

Congratulations

Madeira High School Class of 2026

Corbin Adams • Leah Allen • Aiden Audretch • Alejandro Avina • George Aziz* • Silas Baird*
Jacob Ballman* • Nicholas Ballman* • Tyler Bayer • Joseph Bishop • Anthony Blackmon
Margot Block* • Charli Bowen • Chase Brill* • Keene Buckner* • Brooke Burnet* • Matteo Caggioni*
William Carpenter* • Madeline Cecil* • Demir Cevik* • Cora Chalfie* • Evan Cissell* • Dion Colson*
Avery Craig* • Makayla Davenport* • Olivia Davenport* • Natasha Davis* • Owen Dershem
Dylan Dodd • Owen Donovan* • Rylee Donovan • Corinne Ellerbrock* • Luke Feldmeyer*
Molly Flanagan • Ty Gabbard • Anderson Gable • Pasquale Galioto • Charles Gaugh*
Randall Gilmore • London Gohus • Michal Grzelak • Jack Gugino • Tanya Gupta*
Adam Harms* • Dylan Harris* • Cameron Hartley • Nolan Hemler • Simon Hemmerick*
Brody Hilgeman • Jacob Hoffman* • Emily Huff • Aaron Huon* • Marissa Jordan* • Gabriel Jung
Grace Kellett* • Hayden Koch • Isabella Kreutz* • Hayden Lanner • Annabelle Larson*
Matthew Lauterbach* • John Laux • Robert Lewis* • Lakkari Leterski • Sophia Marston
Peter Mattson* • Elijah Miller • Luke Miller* • Owen Mobley • Ella Muhlen* • Leah Munch
Jorie Oden • Blake Opichka • Dustin Opichka • Rain Penley • Maxwell Raines
Pablo Ramirez-Laverde • Anica Rane* • Benjamin Reed* • James Riedmiller • Fiona Ritchie*
Mariah Rockeman • Andrew Roy* • Luke Ruehlman* • Isabella Sammut* • Madelyn Sams
Michael Scarchilli • Christian Setz • Annalyse Shields • Emily Shinn* • Scarlett Shonk*
Peyton Slusher • Grayson Smith • Shane Spencer* • Alexander Telesz* • Kane Temar*
Blake Torggler • Michael Vallis • Braeden Wallace* • Linda Watson • Max Welty • Benjamin Wetzel*
Matthew Wetzel* • Gus White* • Sophia Wirsing • Wade Wischer* • Lily Witsken • Kylie Wolcott
Harrison Woolwine • Gavin Zieverink* • Madeline Zoeckler*

* Honors Diploma



David Kennedy, Madeira High School Principal
Gretchen Bloomstrom, Madeira High School Assistant Principal
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Anica Rane

What's Next for the Class of 2026

Ball State University
Bellarmine University
Belmont University
Cincinnati State
Denison University
Eastern Michigan
Epic Flight Academy
Gap Year

Harvard University
Loyola University

**Massachusetts Institute
of Technology**
Miami University

Joseph Bishop
Demir Cevik
Owen Dershem
Rylee Donovan
Tanya Gupta
Brody Hilgeman

Military Service/Army
Mt. St Joseph
Northern Kentucky
Ohio State University

Benjamin Wetzel
Silas Baird
Keene Buckner
Grace Kellett
Matthew Lauterbach
Robert Lewis

Ohio University

Margot Block
William Carpenter
Avery Craig
Molly Flanagan
Ty Gabbard
London Gohus
Nolan Hemler

Ohio Wesleyan
Otterbein University
Purdue University
Taylor University
University of Alabama

Marissa Jordan, Troy Temar, Harrison Woolwine

Owen Mobley
Max Welty
Peter Mattson
Aaron Huon
Anderson Gable
Charles Gaugh
Cameron Hartley
Randall Gilmorek,
Isabella Kreutz,
Hayden Lanner,
Lakkari Literski,
Rain Penley,
Mariah Rockeman
Evan Cissel
Charli Bowen,
Isabella Sammut
Braeden Wallace

John Laux
Luke Ruehlman
John Lax
Michael Scarchilli
Madeline Zoeckler

Leah Munch
Jack Gugino
Payne Huff

Pablo Ramirez
Laverde Guzman
Annalyse Shields
Blake Torggler
Michael Vallis
Gus White

