH MAHLER
- **National Federation of High Schools National Award of Excellence** for exhibiting qualities that embody good citizenship, good moral character and good sporting behavior: JEWELS EDMERSON, REBEKAH CARPENTER
- **National Merit Scholarship Commended Students:** LOUIS GRAETER, YAN-NAN HUANG, AUDREY KEHLING
- **National Merit Scholarship Finalists:** KEVIN BRADNER, CLOAY MAIER
- **National Merit Scholarship Recipient:** KEVIN BRADNER
- **National Merit Scholarship to Case Western Reserve:** CLOAY MAIER
- **Raymond G. Seifert Award** for a straight "A" average in all subjects during the first three-quarters of the year: KEVIN BRADNER, REBEKAH CARPENTER, SYDNEY COX, ABIGAIL DOYLE, ZOE EVANS, SARAH FISCHER, BEN GEERS, LOUIS GRAETER, MAGGIE GRIFFIN, MICHAEL GRIMM, BRIAN GROENKE, JAMES HILLMAN, YAN-NAN HUANG, AUDREY KEHLING, TAYLOR KNEIP, ELLIE KORENGEL, EMMA LANDIS-ASHBAUGH, SARAH MAHLER, CLOAY MAIER, MCKINZIE MOON, CASS NIEMAN, MADISON PRUGH, MARIA RAMOS, HANNAH SCHIGEL, MATTHEW SHEFCIK, ANASTASIA THIELE, EMILY THOMPSON, CYNTHIA WAGNER, HANNAH YOUNG

This year's graduating class was awarded over \$3,000,000.00 in Total Scholarships and Financial Aid/Grants

# Senior Class Awards

• **President's Award for Educational Excellence:** ELIZABETH BOOTH, KEVIN BRADNER, REBEKAH CARPENTER, SYDNEY COX, CLAIRE CULLEN, ABIGAIL DOYLE, ZOE EVANS, SARAH FISCHER, BAYLA FISHER, BENJAMIN GEERS, CLARE GORDON, LOUIS GRAETER, MAGGIE GRIFFIN, MICHAEL GRIMM, BRIAN GROENKE, JAMES HILLMAN, BENJAMIN HOLLIDAY, NATHAN HORSTMAN, YAN-NAN HUANG, KATHLEEN JARVIS, JAYNE JOHNSTON, GRANT KARDA, AUDREY KEHLING, TAYLOR KNEIP, ELLIE KORENGEL, EMMA LANDIS-ASHBAUGH, SARAH MAHLER, CLOAY MAIER, BROOKE MARSTON, CHRISTIN MOERMOND, MCKINZIE MOON, CASSANDRA NIEMAN, NIXIA NIJIATI, NICOLE PALATCHI, MADISON PRUGH, MARIA RAMOS, KAITLYN ROBERTS, JACOB SCHEID, HANNAH SCHIGEL, JAKE SCHWEPPE, MATTHEW SHEFCIK, SAMUEL SHELANDER, ANASTASIA THIELE, EMILY THOMPSON, CYNTHIA WAGNER, JASMINE WOOD, HANNAH YOUNG

• **Honors Diploma:** KEVIN BRADNER, SYDNEY COX, CLAIRE CULLEN, ABIGAIL DOYLE, ZOE EVANS, SARAH FISCHER, BAYLA FISHER, SARA FRYE, CLARE GORDON, LOUIS GRAETER, MAGGIE GRIFFIN, MICHAEL GRIMM, BRIAN GROENKE, JAMES HILLMAN, BENJAMIN HOLLIDAY, NATHAN HORSTMAN, YAN-NAN HUANG, JAYNE JOHNSTON, GRANT KARDA, AUDREY KEHLING, TAYLOR KNEIP,



ELLIE KORENGEL, ERYN KRAMER, EMMA LANDIS-ASHBAUGH, SARAH MAHLER, CLOAY MAIER, BROOKE MARSTON, CHRISTIN MOERMOND, MCKINZIE MOON, CASSANDRA NIEMAN, NIXIA NIJIATI, NICOLE PALATCHI, MARIA RAMOS, JACOB SCHEID, HANNAH SCHIGEL, MATTHEW SHEFCIK, SAMUEL SHELANDER, ANASTASIA THIELE, EMILY THOMPSON, CYNTHIA WAGNER, JASMINE WOOD, HANNAH YOUNG.

