

# THE DISTRICT CORRESPONDED

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# Madison Cubs are sending several student-athletes off to represent new teams

### By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

"This year has been a very active recruiting season for our student-athletes", shared Joe Bronkella, Madison AD. "It takes a great deal of self-discipline, hard work, and a commitment to being the best you can be each and every day when you choose to play at the next level. For these students, it is something they have worked for since an early age and we wanted to take a moment to recognize their accomplishments."

As of the time of this publication, the Class of 2021 has thirteen student-athletes who have committed to and signed with college-level athletic programs. Some near and some far, our Madison Cubs will go on to be cheered as Pilots, Kohawks, Vikings, Grizzlies, Panthers, Wildcats, Mighty Oaks, Tigers, Spartans, Grenadiers, and Greyhounds.

We asked them to share a bit on why they chose their respective colleges and what advice they would give to underclassmen teammates who may be thinking about the next level.

### Brett Cahall - Bethel College, Cross Country/Track & Field

Brett Cahall has signed with



"Also, don't forget to ask your current coach for help - they know what to do and can help tremendously." Brett is the daughter of Christi Cahall and Shane Cahall. **Trenton Barnes - Coe College, Football** 

Trenton Barnes has signed to play football for Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA majoring in the Criminal Justice field. Barnes chose Coe for the coaching staff. "I received a very warm welcome, the staff was inviting and engaging, and they have excellent facilities." He is looking forward to the opportunity to compete against people from all over the country. "Stick to the grind," he shared to those looking to go on. "It won't just come to you, you have to do some extra to be seen." Trenton is the son of Carrie and Richard Heimbach and Darren Barnes. Luke Ommen - Berry College, Golf Luke Ommen will continue his education and golf career at Berry College in Mount Berry, GA majoring in Sports Administration. Ommen selected Berry because of the location and the opportunity

for new scenery. "I am looking forward to the new courses and meeting my new teammates," he shared. His advice, "enjoy the moments playing high school sports because it is the best time of your life." He is the son of David and Melissa Ommen.

### Jade Nutley - Indiana Wesleyan, Basketball

Jade Nutley will continue her education and basketball career at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN. Nutley had a number of opportunities but had a relationship with the players and coaches at IWU like no other school, she shared. "It felt like home and that's where God was calling me to go." Her advice, "work hard every day, push yourself when no one is telling you what to do and when no one is looking, take advantage of your free time, and don't be afraid to mess up." Jade is the daughter of Keith and Lynn Nutley.

From bottom, left to right: Trenton Barnes, Nick Center, Immi Mann, Gracie True, Jenna Imel, Lundun Perry, Kelsey Bilz, Jade Nutley, Brett Cahall, Chloe Ferris, Luke Ommen, Luke Miller, and late signee Zach Forner pictured below, photo compliments of David Campbell.





SuperATV has once again graciously donated funding that will cover textbook and device rental fees for all students attending Madison Consolidated Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Bethel University in Mishawaka, IN to run cross country and track majoring in Excercise Science. "I chose Bethel because of the small campus and the familyoriented team and I am looking forward to the bonds I am going to make with my teammates," Brett shared. Her advice to underclassmen interested in the next level, Cahall said "definitely look into it!" She suggests looking at all the colleges you can and talk to as many coaches as you can.

### Seniors Tour Their Old Stomping Ground



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### **The District Correspondent**



Madison Consolidated Schools operates one high school, one middle school and four elementary schools (each including preschool) serving approximately 2,600 students and their families in the Madison/ Jefferson County, Ind., area.

Our goal is to inspire success, boost confidence through critical thinking and problem-solving, and encourage collaborative learning. Our rigorous academic curriculum includes a diverse curriculum path into our Fine Arts Academy, multi-faceted college-andcareer readiness programs, and work-based learning opportunities.

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### From the Superintendent's Desk

What a fantastic year we have had! This time last year, we were sheltering in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic and were facing a great deal of uncertainty. One year later, we have successfully completed a challenging 2020-2021 academic year by

implementing a mix of face-to-face and virtual learning experiences. Our athletic and fine arts programs also faced hurdles due to the pandemic, but excelled all year long! We are proud of what our students have accomplished this year and are grateful for all of the work done by our adults to keep the schools open and safe.

For schools, June is always a month of transition out of one academic year and into the next. That is especially true this year. While we are proud of the accomplishments of the past academic year, we have a lot to adjust and improve upon for the upcoming year. We are updating our plans for safely reopening our buildings in August in light of the ongoing pandemic and we are implementing programs to help our students move past it as well. We will post on our website our reopening/safety plans for the buildings once they have been approved.

Every spring transition involves saying goodbye to teachers who have left and welcoming our new hires. Our retirees this year are leaving behind a legacy of excellence and we wish them all the very best as they move on to their new adventures! Conversely, we have had a tremendous hiring season so far this spring and are very excited about what our newest teachers will bring to our students throughout the District.



We wish all of our new teachers good luck as they begin their new positions with us!

Finally, in June, we always say goodbye to our graduating Seniors. The Class of 2021 has been an incredibly successful group of

students throughout their school careers! The Class of 2021 are outstanding students and are a very unique class. In most cases, a graduating class will be known for one strength...either they are very strong academically, or in sports, or in the arts...it's uncommon to see a class as successfully diverse as the Class of 2021. This class excelled in the classroom, athletics, fine arts, and are also a very personable and charitable group of students. They have been resilient in the face of overwhelming uncertainty over the past year and have earned the highest cumulative GPA in school history! The athletes have won multiple championships and sent many individuals to the State Championships, the marching band went to the State Finals twice and finished 3rd the last time they competed, the academic teams have qualified for the State Championships two years in a row, and the number of service hours completed is impressive. This class has been a source of amazement and pride for all of us who have had the honor of working with them! Good luck and congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Have a great summer!

