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Beth Neumann ✎ Tyler Pfister ✎ David Phillips ✎ Sean Raming ✎ Antonio Ramirez
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Christopher Tague ✎ Benjamin Teeter ✎ Stephanie Tuke ✎ Steven Valmassoi ✎ Zachary Van Fleet
Brian Ward ✎ Branden Watts ✎ Samantha Whitton ✎ Kathleen Willing ✎ Scott Wilson ✎ Zachary Winters
Ian Witt ✎ Ryan Wolcott ✎ Benjamin Woodhouse ✎ Nicholas Workman ✎ Gabriel Zelazny

Madeira High School held its 85th annual commencement ceremony on June 9 in Ruth Romano Courtyard. The Class of 2007 and guests heard remarks from Valedictorian and Class President Alex Shaw, Salutatorian Zach Winters, Superintendent Stephen Kramer, and Principal Chris Mate.

This issue of the District Digest is entirely dedicated to the Class of 2007!



Senior Class Awards

Presented on Senior Awards Night, May 30, 2007

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The JoAnn Grevas Memorial Service Award given to the student who has served the community with extensive volunteer hours: **Alex Shaw**

Senior Class Officer Recognition

President: **Alex Shaw**; Vice President: **Peter Frank**; Treasurer: **Kadie Baltes**; Secretary: **Christina Steier**

National Honor Society: President: **Meredith Swortwood**; Vice President: **Brian Horwitz**; Treasurer: **Jay Scavo**; Secretary: **Stephanie Burch**; Service Chair: **Maura Messerly**

Teen Counselors work with the younger students and are especially instrumental in the drug education program. **Amir Amini, Steve Baker, Nick Berta, Emily Bishop, Leah Brow, Jayme Calhoun, Katie Coster, Nate Ervin, Sam Frew, Maura Messerly, Grace Muntz, Beth Neumann, Laura Ramsdell, Elyse Remenowsky, Alex, Shaw, Christina Steier, Staci Strauss**

One-On-One Tutors are high school students who give up their study hall time to work with younger children. **Steve Baker, Kadie Baltes, Leah Brow, Courtney Caudill, Matt Ellsworth, Nate Ervin, Evan Frabell, Jimmy Gulick, Sam Morgan, Staci Strauss, Benj Woodhouse, Nick Workman**

Key Club members are recognized for their outstanding service to the community: **Allison Bohl, Leah Brow, Nate Ervin, Evan Frabell, Ben Hanson, Brian Horwitz, Nicole Schlagbaum, Jay Scavo, Alex Shaw, Christina Steier, Staci Strauss, Ben Teeter, Stephanie Tuke**

The Manuel D. & Rhoda Mayerson High School Community Service Award is presented in recognition of dedication and commitment to service: **Lynn Joseph**

Varsity Academic Team: Participation in the Cincinnati Academic League Tournament: **Chris Dobbs, Lynn Joseph**

Participation in the Academic Tournament: **Chris Dobbs, Lynn Joseph, Sam Linser**. Participation in the Cincinnati Academic League Weekly Competitions: **Chris Dobbs, Lynn Joseph, Sam Linser**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

CP-Awards: **Ellie Greathouse, Alex Grigg, Katy Kuzniczci, Alex Swary, Jonathan Fisk, Sam Linser, Beth Neumann, Elliot Rupe, Jay Scavo, Nick Workman**; AP English: **Zach Winters**

Mustang Echoes Staff: 1st semester: **Sam Linser, Stephanie Tuke, Ian Witt, Gabe Zelazny**; 2nd semester: **Kadie Baltes, Jayna Barker, Caitlyn Buckley, Kristina Ladrigan**; All Year: **Aryn Holtzleiter**

Editor Award: **Stephanie Burch, Courtney Caudill**

Fellowship of Philosophers: **"Frodo" Sam Morgan, "Aragorn" Sean Raming, "Legolas" Elliot Rupe, "Gimli" Sam Linser, "Sam" Allison Bohl, "Boromir" Stephanie Tuke, "Merry" Leah Brow, "Pippin" Gabe Zelazny**

PTA Reflections Contest: Second Place Valley Area and Honorable Mention State: **Lynn Joseph**

