



Madeira City Schools

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Congratulations Members of the Madeira High School Class of 2009!

This year's Madeira High School Commencement Ceremony, the district's 87th, was held in Ruth Romano Courtyard on Saturday, May 30. Master of Ceremonies for graduation was Madeira High School Principal **Ray Spicher**. Speakers were Class of 2009 Co-Presidents **Meredith Jackson** and **Cameron Malone**, Valedictorian **Kyle Liming** and Salutatorian **Lauren Dehan**.

Due to the graduation ceremony moving inside because of storms in the area, Madeira City School District Superintendent **Stephen Kramer** was not able to give his graduation message the night of graduation. This issue of the District Digest includes his message to the graduates, as well as senior class awards, a listing of their future plans, photographs of top seniors, district retirees, 'I Make a Difference' award recipients, and the Madeira School Foundation's award recipients. For more information on our district please visit our website: www.madeiracityschools.org.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Senior **Lauren Dehan**
won the state track
championship in the 3200
meter run with
a time of 11:06.51.

Madeira Class of 2009

Aung Angel • Travis Asher • Chris Ballweg
Ellen Bauer • Alexa Beirne
Kyle Bennett • Alexander Benson • Collin Benz
Robert Braun • Kaitlyn Brock
Karen Bullock • Adam Cadet • Olivia Caesar
Alexis Carter • Sarah Choudury
Lauren Christman • Molly Christoff • Lydia Clark
Cathy Daggitt • Lauren Dehan
Christian Derenthal • Zachary Ellsworth
Alex Elsbernd • Daniel Erion • Tyler Ervin
Sean Farnam • Kristina Finley
Hilary Frew • Brenda Garcia-Ramirez
Alexander Gerard • Michael Gettinger
Sienna Gregory • Kenneth Groll • Nathan Gulick
Ha Jung Bin • David Hausler (honorary)
Cole Hayes • Hannah Henkel
Katherine Herndon • Samantha Hesketh
Ian Horwitz • Ian Huffaker • Randy Huon
Clifford Ivester • Meredith Jackson
Joanne Kaissar • Sean Kappes • David Kunkel
Alexandra Lape • Kyle Liming
Justin Lincoln • Matthew Longworth
Matthew Luther • Tierison Maier
Cameron Malone • Matthew Malone
William McClanahan • Elizabeth McRoberts
Maxwell Medert • Maria Meyer • Nathaniel Miller
Matthew Miracle • Cara Mueller
Samuel Murdock • Catherine Murray
Jeremy NeCamp • Elizabeth North
Patrick O'Leary • Ryan Orme • Desiree Paolo
Bailey Parkhouse • Laurie Phelan • April Plas
Carmen Portes • Daniel Puterbaugh
Jacqueline Rice • Meredith Rush • Bradley Rusk
Joshua Serge • Gregory Simon
Andrew Smith • Paige Soper • Yeliz Sozeri
Katherine Spink • Cory St. Clair • Megan Stentz
Chandler Stevens • Mitch Strotman
Elise Telford • Graham Telford • Joshua Telford
Michael Tensmeyer • Robert Tudor
Douglas Tuke • Claire Vanderlinde • Kyle Voisard
Brian Wagers • Samuel Wallace • Dennis Walsh
Thomas Walter • Alex Whitton • Emily Woellner
David Wood • Abigail Wright • Xingchen Xu
Eric Yothment • Charles Young • Yu Zhang



Class of 2009 Awards

Presented on Senior Awards Night, May 13, 2009
by Principal Ray Spicher

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Principal's Office Aides: Molly Christoff, Michael Gettinger

Mnemonic (Yearbook) Awards: Page Designers: Ellen Bauer, Max Medert, Yeliz Sozeri; Secretary/Sales: Emily Woellner; Yearbook Photographers: Emily Woellner; Marketing: Ellen Bauer; Yearbook Editor: Sienna Gregory

Class Officers: Co - Presidents: Meredith Jackson and Cam Malone; Vice - President: Sam Murdock; Treasurer: Ian Horwitz; Secretary: Zach Ellsworth

