

## Two Seniors Appointed to Service Academies



By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

It is an exciting time for all high school seniors. Realizing the fruits of the labor they have put into their education. Some are directly entering the workforce, while others are wrapping up college selections. There will be graduation, celebrations, shopping for dorm items, meeting new roommates - all of the things that have become a right of passage. Two of the members of the Cub Class of 2022 have pursued, earned, and selected a less traditional college experience - each has earned an appointment to a service academy. It has been since 2013 that MCHS has had graduates honored with service academy appointments. It was at that time that Tate Turner (USNA) and Hayden McMahon (West Point) accepted their appointments, and Justin Motenko (USNA) began his military career with an appointment in 2007 - more on these gentlemen in our Alumni Spotlight! (on page 13)

Seniors Taylor Lynch and Carter Schutte have both received appointments to their chosen institutions - Taylor will enter the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Carter will attend the U.S. Naval Academy. Together since preschool, these two have developed an incredible relationship built on healthy competition, accountability, trust, support, and respect that has provided an environment for growth and a 'get better everyday' mindset.

For Schutte, this has been a goal since he was a student at MJHS, Lynch began exploring this pathway in earnest over quarantine. "We have always known Carter was Navy bound," shared Lynch of her long-time best friend. "He has talked about it forever. It wasn't until quarantine that I started to think about what a service academy could look like for me." As a way to kill time over quarantine, (outdoors safely) the two would meet at the complex and kick around a soccer ball and talk about their plans for the future. "For me, this has always been the goal," shared Schutte. "I knew early on that a traditional college experience and desk job wasn't what I was passionate about."

### Why this path?

Since having Mr. Turner in the 6th grade, Carter knew the military was something special and something he wanted to join, he just didn't know how to do it. "Mr. Turner would share stories about his sons and their journeys along the way," he shared. "Tate's story really stuck with

me. I began to research the Naval Academy traditions, the requirements, and felt like it would be a great experience. The path has always been about doing the work, challenging myself, and striving to be a part of something bigger than myself."

Lynch, on the other hand, came from a different angle. "Over quarantine, Mr. Bronkella would toss out

these challenges to the Student Athletic Council members as a way of keeping us active," she recalled. "I did a lot of running and that gave me a lot of time to think. The more I ran, the more I tried to figure out how I could make it harder because if it's harder, it's more fun, right?" she shared with a smile. The first sacrifice was no music during the runs, which led to more time to think. And she really began to think about what the Naval Academy was and what that really meant. "It was a cycle of soccer workouts, long talks and lots of questions, more runs, and more thinking," she continued. "I remember thinking that I think I might be able to do this...I love to be challenged." It was then that she remembered something that Coach Jay Roney shared with a group of students during one of their morning summer workouts before their freshman year as they set out on farmer carries - "he told us that we needed to get comfortable being uncomfortable," she recalled. This very thought is what carried Taylor through quarantine and her reflection time about her future.

One afternoon following the soccer stage of the cycle, the two were having milkshakes at Freezer Fresh. "After a ton of questions, I looked at Carter and told him that I thought I wanted to pursue the academy as well," she shared as she exchanged a look with him. "Once I shared it verbally, I just knew it would be a way for me to give back to others. After a great deal of research, I chose the Coast Guard Academy."

### Timeline and Process - Summer Seminar

The process began in the summer prior to their junior year of high school. It was then that the preliminary application process opened up for Summer Seminar camps for all branches of the military. Summer Seminar is a week-long, (typically) on-site, real-life experience of what it would be like to be a member of their branch. "We filled out those applications together," Schutte recalled. "Each application required letters of recommendation from teachers which was a fun experience," he shared with a smile. "To be able to share with them what we were doing and why it was important to us was something special we will always have." They would submit each application and wait for months. As the emails arrived with

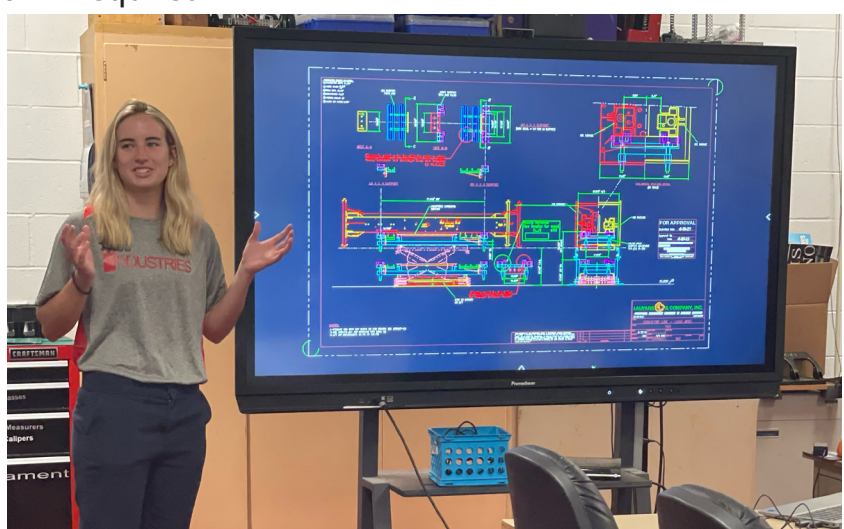
acceptance offers for the camps, they would screenshot each other to see if they were in the same sessions/flights/company. Both were accepted to Summer Seminar camps hosted by the Naval Academy, West Point, and Air Force - all of which took place virtually. "In typical Taylor fashion, she went the extra mile and applied to the Coast Guard Summer Seminar," shared Schutte laughing. "I was floating in kind of an awkward space as I was applying for these seminars still a bit uncertain of what I wanted to do exactly and just trying to create opportunities," recalled Lynch. "I was so anxious about waiting for responses and I knew there were two other service academies, Merchant Marines and Coast Guard, and as I was online during some downtime in physics class and couldn't quit thinking about the waiting! I went online to do a bit of research and found that the USCGA Summer Seminar was in person! So I



applied - somewhat on a whim because if I could get someplace in person, I knew it would be valuable to get a taste of some military experience." Taylor went on to be awarded the USCGA AIM Female Honor Graduate (John & Carol Johnson Auxiliary Award) in her Summer Seminar class. "When Rear Admiral Kelley called my name and later asked me where I was from, it was a tremendous honor and source of pride to be able to say Madison, Indiana," she recalled. By winning the award, it was her Letter of Assurance and Lynch knew the waiting was over. "I knew from that moment that was where wanted to be".

"The other virtual seminar sessions were lots of classroom experiences, briefings, and you got to hear a ton of really cool people speak," Schutte recalled. "They shared experiences, talked about their classes, we got to talk to pilots, submariners, ground surface warfare specialists, academic professors, our squadron groups had virtual physical challenges throughout the day and social events with our groups online in the evenings to get acquainted. I met a lot of great people through this process."

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Woodside Mobile Home Park - 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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# Bee Corps Takes to the Streets to Plant Trees

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

On Friday, May 13, the Bee Corps, a new environmental club at MCHS, partnered with students from Lydia Middleton Elementary in Kindergarten through 4th grade to plant trees. Organized by Jack Heckler and Mae Preston (co-founders of the group), students boarded buses and traveled to the Walnut Street neighborhood to plant as many trees as possible. Armed with wheelbarrows, shovels, saplings, petunias (donated by MCHS FFA), and an overload of enthusiastic cuteness - they set out! Knocking on doors and asking residents for permission to plant a tree in their yard (free of charge) in exchange for a small flower for a pot to brighten their porch and care instructions for watering their new sapling. The group of 31 elementary students and their high school mentors planted eight trees in less than an hour! According to Preston, the group is planting Madison native species trees including White Pine, River Birch, Hazelnut, Elderberry, and Red Oaks. "All of our trees were donated by Mr. Kenton Mahoney, MCHS Science teacher, and group sponsor, and were purchased from DNR Forestry." Bee Corps members, along with Heckler and Preston, include Owen Schmidt-Secretary, Jackson



Schwartz- Media Manager, Brooke Hay, Treasurer, Kailee Lock, Nathan Wu, Matthew Burkhardt, Jaylin Lee, Eli Dodge, and Saba Chabukashvili. The high school students have been working with the Bee Corps students and sponsor, Mrs. Emma Boomershine since the group was launched earlier this year. "Jack and I set out to educate the little ones in our community on ways they can help the Earth become a cleaner and healthier place to live and grow," shared Preston. "But in order for us to teach them how to help, we had to teach them about some of the things that are negatively impacting our environment." The high school leaders, with guidance from Mr. Mahoney and Mrs. Boomershine, created presentations and games intended to engage students in lessons around things impacting the environment. "Teaching them about how humans and trees can help, the role and impact of pollinators, planting processes, and the ways that they can educate others were all things we covered during our lessons," Preston continued. Every Wednesday MCHS

high school students came together to discuss the lesson plans, planting dates, fundraising ideas, and ways they thought would make the younger students enjoy their time while still retaining knowledge. "Our goal has always been to inform and inspire students about the environment, just like we were as kids," reflected Heckler. "It was Susan Thevenow who inspired me to want to change the world and always seek knowledge, and that's what we want to do with as many students as we can. We always try to teach about the problems and solutions, while asking our students questions that will help them better understand the connections and the possibilities of all of the solutions we may find." It was evident that students were well prepared for and excited about the impact they could make personally from the moment they gathered to catch the bus. Following a quick hands-on demonstration for the students and adult chaperones on the Royer Corp. (proud Bee Corps sponsor) property located on Walnut Street, the groups were divided into smaller groups of 7-8 students and set out on foot covering the north end of Walnut Street. "Today was a great day but we also learned a few things about how we can improve the experience for next time," Heckler shared as he was preparing the snacks for the group. "This has been a learning experience for me personally as this is my first time leading a large group. I am learning the art of delegation! We want everyone to feel as though they are contributing in a positive and impactful way." Following a very busy hour or so of planting, students were treated to a sack lunch with a sandwich, chips, fruit snacks, and a drink. "I ate all of mine!" shared one kindergartener. "I was hungry after all of that hard work but I had so much fun! This was my first bus ride," she beamed. "The excitement from both the high school and elementary students to see the classroom lessons cross over into the actual planting was fun to be a part of," Heckler added. The goal is to plant 500 trees within Jefferson County. One of the cornerstone sponsors of this project is Arvin Sango. Synonymous with the mission of Bee Corps environmentally friendly focus, Arvin Sango saw potential from the minute Mae and Jack presented their ideas during a fundraising pitch earlier this year. "We were very impressed with their organization of the project and excited that they are passionate about planting trees, which aligns with our values," shared David Storie, Safety Environmental Supervisor at Arvin Sango and MCS Board member. "Summer break isn't far away and we still have quite a few trees to plant," Preston stated. "Our high school leaders held a fundraising event earlier this spring in the Meadows neighborhood where we planted a large number of our saplings and we also plan to give each student their own tree to plant. The idea behind our club is to bring

people together for the greater good of the environment and giving students a chance to show their families and friends outside of the club what they have learned not only encourages leadership but also a sense of community," she continued. When asked to reflect on the experience, Preston shared "this club has been an incredible experience. It has been stressful, time-consuming, and overwhelming to build from the ground up. But, when we walk into Lydia Middleton every Friday and we see all of our kiddos ready and excited to learn, all of that disappears. Every smile, giggle, and waving hand that just can't wait to answer the question makes all of the hard stuff worth it. The dedication our students have had blows me away. I look up to every single k-5th grade student we have in our hive because they chose to make a difference and choose to stick with it through every week. I'm so thankful we could be a part of their lives and I cannot wait to see where they'll 'bee,'" she shared with a huge smile! The mission continued on Friday, May 20th when the students traveled to the Bellaire Drive neighborhood on Madison's hilltop with a similar game plan! While four dates were initially planned with students, the May