• **National Honor Society:** KEVIN BRADNER, REBEKAH CARPENTER, SYDNEY COX, CLAIRE CULLEN, ZOE EVANS, SARAH FISCHER, BAYLA FISHER, LOUIS GRAETER, MARGARET GRIFFIN, MICHAEL GRIMM, BRIAN GROENKE, JAMES HILLMAN, BEN HOLLIDAY, YAN-NAN HUANG, JAYNE JOHNSTON, TAYLOR KNEIP, ELLIE KORENGEL, EMMA LANDIS-ASHBAUGH, SARAH MAHLER, CLOAY MAIER, BROOKE MARSTON, MCKINZIE MOON, CASSANDRA NIEMAN, NIXIA NIJIAT, NICOLE PALATCHI, MADI PRUGH, MARIA RAMOS, KAITLYN ROBERTS, JACOB SCHEID, HANNAH SCHIGEL, JAKE SCHWEPPE, MATTHEW SHEFCIK, ANASTASIA THIELE, EMILY THOMPSON, CYNTHIA WAGNER, JASMINE WOOD, HANNAH YOUNG

• **Class of 2014 Salutatorian:** LUKE GRAETER  
 • **Class of 2014 Valedictorian:** KEVIN BRADNER

## Top Seniors



Top Seniors who all graduated with a GPA of 4.0 or above: Kevin Bradner, Valedictorian (Case Western Reserve University), Zoe Evans (University of Cincinnati), Sarah Fischer (The Ohio State University), Maggie Griffin (The Ohio State University), Michael Grimm (Otterbein University), Brian Groenke (The Ohio State University), James Hillman (University of Cincinnati), Yan-Nan Huang (Vanderbilt University), Audrey Kehling (The Ohio State University), Taylor Kneip

(The Ohio State University), Ellie Korengel (University of Cincinnati), Emma Landis-Ashbaugh (The Ohio State University), Sarah Mahler (Carnegie Mellon University), Cloay Maier (Case Western Reserve University), Brooke Marston (The Ohio State University), McKinzie Moon (Clemson University), Cassandra Nieman (Xavier University), Maria Ramos (Miami University), Hannah Schigel (University of Kentucky), Emily Thompson (The Ohio State University), Cynthia Wagner (The Ohio State University), Jasmine Wood (University of South Florida), Hannah Young (The Ohio State University).  
 Not pictured: Luke Graeter, Salutatorian (The Ohio State University) and Matthew Shefcik (University of Cincinnati).

# A Message to the Graduates

May 24, 2014



Good Evening. On behalf of Board of Education President **Patrick Shea**, Vice President **Tarek Kamil**, members **Kam Misleh**, **David Templeton** and **Cathy Swami**, along with the administration, faculty and staff of Madeira City Schools, I want to welcome you to the 92nd commencement of Madeira High School.

Graduates, there have been many people who have helped you reach the milestone we celebrate tonight. The success you have attained can be attributed to involved parents and families, a highly qualified teaching staff, a caring support staff and a very supportive community. Tonight, I want to take a moment to recognize staff members who are retiring after devoting 247 years of service to education, with 214 of those years serving Madeira students. Please join me in showing our appreciation for **Bob Larbes**, **Karen Johnson**, **Ann Ellis**, **Sue Raymore**, **Jill Johnston**, **Bonnie Blank** and **Phil Miekley**. We wish you all a long and healthy retirement!

In a recent edition of the "What's Up Madeira" series, graduating senior **George Gilson** interviewed Mr. Bob Larbes about his years as a teacher, especially those here in Madeira. As I was talking with Mr. Larbes later about that interview, it occurred to me that there were still lessons to be learned from him. In fact, when I think about all of our retiring staff members, I can't help but reflect on what they have meant to our students and our community. If there was a "Mt. Rushmore" of Madeira teachers, I have to believe our retirees' faces would be front and center. Of course, if there were a Mt. Rushmore for Madeira teachers, it would have to be a mountain range to include all the faces of our outstanding staff!