National Honor Society officers: President: Chandler Stevens, Vice-President: Katherine Herndon, Treasurer: Lauren Dehan, Secretary: Max Medert, Service Chair: Megan Stentz, Trip Chair: Paige Soper

Teen Counselors work with younger students on academic or personal problems and in the drug education program:

Ellen Bauer, Robert Braun, Karen Bullock, Lauren Christman, Molly Christoff, Lauren Dehan, Zach Ellsworth, Sienna Gregory, Nate Gulick, Katherine Herndon, Meredith Jackson, Sean Kappes, Maria Meyer, Liz North, Meredith Rush, Brad Rusk, Paige Soper, Yeliz Sozeri, Elise Telford, Claire Vanderlinde, Tommy Walter

One-On-One Tutors give up their study hall time to work with the younger children: Lauren Christman, Molly Christoff, Christian Derenthal, Nate Gulick, Meredith Jackson, Sean Kappes, Tierison Maier, Cat Murray, Ryan Orme, Jackie Rice, Brad Rusk, Elise Telford, Kyle Voisard, Brian Wagers, Emily Woellner, Abby Wright

Key Club: Megan Stentz, President

Simon Lazarus, Jr. Human Relations Award: recognizes students who exemplify a concern for others and a desire to bring about better human relations in the school or the community. Our senior nominee for this award was not only chosen as one of five semi-finalists, he was also the Simon Lazarus, Jr. award winner for the Greater Cincinnati area: Dennis Walsh

Academic Team: Sean Kappes, Kyle Liming, Daniel Erion, Lauren Dehan

Academic Team: Cincinnati All Academic 1st Team: Sean Kappes; Cincinnati All Academic 2nd Team: Kyle Liming

Live Oaks Recognition: Matt Miracle was part of a team that placed 1st in the Business Professionals of America regional competition in the Video Production category. Sean Farnam and his team won 1st place for Computer Animation in the Business Professionals of America state competition.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

English 12 Award for Academic Excellence: David Wood;

CP English 12 Award for Academic Excellence: Alexa Beirne, Lauren Dehan, Maria Meyer, Yeliz Sozeri, Elise Telford;

AP English Award for Academic Excellence: Karen Bullock, Sean Kappes

Academic Excellence in Tolkien & Philosophy: Elizabeth McRoberts, Mike Tensmeyer.

CP English 12 Award for Academic Excellence: Matt Malone, Jeremy NeCamp, Chandler Stevens.

Andrea Dennis Memorial Award/ Outstanding English Student Award given in memory of Andrea Dennis to a senior who most exemplifies Andrea's qualities as an outstanding English student: Max Medert

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Outstanding Academic Achievement in CP Govt: Matt Luther, Tierison Maier, Jeremy NeCamp, Bailey Parkhouse, Drew Smith, Megan Stentz, Kyle Voisard;

AP Government Outstanding Academic Achievement Award:

Lauren Dehan, Kyle Liming, Max Medert

Outstanding Four-Year Social Studies Award: Sean Kappes

FRENCH AWARDS

Four Years of French: Meredith Jackson, Tierison Maier, Cory St. Claire, Dennis Walsh

Five Years of French: Adam Cadet, Hilary Frew, Bailey Parkhouse, Xingchen Xu

French I Top Student: Karen Bullock

French IV Top Student: Tierison Maier

French V Top Student: Xingchen Xu

National French Contest Level 4: Tierison Maier

LATIN AWARDS

Medusa Mythology Exam Gold Medal: Chandler Stevens

National Latin Exam: Latin II - Magna Cum Laude: CJ Ivester, AP Latin V - Magna Cum Laude: Kyle Liming, Silver Maxima Cum Laude: David Kunkel, Max Medert, Gold Summa Cum Laude: Chandler Stevens

Gold Medal in the National Latin Exam for the past 5 years: Chandler Stevens

5 Years of Latin: Daniel Erion, David Kunkel, Kyle Liming, Max Medert, Chandler Stevens

SPANISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

National Spanish Exam Award of Excellence: Maria Meyer

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ESL Outstanding Improvement in ESL: Jung Ha