- Dr. Jeff Studebaker

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### **2020 - 2021 Scholarship Award Recipients**

Congratulations to the following recipients of the many, many generous scholarships made available to students through various community members and organizations. As Madison Consolidated Schools, we appreciate the investment you have made in our very deserving students ... we know they will be responsible stewards of your generosity!

2021 Honor Graduate Emily Studebaker- Certificate

21st Century Scholarship, **Indiana University Southeast** Ariannah Harris- \$47,836 over 4 yrs

Academic & Wrestling Scholarships, **Campbellsville University** Kelsey Bilz- \$160,380 over 4 yrs

Academic Merit & Border State Scholarships, Western Kentucky University Hagan Frieske- \$28,624 over 4 yrs

Academic Scholarship, Franklin College Jenna Imel- \$80,000 over 4 yrs

Academic Scholarship, Franklin College Gracie True- \$80,000 over 4 yrs

Alcorn, Sage, Schwartz & Mcgrath **Scholarship** Devin Zhang- \$500

Andrew Thorne Memorial Award Olivia Spencer- \$507

**Bethany Circle** Emily Studebaker- \$1,000

**Bill Oldaker Scholarship** Devin Banks- \$1,000

**Bob Rusk and Linda Rusk Scholarship** Chloe Ferris- \$500

**Bonnie & Printis Shelton Scholarship** Rachel Riley- \$2,200

**CLLB Personal Goals Scholarship**, **Gladiator Law Firm** Kourtney Neukam- \$500

**Community Foundation Scholar** Sebastian Biallas- \$1,000 Emily Studebaker- \$1,000

**Covenant Award, Indiana** University Daesja Jay- \$85,296 over 4 yrs

**Crowe & Founders Scholarships**, **Hanover** College Clara McCulley- \$166, 780 over 4 yrs

**Curtis Wright Memorial Scholarship** Brett Cahall- \$1,300

**Custer Contest First Prize** Rachel Riley- \$850

**Custer Contest Second Prize** Sebastian Biallas- \$400

**Custer Contest Equal Rank** Jacob Daghir- \$337.50

**Custer Contest Equal Rank** Devin Zhang- \$337.50

**Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award** Jordyn Bilz- \$50 and Certificate

**Deans & Women's Basketball** Scholarships, Indiana Wesleyan University Jade Nutley- \$154, 136 over 4 yrs

**Dennis Holt Memorial Scholarship** 

Chloe Ferris- \$1,300

Friendship State Bank: Wilkie S. and James Lemon Scholarship Kourtney Neukam- \$1,000

**German American AIM Scholarship** Olivia Spencer- \$500

Glenn G. & Dorothy Ebel **Huntington Scholarship** Gracie True- \$1,000

Helyn Bishop Scholarship Emily Studebaker- \$2,200

**Indiana State FFA Scholarship** Alivia Brawner- \$250

Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corp. **Scholarship** Devin-Banks-\$500

Jacob Daghir- \$500 Devin Zhang- \$500

Ivy Tech Scholarship Kyle Shepperson- \$1,000

**Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship** Alivia Brawner- \$2,450

**Jefferson County Extension Homemakers Scholarship** Kourtney Neukam- \$800

Jefferson County Farm Bureau, **Inc. Scholarship** Devin Banks- \$1,000

Alivia Brawner- \$1,000 Jacob Daghir- \$1,000 Carson Roark- \$1,000 Emily Ward- \$1,000

**Jefferson County Free IN Need Scholarship** 

Knights of Columbus **Scholarship** Kyle Shepperson- \$300

Larry and Charmaine Owens **Scholarship** Sebastian Biallas- \$1,000

LaVon Cartwright Gudkese & Ann **Gudkese Offerman Nursing Scholarship** Kelsey Bilz- \$250

### Louis Ernst Family Memorial **Scholarship**

Devin Zhang- \$1,200 Emily Studebaker- \$1,200 Sebastian Biallas- \$1,200 Brandie Garcia-Laguna- \$1,200 Rachel Riley- \$1,200 Logan Smoot- \$1,200 Jacob Daghir- \$1,200 Kourtney Neukam- \$800 Chloe Ferris- \$800 Vy Huynh- \$800 Olivia Spencer- \$500 Gracie True- \$500 Brett Cahall- \$500

### M. W. Anderson Scholarship

Abigail Hanson- \$1,000

Mable Green Memorial **Scholarship** 

Olivia Spencer- \$1,250 Gracie True- \$1,250

### Madison Elk's Lodge Dick Craft **Scholarship** Clara McCulley- \$750

Madison FFA Scholarship

Makaylee Wells- \$100 Christina Calhoun- \$200 Mika Hodge- \$200 Katelynn Voris- \$200 Alivia Brawner- \$300 Tampson Banks- \$400 Caroline Bechman- \$500 Hannah Rutledge- \$500