Our retirees this year have been a part of your school life from the beginning, from the loving and nurturing years with Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Raymore, to your early development years with Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Johnston, then on to the discovery years of middle school with Mr. Miekley, and finally to the "building your independence years" with Mr. Larbes. These teachers and many others have helped guide you to become the person you are today. So, with that in mind, I asked our retirees if they would share some of their final "lessons", reminders and thoughts with you on this momentous day in your lives. Here is what they said:

Mrs. Johnston shared two of her favorite quotes from a calendar given to her by a cherished student many years ago. The first is from French playwright and actor Moliere, who said, "The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it" and from legendary basketball coach John Wooden, "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." Wise words of advice indeed! Mrs. Ellis reminds you that none of us are complete and that we are continually growing and learning. Similarly, as Mrs. Blank often told your parents, learning is not a race for information, but rather a walk of discovery and that every child will bloom in their own time. She certainly was right!

Mr. Larbes encouraged you at Baccalaureate to feel joy that you are finished, pride in what you have accomplished and above

all, gratitude towards all of those who have made it possible. Mrs. Johnson shared something she learned from you - to greet each day with a smile, a hug, and to have a heart of eagerness to learn and experience life. Always remember to love, share, dream, laugh and celebrate each and every day.

Mrs. Raymore wants you to remember that it is better to give than to receive, so use some of your time and talents to help others. Mr. Miekley reminds you to live your life with faithfulness, joyfulness, peacefulness, gentleness, and self-control. Be the one who serves, rather than the one who must be served. Be the one who is kind, rather than expecting kindness from others. Be the one who loves, rather than demanding love be shown to you. He concludes by adding "I say to you now, I will not cease, happiness, love and grease for peace, and my final, sincere... KOOKAMONGA!!"

Graduates, you have indeed learned many lessons and gained many perspectives thus far in your life. Your parents and grandparents, uncles and aunts, sisters and brothers, friends and classmates, teachers and coaches have all played a role in the perspectives you have learned and developed. But, I believe it is also important for you to know there have been lessons we have learned from you as well. So I asked your teachers from elementary school through high school to recall some of what they have learned from you. Here is some of what they shared:

From **Bekah Carpenter** we learned that being a genuinely nice person is a great way to go through life while **Nathan Horstman** showed us how to see the good in everyone and accept people for who they are. **Matt Ballweg** showed us how to be a friend to all by exemplifying character and class in all his interactions, while **Ryan Gallenstein** and **Danny Ingram** showed us you can make people happy just by taking time to stop say "Hi".

**Aaron Blackwelder** taught us selflessness when working for the good of the whole and **Zoe Evans**, **Kaitlyn Roberts** and **McKinzie Moon** showed us the passion for serving others less fortunate. **Jewels Edmerson** showed us how a smile can brighten any room and how desire and determination in overcoming a set back can be an inspiration to others and **Sam Frayer** taught us that by working hard you can realize a life long dream. **Grant Hopewell** demonstrated that confidence can make a huge difference in attaining success, while **Eli Grindley** taught us how to approach life with a great sense of humor.

**Yan-Nan Huang** taught us that hard work and dedication will help achieve our goals, and maybe even help to heal the world as well, while **Mulligan McCarthy** taught us that while we cannot do all the good that the world needs, the world needs all the good that we can do. **Ryan George** taught us that analog clocks are better than digital clocks and that sticking with things until they work is a virtue, and from **Jake Schweppe** and **Allison Dicke** we learned that success is a result of a strong

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work ethic and unyielding determination. **Ellie Korengel** showed us how to be a role model with words and actions and **Maria Ramos** showed us that enthusiasm can be contagious and that supporting others will help them to do their best.