MATH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Transitions to College Math Academic Excellence: David Wood
CP Statistics Academic Excellence: Jeremy NeCamp
AP Statistics Academic Excellence: Lauren Dehan
Pre-Calculus Academic Excellence: Samantha Hesketh, Max Medert, Nate Miller
AP Calculus Academic Excellence: Lauren Dehan
JETS Test of Engineering, Math and Science: Lauren Dehan, Sean Kappes, David Kunkel, Kyle Liming, Paige Soper
Outstanding Four-Year Math Award: Lauren Dehan

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

CP Chemistry: Abby Wright
AP Chemistry: Lauren Dehan, Sean Kappes;
Top Chemistry Student: Lauren Dehan
CP Physics: Kristina Finley
AP Physics: Lauren Dehan, Sean Kappes, Max Medert
CP Anatomy: Kyle Voisard
Honors Anatomy: Katherine Herndon, Paige Soper
Triple Crown Award for taking 3 AP Sciences: Lauren Dehan, Sean Kappes, Kyle Liming, Xingchen Xu
Grand Slam Award: The science department created a new award to recognize the extreme academic achievement of a student who took all 3 AP science classes offered at Madeira and 1 AP independent study, AP Environmental Science; successfully completing a total of 4 AP sciences: Chandler Stevens
Outstanding Four-Year Science Award: Lauren Dehan, Sean Kappes

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE AWARD

Super Chef Award for initiative, cooperation, and being a team player: Jung Ha, Michael Gettinger

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Personal Finance Student of the Year: Ellen Bauer
Personal Finance "Investor of the Year": Sean Kappes
Entrepreneurship Competition 2008-09: Prodigy Productions: Adam Cadet, Patrick O'Leary.
Senior Web Design Student of the Year: Michael Tensmeyer
Outstanding Accounting Student of the Year: Laurie Phelan
Video Productions/2009 Music Video of the Year: Tommy Walter
Video Productions 2009 Reality Show Intro of the Year: Zach Ellsworth, Ian Horwitz, Tommy Walter
Video Productions Creative Director of the Year: Adam Cadet
Video Productions Editing Director of the Year: Ian Horwitz
Pinnacle Award of Excellence: Chris Ballweg, Doug Tuke, Brian Wagers, Tommy Walter

ART DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Art Club Agenda Co-Chair President 08-09: Ellen Bauer
Passport Cover Design Contest: Chris Ballweg
2009 Overture Awards Semi Finalist in the Visual Arts category: Sienna Gregory
2009 Scholastic Art Awards Gold Key Award: Sienna Gregory
2009 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition: Sienna Gregory had 3 of her art works selected for Regional Competition and of those one of her pieces was selected at the State competition and was

displayed in the Youth Art Exhibition in Columbus.

2009 Congressional Art Exhibit Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for participation: Kaitlyn Brock, Alexis Carter, Sarah Choudury, Ken Groll, Meredith Jackson, Alex Lape, Sienna Gregory

1st Place in the Congressional Art Competition: Sienna Gregory. Her artwork will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year.

OTHER ACADEMIC AWARDS

Kiwanis Award for outstanding scholastic achievement and leadership: Lauren Dehan

Madeira Woman's Club Scholarship recipients: Nate Miller, Yeliz Sozeri

Kenwood Woman's Club Scholarships: Lauren Dehan, Sienna Gregory, Nate Miller

Kenwood Woman's Club scholarships: Max Medert, Dennis Walsh, Xingchen Xu

AAA Safe Driving Award: Emily Woellner

Mikie Hummel Memorial Award in memory of Dr. Michele Hummel, Superintendent of Madeira Schools from August, 1995 to August, 2003. Given to a senior who is enrolled as an education major at a four-year college, best demonstrates positive personal energy, dedicated learner, service to others and to the school community: Meredith Jackson

Madeira Middle School PTA Roger Slagle Memorial Scholarship: presented for love of athletics, passion for living life to the fullest, and a positive attitude: David Wood

Madeira High School PTA Courage & Inspiration Award in honor of Ryan Korengel to recognize and aid a senior who has demonstrated courage in overcoming unforeseen obstacles and/or has inspired others in an extraordinary manner: Dennis Walsh

The Roger Anderson, Jr. Outstanding Senior Boy Award is presented to the senior boy who most closely meets the following criteria as judged by the professional teaching staff of Madeira High School:

(1. Above average in academics with emphasis on improvement and achievement (2. Above average in sports with emphasis on improvement and good sportsmanship (3. Service to school (4. Service to community (5. Sincerity: Dennis Walsh

Sushila Nayar Math & Science Scholarship was established by a Madeira graduate, 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: CJ Ivester

John D. Rahe Scholarship in honor of former Superintendent of Schools John D. Rahe, recognizes the following students for their outstanding character and scholastic achievement: CJ Ivester, Max Medert, Nate Miller, Elise Telford

James Rockwell Memorial Scholarship is presented to the student who will be pursuing a major in the field of Science and is accepted at a four-year college: Chandler Stevens

Matt Simpson Art Scholarship is awarded to a senior who will be attending a 2 or 4-year art program and who most emulates Matt - an extra ordinary person who has a passion, talent and the dedication required to pursue a degree in visual art. The recipient of this award reflects Matt's intense desire to create, his open-mindedness, and his free spirit: Sienna Gregory

Richard & Florence Wellman Scholarship is awarded to a student who will major in education and emulates the hard working ethic of the Wellmans and their children: Meredith Jackson



Pat Wood Spirit Award is presented in memory of former student, Patrick Wood, to a student who exemplifies Patrick's love of life, love of others, having an unselfish attitude, and has a will to persevere: Dennis Walsh

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship was established by congress to promote student excellence and achievement, and to recognize exceptionally able students who show promise of continued academic achievement. The Madeira student nominated for the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship in our district is: Sean Kappes

Greg Chase Tenacity Award is given in the memory of Greg Chase to a student who best demonstrates the following criteria: (1. Senior student athlete who is seeking to further their education through a four year college, junior college, trade school or military. (2. Strong determination to succeed in both academics and athletics and the "tenacity" to reach their goals as demonstrated by achieving an overall minimum GPA of 3.25 for grades 9 through 12; and, participation in any one or more sport at a varsity level for a minimum of two years and has received "all league" recognition from the CHL in at least one sport. (3. Leadership by example showing the work ethic and "sweat equity" necessary to achieve personal and team goals: Chris Ballweg

CHL Scholar Athlete Award is presented for outstanding academic achievement by maintaining a 3.5 GPA while participating in High School Varsity Athletics during this school year: Christopher Ballweg, Ellen Bauer, Alexa Beirne, Olivia Caesar, Sarah Choudry, Lauren Christman, Lauren Dehan, Christian Derenthal, Zachary Ellsworth, Kristina Finley, Hilary Frew, Nathan Gulick, Katherine Herndon, Samantha Hesketh, Randy Huon, Meredith Jackson, Matthew Longworth, Matthew Luther, William McClanahan, Nathaniel Miller, Desiree Paolo, Bailey Parkhouse, Bradley Rusk, Paige Soper, Yeliz Sozeri, Cory St. Clair, Michael Tensmeyer, Douglas Tuke, Claire Vanderlinde, Kyle Voisard, Dennis Walsh, Thomas Walter, David Wood, Abigail Wright

Madden Award is given to the best senior boy and the best senior girl athlete voted on by head coaches: Paige Soper, Rob Tudor

OHSAA/Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award recognizes students who display exemplary sportsmanship: Bailey Parkhouse, Nate Gulick

OHSAA/State Farm Insurance Scholar Athlete Award is presented to outstanding student athletes who have received a minimum of four varsity letters and maintained a high scholastic average:

Lauren Dehan, Nate Miller

2008-09 National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars:

Maria Meyer, Chandler Stevens, Michael Tensmeyer. Semi-Finalists: Daniel Erion, Sean Kappes, Kyle Liming. Finalists: Sean Kappes, Kyle Liming.

