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Madeira Schools Foundation Awards Alumni Scholarship

The Madeira Schools Foundation (MSF) recently named Carlissa Rugama as the newest recipient of the MSF Ruth Slagle Crawford Scholarship. The Foundation presents the award annually to a Madeira High School (MHS) graduate who is currently enrolled in college and pursuing a degree.

The \$5,000 scholarship is named in honor of Madeira Class of 1925 alumna Ruth Slagle Crawford who established the scholarship in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Crawford - long-time teachers who placed great value in education. Scholarship applicants must be MHS graduates pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited institution for at least one year, while attaining a 2.5 or above GPA. They must also write an essay which demonstrates how they are succeeding in college through their personal drive and strong work ethic and how they are financially supporting their education via employment.

Carlissa graduated from Madeira in 2023 and attends the University of Cincinnati. She thanked the MSF saying, "I am deeply honored to receive the Ruth Slagle Crawford Scholarship. While the financial relief is invaluable, it is the continued encouragement and support even after graduation that truly stands out. As a first-generation college student, being the first in my family to pursue and attain a college degree is both a dream and a responsibility. Your belief in my potential has not only helped me overcome obstacles but has also inspired me to push forward and reach for goals I once thought were out of reach."

The Madeira Schools Foundation was founded in 1984 by a group of enthusiastic parents and community members who worked to make the high school's outdoor track a reality. Today they hold an annual auction, a golf outing, and other events to raise funds that assist the Madeira City School District in achieving its goals for continued quality education. They have provided computer hardware and software, athletic facilities, new high school auditorium seats, a science lab building, sponsored the MHS Day of Service, student service learning trips abroad, an alumni fund and much more. Each year they also award upwards of \$20,000 to graduating seniors for achievements they accomplished while at Madeira High School.

This is the twelfth year the Madeira Schools Foundation has awarded the scholarship. For more please see MadeiraSchoolsFoundation.org.



Pictured: Carlissa Rugama