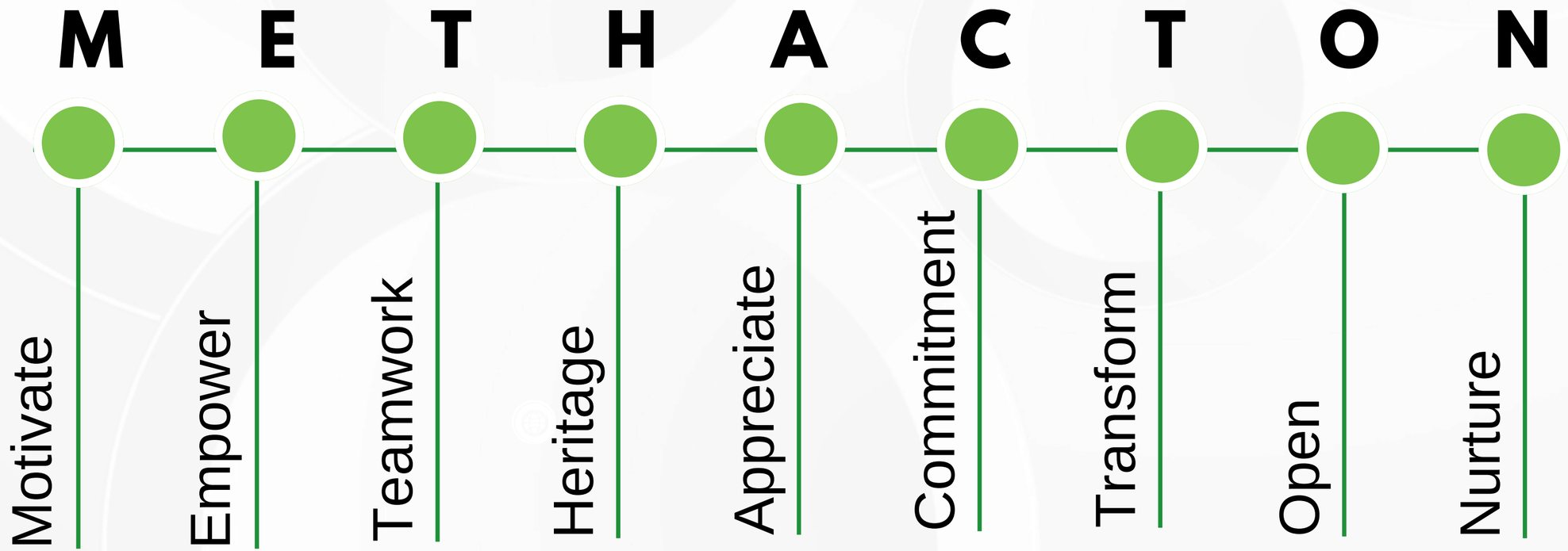
SPIRIT OF METHACTON AWARDS

MAY 2025



Our Core Values

The Spirit of Methacton Award is an opportunity to recognize our students, staff, and volunteers. Spirit of Methacton Award recipients are individuals who **consistently model the qualities of the 9 core values** of the Methacton School District. These individuals enrich our school community with their knowledge, commitment and support.



Methacton High School

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Marilyn McCauley

Mrs. McCauley is an incredibly spirited and enthusiastic teacher. Her upbeat and positive outlook is noticed by both students and staff. Mrs. McCauley is an advisor for National Art Honors Society which supports the annual Art Show. One of the fun events they run is the “Merry Market,” which invites all clubs from the high school to participate and happens before the holidays. Students feel comfortable and creative in her room while also feeling supported.

Jeff Musselman



Mr. Musselman is a dedicated Health and PE teacher who consistently puts students at the center of everything he does. He is flexible and responsive, always adapting his teaching to meet the needs and interests of his students. His positive attitude, encouragement, and strong sense of integrity have made him a trusted role model for many. Whether in the gym or the classroom, Mr. Musselman leads by example and inspires students to live active, healthy, and balanced lives.

Professional Staff



Mike Urbassik

Mr. Urbassik is a Methacton business teacher whose dry wit and subtle humor make his classes both engaging and memorable. He has a talent for turning everyday lessons into real-world learning experiences, guiding students through the fundamentals of entrepreneurship with insight and authenticity. His no-nonsense approach, paired with sharp humor, challenges students to think critically while keeping them entertained. Under his guidance, students gain not only an understanding of business concepts but also the confidence and creativity to apply them in real life.

Erin Cavanagh



Ms. Cavanaugh is a dynamic Spanish teacher who connects effortlessly with her students, creating a classroom environment that is both welcoming and inspiring. Her enthusiasm for language and culture is contagious, and she brings energy and creativity to every lesson. Beyond the classroom, Ms. Cavanaugh is deeply involved in the school community, volunteering her time to support a variety of extracurricular activities. Her dedication, warmth, and ability to build strong relationships make her valued and beloved member of our staff.

Professional Staff



Gabby Winters

Gabby Winters is an instructional assistant at Methacton High School and is a reliable and supportive presence in the classroom. Her strong organizational skills help keep lessons running smoothly and efficiently. She works closely with teachers to support instruction and ensure every student has what they need to succeed. Always ready to lend a hand or offer encouragement, Gabby brings out the best in those around her. Her dedication and helpful nature make her an invaluable part of the school community.