Brad O'Leary Scholarship Brooklyn Cline- \$600

### **Broadway School Alumni Scholarship** Brooklyn Cline- \$800

**Calvin Family Scholarship** Olivia Spencer- \$1,100

CAM Car Club Scholarship Kourtney Neukam- \$900

### Carl J. & Mary M. Hoefling **Scholarship** Logan Smoot- \$4,285

### Carolyn Brucer Spicer and Gene E. **Spicer Nursing Scholarship** Emily Studebaker- \$500

### **Centra Credit Union Loretta** M. Burd Scholarship Rachel Riley- \$2,500

### Chan Chilton Memorial **Scholarship** Luke Ommen- \$900

### **Charles O'Banion Scholarship** Devin Zhang- \$1,000

### Chautauqua for the Arts in Memory of Bob Fourhman Emily Ward- \$1,100

### **Deputy Alumni Scholarship**

Aliza Boles- \$1,700 Ashlee Swickard- \$1,700

### **Dianna Risk Peer Counseling Scholarship**

Sebastian Biallas- \$500 Kathryn Royce- \$500 Devin Zhang- \$500

### **Dorothy B. Lotz Scholarship**

Emily Studebaker- \$1,850 Devin Zhang- \$1,850

### **Dupont Alumni Scholarship** Brett Cahall- \$3,300

**Emerson Harrell Scholarship** Jacob Daghir- \$200

**Farmers Bank of Milton** Mitchell Liter- \$1,000

### Fine Arts Academy Graduate Autumn Hedgepeth- Cords Chloe Kummer- Cords

### Founders Scholarship, Hanover College Luke Miller- \$92,000 over 4 yrs

### Frances K. Eisan Memorial **Scholarship** Emily Studebaker- \$1,100

### **French Scholarship** Brianna Schwartzkopf- \$100

Jacob Daghir- \$140.00 Brandie Garcia-Laguna- \$140.00 Emily Studebaker- \$140.00

### **Jeffery Bear Memorial Scholarship**

Kyler Banks- \$1,000 Blake Owens- \$1,000

### Jobs for America's Graduates **Scholarships**

Jordyn Bilz- \$250/Honor Cord Nick Center- \$250/Honor Cord Jaden Frye- \$250/Honor Cord Nathaniel Hamby- \$250/Honor Cord Abigail Hanson- \$250/Honor Cord Will Heitz- \$250/Honor Cord Daesja Jay- \$250/Honor Cord Parker Jones- \$250/Honor Cord Sean Mannix- \$250/Honor Cord Caleb Mundt- \$250/Honor Cord Luke Ommen- \$250/Honor Cord Lundun Perry- \$250/Honor Cord Olivia Phillips- \$250/Honor Cord Carson Roark- \$250/Honor Cord Luke Schafer- \$250/Honor Cord Alex Shaw- \$250/Honor Cord Anila Shelton- \$250/Honor Cord Jacob Smith- \$250/Honor Cord Ashlee Swickard- \$250/Honor Cord Gracie True-\$250/Honor Cord Katelynn Voris- \$250/Honor Cord

### **John Paul Chapter DAR Scholarship** Logan Smoot- \$250

Joseph V. Cline Scholarship Devin Zhang- \$33,400 over 4 yrs

### **Madison Lions Club Scholarship** Connor Slygh- \$1,000

### Madison Ribberfest **Scholarship** Olivia Spencer- \$250

### Madison Teachers' Association **Scholarship**

Daniel Banks- \$500 Abigail Hanson- \$500 Luke Ommen- \$500

### **Marshall and Norma Banks** Nursing Scholarship Kelsey Bilz- \$500

### Mason Freedom Award, George **Mason University** Kourtney Neukam- \$52,000 over 4 yrs

### Mayor's Eagles Community Service **Scholarship** Olivia Spencer- \$300

McAllister Land Consulting **Scholarship** Jacob Daghir- \$500

### MCHS Academic Competition **Scholarship**

Sebastian Biallas- \$600 Jacob Daghir- \$600

### 2020-2021 Scholarship Awards Continued

Rachel Riley- \$600 Emily Studebaker- \$600 Devin Zhang- \$600

MCHS Archery Scholarship Kyle Shepperson- \$500

MCHS Class of 1966 Scholarship Emily Studebaker- \$2,200

MCHS Class of 1979 "Life is Good" in Memory of Greg Greves **Scholarship** Emily Ward-\$100

### Mountjoy Family Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Banks- \$502 Devin Banks- \$502 Blake Owens- \$502 Jacob Daghir- \$1,000 Aubree McKay- \$1,000 Sebastian Biallas- \$4,000 Connor Slygh- \$4,000 Olivia Spencer- \$4,000 Emily Studebaker- \$4,000 Gracie True- \$4,000 Kourtney Neukam- \$6,000 Rachel Riley- \$6,000 Logan Smoot- \$6,000

### Murray Alford Memorial **Scholarship**

Nick Center- \$1000 Abby Hanson- \$1000

### NASP State Archery Tournament **Scholarship**

Caroline Bechman- \$500 Kyle Shepperson- \$500 Katelynn Voris- \$500

Nathan Wilson Memorial Mathematics Scholarship Devin Zhang- \$3,100

National Merit Finalist **Scholarship** Devin Zhang- \$2,500

**NHS - Leadership Scholarship** Sebastian Biallas- \$200

**NHS - Service Scholarship** Rachel Riley- \$200

Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Theta Mu **Chapter Scholarship** Brianna Schwartzkopf- \$750

