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Coffee with the Community

A group of Madeira residents gathered at Madeira High School (MHS) recently for bagels, coffee, and a conversation about what's going on in their school district.

Madeira City School District's Community Coffees with the Superintendent are held each fall and spring to give residents a chance to stay connected with the schools. At the April 13 Spring Community Coffee, Superintendent Kenji Matsudo spoke to the group about plans to address the district's growing enrollment and MES building designs, the good news of the bond structuring and low interest rates secured last December, and strategic plans and goals that the district works on each year.

He then introduced four members of the MHS Class of 2022 who each spoke about their years at Madeira. Maddie Luther, Steven Wu, Justin Kelch, and Owen Farrell shared what it meant to be a Madeira student, their classes and activities, and their future plans.

Matsudo shared that this year's graduating class is made up of 93 well-prepared students who have excelled beyond measure. They have logged over 4,500 volunteer service hours and 43 will graduate as a Top Senior with a 4.0 or above GPA. He also shared that each of this year's graduates who are attending a college, university, career training program, or entering the military will receive a \$300 monetary Made in Madeira scholarship. The scholarship was established in 2018 when a long-time Madeira resident left part of his estate to Madeira Schools and until this year was \$250. Through smart investing and working only off of the interest earned, the scholarships dollars for each and every Madeira graduating senior will move up to \$300.

"It's important to us to keep in touch with the people who laid the strong foundation our schools are built on," Mr. Matsudo stated. "It's always good to talk with the Madeira residents who were previously involved in our schools and still share in the good things that are happening here now."

Among the attendees were former Madeira staff members, parents & grandparents of Madeira students, as well as community members – some who attended Madeira Schools themselves.

Any Madeira senior citizens who would like to be added to the mailing list for future coffees or other district senior citizen events are asked to contact Diane Nichols at dnichols@madeiracityschools.org or 924-3707.

Pictured right: Madeira Superintendent Kenji Matsudo, MHS senior Steven Wu, and spring Community Coffee attendees.

