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of the
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to the
Madeira
High School
Class of
1999 and
the state
championship
Madeira
Mustangs
Varsity
Baseball
Team*

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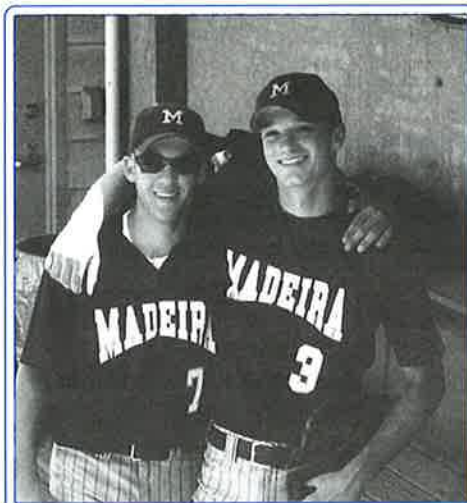


Congratulations Mustangs!

The 1999 Madeira Mustang Varsity baseball team won the Division III state championship on June 5, several hours before the seven Seniors on the team graduated from Madeira Jr/Sr High School. The game capped off a winning 27-4 season which will go down in school history. Madeira fans flocked to the two-day weekend tournament at Cooper Stadium in Columbus to cheer the Mustangs on to victory. They defeated Genoa Area 9-2 in the semifinals Friday, and Campbell Memorial 10-4 in the finals on Saturday. Monday, June 14, the team was recognized at the Cincinnati Reds game with over 300 Madeira fans in attendance. The team was featured on local TV and radio stations, and a celebration rally was held June 16 so the community could recognize the team's accomplishment. The Mustangs were also chosen to be the Grand Marshals in the Madeira 4th of July parade.

We salute our championship team!!!

Mike Novakov is congratulated by his teammates after he hit a two-run home run in Saturday's game



Dustin Hepburn and Dub Hauck savor the moment

Future champs Matt Luther and Tommy Walter enjoy watching 'the big boys' play



Senior team members: Josh Cohen, Dub Hauck, Dustin Hepburn, Ken Fields, Nate Parkhouse, Jason Case and Jon Newberry

State Baseball Champs!



Ken Fields

Dustin Hepburn

Tim Dooley

Rick Ramirez

Tim Disbennett

Josh Cohen

Dub Hauck

Blake Bolce

Jason Case

Jon Newberry

Kevin Messer

Jeff Bookout

Mike Novakov

Nate Parkhouse

Jeff McConnaughey

John Elfring

Coach Jack Kuzniczci

Coach Dan Marsh

Coach Tim Dooley

A Baccalaureate Message by Mayor Michelle Glass-Schneider

"Twenty-seven years ago today I sat in the back row at my own graduation. I can remember my brown hair was so long that I had to reach around behind me and pick it up before I sat down. I considered myself a hippie. It was 1972 and we were in the middle of the Viet Nam War. I remember telling my family and friends when they asked me what I was going to do after high school, that I wasn't sure, but I was sure about what I wouldn't do. I was never going to get married, never have children, and never live in Madeira. Needless to say by the time I was 30 I had done them all -- twice!!

That saying "life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans" is very true. And if you want to take the easy way out, just bounce on up to Barnes and Noble and pick up a copy of "How to Become a CEO in 10 Easy Steps" or "How to Make Anyone Fall in Love With You". But we all know that's not real - it's not the way to true success and happiness. I can't remember having books like that available when I was your age. If I had maybe I would have picked up a copy of "How to Sponsor a Vietnamese Family". Let me tell you a true story. In 1975, already with a husband and my first child on the way, I had a life changing experience. An experience that taught me the value of a good education. I would like to share it with you.