6th date had to be canceled due to time constraints around testing windows. The final planting date was held on May 27th and was a larger community invitation for a volunteer-based planting that included Johnson Lake located on Cragmont Street and Lorenz Park located at the bottom of Highway 421. Community sponsors of this project generously provided all of the necessary supplies for the group. Sponsors providing monetary donations include Arvin Sango, Royer Corp., German American Bank, Habitat for Humanity, EJ's Plumbing, Madison Chemical, and Alcorn Sage Schwartz and Magrath LLP. Material donations were received from Superior Vault Company (soil and rock), Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation Board (shovels and gardening gloves), Winsupply (PVC pipes), Dakkota Integrated Systems (wheelbarrows), and Lanthier Winery. In fact, the only thing the Bee Corps really had to pay for was snacks. "We were lucky enough to be graced with the 'buzz' of generosity this year and we really can not thank our sponsors enough for that," shared Heckler.



Pictured are Kolton Lock (left) and Jonathan Wilson (right).

April was Financial Literacy Month and my students participated in the German American Financial Literacy Bee co-sponsored by Everfi. Students had to write an essay as part of the month-long program. Jeana Carter, College & Career Readiness teacher at MJHS announced that two Madison 8th graders won \$500 each for their essays. There were five winners overall. "Kolton Lock and Jonathan Wilson wrote excellent essays," shared Carter. "Thanks to their English teachers and Math teachers for teaching them well! Also, thanks to their parents for teaching them to recognize an opportunity."

To read Kolton and Jonathan's winning essays, [Click Here](#).



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# 2021-2022 Scholarship Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following recipients of the many, many generous scholarships available to students through various community members and organizations. As Madison Consolidated Schools, we appreciate your investment in our very deserving students. We know they will be responsible stewards of your generosity! Some scholarships are yet to be awarded and will be done so by the respective committees after their selection is made.

**The Scholarship total awarded to the Class of 2022 was over \$1,826,189.90.**

<b>United States Naval Academy Appointment</b> Carter Schutte - \$350,000	<b>Phi Beta Psi Sorority Scholarship</b> Lane Brawner - \$500	<b>Carl J. &amp; Mary M. Hoefling Scholarship</b> Brooklyn Cornelius \$4,565	<b>Brad O’Leary Scholarship</b> Taylor Harsin - \$600
<b>United States Coast Guard Academy Appointment</b> Taylor Lynch - \$280,000	<b>Dianna Risk Peer Counseling Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$500 Brooklyn Cornelius - \$500 Hailey Jenkins - \$500 Taylor Lynch - \$500	<b>Pilots Club International Scholarship</b> Isabel Wilber - \$500 Jaylin Lee - \$500	<b>Wood Memorial Scholarship</b> Sarah Backus - \$900
<b>National Guard Scholarship</b> Nicholas Whitaker - \$50,000	<b>Jefferson County Extension Homemakers Scholarship</b> Trinity Stoner - \$900	<b>Mountjoy Family Memorial Scholarship</b> Sarah Backus - \$8,000 Anneliese Crumley - \$8,000 Ella Shaw - \$8,000 Brooklyn Cornelius - \$5,000 Abby Uhl - \$5,000 Neel Mistry - \$5,000 Dylan Banks - \$1,122 Colton Auxier - \$1,122 Morgan Preston - \$1,122 Claire Bilz - \$1,122 Benjamin Combs - \$1,122	<b>Tiffany lee Carter Memorial Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$1,000
<b>MCHS Archery Scholarship</b> Sarah Backus - \$500 Jorja Hazelwood - \$500	<b>Rotary Club Betty Seabee Good Citizenship Award</b> Brooklyn Cornelius - Certificate	<b>Elks Scholarship</b> Lane Brawner - \$1,000 Brooklyn Cornelius - \$1,000 Nicholas Whitaker - \$1,000	<b>Thomas D. Craft, Jr. Memorial Scholarship</b> Carter Schutte - \$1,000
<b>NASP State Archery Tournament Scholarship</b> Sarah Backus - \$500 Benjamin Combs - \$500 Jorja Hazelwood - \$500	<b>Al Carter Memorial Scholarship</b> Jorja Hazelwood - the amount was not shared by Rotary Club	<b>American Legion Post 9 Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$500 Colton Auxier - \$500	<b>Dr. Fred S. Henderson Family Memorial Scholarship</b> Anneliese Crumley - \$1,100
<b>Molly Dattilo Follow Your Dreams Scholarship</b> Isabel Wilber - \$1,000	<b>Rotary Club</b> Neel Mistry - the amount was not shared by Rotary Club	<b>Ralph and Robyn Jones Family Memorial Scholarship</b> Rebecca Westrick - \$1,050	<b>Curtis Wright Memorial Scholarship</b> Isabel Wilber - \$1,300
<b>Riverfront Run Car Show Scholarship</b> Sylas Applegate - \$1,000	<b>Charles O’Banion Scholarship</b> Jaylin Lee - the amount was not shared by Rotary Club	<b>SEI Communications Scholarship</b> Daniel Winters - \$500	<b>Deputy Alumni Scholarship</b> Nicholas Siefert - \$1,800 Jorja Hazelwood - \$1,800
<b>German American AIM Scholarship</b> Lane Brawner - \$1,000	<b>Rotary Higher Education Grant</b> Colton Auxier - the amount was not shared by Rotary Club Lane Brawner - the amount was not shared by Rotary Club Morgan Preston - the amount was not shared by Rotary Club	<b>Tri Kappa Beta Scholarship, Beta Omega Chapter</b> Kayla Dattilo - \$750 Morgan Preston - \$1,000	<b>Helyn Bishop Scholarship</b> Lane Brawner - \$1,100
<b>Madison Ribberfest BBQ &amp; Blues Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$1,000	<b>Ralph Siefert Memorial Math Scholarship</b> Anneliese Crumley - the amount was not shared by Rotary Club	<b>Trevor Woodward Art Scholarship</b> Daniel Winters - \$500	<b>Chan Chilton Memorial Scholarship</b> Lane Brawner - \$1,100
<b>Farmers Bank of Milton Scholarship</b> Claire Bilz - \$1,000	<b>Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship</b> Taylor Harsin - \$2,425 Jorja Hazelwood - \$2,425 Trinity Stoner - \$2,425 Isabel Wilber - \$2,425	<b>Centra Credit Union Loretta M. Burd Scholarship</b> Brooklyn Cornelius - \$2,500	<b>Lynn A. Maricle Music Scholarship</b> Ethan Mack - \$2,500
<b>Ivy Tech Scholarship</b> Jenna Rohrer - \$1,000		<b>Mayor’s Eagles Community Service Scholarship</b> Taylor Lynch - \$250	<b>Mabel Green Memorial Scholarship</b> Nicholas Whitaker - \$1,300 Morgan Preston - \$1,300
<b>Clarence Eckerty Memorial Scholarship</b> Leighton Wielgoszinski - \$500		<b>M. W. Anderson Scholarship</b> Hailey Jenkins - \$1,000	<b>Dupont Alumni Scholarship</b> Nicholas Whitaker - \$1,750 Colton Auxier - \$1,750
<b>Madison Lions Club Scholarship</b> Lydian Roberts - \$1,000		<b>Dorothy B. Lotz Scholarship</b> Hailey Jenkins - \$1,950 Taylor Lynch - \$1,950	<b>Nathan Wilson Memorial Mathematics Scholarship</b> Keara Eder - \$3,200
<b>Madison Chautauqua Scholarship for the Arts in Memory of Bob Fourhman</b> Violet Reetz - \$1,100			<b>Community Foundation Scholar</b> Hailey Jenkins - \$1,000 Taylor Lynch - \$1,000 Brooklyn Cornelius - \$1,000



