



Madeira City Schools

District Digest

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Cincinnati, OH 45243

Baccalaureate for the this year's graduates was held Thursday, May 24 in Medert Auditorium. Student participants were **Bob Tensmeyer, Griffin Tate, Joe Schneider, Chance Mazler, Hannah Schweppe, Sam Medert, Susan Wallace, Carson Sotelo, Taylor Evans, Abby Gilfilen Megan Steele, Anne Gulick, Emma Sabransky, Scott Shinkle, Hannah Westendorf, Paige Schlagbaum and Paulina Fisher**. Faculty speakers were **Clark Eads and Sue Beach**. The 90th Madeira High School Commencement Ceremonies were held in Romano Courtyard on Saturday, May 26. Speakers

TAYLOR BATTY • TAYLOR BEIRNE • AUSTIN BENTLE • JAKE BLACKWELDER • JOSEPH BODNAR • ADAM BOHL
KRISTIN BROCK • DANE BROWN • JOSHUA CARPENTER • JOEY CHAMBERS • TAYLOR CHRISTMAN
KEVIN COSTELLO • EDEN CROSSET • ELIZABETH CULLEN • MEGAN DAMASKA • RAMSEY DEAL • JUSTIN DEHAN
EMMA DEVINE • NICOLE DRAHMAN • MARIAH ERVIN • SARAH EVANS • TAYLOR EVANS • ZACHARY FAJACK
EMILY FEIST • SARAH FINLEY • JEREMY FISCHER • PAULINA FISHER • LUIS FLORES • ALEC FREYTAG • ERIC FRISCH
ALYSSA FRYE • ANNA FULL • ABIGAIL GILFILLEN • ADAM GJESSING • KAITLIN GRAY • ANTHONY GRIGG
ANNE GULICK • MICHAEL HARPER • KATHERINE HARRINGTON • LIESL HARTZ • JEREMY HAYES
RICHARD HERNDON • EMMA HILL • AUSTIN HORWITZ • BRITTNEY HOTARICK • MICHAEL HURD • SARA HYDE
KYLE JACKSON • NAJAT JALLAQ • KELSEY JOHNSON • NEIL JONES • MACKENSIE KERN • BRITTANY KING
LEAH KIRBY • LAUREN KLEIN • ROBERT KNEIP • EMILY LUTHER • ANDREW MALONE • MAXWELL MANTKOWSKI
CHANCE MANZLER • BRITTNEY MARSTON • CAITLYN MCCULLOUGH • HANNAH MCFARLAND
ZANA MCQUEEN • SAMUEL MEDERT • ANNA MEYER • JORDYN MITCHELL • ANTHONY MOERMOND
BROOKE NAYLOR • IAN NEUMANN • CRAIG NIEMAN • REBECCA NORTH • MEGHAN PHELPS • TORIE POWERS
KATHERINE REUTER • ANDREW REUTZEL • KRISTIN RICHARDSON • ISAAC RUPE • ERIC RUSH
EMMA SABRANSKY • JOSEPH SCHEID • ZACHARY SCHEID • PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM • JOSEPH SCHNEIDER
HANNAH SCHWEPPE • TIMOTHY SEITER • MARLEY SHERRITT • SCOTT SHINKLE • LAUREN SHULL
RICHARD SIVRAIS • EMILY SMITH • ERIC SMITH • CARSON SOTELLO • KATHRINE SOWLES • ANDREW STANIFER
MEGAN STEELE • JACOB STENTZ • DUNCAN STRINGER • GRIFFINTATE • HANNAH TAYLOR • ROBERT TENSMEYER
NATALIE THOMPSON • JOSEPH VAN HULLE • ERIC VANSKAIK • QUINN VOISARD • LUCAS WAGNER
SUSAN WALLACE • STEPHEN WALTER • DEREK WELT • HANNAH WESTENDORF • KYLE P. WILLIAMSON
KYLE T. WILLIAMSON • JOHN WOODSON • SARAH YOUNG



Madeira High School **Tom Olson**, Principal • **Joe Kimling**, AD/Dean of Students
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Megan Steele, Treasurer • **Michelle Tuchfarber** and **Bob Larbes**, Class Advisors
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Susan Crabill, Treasurer • **Diane Nichols**, PR/Digest Editor

Senior Class Awards Night

May 9, 2012

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Class Officer Recognition:

PRESIDENT: BOB TENSMAYER; VICE-RESIDENT: SAM MEDERT;

TREASURER: MEGAN STEELE; SECRETARY: PAULINA FISHER

Kiwanis Award for outstanding scholastic achievement and overall school leadership: **RICHARD HERNDON**

Simon Lazarus, Jr., Human Relations Award for outstanding students whose daily lives, activities, and behavior exemplify a concern for others and a desire to bring about better human relations in their school or community: **KELSEY JOHNSON**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

CP English Awards for Academic Excellence: **JUSTIN DEHAN,**

HANNAH MCFARLAND, EMMA SABRANSKY, TAYLOR BEIRNE,

JACOB STENTZ

AP Literature Awards: **SUSAN WALLACE, HANNAH WESTENDORF**

Andrea Dennis Memorial Award/ Outstanding English Student:

RICHARD HERNDON

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS

CP Government Critical Thinking Award: **JOSH CARPENTER, KATIE SOWLES**

AP Government Critical Thinking Award: **ABBY GILFILEN, SUSAN WALLACE**

CP Government Creativity Award: **EMMA HILL, CHANCE MANZLER**

AP Government Creativity Award: **EMMA DEVINE, JOE SCHNEIDER**

AP Government "Most Passionate – Future Politician": **ZACH SCHEID**

AP Government Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement:

RICHARD HERNDON

Outstanding Four-Year Social Studies Award: **SUSAN WALLACE**

FRENCH AWARDS

Top French 5 Student: **KATIE GRAY, MAX MANTKOWSKI**

LATIN AWARDS

Award for the highest average percentage in the AP level throughout the year: **SUSAN WALLACE**

"DUX" AWARD to the AP Latin student who has been a leader, completed the year with an "A" overall average, shows creativity, critical thinking, leadership, dedication and enthusiasm to the class and the entire Latin program: **TONY GRIGG**

SPANISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

National Spanish Exam Honorable Mention: **BLAKE FAJACK**

MATH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

"Extra Effort" in CP Algebra II: **JOSH CARPENTER**

CP Statistics: "FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AWARD": **EMILY SMITH,**

"KIRSTINE SMITH AWARD": **CAITLYN MCCULLOUGH**

AP Statistics: "SIR RONALD AYLMER FISHER AWARD": **JUSTIN DEHAN**

"WILLIAM SEALY GOSSET AWARD": **ISAAC RUPE**

Academic Excellence in Pre-Calculus: **JAKE BLACKWELDER, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM**

Academic Excellence in AP Calculus: **RICHARD HERNDON**

Outstanding Four-Year Math Award: **TONY GRIGG**

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

CP Physics: **BETH CULLEN, SARAH FINLEY**

Excellence in Honors Anatomy & Physiology: **NICOLE DRAHMAN**

Top Student in Honors Anatomy & Physiology: **TAYLOR BEIRNE**

Top AP Physics student: **RICHARD HERNDON**

Environmental Science 4 C's Award for Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, & Communication: **ERIC RUSH, SUSAN WALLACE**

Top AP Biology Student: **MAX MANTKOWSKI**

The Triple Crown Award to the students who successfully completed three of four AP Sciences courses; AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics or AP Environmental Science: **RICHARD HERNDON, MIKEY HURD, IAN NEUMANN, KATY REUTER**

Outstanding Four-Year Science Award: **KATY REUTER**

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE AWARD

Super Chef Award: **NAJAT JALLAQ, CHANCE MANZLER**

Best of Class Award: **TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, KEVIN COSTELLO, JEREMY HAYES, NEIL JONES, ANDREW MALONE, CRAIG NIEMAN, NATALIE THOMPSON, HANNAH WESTENDORF**

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Winner of the 2011-12 Entrepreneurship competition: **LEAH KIRBY, CAITLYN MCCULLOUGH, HANNAH MCFARLAND**

MVP of Perfect Piece Inc. /Entrepreneur for 2011-12: **HANNAH SCHWEPP**

MVP of Infinite Industries: **JEREMY FISCHER**

Senior Web Design Student of the Year: **JOHN WOODSON**

Personal Finance Outstanding Senior of the Year: **CRAIG NIEMAN**

Music Video of the Year: **JOE BODNAR**

Outstanding Honors Accounting Student of the Year: **TAYLOR BEIRNE**

Winner of the 2012 Budget Challenge: **NATALIE THOMPSON**

Personal Finance "Investor of the Year": **RAMSEY DEAL**

First place in the Ohio Financial Literacy Challenge and represented Ohio at nationals: **AUSTIN BENTLE, RAMSEY DEAL, JEREMY FISCHER**