Andrea Dennis Memorial Award/Outstanding English Student Award: Given in memory of Andrea Dennis, a 2001 Madeira graduate. Andrea was a recipient of this award as a senior and the senior who most exemplifies Andrea's qualities as an outstanding English student is: **Carolyn LeCompte**

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS

Psychology Academic Excellence Award: **Meredith Swortwood**

Government Most Outstanding Student Award: **Samuel Linser**

Outstanding Four Year Social Studies Award: **Zachary Winters**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

AP Spanish V Top Student: **Laura Ramsdell**

Grand Concours National French Contest: **Stephanie Burch**; State Ranking: **Benj Woodhouse**

French I: **Stephanie Burch** **Four Years of French**: **Samantha Frew, Nora Steur** **Five Years of French**: **Carolyn LeCompte, Alex Shaw, Benj Woodhouse**

AP French V: **Benj Woodhouse**

National Latin Exam 2007: **Latin IV Magna Cum Laude**: **Chris Dobbs** **Maxima Cum Laude**: **Nick Workman**

AP Latin: **Maxima Cum Laude (silver medal)**: **Alex Grigg, Ben Hanson, Beth Neumann**. **Summa Cum Laude (gold medal)**: **Zach Winters**; **Five Years of Latin**: **Alex Grigg, Ben Hanson, Beth Neumann, Zach Winters**

Top Latin Student for 2006-07: **Zach Winters**

MATH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Transitions to College Math: Emily Bishop; CP Statistics: Hilary Lewallen; AP Statistics: Katy Kuzniczci; Pre-Calculus: Jonathan Fisk, Tim Frazier, Sean Raming; AP Calculus: Sam Linser
Outstanding Four-Year Math Award: Matt Ellsworth

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

AP Chemistry "Survivor Award:" Chris "Kasparor" Dobbs, Ben "Benzene" Hanson, Laura "Positron" Ramsdell, Alex "Alkyne" Shaw; Top AP Chem Student: Laura Ramsdell
Honors Anatomy: Meredith Swortwood, Zach Winters
Honors Physics: CP Physics, Peter Frank; Honors Physics, Jonathan Fisk; AP Physics, Sam Linser
Triple Crown Award is given to the students who successfully completed 3 AP Science classes; Laura Ramsdell, Alex Shaw
Outstanding Four-Year Science Award: Laura Ramsdell

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE AWARDS

Super Chef Award to these outstanding students who have shown initiative, cooperation, and are team players as well as leaders: Jonathan Honebrink, Zak McFarland

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT/HEALTH AWARDS

First Team, Division III, All Ohio Basketball Academic Team: Mark McEwan

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Personal Finance Student of the Year: Katy Kuzniczci
The Entrepreneur:" Jimmy Gulick
Senior Web Design Student of the Year: Nick Workman



ART DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Art Club Officers: President: Caitlyn Buckley; Vice-President: Daniel Ibarra; Studio Chair: Becca Cowles, Katie Willing; Social Chair: Nora Steur
Independent Study: Art Award of Excellence: Carolyn LeCompte
Independent Study: Photography Award of Excellence: Hilary Lewallen
Art Service Awards: Becca Cowles, Caitlyn Buckley, Katie Willing
The Valley Area Council Reflections Contest Visual Arts Category: Becca Cowles
2007 Congressional Art Competition Participation: Leah Brow, Peter Frank, Sara Hutchinson, Katy Kuzniczci, Carolyn LeCompte, Hilary Lewallen, Elyse Remenowsky, Neil Ross, Elliot Rupe

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Ohio PTA Memorial Scholarship based on a student's scholastic achievement, school involvement, leadership qualification and special family circumstances: Kadie Baltes
Valley Area Council PTA Sharon Chandler Scholarship: Lynn Joseph
The Madeira Woman's Club scholarship: Kadie Baltes, Staci Strauss
The Kenwood Woman's Club scholarship: Kadie Baltes
Madeira Schools Foundation John D. Rahe Scholarship funded by the Madeira Schools Foundation, in honor of former Superintendent of Schools John D. Rahe, recognizes the following students for their outstanding character and scholastic achievement: Kadie Baltes, Allison Bohl, Katy Kuzniczci, Staci Strauss
Madeira PTA Roger Slagle Memorial Scholarship is presented to the student who most embodies 1) love of athletics 2) passion for living life to the fullest 3) positive attitude: Jimmy Gulick
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program was established by Congress to promote student excellence and achievement, and to recognize exceptionally able students who show promise of continued academic achievement: Zach Winters
Kiwanis Clubs of Ohio's 6th Division Scholarship for outstanding scholastic achievement and overall school leadership: Zach Winters