It was in the spring of that year. My husband and I watched in horror the TV accounts of the Viet Nam and USA pull out of Saigon. I can clearly remember watching the helicopters land at the American Embassy and taking full loads of people out. The city was falling, and it was happening very quickly. For weeks every night on the news we saw "boat people" drifting in the sea with nothing but their freedom. Our hearts ached for these people who wanted to escape Communism. It was much like the ethnic cleansing happening today to the Albanian people in Kosovo. After much thought we decided to sponsor a Vietnamese family. We contacted Catholic Charities who were organizing the refugees. We requested a family that spoke fluent English and had some background in medicine, as we thought we could more easily find them a job. As only fate would allow, on the 4th of July our Vietnamese family arrived from the refuge camp in Philadelphia. We quickly learned that only one of our requests was granted. They did have a medical background but they did not speak fluent English.

We had the job of finding them a place to live, furniture, and everything you need to set up a

household, employment, and in our spare time, teach them the language and the American way of life. Our family consisted of Dr. Loc, a pediatrician and a Major in the Vietnamese Army, his wife Nhan, a pharmacist who owned her own pharmacy, and their 3 year old son Tito. They told us in broken English of the shock and horror they felt as their country fell to the Viet Cong.

On the day they left Saigon the three of them climbed into their new Mercedes, drove to the boat dock, boarded a boat meant to hold 50 that was overcrowded to 200, and watched their world drift away. They left behind their family, friends, home, businesses and all their possessions. They knew they would never return. They drifted away from the dock with bombs exploding all around them, fearing for their lives. They drifted for two weeks, eating a ration of only 1/2 cup of rice each day. Nhan later told me that she was so depressed and overcome with grief that she wished the boat would capsize and they would all drown. They were picked up by the US Coast Guard and flown to the camp in Philadelphia. They lived there for months with thousands of others, in a make shift camp, waiting for a sponsor. And now they stood before us. All we could do was give them the tools to get their life started again - it was up to them to make it. All they owned were the clothes on their back, their education, and their will to survive and succeed.

While Dr. Loc studied for the equivalency exam, Nhan worked. Tito went to nursery school. It took over two years of hard work and study. Dr. Loc passed his exams and became a doctor in this country. He now lives in San Diego (they couldn't stand the cold weather we have), practices medicine and lives in an upper class neighborhood. I spoke to Dr. Loc this past week and asked him what he thought I should tell you today. He said, "Tell them the money you have now you may lose tomorrow, but your education will stay with you all your life - you can rebuild your life." He has made his life over again and it was only possible because of his education. You see, your education is one of the only things no one can ever take away from you. Not the government or life circumstances. If you have a solid education you have a gift that will carry you all through your life - no matter what life brings."



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A Graduation Message by Superintendent Dr. Michele Hummel

The commencement exercises of the Graduating Class of 1999 are both an ending and a beginning, a sunset and a sunrise. This ceremony is a bridge between the warm, wonderful memories of your past and the bright, exciting opportunities of the future. Your entire senior year has been focused on the future . . .

Where will you go to school?
What job do you want?
To which branch of the Armed Services will you apply?

Everything was future oriented.

Today, I want to remind you of things of your past. You may have read the book, *When I was Young in the Mountains* by Cynthia Rylant. The book is about her childhood memories.

I've asked the kindergarten through 6th grade students to write to you about childhood memories. They wrote: "When I was young in Madeira . . ." I'd like to share their thoughts with you.

Alex Baker opens with:

Dear Class of '99:

You have been through a lot of school and now it is time to graduate. During that time you have gathered many memories of your experience with Madeira and its schools. That is why I am encouraging you to think about the great times you had here.

The kindergartners had some thoughts to share on being young in Madeira.

When I was young in Madeira I went to Bright Eyes.

I liked to wait for the bus.

*When I was young in Madeira I **walked** home from school.*

I liked to go to birthday parties.

When I was young in Madeira I liked to jump rope.

When I was young in Madeira I picked flowers.

When I was young in Madeira I liked recess.

I liked my teachers; I liked learning to read.