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<b>Broadway School Alumni Scholarship</b> Taylor Lynch - \$800	<b>Jobs for America's Graduates Scholarships</b> Jaylah Abbott - \$250 Claire Bilz - \$250	<b>Marshall and Norma Banks Nursing Scholarship</b> Rebecca Westrick - \$500	<b>Lide White Memorial Boys &amp; Girls Club</b> <b>Robert &amp; Virginia Klopp Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$500
<b>Glenn G. &amp; Dorothy Ebel Huntington Scholarship</b> Morgan Preston - \$1,000	Lane Brawner - \$250 Paige Catt - \$250 Maddie Cline - \$250 Kelsey Craddock - \$250	<b>Jefferson County Free-In-Need Scholarship</b> Ella Shaw - \$218 Lane Brawner - \$210	<b>Brinson Memorial Scholarship</b> Allyson Skirvin - \$500
<b>Sharon Thom Alcorn Memorial Scholarship</b> Morgan Preston - \$1,600	Cheyenne Edwards - \$250 Jackson Falconberry - \$250 Henry Grote - \$250 Taylor Harsin - \$250	<b>Vernon Gudkese Memorial Engineering Scholarship</b> Taylor Lynch - \$250	<b>Morgan Foods Academic Scholarship</b> Allyson Skirvin - \$8,000
<b>Carolyn Brucer Spicer and Gene E. Spicer Nursing Scholarship</b> Rebecca Westrick - \$1,000	Carter Hay - \$250 Alexxis Hinton - \$250 Allison Holcroft - \$250 Curtis Jacobs - \$250 Patty Johnson - \$250	<b>Lavon Cartwright Gudkese &amp; Ann Gudkese Offerman Nursing Scholarship</b> Kayla Dattilo - \$250	<b>Canaan Utilities Scholarship</b> Sarah Backus - \$250
<b>Terri Nighbert Memorial Scholarship</b> Rebecca Westrick - \$1,100	Lily Konkle - \$250 Payton McDarment - \$250 Dillon Miller - \$250 Addison Mundt - \$250	<b>Emerson Harrell Scholarship</b> Kayla Dattilo - \$200	<b>Alcorn Sage Schwartz &amp; Mcgrath Scholarship</b> Brooklyn Cornelius - \$500
<b>Troy Allen Pyles Memorial Scholarship</b> Rebecca Westrick - \$1,500	Brooklyn Osterman - \$250 Lucas Owen - \$250 Caden Plew - \$250 Bailee Schmidt - \$250	<b>Shannon Thomas Memorial Scholarship</b> Taylor Lynch - \$300	<b>Georgetown College Athletic Scholarship</b> Isabel Wilber - \$128,000
<b>Norma A. Cull Memorial Scholarship</b> Marin Kernen - \$5,850	Andrew Scroggins - \$250 Burk Shelley - \$250 Trinity Stoner - \$250 Johnathon Umila - \$250	<b>Gary Chapman Scholarship for the Arts</b> Daniel Winters - \$500	<b>Hanover College 1827 Scholarship</b> Colton Auxier - \$96,000
<b>Class of '84 &amp; Frances K. Eisan Memorial Scholarship</b> Colton Auxier - \$1,100	Tayten Vonch - \$250 Leighton Wielgoszinski - \$250	<b>Jefferson County Retired Teacher Scholarship</b> Lydian Roberts - \$200	<b>Wilmington College Dean's Scholarship</b> Jorja Hazelwood - \$80,000
<b>Bonnie &amp; Printis Shelton Scholarship</b> Colton Auxier - \$1,600	<b>MCHS Academic Competition Scholarship</b> Anneliese Crumley - \$1,000 Jaylin Lee - \$1,000 Morgan Preston - \$1,000 Jace Singer - \$1,000	<b>Madison FFA Scholarship</b> Brooklyn Cornelius - \$300 Jorja Hazelwood - \$500 Caleb Lee - \$400 Garrett Morton - \$200 Morgan Preston - \$ 400 Trinity Stoner - \$300 Nicholas Whitaker - \$400 Sarah Backus - \$400	<b>Butler University Academic Scholarship</b> Morgan Preston - \$96,000
<b>MCHS Class of 1966 Scholarship</b> Colton Auxier - \$2,300	<b>Madison Teachers Association Scholarship</b> Dylan Banks - \$500 Keara Eder - \$500 Allison Holcroft - \$500 Nicholas Whitaker - \$500	<b>Indiana State FFA Scholarship</b> Sarah Backus - \$500	<b>Grace College Distinction Scholarship</b> Jaylin Lee - \$32,000
<b>George &amp; June Kirk Scholarship</b> Carter Hay - \$24,400			<b>Grace College Diversity Award</b> Jaylin Lee - \$5,000
<b>Joseph V. Cline Scholarship</b> Brooklyn Cornelius - \$35,200	<b>National Honor Society Scholarship</b> Jorja Hazelwood - \$200 Taylor Lynch - \$200 Hailey Jenkins - \$800	<b>Custer Contest Equal Rank Prize</b> Keara Eder - \$500 Taylor Harsin - \$500 Morgan Preston - \$500	<b>Purdue University Trustee Scholarship</b> Abby Uhl - \$40,000
<b>French Scholarship</b> Will Ratcliff - \$100 Keara Eder - \$100			<b>Indiana University Provost Scholarship</b> Jace Singer - \$16,000 Hailey Jenkins - \$32,000
<b>Lide White Memorial Boys &amp; Girls Club</b> <b>John &amp; Sue Paul Memorial Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$500	<b>Knights of Columbus of Jefferson County</b> Sarah Backus - \$400	<b>Custer Contest Second Prize</b> Neel Mistry - \$750	<b>University of Alabama Presidential Diversity &amp; Provost Academic Scholarships</b> Taylor Harsin - \$125,000
<b>MCHS Academic Competition Scholarship</b> Anneliese Crumley - \$1,000 Jaylin Lee - \$1,000 Morgan Preston - \$1,000 Jace Singer - \$1,000	<b>Shawn Barnes Memorial Scholarship</b> Jackson Bear - \$ 300	<b>Custer Contest First Prize</b> Brooklyn Cornelius - \$1,000	
	<b>Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Inc. Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$1,000 Anneliese Crumley - \$1,000 Jorja Hazelwood - \$1,000 Trinity Stoner - \$1,000	<b>Spirit of Custer Oratory Contest Scholarship Endowment</b> Keara Eder - \$1,310 Taylor Harsin - \$1,310 Morgan Preston - \$1,310 Neel Mistry - \$1,310 Brooklyn Cornelius - \$1,310	<b>University of Alabama Presidential National Housing Scholarship</b> Taylor Harsin - \$9,000
			<b>Bellarmino Scarlet Scholarship</b> Trinity Stoner - \$30,450



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<b>Hanover College Dean’s Scholarship</b> Jackson Bear - \$80,000	<b>University of Tennessee Explore Scholarship</b> Matthew Burkhardt - \$24,000	<b>Georgetown College Allied Health Scholars Program</b> Isabel Wilber - \$4,000	<b>Louis Ernst Family Scholarship</b> Lane Brawner - \$1,378.60 Matthew Burkhardt - \$1,378.60 Brooklyn Cornelius - \$2,000 Anneliese Crumley - \$1,378.60 Taylor Harsin - \$1,378.60 Jaylin Lee - \$1,378.60 Neel Mistry - \$1,378.60 Brandon Shaw - \$1,378.60 Burk Shelley - \$1,378.60
<b>DePaul University Tuition Exchange</b> Violet Reetz - \$172,000	<b>Depauw University Scholarship</b> Brooklyn Cornelius - \$160,000	<b>Grand Lodge Scholarship</b> Lily Konkle - \$850	
<b>Franklin College Academic Scholarship</b> Brady Mack - \$18,000	<b>Ball State Presidential Scholarship</b> Allyson Skirvin - \$22,000 Lily Konkle - \$22,000	<b>Hutton Honors College Scholarship</b> Hailey Jenkins - \$4,000	
<b>Bentley University Honors Program President’s Scholarship</b> Leighton Wielgoszinski - \$120,000	<b>Marian University Athletic Award, St. Francis Academic Scholarship and Marian Grant</b> Keara Eder - \$36,000	<b>Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corp. Scholarship</b> Skyler Marshall - \$1,000	<b>2022 MCHS Honor Graduate</b> Taylor Lynch - Certificate
<b>Loyola University Presidential Scholarship</b> Kayla Dattilo - \$100,000	<b>Manchester University Dean’s Scholarship</b> Jackson Kelsey - \$80,000		

## 4.0 Celebration of Seniors

The following members of the Class of 2022, along with their parents, were treated to breakfast in April in celebration of their stellar academic achievement of maintaining a 4.0 or higher GPA throughout the first seven semesters of their high school career. The breakfast was hosted by principal Mr. Michael Gasaway and he shared slides from each student where they revealed their college choice, area of intended study, their favorite book, and special teacher shout-outs to those who have made a difference in their academic journey.

Please join us in congratulating these high achieving Cubs:

Colton Auxier	Taylor Harsin	Caleb Lee	Violet Reetz
Sarah Backus	Jorja Hazelwood	Taylor Lynch	Lydian Roberts
Lane Brawner	Curtis Jacobs	Ethan Mack	Carter Schutte
Matthew Burkhardt	Hailey Jenkins	Isabella McDole	Ella Shaw
Alyssa Brown	Mary Johnson	Neel Mistry	Jace Singer
Brooklyn Cornelius	Jackson Kelsey	John Nyberg	Abby Uhl
Kayla Dattilo	George King	Morgan Preston	Nicholas Whitaker
Dylan Dirksen	Lily Konkle	William Ratcliff	Leighton Wielgoszinski
Keara Eder			Isabel Wilber

## 2022 Governor’s Work Ethic Certificate Award

In 2018, Madison Consolidated High School was selected as one of 18 schools statewide to participate in the Governor’s Work Ethic Certification program. The program is a tool that the school can use to partner with local employers to better understand their employment needs and work together to cultivate a pipeline of highly-skilled, workforce-ready high school graduates. The program focuses on employability skills in five subjective and four objective competency areas including

punctuality, critical thinking, initiative, service leadership, perseverance, clear communication, reliability, and a positive attitude. In order to qualify, students must apply for the opportunity and then maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA and be on track to graduate, have an attendance record of 98% or higher, have one or fewer disciplinary infractions, and complete 6 or more hours of community service. MCHS had 150 students apply for the certification and 103 successfully completed the

process. **Madison is in the top 5 in the state for the highest-earning number of students to achieve the certification.** Only three schools (Bartholomew Consolidated Schools, Jeffersonville High School, and Martinsville High School) had a higher number of completions. However, based on the percentage of students in the cohort who began the process and successfully completed the process, Madison was ranked second with a completion rate of 69%, behind BCS at 71%, Jeffersonville at 29%, and Martinsville at 25%.