**Presidential & Housing** Scholarships, University of **Evansville** Olivia Spencer- \$92,000 over 4 yrs

Provost's Scholarship, Indiana University Jordyn Bilz- \$16,000 over 4 yrs

**Ralph and Robyn Jones Family Memorial Scholarship** Nick Center- \$1,000

**Ralph Siefert Memorial Math Scholarship** Logan Smoot- \$1,000

**Riverfront Run Car Show Scholarship** Devin Banks- \$1,000 Daniel Banks- \$1,000

**Rotary Club Betty Sebree Good Citizenship Award** Kathryn Royce- Plaque

**Rotary Higher Education Grant** Rachel Riley- \$1,000

S & O Farmers Mutual Scholarship Olivia Spencer- \$250

**Shannon Thomas Memorial Scholarship** Brandie Garcia-Laguna- \$300

**Sharon Thom Alcorn Memorial** Scholarship Gracie True- \$1,600

**Tiffany Lee Carter Memorial Scholarship** Nick Center- \$1,000

Tri Kappa Beta Omega Chapter **Scholarship** Jordyn Bilz- \$1,000

**Troy Allen Pyles Memorial Scholarship** Rachel Riley- \$1,400

Trustee Scholarship, Coe College Trenton Barnes- \$126,000 over 4 yrs

Tuition Exchange Scholarship, Hofstra University Skyler Young- \$205,440 over 4 yrs

Vehicle Service Group **Scholarship** Kourtney Neukam- \$1,000

Vernon Gudkese Memorial **Engineering Scholarship** Devin Banks- \$250

Wood Memorial Scholarship Emily Studebaker- \$900

### **Department Awards** Grades 9-12

Female Athlete of the Year Jade Nutley

**Mary Louise Eisenhart Sportsmanship Award** Brett Cahall

Male Athlete of the Year Luke Ommen

**George Gray Sportsmanship** Award **Trenton Barnes** 

**Top Agriculture Student** Katelynn Voris

Top Cub Engineering Student Keegan Clement

Top Cub Manufacturing Student Coby Uebel

**Top Cub Transportation** Student Keshaun Roberts

**Top Diesel Student** Kyler Banks

Top English Student Brooklyn Cline

Top Family & Consumer Science Student Mika Hodge

**Top French Student** Will Ratcliff

Top German Student Sophia Glasgow

**Top Graphics Student** Lani Stockdale

**Top Journalism Student** Davis Powell

Top Math Student Devin Zhang

**Top Rosie Reader Award** Kylie Stakelin

**Top Science Student** Taylor Lynch

**Top SELECT Student Carson Roark** 

**Top Social Studies Student** Rachel Riley

Top Spanish Student

National Recognition Program & **Presidential Scholarships, Purdue** University Sebastian Biallas- \$20,000 over 4 yrs

### **Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship**

Gracie True- \$30,000 over 4 yrs

NHS - Character Scholarship Gracie True- \$200

**Shawn Barnes Memorial Scholarship** Zachary Forner- \$300

**Terri Neighbert Memorial Scholarship** Emily Studebaker- \$1,100

Thomas D. Craft, Jr. Memorial **Scholarship** Rachel Riley- \$1,000

**Top Art Student** Kelsey Bilz

**Top AVID Student** Rachel Riley

**Top Business Student** Zach Forner

**Top Choir Student** Autumn Hedgepeth



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**Top Student Council Award** Katie Royce

**Top Thespian - Female** Chloe Kummer

Top Thespian - Male Skyler Young

**Top Yearbook Student** Olivia Spencer

CONGRATULATIONS! Katie Royce As you begin this next chapter, know we are always here for you, and we love you. Mom, Bill, Andie and Lanie "Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground." TR



### **CONGRATULATIONS! Emily Studebaker**

Congratulations on all your accomplishments, Emily! We love you very much and are so very proud of you!!



Dylan Lynn Adams



**Daniel Stephen Banks** 



Trenton Joseph Barnes



Sebastian Jacob Biallas





Odessa Rae Adams



**Devin Allen Banks** 



**Marie Chloe Mae Barron** 



Jordyn Leigh Bilz





Blanca Alaman Duran



**Kyler Paul Banks** 



Alexis Jane Beaudry



Kelsey June Bilz





James Blake Ashby



Tampson Allie Banks



**Caroline Victoria Bechman** 



Lydia Jane Bladen





**Aaron Robert Bailey** 



Sydnie Raye Banta



Dalton C. Berry



Aliza Grace Boles



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Mitchell Joseph Byrd



**Rocio Castilforte Velasco** 



**Brooklyn Renee Cline** 



**Alexas Rachelle Darnell** 





**Brett Taylor Cahall** 



Jacob Daniel Caudill



**Dustin Keith Cox** 



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#### irinity Nicole Brierly



Christina Mae Calhoun



**Nicholas Paul Center** 





**Rayne Michelle Davis** 

#### Luke Samuel Dryant



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Jacob Jeffrey Daghir



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**Mason Taylor Edmonson** 







**Kennedy Jane Featherstone** 



**Ryan Lee Fox** 



Brandie Gabriela Garcia-Laguna



**Jasper Kyle Gray** 



Ariannah Love Harris



**Chloe Elizabeth Ferris** 



Hagen Carter Frieske



Antonio David George



Takota Joe Grigsby



Nathana el Joseph Hasbrouck



Damian Kage Fisse



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**Nathaniel Travis Hamby** 



Harley Ann Heath



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Abigail Ainsley Hanson



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Jayden James Xavier Jackson



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Linda Stephanie Lohe



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**Helen Gibson Clare James** 