Mikie Hummel Memorial Award from the Hummel family to be used by the recipient in their freshman year of college in memory of Dr. Michele Hummel, superintendent of Madeira Schools from August, 1995 to August, 2003. Given to a senior who 1) is enrolled as an education major at a four-year college 2) best demonstrates the personal characteristics of Dr. Hummel – positive personal energy, dedicated learner, service to others and to the Madeira Schools community: **Lynn Joseph**

James Rockwell Memorial Scholarship: presented to the student who will be pursuing a major in the field of Science and is accepted at a four-year college. The recipient should also be a dedicated scientific learner who exhibits exemplary scientific achievement: **Benj Woodhouse**

Roger Anderson, Jr. Outstanding Senior Boy Award: 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: **Zach Winters**

Matt Simpson Art Scholarship: awarded to a current senior who will be attending a 2 or 4-year art program. Presented to the student 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: **Becca Cowles**

Pat Wood Spirit Award: awarded to a senior who best displays a love of life, a love of others, an unselfish attitude, and a will to persevere: **Taylor Blackwelder**

CHL Scholar Athlete Award for outstanding academic achievement by maintaining a 3.5 GPA while participating in High School Varsity Athletics during the 2006-07 school year: **Nick Berta, Allison Bohl, Patrick Burke, David Campbell, Brian Cardell, Blake Chastain, Mark Clippinger, Ben Ellsworth, Matt Ellsworth, Nate Ervin, Peter Frank, Tim Frazier, Jarryd Frye, Jimmy Gulick, Ben Hanson, Karl Henkel, Sara Hutchinson, Katy Kuzniczci, Jay LeBlond, Mark McEwan, Sam Morgan, Beth Neumann, Sean Raming, Elyse Remenowsky, Elliot Rupe, Jay Scavo, Nicole Schlagbaum, Alex Shaw, Dan Sidor, Staci Strauss, Alex Swary, Meredith Swortwood, Stephanie Tuke, Brian Ward, Zach Winters**

Greg Chase Tenacity Award 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: **Jimmy Gulick**

Madden Award given to the best senior boy and the best senior girl athlete voted on by head coaches: **Staci Strauss, Mark McEwan**

OHSAA/Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award: The Ohio High School Athletic Association has initiated the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award to recognize students who display exemplary sportsmanship: **Meredith Swortwood, Elliot Rupe**

OHSAA/State Farm Insurance Scholar Athlete Award to outstanding student athletes who have received a minimum of four varsity letters and maintained a high scholastic average: **Meredith Swortwood, Zach Winters**

Marine Corp Awards:

Distinguished Athlete Award: Sean Raming

Scholastic Excellence: Jay Scavo

Semper Fidelis Music Award: Zach Winters

Navy ROTC Scholar Award: Alex Shaw

Air Force ROTC: Elliot Rupe

2006-07 National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars: Sam Linser, Zach Winters

National Hispanic Recognition Program students who are honored are at least one quarter Hispanic and have achieved a minimum score for their region and had a GPA of 3.5 or higher: **Simon Sotelo**

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 first three quarters of the school year: **Kadie Baltes, Allison Bohl, Matt Ellsworth, Jonathan Fisk, Alex Grigg, James Gulick, Brian Horwitz, Katy Kuzniczci, Carolyn LeCompte, Samuel Linser, Mark McEwan, Beth Neumann, Sean Raming, Laura Ramsdell, Elliot Rupe, James Scavo, Alex Shaw, Meredith Swortwood, Stephanie Tuke, Zach Winters**