When I was young in Madeira, I could hardly walk.

Mark Nesbitt wants you to know:

*In Madeira I like to play computer games at the library, go to Krogers, read at the library, go to The Pottery Spot, watch houses being built, **give a helping hand, and just enjoy the year.***

Dear Senior, it is fun being young in Madeira because I like being in the school plays. I like going to Madeira Swim Club, and I like going to the train station for ice cream. It's great being young in Madeira.

—Catherine Murray

Dear Senior, it's fun to be young in Madeira. You can go to the pool in the summer. You can go to Madeira's parks in the spring. You can build igloos in the winter. You can rake leaves in the fall.

—from Michael Gettinger

Tommy Walters sends the message:

*Dear Senior, it's fun growing up in Madeira. It has a good pool because the water is at different heights. The people are nice because they help others. The **high school teams rock because of the athletes.** The schools are good because of the teachers and students. The food they sell is good because of the chefs. It has a lot of fun stuff.*

The students wanted you to remember spending time with family and friends at the Independence Day Celebration, enjoying the rides at the St. Gertrude Festival, Canteens, Homecoming Celebrations, getting your training wheels off, sleepovers where you didn't sleep, the Art Fair, your elementary musicals, and parades. They had some other memories to share like dissecting the cow's eye in 4th grade and getting to touch all the parts! They wanted to remind you of all the bug bites from the 6th grade trip to Camp Kern.

The elementary students also want you to know **they will remember you.**

Rachel Mecklenborg wrote:

I remember teen counselors and how they taught us about peer pressure, drinking and drugs. I'm glad we had teen counselors to help us through the hard times.

I'm glad they had you as role models. Thanks for your leadership.

Some students remembered the hard times in Madeira.

Richard wrote:

When I was young in Madeira the 8:00 train would make me late for school. That would annoy me.

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A Baccalaureate Message - continued from Page 4

You are so fortunate. Today you graduate from one of the top 1% of high schools in the nation. A solid foundation has been laid for your future. We stand together on the threshold of a new millennium and for your entry into the information age where everything is changing so rapidly. Just think of the advancements made in just the last 18 years since you were born; computer technology - no one had even heard of a lap-top, nobody had cell phones and 95% of this country did not have cable TV. Can you imagine what the next 18 years will be like? What advancements are yet to be made? What inventions are yet to be discovered? What medical cures to be found? You will be there to witness it, to experience it, to lead it. The possibilities are endless - and now you stand here with an empty page in front of you and the page is in your hand. What will you write?

Just remember as you embark on the next journey of your life, whether college, the armed services or the work force, nobody is going to remember what car you drove, what clothes you wore, what house you lived in or how much money you made. They will remember if you made the world a better place. Those to whom much is given, much is expected. I believe it is our duty to serve others.

When I asked another Madeira High graduate what I should tell you today he said "Michelle, tell them not to be afraid of failure." When you get to those times in the road of life when opportunity comes knocking, ever so softly at your door - reach out and grab it, challenge yourself, push yourself to success. Don't be afraid, even if it's not what you had planned for your life. Those opportunities may not come to you again. Live your life with confidence and gusto - all the time knowing you can achieve anything you dream. You have been given the greatest gift of all, a quality educational foundation. One that you will carry with you wherever you go, no matter what life throws your way. No one can take it away. Your knowledge and your attitude may be knocked down at times, but just get up - shake it off - and know you are the best!"

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Cody told the story of:

When I was young in Madeira I was chewing bubble gum. Then I got ready for bed. When I woke up the next morning the pillow was stuck to my head! I ran to the kitchen and told my Mom to cut some of my hair off so the pillow could come off.

Many of the Sellman students wanted to remind you that just as you have changed so has Madeira. The Super-X became Revco and now is CVS. Remember Friendly's? It's now a bank. The UDF and Gold Wok gave way to Walgreens. Coffee Please took the place of the pet store and the dime store.