**Benjamin Matthew Kubik** 



Immigin Zoee Mann



Sean Michael Mannix



Elijah M.D. McRoberts



**Jade Caroline Nutley** 



Michaela June Payne





Luke Andrew McCarty



Luke Allen Miller



Luke David Ommen



Lundun Marie Perry





**Clara Marie McCulley** 



**Caleb Brian Mundt** 



Blake Connor Owens



Olivia Lynn Phillips





Summer Dawn McGee



Kourtney Naomi Neukam



Shivani Bhavesh Parmar



**Brooke Dawn Porter** 



Miguel Angel Kobledo Lopez



Aubree Baylee McKay



Drake Aden Norris



Mallory Anne Payne



**Evan Cole Powell** 



#### Jalyn Elizabeth Rickerson



**Keaton Wayne Abel Rowlett** 



Luke David Schafer



**Conner Nathaniel Slygh** 



Kylie Ann Stakelin

#### Rachel Denae Kliey



Brady Douglas Royalty



**Trenton Zachary Schmidt** 



**Grant William Smith** 



Russell Paul Stallard II

#### Carson Michael Roark



Kathryn Rose Royce



Brianna June Schwartzkopf



**Jacob Cole Smith** 



**Everett Allen Stewart** 



Baylor Aj Ruble



Anila Lynee Shelton



Logan R. Smoot



Lani Mashell Stockdale

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Hannah Marie Rutledge



Lukas John Douglas Shepherd



Olivia Ann Spencer



**Trenton Stockdale** 



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Emily Grace Studebaker



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Ashlee Marie Swickard



**Hailey Gabrielle Vernon** 



Eric Douglas White



**Taylor Nichole Tague** 



Katelynn Elizabeth Voris



**Skyler Dine Young** 



Gracie Raye True



**Emily Grace Ward** 



**Devin Zhang** 

Not Pictured: Zachary Dwight Aloma, Diamonda Christine Andries, Kathryn Mckenzie Brooks, Aidan Edward Chandler, Bryer Gage Clark, Carl Donley, Tyra Freeman, Timothy Lane Gayle, Nelson Everett Hugh Hardy, Anna Hartmann, Hannah Mae Hertz, Eillowyn Addora Houston, Travis James Jones, Owen Douglas Kent, Felipe Romero Levesque, Trenton Michael Mack, Trenton Wayne McGaughey, Iliana Lee Meador, Abigail Dee Monroe, Paige Elizabeth Mullins, Noah Seth Neff, Grace Pittman, Constance Nicole Sentney, Alex Kristopher Shaw, Justin Dean Shepherd, Kyle Ray Shepperson, Sherradon Paige Stewart, and Tanner Gage Paul Wiley.

## **Prom Royalty Serving Others**

### By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

The MCHS Prom Court for 2021 is once again competed for the crown by raising money for charity. Students could throw their own name in the hat in exchange for a commitment to raise funds for a charitable cause. "We first did this a few years ago and the students embraced the idea," shared Mr. Aaron Kelsey, MCHS Fine Arts program leader, teacher, and Prom coordinator. "We have a wonderful, service-minded student body and this felt like another opportunity to do something for someone else." The students who raised the most money for their charity were crowned Prom Prince, Princess, King, and Queen. Members of this year's court and their charities include seniors Conner Slygh- Ulster Project, Katie Royce-Mrs. Cotner's Battle Against Breast Cancer, Rachel Riley-Jefferson County Animal Shelter, Taylor Tague- Jefferson County Animal Shelter, and Caroline Bechman-Jefferson County 4H. Junior class representatives were Jackson Kelsey-



Habitat for Humanity, Davis Powell- Salvation Army, Brooklyn Cornelius- Jefferson County Youth Shelter, and Morgan Preston- Heart of Dinner.

Kelsey works with students from the junior class to organize the annual celebration which

took place on May 15 at the Connor K. Salm Gymnasium. In addition to the dance, there was an After Prom Celebration for students to continue to enjoy time together in a safe, substance-free environment. "We

have a great committee of parents who work together to make this a very special event for the kids each year," shared Michael Gasaway, MCHS Principal. "It gets bigger and better each year with games, food, and the always popular hypnotist - we all have a lot of fun."

Your 2021 Prom royalty is: King and Queen - Connor Slygh and Taylor Tague pictured on the right. Prince and Princess - Jackson Kelsey and Brooklyn Cornelius pictured on the left.

### DEAR CLASS OF 2021 ~

It has been said that resilience is the ability to withstand adversity and bounce back from difficult life events.

Being resilient *does not mean* that you don't or won't experience stress, emotional upheaval, or suffering.

**Resilience is important** because it gives people, <u>it has</u> given you, the strength needed to process, overcome, and succeed through hardship and challenges.

In a year like no other, you have conquered, achieved, and succeeded! We are so proud of you, now - **Go CHANGE THE WORLD**!





### CONGRATULATIONS! Keaton Rowlett

We are beyond proud of you and wish you great success as you begin your journey with SLTC in Trenton, Georgia! Love, Mom, Dad, and Kennedy



## **Next Level Athletes Continued**

### Gracie True - Franklin College, Volleyball

Gracie True will continue her volleyball career and education at Franklin College in Franklin, IN majoring in Elementary Education. From her first visit, "I fell in love with the campus because of its size and atmosphere," True shared. "It feels like a great fit for me." To others who think they may be interested in next-level competition, "reach out to coaches and visit schools," she said. "Even if you aren't all the way positive, reach out to them because you never know what advice they are going to give you." Gracie looks forward to the new opportunities college and athletics will provide for her and meeting her new teammates. Gracie is the daughter of Matt and Kami True.