Awards of Merit: Students who complete the criteria for the college prep curriculum including 3 credits of one foreign language or two credits each of two different foreign languages, as well as earning the equivalent of an overall G.P.A. of 3.25 for grades nine through twelve or a 3.5 for grades eleven and twelve: **Kadie Baltes, Nick Berta, Taylor Blackwelder, Allison Bohl, Leah Brow, Stephanie Burch, David Campbell, Brian Cardell, Courtney Caudill, Blake Chastain, Chris Dobbs, Matt Ellsworth, Nate Ervin, Jonathan Fisk, Samantha Frew, Daniel Gettinger, Kyle Goetz, Ellie Greathouse, Alex Grigg, Jimmy Gulick, Ben Hanson, Karl Henkel, Brian Horwitz, Sara Hutchinson, Nichol Inman, Lynn Joseph, Betsy Kaiser, Katy Kuzniczci, Carolyn LeCompte, Craig Leslie, Hilary Lewallen, Sam Linser, Mark McEwan, Maura Messerly, Rob Miller, Sean Raming, Laura Ramsdell, Elyse Remenowsky, Elliot Rupe, Jay Scavo, Alex Shaw, Simon Sotelo, Staci Strauss, Alex Swary, Meredith Swortwood, Stephanie Tuke, Brian Ward, Zach Winters, Benj Woodhouse, Nick Workman**



Presidential Academic Fitness Awards recognize students who have attained a 3.5 GPA or above while pursuing a solid core of academic courses: **Kadie Baltes, Nick Berta, Taylor Blackwelder, Allison Bohl, Leah Brow, Stephanie Burch, Brian Cardell, Courtney Caudill, Chris Dobbs, Ben Ellsworth, Matt Ellsworth, Jonathan Fisk, Peter Frank, Tim Frazier, Samantha Frew, Kyle Goetz, Ellie Greathouse, Alex Grigg, Jimmy Gulick, Ben Hanson, Brian Horwitz, Sara Hutchinson, Lynn Joseph, Katy Kuzniczci, Carolyn LeCompte, Craig Leslie, Hilary Lewallen, Sam Linser, Mark McEwan, Maura Messerly, Sam Morgan, Beth Neumann, Sean Raming, Laura Ramsdell, Elyse Remenowsky, Elliot Rupe, Jay Scavo, Nicole Schlagbaum, Alex Sears, Alex Shaw, Simon Sotelo, Staci Strauss, Meredith Swortwood, Stephanie Tuke, Zach Winters, Benj Woodhouse, Nick Workman**

Honors Diploma established to honor Ohio high school graduates who meet eight of nine criteria in the following categories 1) earn four units of English; 2) earn three units of mathematics that include algebra I, algebra II, and geometry or complete a three-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content; 3) earn at least three units of science that include instructional emphasis on the physical, life and earth and space sciences; 4) three units of social studies; 5) either three units of one foreign language or two units each of two foreign languages; 6) one unit of fine arts; 7) either one unit of business/technology and two additional units in 1 through 6 or earn three additional units in 1 through 6; 8) maintain an overall high school grade point average of at least 3.5 on a four-point scale up to the last grading period of the senior year 9) obtain a composite score of 27 on the ACT tests or an equivalent composite score on the SAT: **Kadie Baltes, Nick Berta, Taylor Blackwelder, Allison Bohl, Leah Brow, Stephanie Burch, Brian Cardell, Courtney Caudill, Blake Chastain, Chris Dobbs, Jonathan Fisk, Kyle Goetz, Ellie Greathouse, Alex Grigg, Jimmy Gulick, Ben Hanson, Brian Horwitz, Sara Hutchinson, Lynn Joseph, Katy Kuzniczci, Carolyn LeCompte, Craig Leslie, Hilary Lewallen, Sam Linser, Mark McEwan, Maura Messerly, Beth Neumann, Sean Raming, Laura Ramsdell, Elyse Remenowsky, Elliot Rupe, Jay Scavo, Alex Shaw, Simon Sotelo, Meredith Swortwood, Stephanie Tuke, Zach Winters, Benj Woodhouse, Nick Workman**

HIGHEST SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

TOP SENIORS who graduated with a 4.0 or above GPA: **Kadie Baltes, Nick Berta, Taylor Blackwelder, Matt Ellsworth, Brian Horwitz, Mark McEwan, Alex Grigg, Carolyn LeCompte, Sam Linser, Laura Ramsdell, Jay Scavo, Alex Shaw, Meredith Swortwood, Zach Winters, Benj Woodhouse**

2007 SALUTATORIAN ranks second scholastically in the graduating class has the honor of serving as class salutatorian: **Zachary Winters**

2007 VALEDICTORIAN ranks first scholastically in the graduating class has the honor of being class valedictorian: **Alexander Shaw**

