



Madeira City Schools District Digest

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Summer 2012

Congratulations to the Members of the Class of 2012!

One hundred and fourteen seniors participated in the district's ninetieth annual commencement activities the last weekend in May. Baccalaureate was held Thursday, May 24 in Medert Auditorium with seniors **Bob Tensmeyer, Joe Schneider, Chance Manzler, 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** participating with speeches and songs. Faculty members who spoke at Baccalaureate were **Clark Eads** and **Sue Beach**. Graduation ceremonies were held in Ruth Romano Courtyard on Saturday, May 26 with Principal **Tom Olson** serving as Master of Ceremonies. Speakers were Class President **Bob Tensmeyer**, Salutatorian **Robbie Kneip**, Valedictorian **Richard Herndon**, Mr. Olson and Superintendent **Steve Kramer**. Diplomas were awarded to the seniors by Mr. Kramer and **Pat Shea**, School Board President.

**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
EMMADEVINE • NICOLE DRAHMAN • MARIAHERVIN • SARAHEVANS • TAYLOREVANS • ZACHARY FAJACK • EMILY FEIST
SARAH FINLEY • JEREMY FISCHER • PAULINA FISHER • LUIS FLORES • ALEC FREYTAG • ERIC FRISCH • ALYSSA FRYE
ANNA FULL • ABIGAIL GILFLEN • ADAM GJESSING • KAITLIN GRAY • ANTHONY GRIGG • ANNE GULICK
MICHAEL HARPER • KATHERINE HARRINGTON • LIESL HARTZ • JEREMY HAYES • RICHARD HERNDON
EMMA HILL • AUSTIN HORWITZ • BRITTNEY NOTARICK • 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 SOTELO • KATIE SOWLES
ANDREW STANIFER • MEGAN STEELE • JACOB STENTZ • DUNCAN STRINGER • GRIFFIN TATE • 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
Class Officers **Bob Tensmeyer**, President • **Sam Medert**, Vice President • **Paulina Fisher**, Secretary
Megan Steele, Treasurer • **Michelle Tuchfarber** and **Bob Larbes**, Class Advisors
Madeira School Board **Pat Shea** President • **Tarek Kamil**, Vice President
Kam Misleh, Member • **Cathy Swami**, Member • **David Templeton**, Member
Board of Education Office **Steve Kramer**, Superintendent • **Kenji Matsudo**, Assist Superintendent
Susan Crabill, Treasurer • **Diane Nichols**, PR/Digest Editor



Principal Tom Olson

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**

Senior Class Awards

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Class Officer Recognition

President: **BOB TENSMEYER**
 Vice-President: **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

ENGLISH

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 given in memory of Andrea Dennis, a 2001 Madeira graduate, to a senior who most exemplifies Andrea's qualities as an outstanding English student, will receive a \$1,200 scholarship award: **RICHARD HERNDON**

SOCIAL STUDIES

CP Government Critical Thinking Award: **JOSH CARPENTER, KATIE SOWLES**
AP Government Critical Thinking Award: **ABBY GILFLEN, 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 Outstanding Academic Achievement: **RICHARD HERNDON**
Outstanding Four-Year Social Studies Award: **SUSAN WALLACE**

FRENCH

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

LATIN

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

SPANISH

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

MATH

CP Algebra II: **JOSH CARPENTER**
CP Statistics: "FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AWARD": **EMILY SMITH, "KIRSTINE SMITH AWARD":** **CAITLYN MCCULLOUGH**
AP Statistics "SIR RONALD AYLMEY FISHER AWARD": **JUSTIN DEHAN**
"WILLIAM SEALY GOSSET AWARD": **ISAAC RUPE**
Excellence in Pre-Calculus: **JAKE BLACKWELDER, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM**
Excellence in AP Calculus: **RICHARD HERNDON**
Outstanding Four-Year Math Award: **TONY GRIGG**

SCIENCE

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: **ERIC RUSH, SUSAN WALLACE**
Top AP Biology Student: **MAX MANTKOWSKI**
The Triple Crown Award for successfully completing 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