### Immigin Mann - Oakland City University, Softball

Immi Mann will continue the family tradition of attending Oakland City University in Oakland City, IN where she will major in Business Administration. "Both of my parents attended here and I love the small campus," she shared. "Playing at the next level and the challenges that come with it," is what Immi is most excited about. "The opportunity for a great education and the opportunity to continue to play softball is very exciting." Immi's advice for underclassmen is everything takes time. "You're not going to come out and be the best player ever..it takes time and hard work to be the best you can possibly be. Don't give up when something goes wrong. Keep working at it and you will succeed!" Immi is the daughter of Anthony and Kristin Mann. Jenna Imel - Franklin College, Golf

Jenna Imel will continue her golf career as a Grizzly at Franklin College in Franklin, IN majoring in Sports Management. When asked about her selection, Jenna shared "I've loved the school ever since I first visited. I just love the campus and the atmosphere and how small it is." She most looks forward to making lifelong memories and having a blast! To those who follow her..." follow your dreams! If you want to compete at the next level then try your hardest to accomplish that. The sky is the limit and you will forever cherish the memories that you will make." Jenna is the daughter of Jason and Leeann Imel.

### Luke Miller - Hanover College, Basketball

Luke Miller will continue to play basketball as a Panther as he will attend Hanover College and major in Business. Miller's work ethic is no secret to those who know him and that is the advice he shares with underclassmen, "focus on getting better each day and all levels of college athletics are competitive and challenging." Luke looks forward to becoming close with his new teammates and experiencing life on his own. "I like the coaching staff and the current players on the roster." Luke is the son of Jon and Angie Miller.

### Chloe Ferris - Manchester University - Cross Country

Chloe will run cross country and track at Manchester University in North Manchester, IN while majoring in Medical Technology. Chloe looks most forward to having a new team and coach and improving as a runner. On why she selected Manchester, "I liked the campus the best and I liked the coach and running program." Her advice to those interested in college-level athletics, "follow your dreams and work hard in anything you may do." Chloe is the daughter of Scott and Nichole Ferris. **Kelsey Bilz - Campbellsville University -Wrestling** 

Kelsey Bilz will attend Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, KY where she will wrestle and explore a major in the science field of study. Bilz had a ground-breaking career at Madison with the added goal of inspiring more female wrestlers. She shared, "go all-in, don't be afraid you'll mess up or keep losing over and over again. The truth is, you're never really failing, you're just learning!" For Kelsey, Campbellsville " has a beautiful campus, with a good handful of girl wrestling, and it's a Christian school. The coach is really cool and there's so much to learn there!" She looks forward to learning new techniques and meeting new people. Kelsey is the daughter of Becky Bilz and Keith Bilz.

### Lundun Perry - University of Indianapolis -Track & Field

Lundun Perry has signed with the University of Indianapolis to continue her track career and study Sports Marketing. Lundun learned about the opportunities at U of I from a friend and after visiting, selected because of the location and the opportunity to pursue her education in her field of interest. She looks forward to the competition and meeting new people. "Go for it!" she shared when asked about encouraging others. "You have nothing to lose and in the long run you will look back and thank yourself." Lundun is the daughter of Tiffany Sever and Harold Perry.

### Nick Center - Indiana University Southeast -Basketball

Nick Center has signed with the Grenadiers of IU Southeast in New Albany, IN to continue his basketball career. Nick chose IUS because it was close to home and looks forward to the new experiences he will have at the college level. When asked what it takes, he shared "continue to grow, keep working hard, and know that you can do anything you want as long as you put in the time." Nick plans to major in education and is the son of Chuck and Isa Center.

### Zach Forner - Indiana Wesleyan University -Baseball

Rounding out the recruiting class, Zach Forner has committed and will sign to play baseball at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN. Zach took his time throughout the recruiting process and in the end, it was the vision at IWU that drove his selection. "Coach Benjamin and the staff could not have done a better job at relaying their vision for IWU baseball," he shared. "Putting the team before yourself, always, and wanting others to succeed. IWU is a great NAIA program that has had a ton of success and is going to be the best program for me." When asked what he most looks forward to as a college athlete, he shared "I have heard multiple times how much different college sports is compared to high school, so for me, I am looking forward to all of the practices and games and how different they will be and traveling across the midwest will be a great new experience too!" His advice to those interested in taking it to the next level - "be who you are, keep your head down and put in the work, trust the process because it will reward you in the end." Zach is the son of Matt and Lisa Forner.

### MCHS Hall Of Fame Honors New Members

The Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees for

with students decades younger, Cope gladly

kind, responsible, courteous young men. For

2020 and 2021 were honored at a recent ceremony in Connor K. Salm Gymnasium. Each year, nominations are accepted for those deserving of the honor of the MCHS Alumni Hall of Fame. The application deadline is the end of February and can be found on our

website by visiting madison. k12.in.us/schools/mchs/ familyinfo and click on the Alumni Hall of Fame nomination form.

This distinguished award honors individuals whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding achievement in their life's work and service to their communities. The honoree's spirit and leadership are worthy of recognition and

have inspired praise and gratitude among their peers. a member, she led with vision, responsibility, and compassion and served as board

### **Eligibility requirements include:**

- The recipient must have graduated from MCHS at least 10 years ago.
- The recipient has been recognized for a high level of achievement in their field and made significant contributions to that field at the state or national levels.
- The recipient has demonstrated leadership, character, and service in a variety of venues from their field of expertise to community, state, and national initiatives.