The total scholarships and financial aide/grants awarded to this year's graduating class totals \$2,337,962.00

A Graduation Message by Stephen Kramer, Superintendent June 9, 2007

"Good Evening. On behalf of the Board of Education, Administration, Faculty and Staff of Madeira City Schools, I want to welcome you to the 85th 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 seven staff members who are retiring after devoting 184 years of service to education, of which 134 of those years have been for the betterment of Madeira students. Please join me in showing our appreciation for **Sue Burrows, Sue Chase, Sue Cunningham, Jan Mauch, Jon Mauch, Becky Sandy and Cathy Swami**. We wish you all a long and healthy retirement!



Stephen Kramer

About 20 years or so ago, a humorous, but insightful essay was written by **Robert Fulghum**. While you may not recognize the author's name, you may recognize the essay, "All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Fulghum's message is as simple as the title claims: "Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you

eat. Flush. Warm cookies and milk are good for you. Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere.”

Now graduates, you have certainly learned many more valuable lessons since Kindergarten - mathematical formulas that bring order to the world, scientific principles that help explain why something works, languages to communicate and share ideas, whether it be in your native tongue or that of other cultures, social studies that provide a sense of heritage and history, the arts that provide an avenue to express creativity, and physical and health studies to strengthen and care for our mind and bodies. All of these and more will serve you well as you move into the next stage of your life.

Your teachers and your families have taken great joy and pride watching and nurturing you as you have developed and grown into a young adult. They have taught you well. But it is important for you to know that, although you may not have realized it, we have learned many valuable lessons from you as well.

I asked your teachers from your elementary, middle and high school years to share some of the lessons they have learned from you and this is a sample of what they told me:

From **Katie Coster** we learned to make the perfect Peter Pan hat. **Emily Bishop** taught us how to pose for a really bad school picture. **Dave Phillips** taught us how to dress to look just like a true member of the Blue Man group or one of Santa's reindeers. **M.J. Murphy** taught us that what you think of yourself is more important than what others think of you. Helping the night custodian clean up after basketball games was just one of the many ways **Jimmy Gulick** showed us how to be kind-hearted. **Maura Messerly** showed us that even an 18 year old can be our hero. **Sam Morgan** taught us that you can make a difference in the lives of children with special needs just by spending time with them. **David Reiser** taught us more than we probably wanted to know about the World Wrestling Federation. **Aryn Holtzleiter** taught us how to persevere when facing adversity. From **Jay LeBlond** we learned that just because you are quiet does not mean you do not have a great deal to say, and likewise, **Sam Linser** taught us there are ways to share your voice other than speaking. **Meredith Swortwood** showed us that enthusiasm is contagious. Clothes really do matter is something **Sarah Hutchinson** taught us. From **Sean Raming** we learned the power of compassion and respect in standing up for others. **Kadie Baltes** showed us the value of taking responsibility and getting the job done. From **Ben Hanson** we learned you can accomplish anything if you put your mind to it. We also saw with Ben that there really is something to the saying “Like father, like son.” From **Katie Willing**, we learned that creativity and beauty (both inward and out) can manifest themselves in many forms. **Kristina Ladrigian** and **Danny Sidor** showed us how a smile and a genuine greeting can brighten someone's day. **Ian Witt** showed us that it is possible to be poetic about welding old cars. If we want to know where the most beautiful golf courses in the U.S. are, we learned that **Brian Cardell** is the man to go to. **Matt Schweppe** taught us just how music does affect one's brain. **Stephanie Tuke** taught us the value of being a lifelong reader and thinker. **Alex Grigg** taught us you can quietly have a positive impact on others. **Zak McFarland** showed us that if you stick to it, even taking the long road can still get you to your destination, while **Gabriel Zelazny** showed us just how much a person can grow in four years. We learned that there isn't anything **Jonathan Honebrink** can't fix. **Grace Muntz** gave us a new meaning for the word “service.” From **Danny Laub**, we learned that if you assert a position with enough conviction, people will listen, even though they may not agree. We learned that women of intelligence and tenacity like **Stephanie Burch** and **Courtney Caudill** can tame PageMaker. Believe it or not, **Zach Winters** convinced us that chocolate cake can stand for depravity and darkness.