Elijah Miller
Ella Muhlen
Andrew Roy
Madeylyn Sams
Charles Smith
Alexander Telesz

Chase Brill
Aiden Audretch
George Aziz
Annabelle Larson
Owen Donovan,

US Military Academy
University of California
University of Cincinnati
Blue Ash
University of Cincinnati

Alejandro Avina
Jacob Ballman
Nicholas Ballman
Tyler Bayer
Anthony Blackmon
Dion Colson
Makayla Davenport
Olivia Davenport
Natasha Davis
Corinne Ellerbrock
Luke Feldmeyer
Pasquale Galioto
Michal Grzelak
Dylan Harris

University of Dayton
University of Georgia
University of Maryland
University of Notre Dame
University of So California
University of So Carolina
Madeline Cecil
University of Virginia
University of Wyoming
Villanova University
West Virginia University
Workforce
Maxwell Raines, Lily Witsken,
Xavier University

Anica Rane
Cora Chalfie
James Riedmiller
Kylie Wolcott

Simon Hemmerick
Hayden Koch
Sophia Marston
Luke Miller
Jorie Oden
Blake Opichka
Dustin Opichka
Christian Setz
Matthew Wetzel
Sophia Wirsing
Wade Wischer
Gavin Zieverink

Fiona Ritchie
Benjamin Reed
Shane Spencer
Matteo Caggioni
Emily Shinn
Brooke Burnet,

Adam Harms
Peyton Slusher
Jacob Hoffman
Scarlett Shonk
Gabe Jung,
Dylan Dodd, Corbin Adams
Leah Allen, Linda Watson



Senior Parade

MADE in MADEIRA



A Message to the MHS Class of 2026 on Senior Class Awards Night:

It's my privilege at this time to share an important scholarship started nine years ago known as the Made in Madeira Scholarship. We've witnessed this evening the hard work of so many students but the fact of the matter is, each and every one of our graduating seniors is uniquely special. I'm pleased to share with you that each and every graduate will be eligible to receive the Made in Madeira Scholarship on behalf of the estate of Homer Amos.

Mr. Amos was a long time Madeira community member who bequeathed his entire estate to two high schools - his own high school back in Richmond, Virginia and Madeira High School where his sons attended school back in the early 1970's. Mr. Amos was the local TV repairman who worked out of his shop on Camargo Road. He lived a modest life, was an avid investor, and in the spirit of being proud that his sons graduated from Madeira, endowed what is now known as the Made in Madeira Scholarship with a \$785,000 gift for graduating Madeira High School seniors. In his own words, "I bequeath my estate to Madeira High School for the purposes of establishing college scholarships to aid graduating students. It is my wish that the benefits from the scholarship funds be available to as many students as practical to further their academic and career pursuits."

Each and every one of these seniors have worked hard to get to this point and we want to celebrate each and every one of them with the Made in Madeira Scholarship as a part of Mr. Amos' wishes. This endowment has been set up in such a way that it will live on for forever, as each Madeira graduating senior who is attending college, entering the military, or enrolling in a career or technical training program will be given a \$325 scholarship. The legacy of this gift has continued to grow over time as alumni, staff members, and friends of Madeira have added gifts to this extraordinary scholarship fund. In fact, the Made In Madeira Scholarship fund received another generous \$50,000 donation from the estate of Barb Brewer, Madeira's former treasurer. I know of no other public or private high school in the state of Ohio, or the country for that matter, where every graduating senior is awarded a monetary scholarship.

As you know, Madeira is an incredibly special place. Students, your parents and this Madeira community have supported you each step of the way. This scholarship reads, "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 the way, 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.

Congratulations to our Madeira High School Class of 2026 on nearing the finish line and being Made in Madeira!