ART DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Senior Creative Awards: **EMMA SABRANSKY, SCOTT SHINKLE, KATIE SOWLES, HANNAH WESTENDORF**

Congressional Art Award: **EMILY FEIST, KATIE HARRINGTON, EMMA SABRANSKY**

Mount St. Joseph Selection Art Competition & Exhibit: **EDEN CROSSET, HANNAH WESTENDORF**

OTHER ACADEMIC AWARDS

Madeira Woman's Club Scholarships: **TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, REBECCA NORTH**

Kenwood Woman's Club Scholarship: **TAYLOR CHRISTMAN,**

PAULINA FISHER

Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society Scholarship: **HANNAH WESTENDORF**

AAA Safe Driving Award: **PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM**

Madeira Youth Soccer Scholarships: **LIESL HARTZ, IAN NEUMANN**

Mikie Hummel Memorial Award is given to a senior who is enrolled as an education major at a four-year college, best demonstrates the personal characteristics of Dr. Hummel – positive personal energy, dedicated learner, service to others and to the Madeira Schools community: **CRAIG NIEMAN**

Madeira Middle School PTA Roger Slagle Memorial Scholarship is presented to the student who most embodies love of athletics, passion for living life to the fullest and a positive attitude:

ANNE GULICK

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

Madeira High School PTA "I Made a Difference Award" recognizes and aids a MHS senior who has demonstrated through service to their school or community, work experience, family situation, etc. how they made a difference": **CRAIG NIEMAN**

Roger Anderson, Jr. Outstanding Senior Boy Award is presented to the senior boy with above average in academics with emphasis on improvement and achievement, above average in sports with emphasis on improvement and good sportsmanship, service to school, service to community and sincerity: **RICHARD HERNDON**

Nadine Wilson Outstanding Senior Girl Award was named in honor of Nadine Wilson who coached at Madeira and taught her players dedication, sportsmanship and respect: **ANNE GULICK**

John D. Rahe Scholarship in honor of former Superintendent John D. Rahe recognizes outstanding character and scholastic achievement: **NICOLE DRAHMAN, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM, TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, PAULINA FISHER**

Sushila Nayar Math & Science Scholarship: **NICOLE DRAHMAN**

James Rockwell Memorial Scholarship is presented to a dedicated scientific learner who exhibits exemplary scientific achievement:

RICHARD HERNDON

Matt Simpson Art Scholarship is 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 and reflects Matt's intense desire to create, his open-mindedness, and his free spirit: **HANNAH WESTENDORF**

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: **CRAIG NIEMAN**

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:

KEVIN COSTELLO

Greg Chase Tenacity Award is given in the memory of Greg Chase to a student who has 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, shows leadership by example showing the work ethic and "sweat equity" necessary to achieve personal and team goals: **KEVIN COSTELLO**

CHL Scholar Athlete Awards are presented to senior athletes for outstanding academic achievement by maintaining a 3.5 GPA while participating in High School Varsity Athletics during this school year: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, AUSTIN BENTLE, JAKEBLACKWELDER,**

KEVIN COSTELLO, JUSTIN DEHAN, NICOLE DRAHMAN, JEREMY FISCHER, PAULINA FISHER, ALEC FREYTAG, ALYSSA FRYE, ADAM GJESSING, TONY GRIGG, ANNE GULICK, LIESL HARTZ, RICHARD HERNDON, MICHAEL HURD, EMILY LUTHER, MAX MANTKOWSKI, ANNA MEYER IAN NEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, KATY REUTER, EMMA SABRANSKY, TIM SEITER, ANDREW STANIFER, JACOB STENTZ, JOSEPH VAN HULLE, LUCAS WAGNER, HANNAH WESTENDORF, KYLE T. WILLIAMSON, JOHN WOODSON

Madden Award is given to the best senior boy and the best senior girl athlete voted on by head coaches: **JOE BODNAR, ANNE GULICK** OHSAA/Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award is given to students who promote sportsmanship, ethics and integrity: **EMILY LUTHER, CRAIG NIEMAN**