And, I would like to share two lessons I learned from you just the other night at Baccalaureate.

From **Nate Ervin**, I learned that honor and decency are more important than victory and from **Blake Chastain** that a song from my high school days can still provide the encouragement to change the world.

And finally from so many of you we learned that dedication, determination, and resiliency can overcome the obstacles that confront us and that it is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit.

Graduates, while it is important to be ever mindful and appreciative of the timeless lessons you learned in kindergarten, I challenge you to be even more mindful of the lessons you are teaching, for it is not only what you teach, but how you teach it, that will be your legacy. And as Fulghum says, “it is still true, no matter how old you are – when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.”

Go and make the world a better place. I wish you God's speed.”



FUTURE PLANS OF THE CLASS OF 2007*

Amir Amini plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Robert Atkins plans to enter the workforce
Stephen Baker plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Kadie Baltes plans to attend The Ohio State University
Jayna Barker's plans are undecided
Nicholas Berta plans to attend University of Kentucky
Emily Bishop plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University
Taylor Blackwelder plans to attend Brigham Young University
Allison Bohl plans to attend Georgetown College
Brandon Boyer plans to enter the workforce
Brittany Boyer plans to enter the workforce
Leah Brow plans to attend Case Western Reserve
Caitlyn Buckley plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Stephanie Burch plans to attend Valparaiso University
Patrick Burke plans to attend Bowling Green State University
Corey Caesar plans to attend Cincinnati State
Jayne Calhoun plans to attend Raymond Walters
David Campbell plans to attend Columbus State
Brian Cardell plans to attend Emory University
Joseph Carnes plans to enter the workforce
Courtney Caudill plans to attend Indiana University
Blake Chastain plans to attend The Ohio State University
Mark Clippinger plans to attend Ohio University
Patrick Costello plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Katie Coster plans to attend University of Kentucky
Rebecca Cowles' plans are undecided
Christopher Dobbs plans to attend Miami University
Anna Drube plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Benjamin Ellsworth plans to attend Miami University
Matthew Ellsworth plans to attend The Ohio State University
Sarah Epperhart's plans are undecided
Nathan Ervin plans to attend Brigham Young University
Samantha Evans' plans are undecided
Jonathan Fisk plans to attend University of Dayton
Evan Frabell plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Peter Frank plans to attend Miami University
Timothy Frazier plans to attend University of Pittsburgh
Samantha Frew plans to attend Ohio University
Jarryd Frye plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Daniel Gettinger plans to attend The Ohio State University
Kyle Goetz plans to attend Ohio University
Ellie Greathouse plans to attend The Ohio State University
Alexander Grigg plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Jimmy Gulick plans to attend The Ohio State University
Michael Gunther plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Ben Hanson plans to attend The Ohio State University
Karl Henkel plans to attend The Ohio State University
C.J. Hilberg plans to attend UC/Clermont
Aryn Holtzleiter plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Jonathan Honebrink plans to enter the Navy
Brian Horwitz plans to attend Indiana University
Sara Hutchinson plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Daniel Ibarra plans to attend Cincinnati State
Nichol Inman plans to attend Raymond Walters
Lynn Joseph plans to attend Miami University
Betsy Kaiser plans to attend Miami University
Stephen Kessen plans to attend Brooks Institute of Technology
Jew Konieczka plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Katy Kuzniczci plans to attend Indiana University
Justin Lack plans to attend Raymond Walters
Kristina Ladrigian plans to attend Raymond Walters
Daniel Laub plans to attend St. Louis University
Jay LeBlond plans to attend The Ohio State University