Those earning the certification were:

Sylas Applegate	Ethan Cline	Zane Gordon	Hailey Jenkins
Sarah Backus	Madelyn Cline	Tyler Grimm	Charles Johnson
Jackson Bailey	Benjamin Combs	Henry Grote	Mary Johnson
Jackson Bear	Leah Combs	Taylor Harsin	Patty Johnson
Christian Bell	Brooklyn Cornelius	Jasmine Hartung	Jackson Kelsey
Lucas Benkert	George Cosby	Carter Hay	Marin Kernen
Clarie Bilz	Kayla Dattilo	Jorja Hazelwood	Jeramie Kessler
Lane Brawner	Dylan Dirksen	Trinity Heiderman	George King
Alyssa Brown	Hayden Eblen	Zoey Henderson	Lily Konkle
Brody Burge	Keara Eder	Alexxis Hinton	Caleb Lee
Matthew Burkhardt	Cheyenne Edwards	Allison Holcroft	Jaylin Lee
Noah Burkhardt	Jackson Falconberry	Jaylee Humes	Taylor Lynch
Paige Catt	Raymond Gonzalez	Curtis Jacobs	Christian Lyons



# 2022 Governor’s Work Ethic Certificate Award cont.

Ethan Mack	Quentin Moon	Violet Reetz	Jace Singer
William Mack	Garrett Morton	Lydian Roberts	Hailee Spencer
Connor Mannis	Addison Mundt	Jenna Rohrer	Trinity Stoner
Isaac Marshall	John Nyberg	Bailee Schmidt	Tyler Surma
Skylar Marshall	Lucas Owen	Carter Schutte	Hannah Taylor
Waylon Marshall	Jakob Petersheim	Lakyn Scott	Abby Uhl
Abby Mason	Collin Pettit	Andrew Scroggins	Johnathon Umila
Payton McDarment	John Daniel Phillips	Paige Sentney	Layla Vonch
Isabella McDole	Caden Plew	Burk Shelley	Rebecca Westrick
Lauren McKay	Robert Powell	Lindsay Shepherd	Nicholas Whitaker
Dillon Miller	Morgan Preston	Jackson Shields	Leighton Wielgoszinski
Neel Mistry	William Ratcliff	Nicholas Siefert	Isabel Wilber

## MCS Honored Recent Retirees at the May Meeting

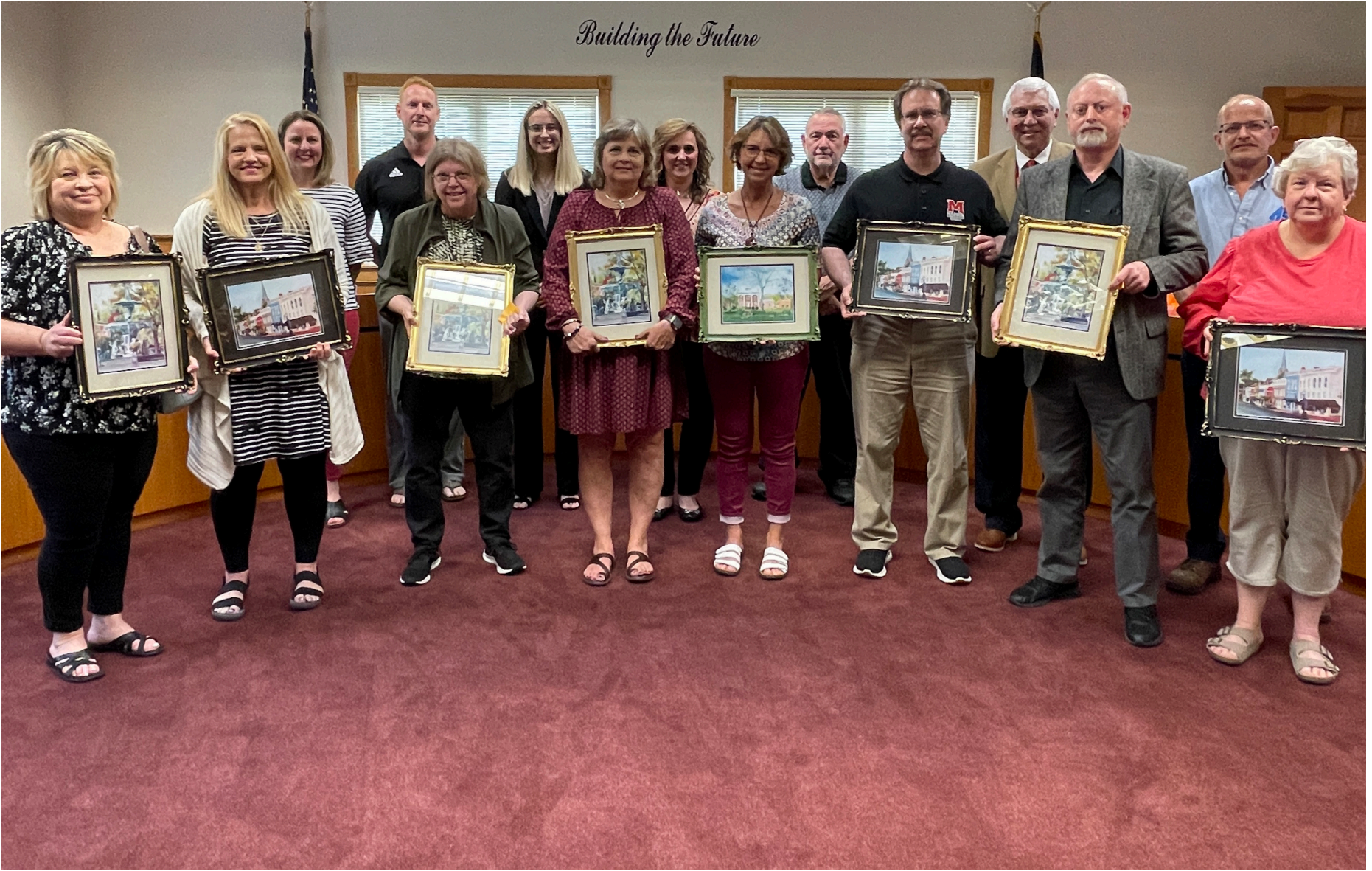
By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

At their regular meeting, by the school last year from provided to our district,” the Board of School Trustees MCHS Fine Arts program shared David Storie, honored the 2021-2022 leader and local artist, MCS board President. retirees and gifted them Mr. Aaron Kelsey. “We are Collectively, this group a signed and numbered very grateful for the years has 224 years of service to framed print commissioned of service this group has students in our district.

### Recognized during the meeting were:

- Tracy Ahlbrand – Principal - Lydia Middleton Elementary School – 21 years
- Dorothy“Laverne” Austin – Instructional Support – E.O. Muncie Jr-Sr High School – 7 years
- Kerri Bedingham – Science Teacher – Madison Junior High School – 20 years
- Jodi Gray – Head Custodian – Rykers’ Ridge Elementary School – 24 years
- Karen Hall – Bookkeeper – Madison Consolidated High School – 19 years
- Cindy Robinson – Elementary Teacher – Anderson Elementary School – 40 years
- Maria Stewart – Math Teacher – Madison Consolidated High School – 34 years
- Mark Stewart – Science/Math Teacher – Madison Junior High School – 34 years
- Paul Woodling – Business Teacher – Madison Consolidated High School – 3 years
- Kathleen Gee – Math Teacher – Madison Consolidated High School – 22 years

Please join us in wishing them a long, happy, and healthy retirement!

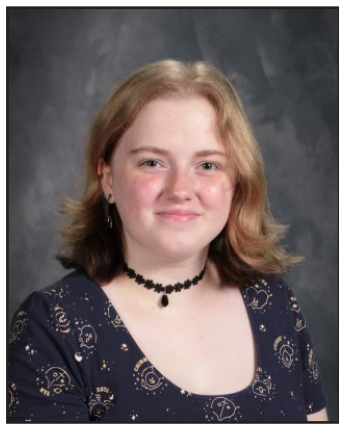
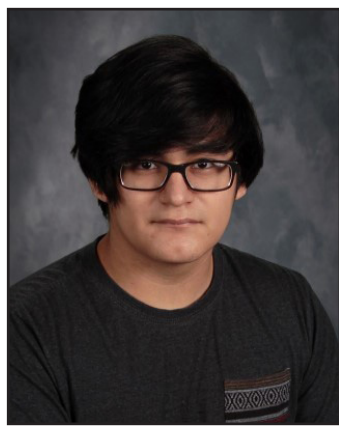


Pictured front row left to right: Jodi Gray, Kerri Bedingham, Tracy Ahlbrand, Cindy Robinson, Maria Stewart, Mark Stewart, Paul Woodling, and Kathleen Gee.



**Jaylah Abbott****Clayton Adcock****Sylas Applegate****Alonso Arauco****Colton Auxier****Sarah Backus****Jackson Bailey****Dylan Banks****Jackson Bear****Christian Bell****Kyli Bell****Lucas Benkert****Claire Bilz****Jaymen Birge****Anna Bluemm****Lane Brawner****Tessalyn Brinson****Alyssa Brown****Brody Burge****Matthew Burkhardt****Noah Burkhardt****Crystal Carter****Paige Catt****Kailee Chambers****Ethan Cline****Madelyn Cline****Robert Cochran****Benjamin Combs****Leah Combs****Madison Cook****Catherine Coots****Brooklyn Cornelius****Xavier Cosby****Kelsey Craddock****Anneliese Crumley**



**Evan Dahlem****Kayla Dattilo****Isiah Denning****Dylan Dirksen****Hayden Eblen****Keara Eder****Cheyenne Edwards****Trenten Eggers****Destiny Ehlers****Ethan Everhart****Jackson Falconberry****Gibsen Faulkner****Carter Featherstone****Stella Felts****Felicia Fischer****Noah Foster****Carla Gaspar****Daniela Gironella****Sophia Glasgow****Raymond Gonzalez****Zane Gordon****Tyler Grimm****Henry Grote****Taylor Harsin****Jasmine Hartung****Kenyatta Harvey****Carter Hay****Jorja Hazelwood****Trinity Heiderman****Zoey Henderson****Alexis Hinton****Allison Holcroft****Caleb Horn****Jaylee Humes****Madisyn Humiston**



**Madison Jackson****Curtis Jacobs****Tabetha Jameison****Hailey Jenkins****Hailey Jines****Summer Jines****Charles Johnson III****Mary Johnson****Patty Johnson****Jackson Kelsey****Marin Kernen****Jeramie Kessler II****Cameron King****Lily Konkle****Caleb Lee****Grason Lee****Jaylin Lee****Nattas Loechler****Diego Lorente Gomez****Taylor Lynch****Christian Lyons****Brady Mack****Ethan Mack****Annie Mahoney****Madison Malston****Pietra Mangoni****Connor Manis****Isaac Marshall****Skylar Marshall****Waylon Marshall****Abby Mason****Payton McDarment****Isabella McDole****Lauren McKay****Dillon Miller**



**Neel Mistry****Quentin Moon****Ashton Moore****Viserion Morningstar****Garrett Morton****Addison Mundt****Peyton Nelson****Will Nyberg****Brooklyn Osterman****Lucas Owen****Maegan Ownby****Jacob Pearson****Jonah Pearson****Jakob Petersheim****Collin Pettit****John Daniel Phillips****Ryan Philpot****Caden Plew****Robert Powell III****Emma Preston****Morgan Preston****William Ratcliff****Violet Reetz****Jason Riley****Lydian Roberts****Laura Rodriguez Marcos****Jenna Rohrer****Shawn Rush****James Rutledge Jr****Lillian Sawyer****Bailee Schmidt****Carter Schutte****Lakyn Scott****Andrew Scroggins****Paige Sentney**





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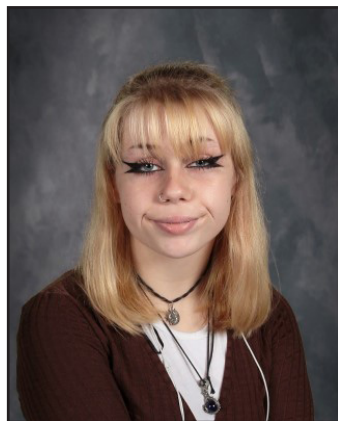
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Layla Vonch



Tayten Vonch



Haley Welch



Dillon Wells



Gracie Wells



Rebecca Westrick



Nicholas Whitaker



Leighton Wielgoszinski



Isabel Wilber



Emmett Willhite



Gabriel Williams



Daniel Winters



Emma Wooten





Robert Wooten



Brogan Wright



Mataya Yarbrough



Drake Youngblood

# Alumni Serving Our Country



By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

With the recent nominations of two MCHS seniors to service academies, we took the opportunity to reach out to a few Cub Alumni who chose the same pathway. This marks only the third time in fifteen years that students from MCHS have been selected for nomination. Justin Motenko, Class of '07, and Hayden McMahon and Tate Turner, both from the Class of '13, attended service academies and we reached out to see what they were up to now and what advice they could offer. Each was asked what led to their decision to pursue a service academy, how that decision and related experiences have impacted their lives, and what those experiences continue to teach them in life and their careers.