Kenji Matsudo
Superintendent
Madeira City Schools





Senior Awards

Presented at Awards Night

May 5, 2026

Service and Leadership Awards

Class Officer Recognition President: **Kane Temar**, Vice-President: **Peter Mattson**, Treasurer: **George Aziz**, Secretary: **Ben Wetzel**, Member at Large: **Matteo Caggioni**, **Natasha Davis**, **Grace Kellett**, **Shane Spencer**

Service Cords for exceeding the required 40 hours of service: **George Aziz**, **Silas Baird**, **Jacob Ballman**, **Nicholas Ballman**, **Margot Block**, **Chase Brill**, **Matteo Caggioni**, **William Carpenter**, **Madeline Cecil**, **Evan Cissell**, **Cora Chalfie**, **Avery Craig**, **Makayla Davenport**, **Olivia Davenport**, **Natasha Davis**, **Corinne Ellerbrock**, **Luke Feldmeyer**, **Molly Flanagan**, **Adam Harms**, **Dylan Harris**, **Nolan Hemler**, **Marissa Jordan**, **Grace Kellett**, **Isabella Kreutz**, **Annabelle Larson**, **Robert Lewis**, **Peter Mattson**, **Elijah Miller**, **Luke Miller**, **Owen Mobley**, **Pablo Ramirez Laverde Guzman**, **Benjamin Reed**, **Andrew Roy**, **Isabella Sammut**, **Madelyn Sams**, **Emily Shinn**, **Shane Spencer**, **Kane Temar**, **Michael Vallis**, **Braeden Wallace**, **Benjamin Wetzel**, **Matthew Wetzel**, and **Madeline Zoeckler**

Scholarship Presentations

MHS PTO Courage & Inspiration Award in honor of Ryan Korengel recognizes and aids a senior who has demonstrated courage in overcoming unforeseen obstacles and/or has inspired others in an extraordinary manner: **Isabella Sammut**

MHS PTO Extraordinary Service recognizes and aids a senior who has demonstrated through service to their school or community, through a work experience, or through a family situation, etc. how they can say "I Made a Difference": **George Aziz**

MHS Catherine Gants Tuck Scholarship A teacher at MHS in the 1970's, Catherine Gants Tuck had a passion for history, physiology and teaching and was a compassionate role model for women. This scholarship goes to help a student planning to major in a liberal arts program: **Avery Craig**, **Olivia Davenport**, and **Annalyse Shields**

Madeira Woman's Club Nancy Klapproth Memorial Scholarship: **George Aziz and Wade Wischer**

The Ohio Federation of Women's Club Elaine Weinman Memorial Scholarship: **Luke Feldmeyer**

Madeira Women's Club and the Madeira Chamber of Commerce Scholarship to a student with an entrepreneurial spirit: **Benjamin Reed**

Madeira Chamber of Commerce Scholarship to students who have a passion for business: **Marissa Jordan and Harrison Woolwine**

Art Awards

Henri Matisse Artscar awarded to a student who embraces bold colors and spontaneous brushstrokes and whose work embodies a continual exploration of vibrant color palettes, dynamic shapes, and the expressive use of light. With a fearless approach to creativity, they constantly push the boundaries of color and form: **Dylan Harris**

Georgia O'Keeffe Artscar awarded to a student who excels in creative cropping techniques and thoughtful composition. With a refined eye for beauty and balance, they transform ordinary moments into captivating works of art. **Margot Block**

Frida Kahlo Artscar honors students whose powerful, emotionally charged self-portraits explore themes of identity, emotion, and the human condition. Their work invites viewers into intimate reflections on personal experiences, using art as a medium for self-expression, vulnerability, and profound storytelling: **Isabella Sammut**

Vincent Van Gogh Award honors a student whose work reflects the emotional depth and intensity of Vincent Van Gogh's style. Their use of vibrant colors, expressive brushwork, and dynamic compositions evokes a raw connection to their subjects. Whether through landscape, portrait, or still life, their art conveys a sense of passion and urgency, transforming everyday scenes into powerful emotional experiences: **Shane Spencer**

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Family & Consumer Science Awards

Most Adventurous Cook Award: Owen Dershem

Cayenne Pepper Award: Bella Kreutz

Good Egg Award: Jack Gugino

Most Creative Chef Award: Linda Watson

Sunny Side Up Award: Michal Grzelak

Most Sophisticated Palate Award: Nolan Hemler

Sous Chef Award: Aaron Huon

Future Michelin Star Recipient Award: Luke Miller



Business and Media Communication Awards

Excelling Academically in Accounting: Ben Reed

Award to Executive Producers of What's Up Madeira for their creativity, dedication and leadership: Matthew Lauterbach, Kane Temar, Braeden Wallace, and Harrison Woolwine