The Raymond G. Seifert Award recognizes students who are enrolled in a college preparatory course of study and who earn a straight "A" average in all subjects during the school year, based on the first three-quarters of academic work: Ellen Bauer, Alexa Beirne, Karen Bullock, Lauren Dehan, Katherine Herndon, Sean Kappes, David Kunkel, Kyle Liming, Max Medert, Nate Miller, Jeremy NeCamp, Paige Soper, Megan Stentz, Chandler Stevens, Abby Wright, Xingchen Xu

Award of Merit from the Ohio Department of Education: Ellen Bauer, Alexa Beirne, Robert Braun, Karen Bullock, Sarah Choudury, Lauren Christman, Molly Christoff, Cathy Daggitt, Lauren Dehan, Christian Derenthal, Zach Ellsworth, Daniel Erion, Kristina Finley, Sienna Gregory, Nate Gulick, Katherine Herndon, Samantha Hesketh, CJ Ivester, Meredith Jackson, Sean Kappes, David Kunkel, Kyle Liming, Matt Longworth, Matt Luther, Tierison Maier, Matt Malone, Will McClanahan, Max Medert, Maria Meyer, Cara Mueller, Ryan Orme, Bailey Parkhouse, Meredith Rush, Brad Rusk, Drew Smith, Paige Soper, Cory St. Clair, Megan Stentz, Chandler Stevens, Elise Telford, Graham Telford, Michael Tensmeyer, Rob Tudor, Doug Tuke, Claire Vanderlinde, Kyle Voisard, Dennis Walsh, Tommy Walter, Emily Woellner, Abby Wright, Xingchen Xu

Live Oaks Career Campus Award of Merit: Sean Farnam, Josh Serge
Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for attaining a high level of academic achievement while pursuing a solid core of academic courses: Christopher Ballweg, Ellen Bauer, Alexa Beirne, Robert Braun, Karen Bullock, Sarah Choudury, Lauren Christman, Molly Christoff, Lauren Dehan, Christian Derenthal, Daniel Erion, Sean Farnam, Kristina Finley, Michael Getinger, Sienna Gregory, Nathan Gulick, Katherine Herndon, Samantha Hesketh, C. J. Ivester, Meredith Jackson, Sean Kappes, David Kunkel, Kyle Liming, Matthew Longworth, Matthew Luther, Tierison Maier, Matthew Malone, Max Medert, Maria Meyer, Nate Miller, Cara Mueller, Jeremy NeCamp, Ryan Orme, Bailey Parkhouse, Meredith Rush, Bradley Rusk, Drew Smith, Paige Soper, Cory St. Clair, Megan Stentz, Chandler Stevens, Elise Telford, Graham Telford, Michael Tensmeyer, Doug Tuke, Claire Vanderlinde, Kyle Voisard, Dennis Walsh, Thomas Walter, Abby Wright, Xingchen Xu

Honors Diplomas: Ellen Bauer, Alexa Beirne, Robert Braun, Karen Bullock, Sarah Choudury, Lauren Christman, Molly Christoff, Lauren Dehan, Christian Derenthal, Daniel Erion, Kristina Finley, Sienna Gregory, Nate Gulick, Katherine Herndon, Samantha Hesketh, CJ Ivester, Meredith Jackson, Sean Kappes, David Kunkel, Kyle Liming, Matt Longworth, Matt Luther, Tierison Maier, Matt Malone, Max Medert, Maria Meyer, Cara Mueller, Ryan Orme, Bailey Parkhouse, Meredith Rush, Brad Rusk, Drew Smith, Paige Soper, Cory St. Clair, Megan Stentz, Chandler Stevens, Elise Telford, Graham Telford, Michael Tensmeyer, Doug Tuke, Claire Vanderlinde, Kyle Voisard, Dennis Walsh, Thomas Walter, Abby Wright, Xingchen Xu
Live Oaks Career Campus Honors Diploma: Sean Farnam

TOP SENIORS

Seniors who graduated with a 4.0 or above GPA: Karen Bullock, Lauren Christman, Katherine Herndon, Sean Kappes, David Kunkel, Max Medert, Paige Soper, Chandler Stevens, Michael Tensmeyer, Dennis Walsh

2009 Salutatorian: Lauren Dehan

2009 Valedictorian: Kyle Liming

**Scholarships and Financial Aid and
Grants Awarded to this Year's
Graduating Class:
\$3,668,998.00**



A Graduation Message

by Stephen Kramer
Madeira City Schools Superintendent

On behalf of Board of Education President **Pat Gentile**, Vice President **Jay Groenke**, members **Kathy Hurst**, **Kam Misleh** and **David Templeton**, along with the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Madeira City Schools, I want to welcome you to the 87th 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, a highly qualified teaching staff, a caring support staff and a very supportive community. Tonight, I want to take a moment to recognize three staff members who are retiring after devoting 100 years of service to education, of which 88 of those years have been serving Madeira students. Please join me in showing our appreciation for **Jacque Gentile**, **Barb Mackris** and **Dianna Bartles**. We wish you all a long and healthy retirement!