## Major Justin Motenko, U.S. Marines - MCHS '07 / U.S. Naval Academy '11

"The staff at MCHS is fantastic, and fortunately, I had the honor of being taught by many great people who positively influenced who I am today," Motenko shared. One of those teachers was Mr. Doug Rusk who told Justin the service academies may be a good fit. "His guidance led me to a service academy symposium hosted in Indianapolis. The symposium was a chance for candidates to get to know each academy, and the Naval Academy resonated with me the most. From then on, I was determined to get into the Naval Academy."

"The decision I made to join the military through a service academy is one I would make a thousand times over," he continued. "The academy has provided opportunities for immeasurable experiences I would have never believed were possible in high school. Through those experiences, I have gained many lifelong friends that have helped me get to where I am today. The people you meet through the experience provided by the academies and the military are unlike any other. You are constantly surrounded by people who are driven, professional, selfless, and intelligent. It forces you to be better."

When asked about the highs and lows of the experience, Motenko focuses on the positive outcomes. "I definitely don't remember all the low points," he stated. "Overall, I think you forget about the "low points" when the overall experience has been positive. I would say there are several challenges and tough moments throughout anyone's Naval Academy and military career; however, I decided to go there for that very reason. The challenges only make you better. The challenges are designed to make you resilient. Through those challenges, you form lifelong friends. These moments are what make the journey worth it."

The advice he had to share with Carter and Taylor is fitting for all of us as we go about our daily lives, regardless of our path. "Be a



good person. As in most things in life, your experiences and successes are made by the people who surround you. The service academies are no different. Teamwork and sacrifice are requirements. Help out your classmates where you can and in turn, you will be better for it."

Major Justin Motenko (pictured left, center back) is a Weapons and Tactics Instructor in the UH-1Y Venom helicopter and currently serves as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775 (HMLA-775). He and his wife Jen reside in California.

## Captain Hayden McMahon, U.S. Army - MCHS '13 / U.S. Military Academy '17

"For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in military history and revered those who served," McMahon shared. "I came to see the military profession as an adventurous, noble, and meaningful career path and I made it my goal to join. In middle school, I began exploring ways to enter the Military. When I learned about the service academies, I knew that was the path I wanted to take. The challenging academic environment coupled with intense military instruction and strict codes of ethics and honor was extremely attractive to me. I believed that the experience I would have at one of the service academies would prepare me well to lead soldiers in intense and austere environments."

His decision shaped him and continues to impact his life. "My time at West Point was challenging, yet extremely rewarding," McMahon recalled. "It gave me the opportunity to lead the best soldiers, in the best army in the world, as well as a fantastic education. I have had the privilege to lead operations of high importance and hope to have affected the combat effectiveness of the Nation in a positive way. My experience at West Point and as an Army Officer shapes every decision I make and how I approach every situation."

When asked about what he remembers about the highs and lows, he now sees it as intentional chaos. The service academies are designed to be extremely challenging and chaotic environments," he shared. "There were many low points when I was exhausted, stressed, and discouraged. Too many to list; however, the lessons learned from these situations built my resiliency and character. Each low point ultimately led to a highlight which made the full experience rewarding and worthwhile. The whole experience taught me that with resiliency and effort, every challenge becomes an opportunity. I have found this applicable in all aspects of my career and personal life."

His advice to the current nominees...take every opportunity. "Everyone has a different experience at a service academy, but each one is challenging," he stated. "In my experience, the challenge paid off. I made incredible lifelong friends, had exciting training opportunities, and served my country. The experience you have will transform you and stay with you for the rest of your life. Take advantage of every opportunity to better yourself and become a more competent leader of character, but also



remember to enjoy your time."

Captain McMahon has just recently finished his five-year service obligation and exited active duty service as an Army Officer. He now resides in Indianapolis with his wife Savannah and works in logistics for Tesla.

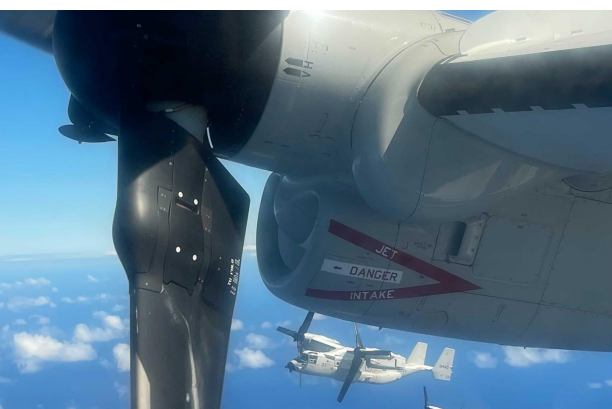
## LT. Tate Turner, U.S. Navy - MCHS graduate '13/USNA Class of '17

Tate is stationed in San Diego, CA assigned to the "TITANS" of VRM-30, a US Navy Fleet Logistics Multi-Mission Squadron. He is a TAC-qualified tiltrotor pilot that flies the Navy version of the V-22 Osprey (CMV-22B), a multi-engine, dual-piloted, self-deployable, medium-lift, vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) tilt-rotor aircraft, which has an extra fuel tank for increased operational range, faster cargo loading/unloading, increased survivability, and enhanced beyond-line-of-sight communications.

Tate recently returned stateside having concluded a 7-month deployment aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) as part of Carrier Air Wing Two to the Indian & Pacific Oceans. He was part of the first employment of Ospreys to solely support the Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) mission. Besides bringing on personnel, parts, VIPs, and mail, they also haul replacement power plants for the F-35s & F-18s. Tate loves to fly, for him, it's a "Tilt Life"! Thanks to his parents Mike & Sandy for the update! At the time of this writing, Tate's



flying schedule made a more in-depth catch-up a bit tricky. Our Cub family could not be more proud of the successes of these young men. We THANK YOU for your service to our country!





# MCHS Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees Share Their Stories



## **Michael Bell - Class of 1963**

*Others before self. Sacrifice over pleasure. Guidance without results. Impact through action. Goals amidst doubt. Compromise instead of conflict. Joy because of effort. Kindness with everything.*

Pastor Michael Bell, who for 50 plus years offered spiritual guidance at Glendale Christian Church in Central Kentucky, lived these scenarios over and over.

The MCHS alumnus honoree didn't just prepare Biblical messages for Sunday services and oversee administrative duties, but demonstrated God's principles on a daily basis within and outside the church walls.

As a result of Bell's community involvement, leadership and outreach, Glendale Christian flourished in physical dimension and membership numbers and Hardin County enjoyed an enhanced lifestyle and infrastructure. In those five decades, church attendance soared from 40 members to nearly 400 and a beautiful \$2.5 million sanctuary now graces the far west end of Glendale's Main Street.

The 1963 MCHS graduate has garnered nearly every accolade ever given in Hardin County, ranging from the Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame induction, Boys Scouts Distinguished Citizen Honor, Farm-City Relations Award to numerous elected and appointed memberships on utility, civic, education and service boards. And that impact crossed Hardin County boundaries as well. The State of Kentucky recognized Bell as an Outstanding School Volunteer. His alma mater, Louisville Bible College, presented him with the Distinguished Alumni Award, as well as Honorary Doctorate honors and a prestigious appointment to its Board of Regents.

As a minister, he often had to work late into the night to accommodate his pastoral tasks and participation in civic projects, but Bell still found time to connect with youth, a mission close to his heart. For years, the deep voice emitting from the high school press boxes for Hardin County football, baseball and basketball games belonged to the Madison native. When the final buzzer sounded, he immediately exited the sports booth to mingle with athletes, parents and fans. As a result, Bell once again led the way and became the first non-athlete ever to be inducted into the Central Hardin Athletic Hall of Fame and the 5th Region Athletic Hall of Fame. Those Bell handshakes, friendly hellos and kind words magnify even more when the small town hosts its annual Glendale Crossing Festival, the brainchild of Bell who is often called the town's "unofficial mayor." Every October, cars and guests pack the 2-lane road leading there, with large hay fields doubling as parking lots. But for the 2022 MCHS Hall of Fame recipient, his busy, heavy workload paled in comparison to the outcome and the opportunity to assist others in their faith journey.

For Michael Bell, *God Above All* reigns as the ultimate force.



## **Sue Wells Livers - Class of 1966**

Sue Wells Livers lived history firsthand. Although textbooks in the 1950s skimmed the story of racial inequality and poverty, the shallow black words on white paper did not fully convey the hurt and stigma of those societal divides. Livers completed her first three years of elementary education at Broadway School, a segregated entity only two blocks from Madison's white Main Street. She did not experience the advantages, positivity and fellowship of an integrated, more financially stable environment until 1957 when Madison Schools shut the Broadway doors and welcomed African-American students into its halls.

But even as a fourth-grader at Lydia Middleton Elementary, this distinguished alumna immediately sensed the value and force of education and self-determination to confront a society steeped in racism, not necessarily intended but instilled by others who were instilled by others before them. Active in high school with numerous leadership roles, this 1966 MCHS graduate knew she could do more, be more. And do more, be more, Sue Livers did. Four years later, she graduated from Manchester College and added more certifications and degrees down the road from University of Cincinnati and University of Louisville where she attained a master's in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. This MCHS alumna spent her next 34 years as director of nutrition for King's Daughters' Health, followed by a 10-year stint heading the hospital's foundation where she spearheaded a \$4 million drive for a new Cancer Center.