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award to outstanding student athletes who have received a minimum of four varsity letters and maintained a high scholastic average: **ANNE GULICK, RICHARD HERNDON** Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award: **JUSTIN DEHAN, HANNAH WESTENDORF**

U.C. Army ROTC Award: **JORDYN MITCHELL**

National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation: **JUSTIN DEHAN, ROBBIE KNEIP, LAUREN SHULL**

National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar: **CARSON SOTELLO**

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists: **MEGAN DAMASKA, ALEC FREYTAG, RICHARD HERNDON, SUSAN WALLACE**

Merit Scholarship award for use at Knox College: **ALEC FREYTAG**

National Merit Scholarship Finalists: **RICHARD HERNDON, SUSAN WALLACE**

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: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, MEGAN DAMASKA, JUSTIN DEHAN, NICOLE DRAHMAN, BLAKE FAJACK, PAULINA FISHER, ALEC FREYTAG, KATIE GRAY, TONY GRIGG, ANNE GULICK, MICHAEL HARPER, RICHARD HERNDON, MIKEY HURD, ROBBIE KNEIP, MAX MANTKOWSKI, SAM MEDERT, ANNA MEYER, IAN NEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, KATY REUTER, ERIC RUSH, EMMA SABRANSKY, JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, TIM SEITER, LAUREN SHULL, CARSON SOTELLO, JACOB STENTZ, NATALIE THOMPSON, SUSAN WALLACE, HANNAH WESTENDORF**

Awards of Merit are given to 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, 3 units of Math which must include 1 unit of Algebra and 1 of Geometry, 3 units of Science which must include 2 units from among Biology, Chemistry & Physics, as well as earning the equivalent of an overall G.P.A. of 3.25 for grades nine through twelve, maintain above average attendance for grades 9-12, participate in co-curricular, extracurricular or community activities, maintain above average attendance for grades 9 – 12 and demonstrate outstanding citizenship/character traits: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, AUSTIN BENTLE, JAKEBLACKWELDER, TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, KEVIN COSTELLO, EDEN CROSSET, BETH CULLEN, JUSTIN DEHAN, EMMA DEVINE, NICOLE DRAHMAN, SARAH EVANS, BLAKE FAJACK, SARAH FINLEY, JEREMY FISCHER, PAULINA FISHER, ALEC FREYTAG, ANNE GULICK, LIESL HARTZ, RICHARD HERNDON, MICHAEL HURD, NEIL JONES, BRITTNAY KING, LEAH KIRBY, ROBBIE KNEIP, EMILY LUTHER, MAX MANTKOWSKI, HANNAH MCFARLAND, ANNA MEYER, JORDYN MITCHELL, IAN NEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, MEGHAN PHELPS, ERIC RUSH, EMMA SABRANSKY, ZACH SCHEID, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM, JOE SCHNEIDER, LAUREN SHULL, CARSON SOTELLO, ANDREW STANIFER, MEGAN STEELE, GRIFFIN TATE, BOB TENSMEYER, NATALIE THOMPSON, JOE VAN HULLE,**

SUSAN WALLACE, DEREK WELT, HANNAH WESTENDORF, KYLE T. WILLIAMSON, JOHN WOODSON

Great Oaks Career Campus Award of Merit: **KRISTIN BROCK, REBECCA NORTH**

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards recognize students who have attained a high level of academic achievement while pursuing a solid core of academic courses with a GPA of 3.5 or above: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, AUSTIN BENTLE, JAKE BLACKWELDER, KRISTIN BROCK, TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, KEVIN COSTELLO, EDEN CROSSET, ELIZABETH CULLEN, MEGAN DAMASKA, JUSTIN DEHAN, EMMA DEVINE, NICOLE DRAHMAN, TAYLOR EVANS, BLAKE FAJACK, SARAH FINLEY, JEREMY FISCHER, PAULINA FISHER, ALEC FREYTAG, ALYSSA FRYE, ADAM GJESSING, KATIE GRAY, TONY GRIGG, ANNE GULICK, MICHAEL HARPER, LIESL HARTZ, RICHARD HERNDON, MICHAEL HURD, KELSEY JOHNSON, ROBBIE KNEIP, EMILY LUTHER, MAX MANTKOWSKI, BRITTNEY MARSTON, SAM MEDERT, ANNA MEYER, IAN NEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, KATY REUTER, ERIC RUSH, EMMA SABRANSKY, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM, JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, TIM SEITER, LAUREN SHULL, EMILY SMITH, CARSON SOTELLO, ANDREW STANIFER, JACOB STENTZ, BOB TENSEMEYER, NATALIE THOMPSON, JOSEPH VAN HULLE, LUCAS WAGNER, SUSAN WALLACE, DEREK WELT, HANNAH WESTENDORF, KYLE T. WILLIAMSON, JOHN WOODSON**