### The inductees for the Class of 2020 are: Helen Cope

Volunteer and support personnel often make the difference in quality and impact and alumna Helen Cope, Class of 1964, helps influence that transformation over and over. Whether it entails an early morning call to substitute teach, volunteer work with theatre students late into the night, or connecting and professionally fulfills that mission. For Cope, those few minutes between class periods allow hallway interaction with cheerful hellos and words of encouragement. Cope was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Trustees for Madison Consolidated Schools. As many, he was the only father figure in their lives. Although 54 years have passed since those MCHS senior days, the name Marvin Eades still heads the record books for the 180-yard low hurdles (21.0 seconds) and halfmile relay team (1 minute, 33.9 seconds).



a member, she led with vision, responsibility and compassion and served as board president in 2014-15. In addition to trustee duties, she also served as secretary and member of the corporation's Education Foundation which funds the program for academic teams and individual classroom projects.

### **Marvin Eades**

Although the United States Patent and Trademark Office contains thousands of notable copyrights, only a minuscule number carry Southern Indiana ties. MCHS alumnus Marvin Eades, Class of 1966, proudly belongs to the Hoosier roster for helping design an apparatus to safely disarm land mines. But his expertise and contribution in the labor force impact numerous other fields as well. One of his most gratifying roles spanned 20 years as scoutmaster for Madison Boy Scout Troop 717. Every Monday night, hundreds of boys over the years witnessed Eades' skills, felt his compassion and followed his guidance to be

### Damon L. Welch

For most of his life, titles preceded Damon Welch's name. Student Council President. Prom King. Air Force Captain. City Councilman. Mayor. This MCHS alumnus, Class of 1971, certainly prized and respected these labels of distinction, popularity, and public endorsement, but his heart equally cherished the lower case headings of a

friend, church member, volunteer, and community leader. Personally and professionally Welch lived by the philosophy to serve others, be humble, and do the small things well. As the mayor of Madison from Jan. 1, 2013 until his sudden death on Sept. 25, 2019, he compared his role to a father protecting his child. Like a loving parent, the Jefferson County native wanted the best for the town he called home for most of his 66 years. With the help of other city leaders, Welch proudly led Madison to the "Stellar Community" distinction which resulted in millions of grant dollars to revitalize old industrial sites into modern-day facilities. In addition, he spearheaded the effort, with input and support of past mayors, to gain state approval and funding for the new Ohio River Bridge approach into Kentucky. None of these projects came easy, but the former Air Force veteran persisted for the town and citizenry he loved.

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# Their Place In History

### By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

If you were able to join us for our annual Commencement ceremony, you likely left with a sense of wonderment, pride, inspiration, or awe - and if you had a student in the Class of 2021, it was magnified a thousand times! This class was something special. The underlying theme for the school year (throughout the district) was resilience. All of our students don't even realize the magnitude of their achievements in what was a very unique school year. Madison Consolidated Schools was able to open on schedule, adapt instruction to remain face-to-face, weathered very few (overall) shut-downs/quarantines, and created safe spaces for athletics, extracurricular, and co-curricular activities for students.

In his commencement address, MCHS Principal Michael Gasaway shared some of the highlights and achievements of the Class of 2021. As students continue to embrace the opportunities available to them while in high school, each class will continue to be more and more impressive as they push themselves to be their best version of themselves and prepare for the future.

### Academic Summary of the Class of 2021

### Graduation with Distinction:

- Summa Cum Laude (with Cumulative GPAs from 3.9 and above) 29
- Magna Cum Laude (with Cumulative GPAs from 3.7 - 3.899) - 17
- Cum Laude (with Cumulative GPAs from 2.5 3. 699) 17

### Honors Diplomas:

### Total for Academic and/or Technical Honors Diploma - 88

### Academic Honors Diploma - 38

The Academic Honors Diploma is earned by completing additional requirements on top of the base Core 40, or General, diploma. Students must also complete 2 additional credits in math, 6 credits in World Language or two years each in two different languages, 2 credits in Fine Arts, maintain a C- grade or higher in all required courses, maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA, and complete 6 college credits or 4 semesters of AP courses and corresponding classes, and score 1250 on the SAT or 26 on the ACT.

### Indiana Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma - 17

The Technical Honors Diploma requires additional components stacked on the Academic Honors Diploma requirements. Additionally, students must successfully complete 6 credits in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and either Pathway certification or credential, or Pathway dual credits equaling 6 Transcripted CC.

Academic and Technical Honors Diploma - 33 These students completed all

requirements for both Academic and Technical Honors diplomas.

### Total Degrees and Certifications: 182

Associate Degree in General Studies (AGS) - 3 Associate Degree in Science (TSAP) - 1 Advanced Manufacturi

### Advanced Manufacturing

- Welding Technology Technical Certificate 3
- Structural Welding Certificate 4 -*Certifications:* GMAW (MIG) - 8, GTAW (TIG) - 2, SMAW (Stick) - 5, FCAW (Flux Core) - 1
- Industrial Mechanical Technical Certificate 6
- Industrial Mechanical Certificate 6
  - -Certifications:
  - NIMS National Institute for Metalworking Skills: NIMS - Project Layout and Machining - 2 NIMS - Measurement, Materials, and Safety - 1 NIMS - Job Planning, Benchwork, and Layout - 1
  - MSSC Manufacturing Skills Standards Council: MSSC Safety - 5 MSSC Quality - 3 MSSC Production - 1
    - MSSC Maintenance 1
    - MSSC Certification Production Technology 1
  - OSHA 10 (Cub Engineering, Cub Manufacturing, Diesel,
- Industrial Maintenance, and Welding) 33

### Agriculture

The agriculture program engages students in hands-on activities in and outside of their classrooms while preparing them for real-world agriculture careers.