Along the way, career awards and distinguished appointments came from multiple directions, ranging from the Indiana Governor's office, City of Madison to long-serving trusteeships and director positions with River Valley Bank and Ivy Tech Community College. But empathy and respect for her heritage and those experiencing the same financial and cultural obstacles that she faced as a young person never succumbed to a footnote. Livers led the restoration of the historic black church in Hanover. She anchored the Broadway School Alumni Scholarship. She provided the means and path for many of her struggling employees to attain their GED, acquire a driver's license and invest in a retirement plan, regardless of size. For years, she led dozens of seminars on both the value of a healthy lifestyle as well as motivational strategies to overcome financial or societal handicaps.

Forever influenced by the opportunity to meet and converse with Dr. Martin Luther King, each year this vivacious lady during Black History Month dons period attire to become Mrs. Patsy Harris who led many slaves to freedom through Madison in the 1800s. As this 2022 honoree demonstrates so well, if one lets positivity, education and willpower guide direction, poverty and societal handicaps become driving forces rather than crippling weights. *Sue Livers lived history, but she also turned history around for herself and others.*



## **Robert Orrill - Class of 1957**

Twenty-two years ago, the world welcomed the dawn of the 21st Century, the third millennium in the Gregorian calendar. But Madison native Robert Orrill focused on that arrival years before google, selfies, podcasts and emojis emerged.

A recipient of 2022 MCHS Alumni Hall of Fame distinction, Orrill spent most of the 70s, 80s and 90s focusing on the issues, continuity and advancement of education, particularly between high school and college curricula. He identified the need and sought the solution. Under Orrill's leadership as executive director of the National Council on Education and the Disciplines, as well as senior advisor at the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the nation's top scholars and teachers collaborated on curriculum standards in the four literacies – quantitative, scientific, historical and communicative. In the 1990s, as the executive director of the Office of Academic Affairs at the College Board, he served as the chief architect of the Pacesetter initiative, which led to a standards-based 12th grade curriculum to address the "senior slump" of students electing easy classes rather than the more rigorous, college preparatory. Many educational entities reference Orrill as the "forefront of re-inventing" the curriculum in American high schools.

Education priority, however, only came natural for Orrill, a 1957 graduate of Madison High School, which later became a component of Madison Consolidated High School. On Broadway Street downtown, he excelled in academics in high school - third in his class - and continued that momentum at Purdue University and then at Oxford University in England on a graduate level. His stellar academic performance served as a key component in being named a Rhodes Scholar, as well as the recipient of the University History Prize in 1964. Annually, only 32 college seniors nationwide merit the Rhodes commendation. In addition to his efforts to narrow the academic gap between high school and college, the distinguished MCHS alumnus also strived to incorporate and promote the importance of democracy and diversity in all teachings. Numerous publications today don American bookshelves with Robert Orrill as the author, including *The Future of Education ...*, *The Condition of American Liberal Education ...* and *Education and Democracy ...*

Besides today's alumnus honor, Orrill already occupies another spot at MCHS, the Athletic Hall of Fame for his basketball ability as a Cub. Orrill wore jersey No. 10 when he played on the Indiana All Star team.

As MCHS students accept the academic need to take higher level, demanding classes to better prepare themselves for college and life in the 21st Century, the labors of a fellow Jefferson Countian will be at work.

*If you have someone who might be a great candidate, the nomination period typically opens in November and the form is uploaded on our website. In order to be considered, a candidate must have 1) graduated at least 10 years prior, 2) been recognized for a high level of achievement in their field and made significant contributions to that field at the state or national levels, and 3) demonstrated leadership, character, and service in a variety of venues from their field of expertise to community, state, or national initiatives.*



# MCS Announces Hutton as the District’s non-certified Employee of the Year.

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

As part of the annual recognition throughout the district, Mrs. Susie Hutton, a Special Education ISP, has been named the district’s non-certified employee of the year. Hutton has been employed by the district since 2014 and works at Madison Consolidated High School. The district invites employees to nominate fellow employees and Hutton’s nominations were glowing. Here are a few that were shared on the vital role she plays at MCHS: She is always ready to help anyone. She has a kindness that students recognize and are drawn to. She checks in on her co-workers and remembers the little details. She is always there to offer a comforting word or pick up after a bad day. She is always a bright spot in our day! Susie is such an integral part of our Special Education department at the high school. She truly cares about our students and their success. She goes out of her way to make resources that help our students retain information that they have a hard time learning in their general education classes. She buys snacks for the students to make sure they aren’t hungry during the school day. Susie never lets a holiday go by without buying pencils, erasers, etc. to match the special day. At any time of the day, Susie can be seen working tirelessly with students to ensure their success at the high school. Without Susie at the high school, our team would be extremely stretched thin and not capable of what we do on a daily basis to cover our special education population at the high school. We are very grateful for her dedication to our students! Suzie is an ISP in my room for one period a day but she works with more than just those particular students. She is extremely consistent and helpful. The days she is not in my room it completely changes the dynamics of what I am able to accomplish with my students who need that one-on-one attention. Suzie is invaluable to me, my students, and the district. Mrs. Hutton is the best ISP. She comes to work early each day to prepare notes or other hands-on resources that could help the students in their learning. She is knowledgeable in all subject areas and has been a true asset to not only the Special

**Congratulations, Mrs. Hutton and thank you for your passion for Madison Consolidated Schools!**



Education department but the whole building in general. Susie brings drinks and snacks for the students and truly cares about their wellbeing. I wish we had more like Susie!Susie Hutton goes above and beyond for our SPED students. Susie is always willing to lend a helping hand to make sure our students get the support they need. She is patient, kind, and makes real connections with kids to keep them motivated. Susie is an excellent instructional assistant and is very deserving of this honor. Our special education department could not function without her; she is like having another teacher. She is so knowledgeable about so many subjects. Susie assists students in writing essays for all English classes (9-12), helping our students in every level of mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II), as well as supporting students in science and social studies. The students respect and appreciate her too. Susie

works well with our special education students in her calm, quiet manner. The students know they can count on her for any support they may need from academic help to supply help to feeding students who are hungry to just a smile and a laugh as Susie has a great sense of humor. Susie provides these supplies and snacks out of her own pocket because she truly cares for the students. Susie is an outstanding employee and deserves this honor. “Suzie is an extremely thoughtful, genuine, and selfless employee,” shared MCHS Principal Michael Gasaway. “Her value to our high school and all that she does is unmeasurable. She always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She shows empathy for students and builds great relationships. MCHS is forever indebted to Mrs. Suzie Hutton and she is so deserving of the Non-Certified Employee of the Year.”

# Crossing the Ditch Day Gets a Boost While Cub Fest Casts a Wider Net

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator



In March, MJHS 8th graders made their way across the ditch to MCHS as part of the annual Crossing the Ditch Day event. What had been in years past a short respite from classes for the morning has now turned into nearly a full day boot camp of all things high school. Whitney Mathews, Cub Industries Coordinator, wanted to do a little more with the event this year and took the opportunity to make it more interactive for all students while also incorporating events for freshmen and sophomores to begin work on their community service hours requirement which became part

of the new state graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2023. New graduation requirements mandate all students have a minimum of 6 documented community service hours completed in order to be eligible for graduation. Led by MCHS seniors, students from MJHS were given guided tours of the buildings where they interacted with teachers in their classrooms to learn more about the required and elective classes offered at MCHS. Each rotation lasted 15 minutes as they were able to ask questions, look around learning spaces, and talk with other students and teachers. Some of the learning spaces offered demonstrations such as Graphics, Fine Arts, Agriculture, Culinary Arts,

Diesel. Other areas such as Cub Industries (Manufacturing / Engineering) were available for a more in-depth presentation following lunch for students interested in those pathway areas. Following lunch with the junior class, (the SAT test was administered free of charge for the juniors during the morning) the 8th graders visited the gym for a Career Development Fair, a new addition to the event. Co-sponsored by Ivy Tech - Madison campus, the fair brought in local employers to talk with students about how the curriculum and pathways offered at MCHS can lead directly to employment in high wage/high demand jobs. Representatives from Ivy Tech - Madison were on hand to talk about certification/degree

opportunities in welding, informatics, nursing, computer science, and education. Representatives from SuperATV and Arvin Sango were on hand to talk with students about what skills they look for in employees and how the programs being offered at MCHS fit right into what they are looking for when hiring to fill open positions. Hanover College admissions was on campus to talk about four-year degree opportunities for those interested in a college track. “We tried to keep it local and provide something that would be of interest to every student,” shared Mathews. “We had a number of students leave with a much better idea of what is offered and how it may fit into their plans moving forward.”



# MCS Announces Thurston as the District’s Teacher of the Year.

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

As part of the annual recognition throughout the district, Mrs. Jackie Thurston has been named the district’s Teacher of the Year. For over a decade, Thurston has been passionately educating students. Starting as a 5th-grade teacher at Anderson Elementary School in 2007, she taught there until 2013. In 2013, she moved to Madison Junior High School to teach 6th-grade math for three years. She returned to MCS in 2018, and since that time has been teaching 7th and 8th-grade math. Widely sought out by students based on her reputation, her course resume has included 7th-grade honors and 7th & 8th-grade algebra and geometry - both of which earn students high school credits while at MJHS. Nominated by fellow teachers, staff members, and parents it is easy to see why Thurston is so successful in the classroom. Quite simply, her students love her. When visiting her class to present the award, she shared that she does this for them... pointing to her students in class at the time. “Every time they leave I say ‘enjoy the rest of your day and [asking the students what comes next] they responded with a resounding I LOVE YOU!’” When reading some of the nominations, that rings true: She is a strong advocate for the whole child. She is patient and understanding while instilling responsibility and positive life lessons. She takes a personal interest in her students. She attends their extracurricular events and checks on them when they are sick. She dedicates her time to preparing engaging classroom material.

*Please join us in celebrating and congratulating Mrs. Jackie Thurston as our 2022 Teacher of the Year!*



Pictured from left to right: Lori Slygh, Jay Roney, Taylor Lynch, Jodi Yancey, Jackie Thurston, Larry Henry, Mr. Dan Noel, and David Storie

She stays after school and gives up her lunch and free period to work with her students. You can find her busy working on school work in the evenings and on the weekends. She allows us to complete corrections to improve our grades and grasp math concepts better. She also re-teaches us when we do not get it the first time. Principal Mr. Dan Grill echoed the nominations. “Mrs. Thurston has created a positive, academic-focused, rigorous learning environment ideal for student learning,” he shared with a smile looking on. “Her work ethic and dedication to student learning are at the highest level, we are very fortunate to have a teacher of her caliber in our classroom.” Thurston was visibly overwhelmed and her students thrilled for her as the award was announced during one of her classes. “I am so very honored and humbled to have been selected as Teacher of the Year,”

she shared. “Like many of the teachers at Madison, I work diligently every day to educate and prepare our students for a lifetime of success. Teaching has always been my calling and passion. I truly love and care for each of the children at Madison Junior High and those that I have been privileged to have taught in the past. I am so blessed to be a part of the student’s educational journey.” Thurston will go on to represent Madison Consolidated Schools in the state-wide annual Teacher of the Year program. Each participating district’s winner moves on to compete for the state-wide honor. If Thurston is selected as a finalist, the interview process will begin in August. The Indiana Teacher of the Year will then be announced in October. Induction and recognition events will take place throughout the year and through May of 2023.