Honors Diplomas are awarded to students who meet eight of nine criteria in the following categories will receive an Honors Diploma: earn four units of English; 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; earn at least three units of science that include instructional emphasis on the physical, life and earth and space sciences; three units of social studies; either three units of one foreign language or two units each of two foreign languages; one unit of fine arts; either one unit of business/technology and two additional units in 1 through 6 or earn three additional units in 1 through 6; 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; obtain a composite score of 27 on the ACT tests or an equivalent composite score of 1210 on the SAT: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, AUSTIN BENTLE, JAKE BLACKWELDER, TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, KEVIN COSTELLO, EDEN CROSSET, BETH CULLEN, MEGAN DAMASKA, JUSTIN DEHAN, EMMA DEVINE, NICOLE DRAHMAN, BLAKE FAJACK, SARAH FINLEY, JEREMY FISCHER, PAULINA FISHER, ALEC FREYTAG, ALYSSA FRYE, KATIE GRAY, TONY GRIGG, ANNE GULICK, MICHAEL HARPER, LIESL HARTZ, RICHARD HERNDON, MICHAEL HURD, ROBBIE KNEIP, EMILY LUTHER, MAX MANTKOWSKI, BRITTNEY MARSTON, SAM MEDERT, ANNA MEYER, IANNEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, KATY REUTER, ERIC RUSH, EMMA SABRANSKY, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM, JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, TIM SEITER, LAURE SHULL, CARSON SOTELLO, ANDREW STANIFER, JACOB STENTZ, BOB TENSEMEYER, NATALIE THOMPSON, JOE VAN HULLE, LUCAS WAGNER, SUSAN WALLACE, DEREK WELT, HANNAH WESTENDORF, KYLE T. WILLIAMSON, JOHN WOODSON**

National Honor Society: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, EDEN CROSSET, BETH CULLEN, MEGAN DAMASKA, JUSTIN DEHAN, EMMA DEVINE, NICOLE DRAHMAN, BLAKE FAJACK, JEREMY FISCHER, PAULINA FISHER, ALEC FREYTAG, ALYSSA FRYE, KATIE GRAY, ANNE GULICK, TONY GRIGG, MIKE HARPER, RICHARD HERNDON, MICHAEL HURD, KELSEY JOHNSON,**

ROBBIE KNEIP, EMILY LUTHER, MAX MANTKOWSKI, BRITTNEY MARSTON, SAM MEDERT, ANNA MEYER, IAN NEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, KATY REUTER, ERIC RUSH, EMMA SABRANSKY, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM, JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, LAUREN SHULL, TIM SEITER, CARSON SOTELLO, ANDREW STANIFER, JACOB STENTZ, NATALIE THOMPSON, JOSEPH VAN HULLE, SUSAN WALLACE, HANNAH WESTENDORF, KYLE T. WILLIAMSON

Scarlet Oaks National Technical Honor Society: **REBECCA NORTH**

TOP SENIORS

Seniors who graduated with a 4.0 or above GPA: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, TAYLOR CHRISTMAN, MEGAN DAMASKA, JUSTIN DEHAN, EMMA DEVINE, NICOLE DRAHMAN, PAULINA FISHER, ALEC FREYTAG, ALYSSA FRYE, KATIE GRAY, TONY GRIGG, ANNE GULICK, RICHARD HERNDON, MIKEY HURD, ROBBIE KNEIP, MAX MANTKOWSKI, BRITTNEY MARSTON, SAM MEDERT, ANNA MEYER, IAN NEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, KATY REUTER, ERIC RUSH, EMMA SABRANSKY, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM, LAUREN SHULL, CARSON SOTELLO, JACOB STENTZ, NATALIE THOMPSON, SUSAN WALLACE, HANNAH WESTENDORF, KYLE T. WILLIAMSON**

2012 Salutatorian: **ROBBIE KNEIP**

2012 Valedictorian: **RICHARD HERNDON**

Total scholarships, financial aid and grants awarded to this Year's graduating class: \$5.5 million