Carolyn LeCompte plans to attend Miami University
Craig Leslie plans to attend The Ohio State University
Hilary Lewallen plans to attend Indiana University
Samuel Linser plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Shaun Lockhart plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Anthony Mason plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Mark McEwan plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Zakary McFarland plans to attend Cincinnati State
Daniel Meeks' plans are undecided
Maura Messerly plans to attend St. Louis University
Robert Miller plans to attend Miami University
Fallon Miniard's plans are undecided
Elizabeth Moore plans to attend Cinti School of Medical Massage
Samuel Morgan plans to attend Miami University
Grace Muntz plans to attend University of Toledo
Mackenzie Murphy plans to attend Greentree
Rachel Murray plans to attend Butler Tech Nursing Program
Beth Neumann plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Tyler Pfister plans to attend Cincinnati State
David Phillips plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Sean Raming plans to attend Montana State University
Antonio Ramirez plans to attend University of Toledo
Laura Ramsdell plans to attend U of North Carolina/Chapel Hill
David Reiser plans to enter the workforce
Elyse Remenowsky plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology
Michael Riesenber plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Neil Ross plans to attend Ohio University
Elliot Rupe plans to attend The Ohio State University
Nicholas Ruscher plans to attend University of Cincinnati
James Scavo plans to attend Purdue University
Nicole Schlagbaum plans to attend The Ohio State University
Tyler Schneider's plans are undecided
Matt Schweppe plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Alexander Sears plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Alexander Shaw plans to attend The US Naval Academy
Daniel Sidor plans to attend Northern Kentucky University
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Daniel Spears plans to attend UC/Clermont
Christina Steier plans to attend Bowling Green State University
Nora Steur plans to attend Western Carolina University
Staci Strauss plans to attend University of Findlay
Alexander Swary plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Meredith Swortwood plans to attend The Ohio State University
Christopher Tague's plans are undecided
Benjamin Teeter plans to attend Hondros Realtor's College
Stephanie Tuke plans to attend Xavier University
Steven Valmassoi's plans are undecided
Zachary Van Fleet plans to attend UC/Clermont
Brian Ward plans to attend Butler University
Branden Watts plans to attend Wright State University
Samantha Whitton plans to attend The Ohio State University
Kathleen Willing plans to attend The Art Institute of Cincinnati
Scott Wilson plans to attend XU Project Search
Zachary Winters plans to attend Bowdoin College
Ian Witt plans to attend Cincinnati State
Ryan Wolcott plans to attend Ohio University
Benjamin Woodhouse plans to attend The Ohio State University
Nicholas Workman plans to attend University of Cincinnati
Gabriel Zelazny plans to attend Wright State University

* Colleges and universities listed only as where students' final transcripts are being sent

TOP SENIORS

The following members of the Class of 2007 graduated with a 4.0 or above grade point average:

Front row (l to r): **Laura Ramsdell**, **Kadie Baltes**, **Alex Shaw** (Valedictorian), **Zach Winters** (Salutatorian), **Carolyn LeCompte**, **Meredith Swortwood**. Row 2: **Jay Scavo**, **Alex Grigg**, **Nick Berta**, **Matt Ellsworth**, **Mark McEwan**, **Brian Horwitz**, **Sam Linser** and **Benjamin Woodhouse**. Not pictured: **Taylor Blackwelder**



BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

2007-2008 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 should contact Diane Nichols at 924-3707 or dnichols@madeiracityschools.org after August 20.

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All student & parent meetings will be held at individual schools

August 6	Senior student mtg	10 AM
August 7	Freshmen & new student mtg	10 AM
	Freshmen parent mtg	7 PM
	MES packet pickup	7:30 AM - 6 PM
August 8	MES packet pickup	7:30 AM - 4 PM
August 9	Senior parent mtg	7 PM
	Junior parent mtg	8 PM
August 13	MMS packet pickup	8 AM - 12 PM
August 14	MMS new student orientation	10 AM
	Gd 1 parent orientation	5:30 - 6:15 PM
	Sophomore parent mtg	7 PM
August 15	Kdg parent orientation	5:30 - 6:15 PM
August 16	Preschool Open House	5:30 - 7 PM
August 17	Gd 1 Open House	6 - 7 PM
	MES Beginning Buddies	7 PM
August 20	First day of school for students Gd 1-12	
	1/2 preschool first day	
	Kdg conferences	
August 21	1/2 preschool first day	
	Kdg conferences	
August 22	1/2 Kdg first day	
	All preschool begins	
	Gr 2 parent orientation	6:15 - 7 PM
	Gr 3 parent orientation	7:15 - 8 PM
August 23	1/2 day Kdg first day	
	Gd 4 parent orientation	6 - 7 PM
August 24	All Kdg begins	
August 27	MHS Back to School Night	7 PM
August 29	Gd 5/6 Back to School Night	6 - 7 PM
	Gd 7/8 Back to School Night	7:15 - 8:15 PM