From **Cynthia Wagner** we learned making art is like hearing a knocking from your soul ... and you answer, while **Hannah Young** showed us how far kindness and a smile can go. **Lizzie Booth** and **Jessica Ashmore** taught us that life isn't always about winning, but also just as much about having fun, while **Matt Shefcik** showed us how dancing is a universal language that can help you to make friends. **Charlotte Fitz** taught us to always honor that little voice inside us that refuses to be buried beneath the incessant demands of everyday life while **Emma Toon** showed us that art is not a thing ... it is a way. **Luke Greater, Maggie Griffin, Taylor Kneip, Ben Holliday** and **Abby Fajack** showed us all the world truly is a stage and **Jacob Scheid** taught us that behind the scenes leadership is every bit as important as being out front. From **Jack Bell** we learned by having the courage to face new challenges, you can accomplish fantastic and impressive things, and from **Grant Karda** we saw how good things happen when you work hard and persevere.

**Jasmine Wood** reminded us about the words of Marcus Aurelius, that "life is about change" and making old ideas apply in our new situations while **Stefan Salzmann** taught us that when life gives you giant lemons, it is best to tackle them with a positive, cheerful attitude. From **Joey Damaska, Elijah Sears** and **Liam Hill** we heard how music can jazz up your life, while **Michael Grimm** showed us that talent comes in many forms. From **Alex Schweppe** we learned that perseverance will allow you to complete a journey while **Olivia Wilson** showed us how adversity can make you stronger and provide you with the faith to pursue new and greater goals. Personally, from one particular graduate I have watched grow up before my very eyes, I have learned to cherish the joys only your own child can provide. I know every parent here feels the same way too. And from **Ryan Korengel** we learned perhaps the most of all, that perseverance and determination can overcome challenges and that the love of parents and support from family, friends and community can truly make a difference in us all.

Graduates, you have learned many valuable lessons these past eighteen years, and while I encourage you to continue to be mindful of the lessons you are learning, I challenge you to be even more mindful of the lessons you are teaching. Remember who you are, but more importantly, remember who you want to be. Go and make the world a better place.

I wish you God's speed.  
Mr. Stephen Kramer, Superintendent



## What's Next for MHS '14

- Aveda Institute:** Samantha Alsip, Charlotte Fitz, Hannah Garrison  
**Belmont University:** Madison Corr  
**Bowling Green State University:** Clare Gordon, Rannicca Huon, Claire Voisard  
**Brigham Young Hawaii:** Aaron Blackwelder  
**Carnegie Mellon University:** Sarah Mahler  
**Case Western Reserve:** Kevin Bradner, Cloay Maier  
**Chicago State University:** Megan Stapleton  
**Cincinnati State:** Randall Duffy, Tyson Guy, John McGilvray  
**Clemson University:** McKinzie Moon  
**College of Mount St. Joseph:** Ryan Korengel, Abigail Seaman  
**DePaul University:** Kaitlyn Roberts  
**Employment:** Olivia Andriot, Taylor Applegate, Alex Kate Buzek, Sara Frye, Ryan George, Richard Kammer, Nicholas Lewis, Emma Toon  
**Franklin College of Indiana:** Jack Bell  
**Hanover College:** Terrence McCarthy  
**Harding University:** Jewels Edmerson  
**Kent State University:** Kathleen Jarvis  
**Miami University:** Claire Cullen, Megan Peters, Maria Ramos, Jake Schweppe, Samuel Shelander  
**Miami University Hamilton:** Ryan Gallenstein, Preston Kahn  
**Michigan State University:** Olivia Wilson  
**Military:** Rebekah Carpenter  
**Mission trip:** Abigail Doyle  
**Mississippi State University:** Alex Schweppe  
**Northern Kentucky University:** Tyler Peterson  
**Ohio University:** Olivia Benintendi, Hannah Fajack, Samuel Frayer, Kelsey Gerard, Daniel Ingram, Emma Williams  
**Otterbein University:** Michael Grimm  
**St Mary's College:** Christin Moermond  
**The Ohio State University:** Sarah Fischer, Louis Graeter, Maggie Griffin, Brian Groenke, Benjamin Holliday, Nathan Horstman, Audrey Kehling, Taylor Kneip, Emma Landis-Ashbaugh, Brooke Marston, Nicole Palatchi, Jacob Scheid, Anastasia Thiele, Emily Thompson, Cynthia Wagner, Hannah Young  
**University of Cincinnati:** Jessica Ashmore, Sydney Cox, Mason Evans, Benjamin Geers, Robert Heisey, Chloe Henry, Liam Hill, James Hillman, Grant Hopewell, Jayne Johnston, Ellie Korengel, Eryn Kramer, Griffith Long, Halle McCullough, Nixia Nijati, Quinn Ourada, Madison Prugh, Stefan Salzmann, Elijah Sears, Matthew Shefcik, Elaine Bisbee, Zoe Evans  
**UC/Blue Ash:** Nicole Cortes, Joseph Damaska, George Gilson, Emma Puterbaugh, Nicole Schatzel, Abigail Weddington  
**UC/Clermont:** Andrew Bealer  
**University of Dayton:** Grant Karda  
**University of Kentucky:** Matthew Ballweg, Elizabeth Booth, Claire Cravaack, Deema Jallaq, Patrick Lewis, Hannah Schigel  
**University of S. Florida:** Jasmine Wood  
**University of Toledo:** Allison Dicke  
**University of Vermont:** Yan-Nan Huang  
**W.Virginia University:** Joshua Lowndes  
**Xavier University:** Cassandra Nieman