WHAT'S UP MADEIRA

Best ESPN Game Day Preview: Aiden Audretch & Grayson Smith

Best Public Service Announcement "Hope Squad": Wade Wischer

Best Anchor Duo: Michael Scarchilli & Blake Torggler

Best March Madness Tribute – One Shining Moment: Ben Reed

Best Reporter "Father Daughter Dance": Avery Craig & Madeline Cecil

Best Cold Open "Mrs. J's Last Dance": Matteo Caggioni

Segment of the Year – "Hot Ones": Will Carpenter

Best Fashion Showdown – "Thrifting Wars": Molly Flanagan

Best Investigative Report – "Left Turn Honk of Shame": Dustin Opichka

Actor of the Year: Peter Mattson

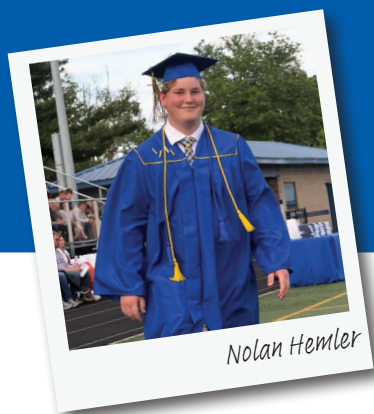
Cinematographer of the Year: Tyler Bayer

Editor of the Year for his commercials and best interview of the year: Luke Miller

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Fall Entrepreneurship Groups for raising \$17,000 dollars for non-profit organizations: Nicholas Ballman, Will Carpenter, Molly Flanagan, Adam Harms, Braeden Wallace, Jacob Ballman, Joe Bishop, Makayla Davenport, Matthew Lauterbach, Matt Wetzel, Harrison Woolwine, Aiden Audretch, Silas Baird, Anderson Gable, Blake Torggler, Ben Wetzel, and Sophia Wirsing

Entrepreneur of the Year will receive a \$1,000 scholarship generously provided by 2008 Madeira alum, Phil Santoro: Blake Torggler



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PERSONAL FINANCE

Outstanding Personal Finance Student of the Year: **Michael Vallis**

JA Stock Market Challenge

Members of the 9th place team: **Gavin Zieverink, Gus White, Peter Mattson, and Michael Scarchilli**

Members of the 3rd place team: **Andrew Roy, Braeden Wallace, Robby Lewis and Harrison Woolwine**

Members of the 1st Place team will represent Madeira High School at the National Stock Market Challenge: **Ben Reed & Blake Torggler**

Personal Finance Challenge State Competitors: **Silas Baird, Brooke Burnet, Evan Cissell, Natasha Davis, Anderson Gable, Adam Harms, Marissa Jordan, Grace Kellett, Braeden Wallace, and Ben Wetzel**

Pinnacle Award of Excellence Scholarship for academic excellence and achievement in Honors Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Personal Finance and What's Up Madeira: **Aiden Audretch, Ty Gabbard, Ben Reed, Blake Torggler, Sophia Wirsing, and Harrison Woolwine**

Language Arts Department Awards

CP English 12 Award for Academic Excellence: **Makayla Davenport, Luke Feldmeyer, Enzo Galioto, Hayden Lanner, Dustin Opichka, and Dax Telesz**

Big Boys of CP English 12 Award: **Nicholas Ballman and Jacob Ballman**

AP Research Award for Academic Excellence: **Keene Buckner**

American Literature Academic Excellence Award: **Natasha Davis**

AP Literature and Composition Award for outstanding critical thinking: **Rain Penley**

Trilogy Award for taking three AP English courses: **Chase Brill, Keene Buckner, Owen Donova, Charlie Gaugh, and Matt Wetzel**

Outstanding 4-year English Award for excellent performance in English all four years: **Charlie Gaugh**

Mathematics Awards

Academic Excellence in AP Calculus: **George Aziz and Dax Telesz**

AP Calculus Award: **Luke Feldmeyer and Dylan Harris**

Academic Excellence Award in CP Precalculus: **Michal Grzelak, Madelyn Sams, and Blake Torggler**

Academic Excellence in CP Statistics: **Annabelle Larson & Rain Penley**

Academic Excellence in AP Statistics: **George Aziz & Evan Cissell**

Academic Excellence in AP Computer Science Principles: **Michal Grzelak**

AP Cubed Award to students who have taken three AP Math courses: **Silas Baird, Matteo Caggioni, Demir Cevik, Evan Cissell, Tanya Gupta, Luke Ruehlman, Shane Spencer, Kane Temar, Braeden Wallace, Ben Wetzel, and Wade Wischer**