A Message to the Graduates

Good evening,

On behalf of Board of Education President **David Templeton**, Vice President **Patrick Shea**, members **Kam Misleh**, **Tarek Kamil** and **Cathy Swami**, along with the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Madeira City Schools, welcome to the 89th 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 five staff members who are retiring after devoting 155 years of service to education, of which 107 of those years have been serving Madeira students. Please join me in showing our appreciation for **Carol Ladrigan**, **Karen Everman**, **Don Cartisano**, **Rita Kearns** and **Ray Spicher**. We wish you all a long and healthy retirement! I also want to thank the senior class officer for their outstanding leadership this year. Please help me thank **Cari Rusk**, **Bridget Walsh**, **Caroline Jackson** and **Kristin Rayner**.

In a few short minutes, you will officially be a high school graduate. After years of hard work on your part with I am certain, a fair amount of assistance from your parents and teachers, you are ready for the next stage of your life. You have learned the causes of WWII, how to use the Pythagorean Theorem, more vocabulary words than you knew existed, a language other than English, and how to dissect a pig. You have had memorable experiences on the stage and on the field of competition. You have demonstrated what you have learned on countless tests and through projects and presentations. And hopefully, along the way, you have learned how to learn, how to succeed, how to problem solve, and, perhaps most importantly, how to work with others. As teachers and, probably more so, as parents, there are other lessons we hope you have learned - lessons that are more life related than school related. These life lessons will continue to guide you in virtually every aspect and situation of your life. All the lessons of your early years still hold true today and will continue to do so. But as parents and teachers, we always want to make sure you remember the lessons we taught you.

Last year, as I prepared to send a graduate off to college, I decided to give her a reminder list of "lessons" we had tried to teach her while she was growing up. And, as I am sure these lessons are probably similar to those your parents and teachers have tried to instill in you, I thought it might be worthwhile to share some of the reminders I wrote for her:

- Remember who you are.
- Trust your instincts - it's ok to walk away.
- Be mindful of where you are and what you're doing.
When in doubt, get out.
- Relax, Breathe, and THINK when in stressful situations.
- "Because everyone else is doing it" is not a reason or excuse.
 - Don't spend too much time admiring a problem.
Get to work on a solution.
 - Bring value to everything you do.
 - If it's on the Internet, it's forever!
 - Try not to make permanent mistakes.
- If you don't want anyone else to know, then don't do it!
 - Act as though the whole world is watching.
 - Do the right thing—always!
 - If it's too good to be true, then it probably is.
 - Just say no!
 - Not much good happens after midnight.
 - Look for the good in people.
- You are responsible for your actions – own them!
- Keep things in perspective. Don't sweat the small stuff
 - and most of it is small stuff.
- Work hard, have fun and make good choices!

Graduates, you have 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. I asked your teachers from elementary school through high school to share some of the lessons they have learned from you. For example:

From **Austin Carter** we learned that strong resiliency and a strong work ethic will overcome setbacks and lead to success. **Cullan McCarthy** demonstrated selflessness and the gift of bringing people together and being there for others, while **Corey Phelps** reminded us that one of the most dignified qualities a person can have is respect for and kindness towards others. **Megan O'Dell** and **Sam Macke** showed us the true meaning of being a teammate and **Katie Berger** and **Grace Brodberger** showed us through countless actions how important it is to be a great friend. It is important to always set two alarm clocks (or more) to make SURE you wake up on time is something we learned from **James Booth**, while **Ben Linser** taught us how to live in the moment and not look ahead too much to the future. From **Allie Ballweg** and **Amanda Wyrick** we learned that hard work and positive encouragement are marks of a great leader and **Lane Frayer**, **Rachel Self**, **Gwen Evans** and **Jennifer Caudill** showed us you can have a great impact when you lead by example.

A smile is a language common to us all is something we learned from **Jessica Godinez**, **Vandy Sok**, and **Vandet Sok** while **Molly Peterson** and **Clark Templeton** showed us how a smile can go a long way towards brightening someone's day. From **Amy Gadd** we learned that originality is a by product of sincerity and **Exodus Edmerson** taught us about having the courage to speak up, especially to say something difficult. **Kendra Carper** taught us that much can be learned by asking great questions and **Raven Raab** reminded us students and teachers can inspire and encourage each other. **Kyle Smith** taught all of us more than we ever wanted to know about zombies and no matter how old you get, there's always time for games while **Alexa Wainscott** reminded us what passion is really about.