Animal Agribusiness Certificate - 10

### Technical Certificates

The TC is 30 or more credit hours of education in conceptual and technical skills for specific occupations. It contains a sequence of required courses in a recognized concentration within one of the programs at Ivy Tech Community College. <u>Certificates</u> The CT is earned with successful completion of 5 to 21 credit hours. The CT is a sequence of technical and professional courses that provide access to targeted, short-term workforce training. Credit hours may apply toward technical certificates and associate degree programs in the subject area and completers may sit for specific certification exams upon completion.

### **Business Administration**

Students earned specific credit hours in the Business Administration field. The principles taught through the Ivy Tech Business Administration program are threaded in all industries including non-profit business and education. Students create marketing plans, budgets, build personal websites, simulations, case studies, and create community connections.

- Business Administration Technical Certificate 11
- Business Administration Certificate 13

### **Criminal Justice**

The Criminal Justice program gives students the opportunity to work and learn from professionals and scholars in the field to prepare for careers or transfer to a four-year institution.

• Criminal Justice Technical Certificate - 1

### Healthcare

Certified Nursing Assistants are a critical part of the healthcare team. CNAs are often the primary caregivers of patients and assist with their daily activities. Students in the CNA Pathway complete five credit hours of post-secondary coursework in preparation for the Certified Nursing Assistant licensure examination.

Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate - 3

Indiana College Core (ICC) / formerly STGEC - 57

The Indiana College Core, formerly known as the STGEC, allows students to start their college education as a sophomore at any Indiana four-year institution as well as many other colleges throughout the country. By fulfilling at least three credit hours in six competencies as well as an additional 12 elective credit hours from the same competencies, students fulfill the core requirements that are equivalent to their first year of college.

### Governor's Work Ethic Certificate: 61

Students that earn the WEC have demonstrated they have the employability and character skills needed to be successful as they enter post-secondary institutions, apprenticeships, the military, or the workforce. Successful completion is based on: Attendance, GPA, Discipline, Service, and Character. Students completing the requirements are presented with a certificate signed by Governor Holcomb. The Governor's Work Ethic Certificate is a critical secondary education program for high school graduates who are committed to delivering employer-recognized employability skills as they prepare to join today's workforce. The recognized employability skills are recognized and vetted by Hoosier employees, community-based organizations, and postsecondary education institutions. These skills are designed to encourage students to meet the benchmarks that will assist them in their college or career goals.

#### **Certifications**

Certifications are nationally recognized and embedded within many of the technical certificate and certificate programs. Certifications show employers that students have the skills and knowledge needed within their field and stay with the student regardless of where they are employed.

### **HOF Continued**

### The inductees for the Class of 2021 are: Ray Black

Over the years, hundreds of area youth have benefitted from Ray Black's guidance, compassion, and wisdom. These influences naturally entailed 1:1 interaction but equally important the young people gleaned a deep perspective of societal standards and good character by simply observing their mentor, who headed the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County from 1984-2018. The 1970 MCHS graduate demanded the highest of principles, values that cost nothing but reap the most rewarding dividends in life. His involvement with youth also included coaching the wrestling and girls softball teams at Madison Consolidated High School and Madison Junior High for a combined total of 44 years. During his 36-year tenure as a wrestling coach, the Madison alumnus guided the squads to six IHSAA sectional championships and two regional titles. In softball, the Lady Cubs captured five sectional championships.

### **Harold Hunt**

SuperATV, one of Madison's newest

manufacturing sites, stems from the vision and passion of one man, 1973 MCHS alumnus Harold Hunt. During his off-time at another successful job, he loved the challenge of mastering bumpy creek bottoms, shallow watering holes, and rutted hill climbs when off-roading but felt the equipment needed tweaking. The idea for change began in his home garage and in 2003-04 the 2" Polaris Sportsman EZ Install Lift Kit emerged. His creation quickly exploded with off-road enthusiasts and the popular demand propelled Hunt and eventually SuperATV into a multi-facet operation with numerous product lines, a new location thousands of times over in size, nationwide sales, a subsidiary site in Louisiana, and an employment force of over 300 people in Madison alone. Hunt continually enriches the comfort and lifestyle of others. For the past three years, SuperATV has funded the book rental and technology fees for all students attending Madison Consolidated Schools. **Rodney L. Nay** 

As president/owner of Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, Rodney Nay consistently strives to

make Jefferson County a more productive, compassionate place. A 1983 graduate of MCHS, Nay has been recognized nationally as Funeral Director of the Year and received numerous other accolades with national, state, and local ties. From the 4-H Fair to local theatre productions, Veterans Day programs, village festivals, car shows, art venues, projects benefitting school and youth organizations, music concerts, parades, and Christmas wreaths for military cemeteries, Nay embraces the mission of compassionate support. On a local level, Nay was presented with the Madison/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year in 2010 as well as reigned as the top co-fundraiser for the Children's Advocacy Center in 2017. In 2015, the State of Indiana bestowed the funeral director with the elite Distinguished Hoosier Award for his support to veteran events and issues.

For more information on MCHS Alumni & Friends and to read the full bios for recent inductees, please visit http://www.madison. k12.in.us/hs-family-info/welcome-alumni.