# District Spring Recognitions



**District Retirees** who collectively have devoted 264 years of service to education, with 231 of those serving Madeira students! Our sincere appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Jill Johnston, Bob Larbes, Karen Johnson, Phil Miekley, Bonnie Blanck, Ann Ellis, Sue Raymore and Barb Benjamin (not pictured).



**Madeira Schools Foundation Awards** for significant contributions as respectable leaders and positive role models: Steve Shaw (Friend of the Foundation), Bob and Ronna Gardner (Distinguished Staff), Bob and Connie Lewis, parents of Paul Lewis '85 (Distinguished Alumni/Citizen) and Tom Walter '74 (Distinguished Alumni/Citizen).



**"I Make a Difference" Awards** for going beyond the expected to make a difference in our schools: Denise Booth (MHS After Prom Chair), Pat and Wayne Smith (retiring MSF Development Directors), Jay Adrick (MHS Video Class benefactor).



**Madeira Schools Foundation Scholarship Winners:** James Hillman (John D. Rahe Scholar), Abby Doyle (Andrea Dennis Scholar), Sarah Fischer (John D. Rahe Scholar), Cynthia Wagner (Matthew Simpson Scholar), Abby Fajack (Wellman Scholar) and Ryan Korengel (Patrick Wood Scholar). Row 2: Jasmine Wood (John D. Rahe Scholar and Sushila Nayar Scholar), Hannah Young (John D Rahe Scholar), Nicole Schatzel (Schneider/Glass Scholar) and McKinzie Moon (John D. Rahe Scholar and Rockwell Scholar). Not pictured: Samantha Alsip (Schneider/Glass Scholar).

**Congratulations!**

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### School Calendars

Families of students may pick up 2014-2015 school calendars at any Back to School Night, Open House or school office once school begins. Community members may contact Diane Nichols at 924-3707 or [dnichols@madeiracityschools.org](mailto:dnichols@madeiracityschools.org) to have a calendar mailed to their home.

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August 8	MES Packet Pickup	7:30 am - 4 pm
August 13	MHS Gr 9 Packet Pickup	6:30 - 7 pm
	MHS Gr 9 Student/Parent Meeting	7 - 7:30 pm
	MHS PTO Reception	7:30 - 8 pm
August 14	MHS Gr 10-12 Info Night/Packet Pickup	6:30 pm
	MES Beginning Buddies	7 pm
August 18	MES Gr 1 Open House	2:30 - 3 pm
August 19	First Day for Students	
August 20	MES Kdg Parent Info Night	5:30 pm
	MMS Gr 5 & 6 Parent Meeting	6 - 7 pm
	MMS Gr 7 & 8 Parent Meeting	7 - 8 pm
August 21	MES Gr 1 Parent Info Night	5:30 pm
	MES Gr 2 Parent Info Night	6:30 pm
August 25	MES Kdg First Day - all classes	
August 26	MHS Back to School Night	7 pm
August 27	MES Gr 3 Parent Info Night	5:30 pm
	MES Gr 4 Parent Info Night	6:30 pm

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