Brooke VanSkaik, **Elise Bealer** and **Tori Bauscher** taught us about the importance of pursing dreams and **Lauren Gjessing** showed us how to appreciate who you are as an individual. From **Casey Miniard**, **Taylor Vires** and **Johnny Carpenter** we learned that hard work paves the path to your goals while **Sara Schneider**, **Jake Sullivan**, **Logan Cassidy** and **Leah Frank** taught us about persistence and perseverance in overcoming obstacles. **Kyle Jenkins** showed us the importance of a good sense of humor, **Dan Schroder** taught us to not take ourselves so seriously and **Noah Duncan** reminded us that regardless of how serious and hectic life can sometimes be, you have to remember to find time to laugh or sing! And from **Joe Theis** we learned that until you listen to people who think differently, you will never truly understand what it is to be part of a team and that while the pathways chosen may be different the final destination is the same. That destination, of course, is success.

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.

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

- **Stephen Kramer**
Madeira City Schools Superintendent



Future Plans of the Class of 2012

ASBURY COLLEGE: [Griffin Tate](#)

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY: [Jake Blackwelder](#), [Joe Schneider](#), [Lauren Shull](#)

BRIGHAM YOUNG IDAHO: [Megan Steele](#)

BROWN MACKIE: [Kristin Brock](#)

CHRIST NURSING COLLEGE: [Sarah Finley](#)

CINCINNATI STATE: [Joey Chambers](#), [Joe Scheid](#)

COASTAL CAROLINA: [Quinn Voisard](#)

COLORADO STATE: [Natalie Thompson](#)

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO: [Katie Gray](#)

HANOVER COLLEGE: [Kelsey Johnson](#)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY: [Jordyn Mitchell](#)

JOHNSON UNIVERSITY: [Josh Carpenter](#)

JOHNSON & WALES: [Najat Jallaq](#)

KENT STATE: [Emma Devine](#)

KNOX COLLEGE: [Alec Freytag](#)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY: [Lauren Klein](#)

MIAMI UNIVERSITY: [Taylor Evans](#), [Emily Feist](#), [Paulina Fisher](#), [Adam Gjessing](#), [Leah Kirby](#), [Brittney Marston](#), [Meghan Phelps](#), [Andy Reutzel](#), [Isaac Rupe](#), [Zach Scheid](#), [Lucas Wagner](#)

MOREHEAD: [Brooke Naylor](#)

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY: [Alyssa Frye](#), [Abby Gilfilen](#), [Hannah McFarland](#)

OHIO UNIVERSITY: [Beth Cullen](#), [Brittany King](#), [Craig Nieman](#)

OHIO WESLEYAN: [Blake Fajack](#)

OTTERBEIN: [Rebecca North](#)

PURDUE UNIVERSITY: [Caitlyn McCullough](#)

ROSE HULMAN INSTITUTE: [Autin Bentle](#)

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY: [Carson Sotelo](#), [Susan Wallace](#)

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY: [Taylor Beirne](#), [Justin Dehan](#), [Nicole Drahman](#), [Tony Grigg](#), [Anne Gulick](#), [Michael Hurd](#), [Max Mantkowski](#), [Katy Reuter](#), [Eric Rush](#), [Emma Sabransky](#), [Paige Schlagbaum](#), [Joe Van Hulle](#), [Derek Welt](#)

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI: [Taylor Christman](#), [Kevin Costello](#), [Eden Crosset](#), [Jeremy Fischer](#), [Eric Frisch](#), [Katie Harrington](#), [Liesl Hartz](#), [Neil Jones](#), [Emily Luther](#), [Ian Neumann](#), [Torie Powers](#), [Marley Sherritt](#), [Andrew Stanifer](#), [Robert Tensmeyer](#), [Stephen Walter](#), [Hannah](#)

Westendorf

Kyle P. Williamson, Kyle T. Williamson
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI BLUE ASH: [Scott Shinkle](#),

[Hannah Taylor](#), [Sarah Young](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA: [Mackensie Kern](#)

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: [Joe Bodnar](#), [Andrew Malone](#), [Tim Seiter](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: [Jake Stentz](#)

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY: [Hannah Schweppe](#), [John Woodson](#)

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH: [Robbie Kneip](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: [Mike Harper](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA: [Sam Medert](#), [Anna Meyer](#)

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO: [Sara Hyde](#)

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY: [Taylor Batty](#)

WRIGHT STATE: [Anna Full](#), [Jeremy Hayes](#)

Congratulations to ...