I enjoy books that teach lessons, especially lessons that can be applied to everyday life. One such book I came upon earlier this year is *Love Your Life And It Will Love You Back* by **Sourena Vasseghi**. His lessons are simple, yet profound, and while many of the examples he uses are centered on his quest for a family, the lessons are easily transferable to all aspects of one's life. Let me share a few of them with you:

Dream Your Ideal Life – If you don't know what characteristics you want in your future, you will never reach your goal. Be open to a myriad of opportunities, and be dedicated enough to your dream to either create opportunities from nothing or take advantage from great ones that come your way.

Feel The Fear – Vasseghi believes fear can be good as long as it motivates you to change. Learn to turn fear from something intimidating to something motivating and don't ever aspire to be fearless because fearless means letting down your guard.

Make Problem Solving a Passion – Make an undesirable situation more desirable. Limitations are not stop signs; they are arrows that point people in a different direction. Never underestimate what you can do, and just as important, don't overestimate your abilities either.

Don't Limit Your Thinking – One of the most dangerous limitations you might face is your own thinking. The worst thing that could happen is not getting a "no"; it's not trying at all.

Take Advantage Of Luck – Luck is the product of taking advantage of opportunities presented to you. When you nurture an optimistic and hopeful heart, you can maximize the luck that comes your way and often create your own.

Trust Your Instinct – Life is a series of decisions. No matter how much information you gather, you will still face unknowns. When you mix rational decision making with your instincts, you'll choose what's right for you in the long run.

And finally, **Be Open To New Experiences** – If you don't take risks, then nothing good or bad will ever happen to you. To live your dreams, you must accept the fact you'll experience difficult days.

Don't get used to a bad situation but instead, let it get under your skin. That way you're more likely to make a change.

I think we would all agree these are worthy lessons. However, I think I should tell you a little bit more about the author. You see, Mr. Vasseghi, a graduate of the University of Southern California, who serves as a life coach for business leaders as well as a motivational speaker, was born with a severe case of Cerebral Palsy. This physically crippling handicap makes him dependent on others to complete even the basic of life's functions – to dress, to eat, to interpret his speech and, yes even to use the bathroom. If anyone has a right to have a negative, "poor me" outlook on life, Mr. Vasseghi certainly does. But instead, he sees the glass not only as half full, but overflowing. His optimistic view is an inspiration to all who know about him, making his life lessons even more meaningful.

Graduates, you have learned many lessons thus far in your life. Your parents and grandparents, uncles and aunts, sisters and brothers, friends and classmates, teachers and coaches have all taught you important life lessons. But, I believe it is also important for you to know that there have been lessons we have learned from you as well. As I have done with previous graduating classes, I asked your teachers from elementary school through high school to share some of the lessons they have learned from you. Here are just a few examples:

From **Collin Benz** we have learned that leadership through joking and teasing can sometimes be the most effective, while **Lauren Christman** showed that quiet leaders do not go unnoticed.

Karen Bullock taught us that determination and organization are the building blocks behind every successful woman while **Sienna Gregory** showed us anything can be accomplished with hard work and determination. **David Kunkel** proved that taking risks, pushing the envelope and staying true to oneself pays off and from **Lauren Dehan** we learned to be humble while excelling in the classroom as well as the field of competition. **Max Medert** showed that those who put a piece of themselves into what they create will produce beautiful images that are remembered, while **Alex Whitton** taught us that sometimes it is better to listen with your heart and eyes.