# MJHS Academic Bowls are Rolling!

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Congrats to the Science Olympiad Bowl pictured after their state competition: Kyle Roney (9), Claira Kempton (8), Anni Kempton (9), Aleigh Wilson (9), Aaron Hanson (9), Lincoln Sheets (9), Tyler Hook (8), Ellie Whitaker (8), Luke Wigren (8), Addy Colen (8), Kolton Lock (8) for making school history and bringing home some hardware!

There are also events that require a device to be built beforehand. The events this year included a trebuchet, airplane, mousetrap car, and rocket with a parachute. After qualifying for state in February the team loaded up and traveled to Purdue University on March 12, 2022, to compete in 26 different events against the best in the state. And, for the first time in school history medaled by placing

in the top 5! But, not only did they get a medal - they got medals in 6 events! Madison received one 1st place medal in Home Horticulture, two 2nd place medals in Crave the Wave and Dynamic Planet, and three 3rd place medals in Agriculture Science, Botany, and Write It/Do It! You may notice some high school students in the photo. The Science Olympiad competition allows up to five Freshmen to

compete in the junior division. This is done since there are some schools around the nation that still have 9th graders in their junior high school, they make it eligible for all schools. They do the same with the high school division, but they limit the number of seniors. “This is the first year the freshman took me up on my offer to join the junior team,” shared Kenton Mahoney, MCHS Science teacher, and team coach.



# Introducing the District Correspondent Interns

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One of the best parts about this project is the students I get to work with along the way! I work closely with Mrs. Marlene Pietrykowski to identify students who are interested and may be a good fit for this project. They must be self-motivated, able to manage their time, proficient in several graphics design tools, and willing and able to take on work outside of their classroom responsibilities and time. I rely solely on the students for the layout/design portion of the project for each edition. With each rotation of student interns, I learn as much as they do about efficient communication, planning and time management to work with their busy schedules, and this time we

introduced remote work. I feel very good about the hands-on experience they have had and their ability to transfer what they have learned into their daily work/school routines moving forward. This year, Brayden and Will have done an incredible job of putting our editions together! Each brings their own style to the layout and has explored creative ways to bring the stories to our readers. They have been phenomenal in meeting deadlines, provided valuable feedback on stories, and have taught me a great deal about the software we use to develop the paper. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Brayden and Will and have learned so much from each of them

along the way. One of the best things about this project is the work I get to do with our students...learning about their passions, goals, and creating relationships where we can continue to work together to mentor future students who have an interest in the area of graphic design, communication, and advertising. This also gives these students the opportunity to learn more about what their peers and younger students are doing and creates an opportunity for them to be more involved in the entire process beginning with content creation and organization.

Let's meet the interns!



## Will Ratcliff (*Adobe Certified 2022*)

Will is a second-year intern, returning for his senior year as Chief Designer. He will serve as a training mentor for new interns as we transition over the team in July. His interest in the project stemmed from his classmate, Lani Stockdale, a previous intern, and “I loved the work she did and I am so glad I took the opportunity to try something new!” he shared. “I have learned a lot about communication, hard work, scheduling, and dedication, as well as some useful design techniques within Adobe InDesign, our editing software,” he shared. All of this, combined with his graphics classes, has led Will to take on the additional challenge to conquer the Adobe certification program. He spent time outside of class to prepare for the extensive test and successfully completed the certification program just this week! “I love to do creative works, both for school and for myself,” he continued. Using all of the things I have learned, I hope to make sketch-ups, documents, and

usage guides, which could all be done with my knowledge from this experience.” Will plans to attend Purdue University in the fall and study in the College of Engineering and is considering automotive engineering. “I love to program, tinker, and exercise,

and have a huge passion for cars,” he shared. “So this is a way that I can combine my passions and have a creative outlet along the way.” Outside of the classroom, Will enjoys theatre and was a part of six musicals and two plays, danced

with Mires School of Dance for six years, was a member of the Academic Superbowl for Fine Arts and Social Studies, Science Olympiad, National Honors Society, Track and Cross-Country teams, and taught computer science classes at school.

## Brayden Crumley

Brayden fell in love with Graphic Design while in one of Mrs. Pietro’s classes and thought at that time he might pursue a career in graphic design so the internship felt like the next appropriate step. “During this internship, I learned how to effectively communicate and coordinate a project remotely with multiple people,” Brayden and how to work around that plan if it falls through,” he shared. “This is something I will apply to almost all parts of my life moving forward.” When asked about recommending the program to underclassmen, he said, “ABSOLUTELY! This is a great experience for any student who is interested in Graphic Design or interpersonal communications. It will teach you a lot about design and how to properly manage your time and create/execute a plan. I’ve really enjoyed getting to know the other people who are involved in the making of the DC, they are genuinely amazing people and I hope to stay in touch with them as time goes on.” In his spare time, in addition to enjoying video gaming, Brayden runs a home lab using software called Proxmox which allows him to host multiple virtual

shared. “I learned how to have fun with something even though it may seem like work.” Currently working as an Information Systems co-op in Ghent provides him with the opportunity to use the things he has learned throughout the project. “One of the biggest things I learned through this process is how to make a plan



machines and access them remotely from anywhere. “It is a fun project that I plan to continue improving,” he shared. Brayden plans to attend Ivy Tech in the Fall to begin work on an associate degree in Information Technology and then transfer into a four-year program to earn a bachelor’s degree in the same, or a related, field.



# MCHS Sends Eight Student-Athletes to Play at Next Level

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On the heels of one of the most successfully recruited classes in 2021, the Class of 2022 will send off eight seniors to college to compete in five different sports. Two athletes have been recruited as dual-sport athletes. “We have yet another impressive group of young adults making a commitment at the next level,” shared Madison Athletic Director, Joe Bronkella. “I believe our coaches have provided solid foundations focusing on work ethic, accountability, leadership, and respect that will provide these athletes with the opportunity to contribute significantly to their college teams. The leadership these athletes have provided to our school will be missed and I look forward to following their future success.”



**Keara Eder** is the daughter of Melanie and Michael Eder and will be attending Marian University as a member of the women's golf team. Keara is most looking forward to the team bond and determination that comes with being a college athlete and making new friends from different places. She selected Marian because it wasn't too far from home and also because of the golf program. “Marian's golf coach seemed like he actually cared which was different than some other coaches I had talked to, and the new facilities were incredibly nice which was a big need on my list. I also really loved the close-knit vibe from everybody on campus and the standards that we (the students) are going to be held to,” she wrote. Her advice to others is to start early. “Make sure to get yourself out there but also make sure you don't choose a school based on sports,” she continued. “Make sure that if you couldn't play your sport you would still want to be at that school.” Eder plans to major in Chemistry with a specialization in Forensics. Good Luck, Keara and GO KNIGHTS!

**Isabel Wilber** is the daughter of Josh and Reilly Wilber and will be a dual-sport athlete as a member of the Georgetown College (KY) women's Cross Country and Track and Field teams Isabel is most looking forward to “gaining a new family, experiencing something new, and continuing my love for running with others who have the same love,” she wrote. She selected Georgetown because of the people. “The campus is amazing and easy to navigate and I love the area. There is a lot to do in Georgetown and it's only 13 miles away from Lexington, KY,” she continued. “Every student I had the chance to meet was very kind, the school counselor is also amazing and very easy to work with, and the professors are extremely kind as well. Every college I visited after Georgetown did not compare to the things I experienced there.” Her advice to teammates and others considering the next level is to start early. “I would recommend researching programs as early as possible and going on visits as soon as you are able to,” she continued. “If you have a high school coach willing to help you research and find a program that might suit you best, I would recommend taking them up on that because they know your athletic abilities well. Also, I recommend talking to a college athlete in the sport you want to compete in to gain an understanding of a personal experience.” Isabel plans to study Exercise Science. Best of luck to you, Isabel, and GO TIGERS!



**Leighton Wielgoszinski** is the son of Jason and Angie Wielgoszinski and will continue his swimming career as a Bentley University (MA) Falcon. He chose Bentley because “it is a good fit for me inside and outside the classroom,” he wrote. His advice to underclassmen who may be interested in exploring next-level competition is “have a reason why you want to train and compete at the next level. Take initiative and reach out to coaches. Consider academics just as much, if not more than athletics.” Leighton plans to study Finance. Best of Luck, Leighton, and GO FALCONS!



**Brady Mack** is the son of Bill and Joely Mack and will continue his football career as a Franklin College Grizzly. As a college athlete, Brady is most looking forward to being able to play the game he fell in love with for another four years. And as far as his selection of schools, “Franklin was a perfect mix of things,” he shared. “They made me feel like a part of the family from the start. They would check in on me every other day

and ask about my family. They weren't super far away and most importantly I feel like they will be able to set me up best for my life outside of college and football.” His advice to others is simple, “bet on yourself, keep your grades up, and don't let yourself be outworked.” Brady plans to study Business Marketing/Graphic Design. Good Luck, Brady, and GO GRIZZLIES!



**Christian Bell** is the son of Marcie and Gary Shaw. He will attend Franklin College as a member of the Grizzly football team. Christian shared that “I am just happy that I am given the chance to do what I love for a little bit longer.” On his choice, he stated “The environment and campus just felt like it is a place I could enjoy being at.” His advice to those thinking about the next level is “start putting in the work as soon as possible and enjoy every moment you get.” Christian plans to study Biology. Best of Luck, Christian and GO GRIZZLIES!



**Jackson Falconberry** is the son of Jennifer Ball Marshall Falconberry. He will continue his basketball career as a Franklin College Grizzly. Jackson is most looking forward to the competition, getting to know his new teammates and coaches. “I really liked Coach Hamilton and the atmosphere around campus,” he shared. “They have also won their conference championship two years in a row.” He had some great advice for those considering college athletics, “don't slash off in drills and never shy away from a better team. Meet this head-on with force because it only makes you better. And respect your coaches no matter what.” At this time, Jackson is undecided about his major. Good Luck, Jackson! GO GRIZZLIES!