Denise Naylor



Denise Naylor is an incredibly passionate person. As an instructional assistant at Methacton High School, she works tirelessly to advocate for any person, club, or group that needs it, whether it is a student she works with directly or a spark of an idea that could use a hand to grow. The heart and dedication that Denise brings to each project she works on and the students she cares for knows no bounds. She is an incredible mentor to those around her, and Methacton is a better place with Denise Naylor as a part of it.

Support Staff



Pam Linn

Pam Linn is the front desk assistant at Methacton High School and is known for her warm smile and kind heart. She greets every student and teacher with genuine friendliness, creating a welcoming atmosphere from the moment they walk in. Always willing to go the extra mile, she helps solve problems quickly and with care. Her thoughtful gestures and positive attitude make a lasting impression on everyone she meets. Students and staff alike are grateful for her presence and the kindness she brings to the school each day.

Sandra Parker



We are proud to honor Mrs. Sandy Parker as an exceptional instructional assistant at the high school. Mrs. Parker's dedication, compassion, and tireless support have made a lasting impact on countless MHS students and staff. Whether working one-on-one with students, managing small groups, or supporting teachers, she brings patience, positivity, and a deep sense of purpose to everything she does. Her contributions reflect the very best of our district's core values, and we are grateful for the difference she continues to make every day. Mrs. Parker shows an unwavering commitment to the Methacton community.

Support Staff



Eric Ranieri

Eric Ranieri stepped into his first year as the head football coach with confidence, but his roots in Methacton athletics run deep, as he is also an alumnus of Methacton. He has made a lasting impact on students in the classroom and on the field, leading with integrity and purpose. Coach Ranieri is the kind of leader people respect—steady, committed, and always focused on what's best for the kids. His athletes and students look up to him, not just for what he teaches, but for how he carries himself every day.

Chris Torpey



Chris Torpey is the kind of coach every team hopes for. He puts in endless hours and never hesitates to give his all for his athletes. His time, energy, and effort are always focused on helping the kids succeed. No matter what, the team always comes first for him. Over the years, Coach Torpey has led countless athletes to the PAC Championships, Districts, and even the State level. His impact goes beyond the track—he builds confidence, drives ambition, and helps his athletes see what they're capable of. His results speak for themselves, but the respect his athletes have for him says even more.

Coaches and Advisors



Jim Hodgins

Jim Hodgins consistently demonstrates full dedication to every endeavor he undertakes. Over the past four years, his impact as a coach has been clear, reflected in both his enthusiasm and the measurable growth of our athletes. He brings a high level of energy, expertise, and commitment to the high school boys' track program. His contributions have been invaluable, and the program is fortunate to benefit from his leadership.

Bruce Outland



Bruce Outland is a dedicated educator at Methacton who also serves as the advisor for the Academic Decathlon team. Under his leadership, the team has consistently advanced to regional and state-level competitions. This past year, the team placed 6th at the state competition, with several students earning individual medals for their outstanding performance. Mr. Outland's mentorship has built a program known across the region and state for its academic excellence, competitive success, and the remarkable achievements of its students.

Coaches and Advisors



Will Christian

Will Christian is an amazing example of what a Methacton student-athlete should strive to be. He is a good student and a key leader on our outstanding varsity baseball team. Will led the baseball team to the conference championship in 2024, throwing a complete game shutout in one of the biggest games in school history. While he will graduate in 2026 as a decorated Methacton athlete, what he brings to our school every day as a person is what makes him stand out above the rest. The same qualities that make Will an outstanding student-athlete also make him a great role model off the field and outside the classroom. He an excellent representative of the Methacton School District.

Arden Hartranft



Arden is kind and has the perfect blend of intensity with a laid back demeanor that makes her friendly and approachable. Arden greets everyone she meets with a smile and a kind word. When anyone needs a little bit of motivation, Arden is right there to offer encouragement and support. Teachers describe Arden as a team player and a delight to teach. Students view Arden as a role model because even in the most difficult times, she shows respect, perseverance and inner strength. Arden embodies the true spirit of Methacton and we are lucky to have her represent MHS.

Students



Alex Eells

Alex Eells is a standout student who exemplifies the Spirit of Methacton through his remarkable dedication, leadership, and involvement across the high school community. Alex is highly involved in high school activities, participating in the TV studio, yearbook, and newspaper, and is a proud member of the Unified Track team. This spring, he also took on the role of district Communications Intern, producing social media content, capturing high-quality photos, writing articles, and even contributing to the creation of a new high school website. He consistently displays an eagerness to learn, thoughtful curiosity, professionalism and an impressive ability to balance multiple responsibilities.

Janet James



Janet James is a bright and motivated student who has a deep dedication to the Methacton community. As a District Communications Intern, Janet showcases both her photography and writing skills, while also demonstrating professionalism and a positive attitude. She is always willing to learn and grow. At the high school, she is involved in the TV studio, the newspaper and is a member of the student leadership for the Class of 2026. Janet is a wonderful role model, showcasing the true Spirit of Methacton. She has a bright future ahead of her.

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