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

Winner of the 2011-12 Entrepreneurship competition: **LEAH KIRBY, CAITLYN MCCULLOUGH, HANNAH MCFARLAND**
MVP of Perfect Piece /Entrepreneur for 2011-12: **HANNAH SCHWEPPE**
MVP of Infinite Industries: **JEREMY FISCHER**
Web Design Senior of the Year: **JOHN WOODSON**
Personal Finance Outstanding Senior of the Year: **CRAIG NIEMAN**
Music Video of the Year: **JOE BODNAR**
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

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**

C. L. Cincinatti 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, best demonstrates the personal characteristics of Dr. Hummel – positive personal energy, dedicated learner, service to others and to the Madeira Schools community: **CRAIG NIEMAN**
MM 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**

MHS 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**

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

Roger Anderson, Jr. Outstanding Senior Boy Award is presented to for 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 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 our former Superintendent 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 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 with a strong determination to succeed in academics and athletics and the "tenacity" to reach their goals by achieving a GPA of 3.25 for grades 9 -12 and participation in one or more varsity sports for at least two years, and received "all league" recognition from the CHL in at least one sport; shows leadership by showing work ethic and "sweat equity" 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 varsity athletics this year: **TAYLOR BEIRNE, AUSTIN BENTLE, JAKE BLACKWELDER, 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: **3**

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**

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

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

Raymond G. Seifert Award to students in a college prep course of study who earned a straight "A" average in all subjects this 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 foreign language or two credits of two different foreign languages, 3 units of Math which include 1 unit of Algebra and 1 of Geometry, 3 units of Science which includes 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, JAKE BLACKWELDER, 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, BRITTANY 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 SOTELO, 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 SOTELO, ANDREW STANIFER, JACOB STENTZ, BOB TENSMEYER, 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, IAN NEUMANN, CRAIG NIEMAN, KATY REUTER, ERIC RUSH, EMMA SABRANSKY, PAIGE SCHLAGBAUM, JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, TIM SEITER, LAUREN SHULL, CARSON SOTELO, ANDREW STANIFER, JACOB STENTZ, BOB TENSMEYER, 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 SOTELO, 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

Top 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 SOTELO, 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 the MHS Class of 2012: \$5,387,060





To the Graduates of 2012

by Stephen Kramer, Superintendent

On behalf of Board of Education President **Patrick Shea**, Vice President **Tarek Kamil**, members **Kam Misleh**, **David Templeton**, and **Cathy Swami**, along with the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Madeira City Schools, welcome to the 90th 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 and families, 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 130 years of service to education, of which 98 of those years have been serving Madeira students. Please join me in showing our appreciation for **Barb Schenck**, **Iona Weber**, **Connie Brueggeman**, **Bev McLeod** and **Sallie Weisgerber**. We wish you all a long and healthy retirement!

About this date forty years ago, I was sitting in a similar ceremony, ready to graduate from my high school. Sitting on the stage of Cincinnati Music Hall, one of more than 500 graduates, many of whom I didn't even know, I'm sure I was thinking the same thing you may be thinking now – enough with the speeches already – give me my diploma so I can get out of here! Frankly about the only thing I remember from my graduation is that I had a transistor radio with an earpiece – the original iPod – and I was listening to the Cincinnati Reds baseball game!

As I considered what I might share with you, and remembering my days in high school, I came to the conclusion that the most important lessons I learned often came from someplace other than the classroom. I'm not speaking about course content kinds of lessons, but more on how to live life or how life works kinds of lessons. And for me, sometimes these types of lessons even came from movies or books. So out of curiosity, I looked back to see what movies premiered in 1994, the year many of you were born, and as chance would have it, the top rated movies from that year were two of my favorites, *The Lion King* and *Forrest Gump*. Well, okay, maybe *The Lion King* was more of a favorite of my kids, but after watching it with them countless times as they were growing up, it became one of mine as well. I'm sure most of you have seen both movies, albeit at different points in your lives. I think both movies contain important life lessons.

For example:

- Life isn't always fair.
- Everything exists together; we are all connected.
- You can't change the past. You can either run from it, or learn from it, but you have to put it behind you before you can move forward.
- Remember/know who you are. Look inside yourself.
- You can be more than who you are.
- Keep your promises and be persistent.
- Do what you want to do in life and enjoy what you are doing.
- Just because something hasn't been done, doesn't mean it can't be done.
- Keep perspective. Regardless of the circumstances, perspective can change everything.
- Don't do stupid things. Remember, stupid is as stupid does.