... Madeira City School District retirees (row 1 l to r): **Connie Brueggeman, Iona Weber, Barb Schenck.**
Row 2: **Sallie Weisgerber, Bev McLeod**



"I Make a Difference Award" recipients: **Ralph and Tracey Blackwelder**



... the Class of 2012 Top Seniors, who graduated with a 4.0 or higher grade point average (row 1 l to r): **Anne Gandy (Miami University), Taylor Beirne (The Ohio State University), Mikey Hurd (The Ohio State University), Pauline Kuehne (Miami University), Anna Meyer (University of South Carolina), Emma Sabransky (The Ohio State University), Natalie Schlagbaum (Colorado State), Susan Wallace (St. Louis University).** Row 2: **Kaitie Gray (Columbia College), Lauren Shull (Miami University), Hannah Westendorf (University of Cincinnati), Emma Devine (Kent State), Taylor Christman (Miami University), Sam Medert (University of South Carolina), Nicole Drahman (The Ohio State University), Brittnei Gandy (Miami University), Katie Reuter (The Ohio State University), Paige Schlagbaum (The Ohio State University).** Row 3: **Lauren Shull (Miami University), Robbie Kneip (University of Pittsburgh), Kyle T. Williamson (University of Cincinnati), Alec Freytag (Knox College), Jacob Stentz (University of Illinois), Tony Grigg (The Ohio State University), Justin Dehan (The Ohio State University), Alyssa Frye (Northern Kentucky University), Max Mantkowski (Miami University), Eric Rush (The Ohio State University), Carson Sotelo (St. Louis University), Ian Neumann (University of Cincinnati).** Not pictured: **Megan Damaska (Undecided)**



... Madeira High School seniors who were awarded scholarships by the Madeira Schools Foundation (row 1 l to r): **Paulina Fisher (John D. Rahe Scholar), Taylor Christman (John D. Rahe Scholar), Nicole Drahman (John D. Rahe Scholar), Hannah Westendorf (Simpson Scholar).** Row 2: **Craig Nieman (Wellman Scholar), Kevin Costello (Chase Scholar, Pat Wood Spirit Award), Paige Schlagbaum (John D. Rahe Scholar).** Not pictured: **Richard Herndon (Dennis Scholar, Rockwell Scholar)**



... the 2012 Madeira Schools Foundation Award Recipients (l to r): **DJ Hammond (Distinguished Staff Award Recipient), Dan Henke (Distinguished Alumni/Citizen Award), Don Korengel (Friend of the Foundation Award).** Also receiving the Distinguished Alumni/Citizen Award posthumously was **Jim Giles.**



Madeira City Schools

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Madeira Elementary School

Tim Weber, Principal • 985-6080

Madeira Middle School

Rob Kramer, Principal • 561-5555

Madeira High School

Tom Olson, Principal • 891-8222

Parents may pick up 2012-2013 school calendars at any Back to School Night, Open House, or 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 August 15.

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August 7	MMS packet pickup	8 am - 2 pm
	MES packet pickup	7:30 am - 4 pm
	Gd 9 parent/student mtg	6:30 pm
August 9	Gd 10 & 11 parent/student mtg	6:30 pm
August 10	Gd 12 parent/student mtg	6:30 pm
August 11	Gd 1 parent mtg	5:30 pm
	Kdg parent mtg	6:30 pm
August 12	MES Beginning Buddies	7:00 pm
August 15	Gd 1 Open House	2:00 pm
August 16	Kdg conferences	

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

August 17	Kdg conferences	
	Gd 2 & 3 parent mtgs	6:15 pm
	Gd 4 parent mtg	7:15 pm
August 18	Gd 5 & 6 parent mtg	6:00 pm
	Gd 7 & 8 parent mtg	7:00 pm
	MHS Parent reception	7:00 pm
Aug 22-24	Preschool starts	
August 23	MHS Back to School Night	7:00 pm

All meetings will be held at individual schools

For a list of up to date schedules, school news, and updates during the year, please visit our website: www.madeiracityschools.org.