But, as Taylor Longworth points out:

I remember Wally's many names. There was Wally's, Sweet Attractions, and Fosters. But it didn't matter what name it had; the ice cream was always good.

It seems outside changes didn't change the things we valued most.

Many students wanted your heart to be touched by your experiences in Madeira. Stephanie Gilster closed her piece with: *I love Madeira with all my heart.*

Matt Maidlow wrote:

Friends, home, fun, and family. Those are some of the memories of your home town of Madeira. Madeira wasn't just a home it was a sanctuary. Full of hopes and dreams. Like maybe when you were playing football in your backyard and dreaming of become a football player. Madeira. You couldn't think of any better place in the world.

Today you leave Madeira High School to realize all those hopes and dreams. We wish you well. We will miss you. Come back to visit often. Because, like Matt, I can't think of any better place in the world.

Congratulations!

Class of '99 Awards

A partial listing of awards given to the Class of '99

JoAnn Grevas Memorial Service Award for extensive volunteer hours: **Jake Jacobs**

Madeira Exchange Student: **Nadia Hunziker**

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist: **Krissy Freeman**
National Merit Scholarship Scholars: **Brian Costigan, Ava Mueller, Jon Newberry, Adam Wilson, Travis Wood**

Scholar Athletes have maintained a 3.5 GPA over 7 semesters and earned a Varsity letter: **Keith Rigling, Bridget Johnston, Brian Costigan, Todd Wegenhart, Krissy Freeman, Amanda Tanner, Sara Wamsley, Jasmine Lee, Kathie Lathan, Nathan Cutteridge, Christie Goerlitz, Michelle Bishop, Jon Newberry, Robin LeFevre, Nate Parkhouse, Stephen Broomell, Lisa Hopewell, Laura Hellebusch, Meghan Burke, Nick Groll, Rob Vaccari, Carly Rutledge, Ken Fields, Jake Jacobs, Jenny Kearns, Joe Novakov, Todd Schlensker, Laura Morningstar, Rachel Barrett**

Scholar Athlete Scholarship: **Jon Newberry**

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award for receiving a minimum of four Varsity letters and maintaining a high scholastic average: **Bridget Johnston, Keith Rigling**

Outstanding Four year English Award: **Amanda Tanner, Keith Rigling**

American Government Internship Award: **Jake Jacobs**

Outstanding Four-Year Math Award: **Krissy Freeman**

Human Anatomy & Physiology Intern Award: **Matt Carlin, Jenny Kearns**

Home Economics Department "Super Chef" Award: **Sally Blanton**

Business Department "Student of the Year": **Todd Schlensker**

Scarlet Oaks Youth Exchange Program to study in Germany for a year: **Chasity Adams**

Roger Anderson Outstanding Senior Boy Award: **Jon Newberry**

Wilbur R. Korengel, Jr. Scholarship Award: **Jake Jacobs**

Evans Scholarship: **Rachel Barrett**

Procter & Gamble Fund Scholarship: **Michelle Bishop**

Madeira Woman's Club Scholarship: **Emily Andrews, Lauren Threlkeld**

Sharon Stewart Scholarship: **Sara Wamsley**

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship: **Keith Rigling**

Madeira Schools Foundation Scholarship: **Bridget Johnston, Amanda Tanner, Lisa Hopewell and Keith Rigling**

OHSAA/Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award: **Katie Lathan, Nate Parkhouse**

Scholarships or Financial Aid/Grants were offered to 73 different Madeira Seniors totaling \$2,412,893.



Top Seniors of the Class of 1999

Brian Costigan - Co-Salutatorian

Nathan Cutteridge

Kristina Freeman

Christine Goerlitz

Bridget Johnston - Co-Salutatorian

Katherine Lathan

Jasmine Lee

Ava Mueller

Keith Rigling - Valedictorian

Amanda Tanner

Sara Wamsley

Todd Wegenhart



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