Graduates, you too 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 **Carson Sotelo** we enjoyed the multiple talents of a kind and respectful young man, while **Emily Luther** taught us the value of being a competitive person as well as a caring friend. How to make everyone feel special and important is something we learned from **Emma Devine**, while **Susan Wallace** showed us how a quick positive comment can turn someone's day around. From **Sara Hyde** we learned you should start every day with a smile, no matter what, and **Anna Full** showed us there is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. Leading by example will inspire dedication among peers is something we learned from **Paige Schlagbaum** and **Ian Neumann**, while **Jacob Stentz** and **Meghan Phelps** taught us that to get others to follow, you need to be benevolent -- always caring and compassionate to others.

Justin Dehan, **Anna Meyer** and **Nicole Drahman** showed us what it means to be a team player, doing whatever is necessary to help others be successful, and **Kevin Costello** taught us selflessness by always putting others ahead of himself. Displaying the resiliency to overcome challenges and obstacles in order to improve each day is an example set by **Jeremy Hays** while **Josh Carpenter** showed us it's never too late to give it your all. **Tim Seiter** taught us that if you work hard enough and finish things that you have committed yourself to, you will indeed be "finally famous above all." From **Eric Frisch**, **Sam Medert**, **Blake Fajack** and **Adam Gjessing**, we learned that 'Chess is cool, Chess is fun, Chess goes best with UFC and Momma Vitas!' **Taylor Beirne** taught us the importance of grandparents, **Kristin Richardson** showed a heart of gold with her niece and **Lauren Shull** taught us to value the important things in life: friends, family, and faith. **Sarah Evans** taught us to have fun, to be energetic, and, when in doubt, smile and **Richard Herndon** showed us how to be successful while being unpretentious and unassuming.

Michael Harper taught us that the first step to understanding is to admit when you are lost and by never being afraid to ask "where are we?" and from **Scott Shinkle**, we learned to always strive to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud. Having a passion for what you want to do helps you succeed is something we learned from **Kristin Brock**, while **Robbie Kneip** taught us that high levels of success come with the right work ethic, passion, and organization...and that boys can be organized!!! **Luis Flores** showed us that artistic flair takes on many forms and **Najat Jallaq** showed us there is no single recipe to cook up success. **Katie Harrington** taught us how to keep dancing throughout your life. **Anne Gulick** and **Kelsey Johnson** showed us the importance of perseverance, while **Lucas Wagner** showed us that by playing a role to the best of your ability makes everyone better.

From **Chance Manzler** we learned how poetry is a beautiful way to communicate and **Joe Schneider** showed us that having confidence in creativity leads to success. From **Brooke Naylor** we learned that those who gallop through our lives will always gallop in our hearts and **Emma Hill** showed us how to stay young at heart and continue to play. **Duncan Stringer** taught us how to be your own person, **Hannah Westendorf** taught us that creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes but art is knowing which ones to keep and **Emma Sabransky** encouraged us to look beyond stereotypes.

Graduates, you have learned many valuable lessons these past eighteen years, 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. Remember, life is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're going to get.

Go and make the world a better place. "Hakuna matata!"



Future Plans of the Class of 2012

ASBURY COLLEGE: Griffin Tate
 BRIGHAM YOUNG: Jake Blackwelder, Joe Schneider, Lauren Shull
 BRIGHAM YOUNG IDAHO: Megan Steele
 BROWN MACKIE: Kristin Brock
 CAREER X: Brittney Hotarick
 CHRIST NURSING COLLEGE: Sarah Finley
 CINCINNATI STATE: Joey Chambers, Zana McQueen, Joe Scheid
 COASTAL CAROLINA: Quinn Voisard
 COLLEGE OF MT ST JOSEPH: Anthony Moermond
 COLORADO STATE: Natalie Thompson
 COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO: Katie Gray
 HANOVER COLLEGE: Kelsey Johnson
 HOLLINS UNIVERSITY: Katie Sowles
 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
 MILITARY: Ramsey Deal, Austin Horwitz, Eric Van Skaik
 MOREHEAD: Brooke Naylor
 NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY: Alyssa Frye,
 Abby Gilfilen, Hannah McFarland
 NORTHWESTERN: Richard Herndon
 OHIO UNIVERSITY: Beth Cullen, Brittany King, Craig Nieman
 OHIO WESLEYAN: Blake Fajack
 OTTERBEIN: Rebecca North
 PURDUE UNIVERSITY: Caitlyn McCullough
 ROSE HULMAN INSTITUTE: Austin 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
 UNDECIDED: Adam Bohl, Dane Brown, Megan Damaska,
 Mariah Ervin, Sarah Evans, Luis Flores, Emma Hill,
 Kyle Jackson, Kristin Richardson, Duncan Stringer
 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA: Emily Smith

