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Made in Madeira Means Giving

Every Madeira High School (MHS) student who graduated in 2018, 2019, & 2020 attending a college, university, career training program or entered the military received a \$250 monetary scholarship. As of May 29, 2021, the MHS 2021 graduates becomes the fourth class to receive this scholarship.

These are the Made in Madeira scholarships, and were made possible by a generous donation from the estate of Homer O. Amos. A WW II Veteran and long-time Madeira resident and business owner, Mr. Amos was proud of his sons and their graduation from Madeira High School in the early 1970's. As Madeira's local TV repairman and laundromat owner, Mr. Amos' shop on Camargo Road served Madeira and the surrounding area for many, many years. Mr. Amos was also an avid investor, successful in managing and growing his assets but who in many ways lived a simple and modest life. He passed away in 2016 at the age of 90, and as part of his final wishes had his estate shared with Madeira High School graduates. Mr. Amos' generous gift of \$750,000 provided the foundation of the Made In Madeira Scholarship which will be built on for years to come.

"I know of no other public high school in the State of Ohio who is able to offer this kind of an opportunity to each and every one of their graduates," Madeira Superintendent Kenji Matsudo has stated. In 2018 several graduates donated their scholarships back to the school in an effort to 'pay it forward', and the plan to add to the scholarship fund began. The scholarships have continued and the funds have grown. Donations to the Made in Madeira Scholarship fund have been made in memory of family, friends, alumni, and former teachers by individuals or entire classes - added to the legacy of Homer Amos in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$2,500.

For the fourth year the current graduating class received word of their scholarships, along with a Made in Madeira t shirt. Superintendent Matsudo shared the history behind the awards, and the lesson they instill. "I would hope that this generous Made in Madeira Scholarship given to you by a Madeira community member you never knew sparks an even greater sense of purpose for who you are and who you can become as you leave Madeira High School," Matsudo stated. "Being Made in Madeira is not just about what you say, but it's what you do. Being Made in Madeira is not about how you start, it's how you finish. It's not only about who you are but who you can become. Being Made in Madeira is not about getting, it's about giving. And if things aren't quite perfect or you've hit a roadblock or a bump along life's journey being Made in Madeira means that it's never too late to change your path or course of direction because above all else, being Made in Madeira means that you never, ever give up."

For more information, please contact the Madeira City School District Board Office at 513-985-6070 or Madeira Schools Foundation Director of Alumni Relations Mindi Hilgeman at 513- 924-3725.

Pictured are Class of 2021 graduates and Made in Madeira Scholarship recipients (l to r) Jack Nieberding, Josh Baker, Ethan Bisselberg, Molly Donohue, Marielle Thon