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Science Department Awards

Outstanding 4-year Math Award: Ben Wetzel

FORENSICS

Crime Scene Investigator Award for Autopsy: Madelyn Sam and Jacob Ballman

Top Crime Scene Investigator for Trace Evidence: Scarlett Shonk and Natasha Davis

ANATOMY AND BIOLOGY

Academic Excellence in CP Anatomy: Annabelle Larson

Focused Frontal Lobe Award: Aaron Huon

Charles Darwin Award for Excellence in AP Biology: Isabella Sammmut

Senior Award for Outstanding Performance in AP Biology: Maddy Zoecker

Honors Physics Award for Academic Achievement: George Aziz and Michal Grzelak

AP Physics C Lab Group Award: Matthew Lauterbach and Luke Miller

Outstanding Growth in AP Physics C: Anica Rane

Isaac Newton Award of Excellence in AP Physics C: Evan Cissell and Dax Telesz

AP Physics C Faraday Award of Excellence in Electricity and Magnetism: Matteo Caggioni and Michael Vallis

AP Physics 1 Bernoulli Award of Excellence: Luke Feldmeyer

Academic Achievement in AP Environmental Science: Maddy Zoeckler

Triple Crown Award for successfully completing three Advanced Placement Science courses: Chase Brill, Michael Vallis, Keene Buckner, Maddy Zoeckler, Anica Rane, Luke Ruehlman, Emily Shinn, Shane Spencer, and Dax Telesz

Golden Ring Award to students who have completed five AP Science Courses: Matteo Caggioni

Outstanding 4-Year Science Award: Matteo Caggioni



Molly Flanagan and Margot Block

Social Studies Department Awards

Academic Excellence in AP World History: Evan Cissell

Award for Academic Excellence in AP Psychology: Natasha Davis and Maddy Zoeckler

Academic Excellence in CP Sociology: Owen Dershem and Luke Ruehlman

Award for Academic Excellence in AP Economics: Silas Baird and Evan Cissell

Siskel & Ebert Award for outstanding academic achievement in History & Film: Peter Mattson and Gus White

Outstanding Critical Thinking in Ancient/Medieval History Award: Jacob Ballman, Nicholas Ballman, and Charles Gaugh

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Outstanding Creativity in Ancient/Medieval History: **Dustin Opichka**

Outstanding Critical Thinking in AP Government: **Blake Torggler**

Mt. Rushmore Award honors students who completed four AP courses in Social Studies: **Evan Cissell, Owen Donovan, Blake Torggler, and Ben Wetzel**
Outstanding 4 Year Social Studies Award: **Evan Cissell**

World Languages Department Awards

5 years of Spanish: **George Aziz, Silas Baird, Cora Chalfie, Natasha Davis, Adam Harms, Grace Kellett, Annabelle Larson, Robby Lewis, Andrew Roy, Shane Spencer, Braeden Wallace, Ben Wetzel, Wade Wischer, and Maddy Zoeckler**

5 years of French: **Isabella Sammut, Tanya Gupta, and Ella Muhlen**

5 years of Latin: **Evan Cissell, Scarlett Shonk, Jake Hoffman, Fiona Ritchie, Simon Hemmerick, Enzo Galioto, Dax Telesz, and Matteo Caggioni**

Arc de Triomphe Award: for “conquering” AP French: **Isabella Sammut**

Academic Excellence in AP Spanish Language and Culture: **George Aziz**

AP Spanish Language and Culture Award for Excellence in Communication: **Maddy Zoeckler**

Academic Excellence in AP Latin: **Evan Cissell**

Theuris Thomas Leadership Award for Latin: **Matteo Caggioni and Avery Craig**

Athletic Awards

CHL Scholar Athlete Award for outstanding academic achievement by maintaining a 3.5 GPA while participating in High School Varsity Athletics: **Silas Baird, Madeline Cecil, Avery Craig, Makayla Davenport, Olivia Davenport, Natasha Davis, Simon Hemmerick, Brody Hilgeman, Marissa Jordan, Grace Kellett, Robby Lewis, Peter Mattson, Owen Mobley, Blake Opichka, Anica Rane, Fiona Ritchie, Annalyse Shields, Max Welty, Ben Wetzel, Matt Wetzel, Maddy Zoeckler**