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI: Taylor Christman,
 Kevin Costello, Eden Crosset, Jeremy Fischer, Eric Frisch,
 Katie Harrington, Liesl Hartz, Neil Jones, Emily Luther,
 Chance Manzler, Ian Neumann, Torie Powers, Marley Sherritt,
 Andrew Stanifer, Robert Tensmeyer, Stephen Walter,
 Hannah Westendorf, Kyle P. Williamson, Kyle T. Williamson
 UC 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
 WORKFORCE: Rick Sivrais, Eric Smith
 WRIGHT STATE: Anna Full, Jeremy Hayes





Class of 2012 Top Seniors who graduated with a 4.0 or higher grade point average (left to right) Row 1: **Anne Gulick** (The Ohio State University), **Taylor Beirne** (The Ohio State University), **Mikey Hurd** (The Ohio State University), **Paulina Fisher** (Miami University), **Anna Meyer** (University of South Carolina), **Emma Sabransky** (The Ohio State University), **Natalie Thompson** (Colorado State), **Susan Wallace** (St. Louis University). Row 2: **Katie Gray** (Columbia College), **Lauren Shull** (Brigham Young University), **Hannah Westendorf** (University of Cincinnati), **Emma Devine** (Kent State),

Taylor Christman (University of Cincinnati), **Sam Medert** (University of South Carolina), **Nicole Drahman** (The Ohio State University), **Brittney Marston** (Miami University), **Katie Reuter** (The Ohio State University), **Paige Schlagbaum** (The Ohio State University). Row 3: **Richard Herndon** (Northwestern), **Robbie Kneip** (University of Pittsburgh). Row 4: **Kyle T. Williamson** (University of Cincinnati), **Craig Nieman** (Ohio University), **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** (The Ohio State University), **Eric Rush** (The Ohio State University), **Carson Sotelo** (St. Louis University), **Ian Neumann** (University of Cincinnati). Not pictured: **Megan Damaska** (Undecided).



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

Spring 2012 District Recognitions



May, 2012 "I Make a Difference Award" recipients **Ralph and Tracey Blackwelder**



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

The Madeira Schools Foundation presented scholarships to these Madeira seniors (left to right) Row 1: **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).





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Madeira City Schools 2012 - 2013 Back to School Information

Parents may pick up a copy of the 2012-2013 printed district calendar at any school office, parent/student meetings, or school events beginning August 6. Community members who would like a calendar mailed to them should contact Diane Nichols at 924-3707 or dnichols@madeiracityschools.org after August 15.

August 6	Gd 9 parent/student mtg	6:30 pm
August 7	MMS packet pickup	8 am - 2 pm
	MES packet pickup	7:30 am - 4 pm
	Gd 10/11 parent/student mtg	6:30 pm
August 8	Gd 12 parent/student mtg	6:30 pm
August 9	Gd 1 parent mtg	6:30 pm
	Kdg parent mtg	5:30 pm
August 10	MES Beginning Buddies	7:00 pm
August 13	Gd 3 parent mtg	6:30 pm
August 14	Gd 1 Open House	2:00 pm
	Kdg conferences	
August 15	Kdg conferences	
	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
August 16	Gd 2 parent mtg	6:15 pm
	Gd 4 parent mtg	7:15 pm
August 22	Gd 5 & 6 parent mtg	6:00 pm
	Gd 7 & 8 parent mtg	7:00 pm
Aug 20-22	Preschool starts	
August 21	MHS Back to School Night	7:00 pm
August 30	MHS Parent reception	7:00 pm

All meetings will be held at individual schools

For a list of up to date schedules, school news and updates throughout the year, please visit our website:
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