Katherine Herndon encouraged us to just suck it up when facing a challenge! **Meredith Rush** taught us that kindness and an open mind and heart can get you anywhere you want to go in life and **Dennis Walsh** showed us how to be compassionate to others, and in the process, even if he doesn't think so, defined courage as well. **Daniel Erion** taught us to appreciate what we have when we have it, while **Chandler Stevens** encouraged us to make life about the simple things.

Robert Braun and **Matt Longworth** demonstrated that even though you're tough doesn't mean you can't have a big heart. **Sean Farnham** showed us that following a different path can lead you to finding new and exciting opportunities, while **Alex Lape** taught us that spirit doesn't live up there in the clouds – it lives in your heart. **Kaitlyn Brock** showed us how passion can help us move outside our comfort zone and from **Ian Horwitz** we learned to look beyond first impressions. And **Sam Wallace** showed us, that to live life to the fullest, you need to dance like no one is watching, sing like no





one is listening and love like you will never be hurt. Good advice for all of us. Whether through competitions, performances, or service to others you all reminded us of what can be accomplished through hard work, determination and compassion for others.

One of your teachers reminds you that you have experienced large and small problems that caused worry; difficult decisions that were burdensome; awkward moments or consequences that were humbling; and hopefully happy times that balanced the sad times. You have grown into young men and women with opportunities and choices ahead. You have had the encouragement of family and friends and a record of personal experiences that will bring you strength in character as you begin this next chapter of your life. The excitement of challenge and decision-making is yours to shape and direct.

Graduates, you have learned many valuable lessons these past eighteen years or so, 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. I wish you God's speed.

- **Stephen M. Kramer**, Madeira City Schools Superintendent

Future Plans of the Class of 2009

ART ACADEMY OF CINCINNATI: [Sienna Gregory](#)

ART INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA: [Elizabeth McRoberts](#)

ASBURY COLLEGE: [Samuel Wallace](#)

AUBURN UNIVERSITY: [Samuel Murdock](#)

AVEDA INSTITUTE: [Katie Spink](#)

BOYCE COLLEGE: [Andrew Smith](#)

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY: [Christian Derenthal \(Utah\)](#), [Michael Tensmeyer \(Hawaii\)](#)

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY: [Lauren Dehan](#), [Daniel Erion](#)

CINCINNATI STATE: [Kenneth Groll](#), [Ian Huffaker](#), [April Plas](#), [Daniel Puterbaugh](#), [Mitch Strotman](#), [Josh Telford](#)

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON: [Tierson Maier](#)

COLLEGE OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH: [Will McClanahan](#)

COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE: [Zach Ellsworth](#)

COLUMBUS STATE: [Randy Huon](#)

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY: [David Kunkel](#)

ENTERING THE WORK FORCE: [Aung Angel](#), [Travis Asher](#), [Kyle Bennett](#), [Lydia Clark](#), [Tyler Ervin](#), [Brenda Garcia-Ramirez](#), [Jung Ha](#), [Hannah Henkel](#), [Matt Miracle](#), [Jeremy NeCamp](#), [Desiree Paola](#), [Josh Serge](#), [Alex Whitton](#), [Charles Young](#)

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY: [Adam Cadet](#)

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY: [Karen Bullock](#)

GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE OF NURSING: [Olivia Caesar](#)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY: [Dennis Walsh](#)

KENT STATE: [Alexander Gerard](#)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO: [Matthew Malone](#)

MIAMI UNIVERSITY: [Ian Horwitz](#), [Meredith Jackson](#), [Max Medert](#), [Bailey Parkhouse](#)

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY: [Sean Kappes](#)

NORTHERN KENTUCKY: [Michael Gettinger](#), [Alexandra Lape](#)

OHIO UNIVERSITY: [Collin Benz](#), [Greg Simon](#)

PURDUE UNIVERSITY: [Bradley Rusk](#)

RAYMOND WALTERS: [Justin Lincoln](#)

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY: [Alexa Beirne](#)

[Sarah Choudury](#), [Lauren Christman](#), [Hilary Frew](#), [Nathan Gulick](#), [Samantha Hesketh](#), [Matthew Longsworth](#), [Maria Meyer](#), [Ryan Orme](#), [Jacqueline Rice](#), [Meredith Rush](#), [Paige Soper](#), [Yeliz Sozeri](#), [Megan Stentz](#), [Elise Telford](#), [Graham Telford](#), [Kyle Voisard](#), [Abigail Wright](#), [Xingchen Xu](#)

RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN: [Sean Farnham](#)

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI: [Alexander Benson](#),

[Catherine Daggitt](#), [Kristina Finley](#), [Cole Hayes](#), [Joanne Kaissar](#), [Matthew Luther](#), [Nathaniel Miller](#), [Catherine Murray](#), [Patrick O'Leary](#), [Thomas Walter](#), [Emily Woellner](#), [David Wood](#)

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT: [Chandler Stevens](#)

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY: [Kyle Liming](#)

WILMINGTON COLLEGE: [Laurie Phelan](#)

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY: [Molly Christoff](#)

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY: [Kaitlyn Brock](#)



Congratulations to ...

... the Class of 2009 Top Seniors,
who graduated with a 4.0 or higher
grade point average.

Front row (l to r): Dennis Walsh,
Paige Soper, Lauren Christman,
Kyle Liming (Valedictorian), Lauren Dehan
(Salutatorian) and Katherine Herndon.

Back row: Chandler Stevens,
Michael Tensmeyer, Sean Kappes,
David Kunkel, Max Medert
and Karen Bullock.



... our annual
'I Make a
Difference
Award' recipients
(l to r):
Tom
Ashmore,
Dana Soper
and
Steve
Soper.



... seniors who received scholarships awarded by the Madeira Schools
Foundation (l to r): Nate Miller (John D. Rahe Scholarship), Meredith
Jackson (Wellman Scholarship), C.J. Ivester (Sushila Nayar Scholarship
and John D. Rahe Scholarship), Sienna Gregory (Matt Simpson
Scholarship), Max Medert (John D. Rahe Scholarship and Andrea
Dennis Scholarship), Chandler Stevens (Rockwell Scholarship), Dennis
Walsh (Pat Wood Scholarship), Chris Ballweg (Greg Chase Scholarship)
and Elise Telford (John D. Rahe Scholarship)



... the 2009 Madeira Schools Foundation presented awards to
(l to r): Jim Schroth '51 (Distinguished Alumni/Citizen),
Ray and Patty Nulsen (Friend of the Foundation), Sue Gilsdorf
(Distinguished Staff) and George and Kathy Hurst (Friend
of the Foundation)



... 2009 Madeira City School District retirees
(l to r): Barbara Mackris, Jacque Gentile
and Dianna Bartles

Madeira City Schools 2008 - 2009 BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION



Madeira Elementary School
Sallie Weisgerber, Principal
985-6080

Madeira Middle School
Rob Kramer, Principal
561-5555

Madeira High School
Ray Spicher, Principal
891-8222

2009-2010 school calendars may be picked up at any Back to School Night, Open House, or in any school office once school begins. Community members who would like a calendar mailed to them should contact Diane Nichols at 924-3707 or dnichols@madeiracityschools.org after September 1.

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All meetings will be held at individual schools

August 10	MMS Packet pickup	8 AM - 2 PM
	MES Packet pickup	7:30 AM - 4 PM
	Gd 9 Parent/student mtg	6:30 PM
August 11	MHS Rookie athletic parent mtg	6:15 PM
	MHS Meet the Team mtg	7 PM
August 12	Gd 10 & 11 Parent/student mtg	6:30 PM
August 13	Gd 1 Parent mtg	5:30 PM
	Kdg parent mtg	6:30 PM
	Gd 12 Parent/student mtg	6:30 PM
August 14	Gd 1 Open House	6 PM
	MES Beginning Buddies	7 PM
August 18	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
August 18	MMS Athletic parent mtg	6:30 PM
	Kdg conferences	
August 19	Gd 2 & 4 Parent mtgs	6:15 PM
	Gd 3 Parent mtg	7:15 PM
	Kdg conferences	
August 20	Gd 5 & 6 Parent mtg	6 PM
	Gd 7 & 8 parent mtg	7 PM
August 25	MHS Back to School Night	7 PM

For a list of up to date schedules and all 2009 - 2010 school news during the year, please consult our website:
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