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award to student athletes who have received a minimum of four varsity letters and maintained a high scholastic average: **Maddy Zoeckler and Matteo Caggioni**

OHSAA/Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award to recognize students who display exemplary sportsmanship: **Evan Cissell and Anica Rane**

National Federation of High Schools Award of Excellence to one male and one female senior student who has exhibited qualities that embody good citizenship, good moral character, and good sporting behavior: **Natasha Davis and Ben Wetzel**

Madden Award to the best senior girl and the best senior boy athlete voted on by head coaches: **Grace Kellett and Ben Reed**

Group Awards

Academic Team: **Dax Telesz and Owen Donovan**

Raymond G. Seifert Award to students who are enrolled in a college preparatory course of study and who earn a straight “A” in all subjects based on the first three-quarters of academic work: **George Aziz, Silas Baird, Jacob Ballman, Nicholas Ballman, Keene Buckner, Matteo Caggioni, Cora Chalfie, Evan Cissell, Natasha Davis, Luke Feldmeyer, Charles Gaugh, Dylan Harris, Aaron Huon, Grace Kellett, Annabelle Larson, Peter Mattson, Benjamin Reed, Luke Ruehlman, Isabella Sammut, Madelyn Sams, Annalyse Shields, Shane Spencer, Alexander Telesz, Michael Vallis, Braeden Wallace, Benjamin Wetzel, Gavin Zieverink, and Madeline Zoeckler**

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Top Seniors who graduated with a 4.0 or above GPA:

George Aziz, Silas Baird, Jacob Ballman, Joseph Bishop, Keene Buckner, Brooke Burnet, Matteo Caggioni, Madeline Cecil, Cora Chalfie, Evan Cissell, Makayla Davenport, Natasha Davis, Owen Donovan, Luke Feldmeyer, Pasquale Galioto, Dylan Harris, Simon Hemmerick, Jacob Hoffman, Marissa Jordan, Grace Kellett, Annabelle Larson, Matthew Lauterbach, Robert Lewis, Peter Mattson, Luke Miller, Ella Muhlen, Pablo Ramirez-Laverde, Anica Rane, Benjamin Reed, Fiona Ritchie, Andrew Roy, Luke Ruehlman, Isabella Sammut, Annalyse Shields, Emily Shinn, Scarlett Shonk, Shane Spencer, Alexander Telesz, Kane Temar, Blake Torggler, Michael Vallis, Braeden Wallace, Benjamin Wetzel, Matthew Wetzel, Gus White, Wade Wischer, Harrison Woolwine, Gavin Zieverink, Madeline Zoeckler



2026 Top Seniors

President's Award for Educational Excellence recognizes students who have attained a 3.5 or above GPA and a score of at least 25 on the ACT: George Aziz, Silas Baird, Joseph Bishop, Chase Brill, Keene Buckner, Brooke Burnet, Matteo Caggioni, Madeline Cecil, Demir Cevik, Cora Chalfie, Evan Cissell, Dion Colson, Avery Craig, Natasha Davis, Owen Donovan, Corinne Ellerbrock, Luke Feldmeyer, Enzo Galioto, Charles Gaugh, London Gohus, Tanya Gupta, Adam Harms, Dylan Harris, Simon Hemmerick, Jacob Hoffman, Marissa Jordan, Grace Kellett, Annabelle Larson, Matthew Lauterbach, Robert Lewis, Peter Mattson, Luke Miller, Ella Muhlen, Pablo Ramirez-Laverde, Anica Rane, Benjamin Reed, Fiona Ritchie, Andrew Roy, Luke Ruehlman, Isabella Sammut, Christian Setz, Emily Shinn, Scarlett Shonk, Shane Spencer, Alexander Telesz, Kane Temar, Blake Torggler, Michael Vallis, Braeden Wallace, Max Welty, Benjamin Wetzel, Matthew Wetzel, Gus White, Wade Wischer, Harrison Woolwine, Gavin Zieverink, Madeline Zoeckler

Governor's Merit Scholarship recognizes students that are in the top 5% of their class and plan to attend an Ohio institution of higher education: Silas Baird, Ben Wetzel

National Merit Commended Scholars earned a designation of Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program: Silas Baird, Adam Harms, Benjamin Reed, Isabella Sammut, Scarlett Shonk, Shane Spencer, Troy Temar