**Jackson Kelsey** is the son of Aaron and Jamie Kelsey and is the second of our dual-sport athletes. He will compete as a member of the Manchester University Spartans men's soccer and track and field teams. He is most looking forward to new experiences. “I have always wanted to be a college athlete and now I will be,” he shared. “I'm eager to see how different it is compared to what I am used to.” When asked about his selection, he shared “Manchester's Track and Soccer programs are very nice, and they offer a major in my career field. Their campus is really nice and a nice smaller size which I prefer. I like that they are located close enough to towns with stuff to do, but also far enough away that it's peaceful.” His advice is, “once you think you have met your limit, push harder. If you want to achieve your goals, especially if that is to play college sports, then you will have to keep your head up, do well in school, and keep a strong mindset. Don't be afraid to ask for help. People will always help you achieve your goals.” Jack plans to study Sports Management. Best of Luck, Jack, and GO SPARTANS!



**Taylor Lynch** is the daughter of RaeAne & Nick Pryor and Andy & Amber Lynch and will continue her basketball career at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. “I'm super excited to challenge myself with a higher level of play,” she shared. “Basketball has always been my outlet, and I'm going to need it at the Academy.” On her choice, “when I went for USCGA's AIM program, I felt drawn to their life-saving mission and the dedication to others. I of course could not turn down the opportunity to serve in the World's Best Coast Guard upon graduating from the Academy!” The advice she shares has worked well for her and her various teams throughout her career - “Kobe Bryant practiced like he was the worst player in the world and played with the confidence of being the greatest. It's a very admirable piece of advice that I use when headed into any type of workout or practice.” Taylor plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Good Luck, Taylor, and GO BEARS!



# MCHS Hosts Grecian Odyssey



Prom court pictured front left to right are: Lauren Knoebel, Morgan Preston, Leah Combs, Violet Reetz, Hailee Spencer, Anneliese Crumley; back row: Emma Reilmann, Will Ratcliff, Mitchell Adams, Alonso Arauco, Mae Preston, and Nicole Weghorst. Not present for the photo were Felicia Fischer and Ally Skirvin.

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Madison Jr/Sr Prom was held on Saturday, May 14 in the Connor K. Salm Gymnasium. Mr. Aaron Kelsey and his team transformed the venue into a Grecian Odyessy for the evening. As they have for the past several years, students interested in participating in the

Prom Court did so by serving others. Each candidate chose a charity and committed efforts to raise money leading up to the event. All proceeds from their efforts had to wrap up by May 12, 2022, and the winners were the King/Queen and Prince/Princess candidates who raised the most money.

## Fundraising Efforts:

**Junior Princess and Prince candidates:** Lauren Knoebel - Ruth Haven, Nicole Weghorst - Community Foundation of Jefferson County, Emma Reilmann - Kaitlyn's Hope, Mitchell Adams - Jefferson County Youth Shelter

## Senior Queen & King candidates:

Felicia Fischer - Ukrainian Relief, Anneliese Crumley - Girls Inc., Morgan Preston - The Trevor Project, Ally Skirvin- Embrace Grace / Embrace Life, Violet Reetz - National Association on Mental Illness,

Leah Combs - Imani Children's Choir, Hailee Spencer - Jefferson County Animal Shelter, Mae Preston - Beyond Type 1, Will Ratcliff - Child's Play Charity, and Alonso Arauco - Habitat for Humanity of Jefferson County.

Madison crowned Anneliese Crumley (Girl's Inc.) and Mitchell Adams (Jefferson County Youth Shelter) Prom Princess and Prince and Leah Combs (Imani Children's Choir) and Will Ratcliff (Child's Play Charity) Prom Queen and Prom King.

Collectively, the prom court raised \$9,386 for their respective entities!



## A HUGE thank you to all who are serving and have served!



## Application process

It was in January of their Junior year that the application portal opened and they were each able to apply. One application to be considered for admission, followed by a secondary application that was more in-depth, and then an application for nomination to all congressional leaders who may have slots available. All the while the waiting continued in between application cycles with tasks upon tasks to be completed in order to move forward.

"One big milestone was the notification that you had been selected for a congressional interview," Schutte shared. "I received invitations from both Representative Pence and Senator Young which happened to fall on the same day." Lynch's interview with Pence was scheduled for an earlier time slot on the same day. "This was a big step forward in the process and to sit in a room, around a table, or in front of a committee of representatives from each congressional leader was very humbling." The two looked at each other and compared memories of their separate but similar experiences. "They asked some really tough questions," Lynch recalled. "I had someone sitting a few feet directly in front of me who watched my body language as I answered their questions," Schutte shared. "He never said a word." The interview with Senator Young's committee took place at the Indiana World War Memorial "which was just beyond impressive and a bit intimidating," Schutte shared. "You're

## Two Seniors Appointed to Service Academies Cont.

sitting there among some amazing, accomplished, humble individuals representing every branch of service and their job is to weed you out. They wanted to be sure I understood the magnitude of this decision - that it was a life-changing commitment."

Throughout the process, both had to clear extensive medical evaluations, complete a rigorous physical fitness assessment, clear academic honor protocol, and prove they were fit to serve. In the end, both received nominations to the academies of their choice. However, both had options. Lynch also received nominations to the Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy. Schutte was also offered a nomination to the Air Force Academy.

While Lynch had the in-person experience of being honored with the John & Carol Johnson Auxiliary Award thus serving as her initial Letter of Assurance, Schutte had more waiting. "I can remember leaving a swim meet on my way to watch Taylor play basketball and was sitting in the high school parking lot when I received a call from Representative Pence," he shared. "He had been hunting and came in to call me to let me know that I was in - he offered me my nomination and the tears of joy, relief, excitement, pride - all flowed. That was in November and I received my formal Blue Jacket with my Letter of Appointment in the mail on Christmas Eve. It was the best gift of my life." In similar fashion, also in the parking lot, Taylor received her phone call with her official nomination. "The feeling of accomplishment and being able to share the news with those who have supported you, understand the drive, to have the hard work pay off...is all worth it," shared Lynch.

## Lessons & Advice

Do nothing on your own. You are going to mess up. Be humble. Make yourself uncomfortable, learn, and grow. Reading is fundamental. Life is uncomfortable and if you don't make yourself uncomfortable, life will find a way to make you uncomfortable. "Regardless of whether you have a plan outlined for your life or you don't know what you want to do tomorrow, it doesn't matter," Schutte shared. "If you have a work ethic and

a desire to accomplish goals, go out and find something that makes you cry on a phone call when you get the news that you've done it. And focus on that. You have to find something that brings you joy."

"Coach Dennis always told us during basketball that life should be hard," Lynch recalled. "He would tell us that life is hard and you have to find a way to make yourself uncomfortable. Because that feeling of accomplishment after you have put yourself in that uncomfortable place is something special. It doesn't take much to be uncomfortable...everyone knows what makes them uncomfortable, it could be making dinner. But when you overcome that feeling and prepare a meal, it is all worth it. Whatever it is, find it and don't quit when it's hard, never quit - always seek some joy in all you do. For us, our uncomfortable just happens to be a service academy."

Both plan to study mechanical engineering at their respective academies. I-Day for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy is June 27, 2022, in New London, CT; I-Day for the U.S. Naval Academy is June 30, 2022, in Annapolis, MD. Each will embark on their Swab and Plebe Summer experiences with open minds and hearts, a spirit of adventure, and a desire to make the most of this opportunity. Each of them has a deep desire for and looks forward to challenging themselves in order to serve their country with pride. Upon graduation, each of them will serve a minimum five-year commitment in active duty service in either the Navy or Marines (Carter), and Coast Guard (Taylor).





## Cub Fest - a Community Affair

**By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator**

The day's events were for the students, that same evening families of all students in grades 8-11 (as well as any student in Jefferson County) were invited to attend Cub Fest to learn more about what MCHS has to offer. "We have hosted this event for the past several years in place of our spring parent/teacher conferences," shared MCHS Principal Michael Gasaway. "Our goal is to get parents and students involved in learning more about the opportunities we have to offer as we begin to plan for our scheduling cycle for the 22-23 school year." The cafeteria is transformed into a festive, interactive



fair-like atmosphere where all around from Cub Engineering, or plan is outlined, terms are defined, teachers come together to promote get your hands on custom products the foundation is set. For freshmen, their programs. You will see FFA created by Cub Manufacturing. sophomores, and juniors it is more demonstrations, take a brief tour Counselors are available to answer of a check-in to make sure things are to France, Germany, or Spain, catch any questions on how the curriculum on track, answer questions and make a quick glimpse of what makes fits like a puzzle to create a unique themselves available for students Madison Theater spectacular, enjoy learning experience for your student and parents as time flies by. All of the a mini-art show of pieces created based on their interests and goals. information shared is then posted by the visual arts students, see the Also included, were class meetings to our [website](#) and is updated as the band and/or choir in action, learn where counselors and Mr. Gasaway year progresses and rolls over to the about JAG, check out the athletics discussed the necessary components new school year. Be sure to click [HERE](#) department and talk with coaches of graduation for each class. For the and click on the Student Life drop-and athletes, find a robot running sitting 8th graders, the four-year down menu to find your class page.

**Congratulations, Mrs. Hutton and thank you for your passion for Madison Consolidated Schools!**

## Community Service Day had an Immeasurable Impact and Success

**By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator**



While the 8th graders were touring and the juniors were testing, the freshmen and sophomores loaded up buses and spent the day serving others in our community. Organized by Kenton Mahoney and Shayla Shepherd, MCHS Science teachers, students were placed in small groups and spent the morning working on projects at a few local cemeteries, House of Hope Food Pantry, Clearing House, Clifty Falls State Park, City of Madison (riverfront and Brown Gym), Jefferson County Animal Shelter, Habitat for

Humanity, Heritage Trail Conservancy, Salvation Army, Eleutherian College, Camp Louis E'rnst, Big Oaks Conservation Society, and North United Methodist Church. "It was amazing to be able to coordinate with our local community," shared Kenton Mahoney, MCHS teacher, who worked to organize the community service aspect of the event for students. "But, it would not have happened without the help and support of the teachers who volunteered alongside the students. I love that we were able to share the valuable partnership of community service with our students." The endless chatter when they returned, the smiles on their faces and the stories shared with teachers all indicate this

was a roaring success. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about how they spent their day and see photos. "We had a great team working together to make this a very special day for our students," shared Mathews who organized the day. "We have incredible teachers who are passionate about learning - in the classroom and in the community. We would like to thank our educational partners and co-sponsors from Ivy Tech - Madison campus, our senior hosts and tour guides from JAG, Cub Industries, Student Athletic Council...and our community partners who took time out of their day to come and visit with our students! It was easy to see why it is always a Great Day to be a Cub!" shared Mathews.