National Merit Semi-Finalists completed the process to be honored as National Merit Finalists: Evan Cissell, Owen Donovan, Benjamin Wetzel

Career & Technical Medallion for being named the Career and Technical Student of the Year: Corbin Adams

Roger Anderson, Jr. Outstanding Senior Boy Award for being above average in academics, above average in sports, service to school and community, and sincerity: Evan Cissell

Nadine Wilson Outstanding Senior Girl Award for being above average in academics, above average in sports, service to school and community, and sincerity: Grace Kellett



Celebrating Excellence



*Mark Cappell, Julia Hess,
Megan Lowe and Jen Bracken*

I Make a Difference Award

The Madeira City School Board salutes individuals who go beyond the unexpected to 'make a difference' in our schools. This year's recipients of the I Make a Difference Award are Scarlet & Gray owner **Mark Cappell** for our nearly 32 year partnership and dedication to serving our schools; **Julia Hess** - an amazing person with a servant's heart as she cleans at MMS; and **Megan Lowe and Jen Bracken** who worked together to organize our first ever Madeira Unified Track Invitational - an opportunity that brought students with and without disabilities together around a fun



2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Madeira Schools Foundation donates upwards of \$25,000 to graduating seniors and alumni to continue their education. 2026 scholarship recipients are (pictured above l to r) Row 1: **Brody Hilgeman, Kane Temar, Molly Flanagan, Isabella Sammut, Grace Kellett, George Aziz.** Row 2: **Margot Block, Tanya Gupta, Madeline Zoeckler, Marissa Jordan, Rylee Donovan, Adam Harms.** Row 3: **Luke Feldmeyer, Dustin Opichka, Harrison Woolwine, Shane Spencer, Blake Torggler, Wade Wischer.** Not pictured: **Jacob Ballman, Vivian Momper**

Madeira Schools Foundation Awards

MSF Distinguished Award recipients (pictured below l to r): **Alison (Dewitt) Huber, Mary Ann McPherson, and Ian Soper** representing his father **Steve Soper.**



2026 Distinguished Award Recipients



2026 Celebrate Excellence event

Educator of the Year

Madeira Middle School Science teacher **Kirby Slater** was named the Madeira School District's 2026 Educator of the Year. He represented the district at the Hamilton County Education Foundation's Celebrate Excellence event, hosted by **Anthony Munoz.**

District Retirees



*Rick Adams, Rosemary Becher, and
Melody Gregory*

Congratulations and happy trails to **Rick Adams, Tracey Alley, Rosemary Becher, Mary DeWitt, Melody Gregory, Janet McGuire, Mike Shafer, and Beth Shelander!**

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Madeira Elementary School
7840 Thomas Drive
513.985.6080

Madeira Preschool
8000 Miami Avenue
513.702.8085

Madeira Families,

Congratulations to the MHS Class of 2026, our most recent graduates whose accomplishments are highlighted in this newsletter. We are proud of the education we provide for our students and look forward to seeing what our graduates achieve.

Madeira is an excellent school district thanks to you - the outstanding students, staff, parents, and community members who have supported us for over a century. Your ongoing dedication to our district has helped us become one of the top schools in the nation, and one of the reasons Madeira is a great place to raise a family.

Families of students can pick up a copy of the printed 2026-2027 district calendar at schedule pick ups or at any Back to School event. After school starts, community members may pick one up in any school office or have one mailed to their home by leaving their name and address at 513.924.3707 or dnichols@madeiracityschools.org.

An updated online calendar and printable PDF can always be found on our website. Come to one of our school events and see what makes Madeira so special!

Go Madeiral!

Kenji Matsudo
 Superintendent
 Madeira City Schools



Kenji Matsudo

2026-2027 School Dates

First Day for Students	August 19
Labor Day Holiday	September 7
Teacher Inservice	September 25
Fall Break	October 16
Conference Day	November 9
Conference Exchange Day	November 25
Thanksgiving Break	November 26, 27
Winter Break	December 21-January 1
School Resumes	January 4
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18
Presidents Day	February 15
Teacher Inservice	March 12
Spring Break	March 22-29
Good Friday	March 26
Last Day for Students	May 27
Graduation	May 28
Memorial Day Holiday	May 31
Juneteenth	June 19



Check our online calendar at www.madeiracityschools.org for any changes to these dates, and throughout the year for all current 2026-2027 events.