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MAYFIELD WILDCATS

SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

With a surprising turn to the 2019-2020 school year, Mayfield has made immense strides to congratulate the seniors on starting a new chapter of their lives and keeping students hopeful for the future. While Ohio schools were shutting down a week before Mayfield's planned spring break, students were given online weekly courses assigned by their teachers. These assignments included the curriculum needed to end the year strongly and also improved efforts to meet on optional online video chats between teachers and their students for assistance.

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Commencement took place right in Mayfield's own auditorium and was videotaped to be broadcasted on YouTube starting on June 6th. Mayfield's newly graduated seniors were still able to get their diplomas in person with timed intermediate family gatherings to ensure public safety. This unique situation enabled seniors to experience their long-awaited graduation. With many schools not allowing their students to accept their diplomas in person, Mayfield found a safe and memorable way to send off this year's seniors. One of Mayfield's Seniors, **Maddie Sentle**, described the ceremony by saying, "Each student got the opportunity to have a more personalized commencement, and even though it wasn't what we expected, it is something we will remember and talk about for the rest of our lives." Class Valedictorian **Yash Ghosh** and Class Salutatorian **Catherine Rock** were congratulated for their accomplishments as part of the program as well.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, Mayfield's musical production of *Beauty and the Beast* directed by **Larry Braun** was canceled. The crowned Senior Belle, **Breanna Mosely**, also a lead in many other productions at Mayfield such as Fiona in *Shrek* and Velma in *Chicago*, reflected on her last production saying, "Even hearing the name of the musical brings a little bit of a sting no matter where I am. It lives on. There's a universe and a time where we did get to perform it and the characters we played are just in waiting now." While the last production was the finale for many seniors leaving, the memories made will last a lifetime.

Unfortunately, Spring sports including track, boys tennis, softball, and baseball were also canceled due to the pandemic. However even with the cut season, many Mayfield seniors were committed to playing sports in college such as baseball commits **Cole Zak** to the University of Pitts-

burgh, **Sebastian Alexander** to Kent State, **Jake Crouch** to Ohio University and softball commit **Ryan Rimachatti** to Heidelberg University. Ryan reflected on her 4 years of playing softball at Mayfield by stating, "Unfortunately my last year at Mayfield was cut short. However, the memories I've made both through school and softball are truly unforgettable. Softball has always been a major part of my life and I'm thankful for the opportunity to continue playing at Heidelberg!" Short yet sweet, many seniors feel the same way, with a truly memorable end to their high school years.

With little activity for students to do without gathering together, Mayfield's National Honor Society took the opportunity to put together a letter buddy system to help students engage with one another. This was accomplished by writing letters to one another rather than through texting and social media. One NHS student who was involved in this buddy system was **Alvin Cai**, a junior at Mayfield. Alvin described this experience as, "The NHS buddy was a really nice way to keep in touch with other NHS members and ask them how they were doing, even though we weren't actually in school. It reminded me a lot of when we used to have Pen Pals back in elementary school." This simple yet elementary way of communication by sharing movies watched and their outlooks toward this change allows students to sympathize with each other through such a challenging and unique adjustment.

The Options program was still able to open its doors to a newly constructed learning space that includes a virtual reality room, soundproof study rooms, a new presentation area, and more that encourages collaborative learning. With more and more innovative technology, Mayfield has become a hotspot for teaching to the students' needs.

Before COVID-19 made a very disruptive halt to the 19-20 school year, Mayfield had its very own celebrity walking through the halls. Accepting the Ohio Principal of the Year Award for 2020 was Mayfield's own alumni, **Jeffrey Legan, '94**. While his jokes on Twitter of possible snow days didn't always have Mr. Legan on the students' good side, it was no surprise to the students, parents, and teachers that he had been given this award. His countless efforts to make Mayfield a home for every student could be seen by whoever walked through the doors.

Grace Rocco, '21

Scholarship Awards for the 2019-20 School Year

Sadly, there was no Honor's Day Program this year for the Class of 2020. This class missed out on some of the most memorable times of their lives. Fortunately, students were able to submit scholarship applications and our outstanding committee did their job very quickly and thoroughly. Our committee consisted of **Chairman Jill Turner, Steve Canfield, Diane Cartellone, Mark Klang, and Kayla Jerome**. After screening the applications and conducting interviews, 34 outstanding students shared a total of \$27,500.

President Wayne Farinacci made a video describing the Association and each scholarship, which was presented to the senior class. Other school and community support groups also made videos. This was an excellent way of maintaining some semblance of Honors Day. The Association thanks all alums who donated during the 2019-20 scholarship drive. Alums can be very proud of the financial assistance they provide to seniors who work diligently in the classroom and who also manage to get highly involved in athletics, clubs, volunteerism, and extra-curricular activities. Following is a brief summary of this year's scholarship recipients.

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Marlee Snider (3.22) will be attending Notre Dame College (OH) with plans to study Environmental Science. She was a 4 year varsity letter Cheerleader; was a member of the softball fastpitch team and a member of the gymnastics team; participated in Interact Club, Perfect Paws and the Environmental Club.

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Timmy Zimmer (3.64) will be attending either Ohio University or Miami to study Business. He was a member of NHS, the Interact Club, Marching Band and Boys JV tennis team.

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Jessica Liang (3.22) will be attending The Ohio State University this fall with an undecided major but would like a career in Medicine. She was a member of the Marching Band and the Girls Cross Country team. Jessica was on the Principals List all 4 years and participated in an internship with Cleveland Clinic NEO-REMA.

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Marion Catalano (3.73) will attend The Ohio State University to study Architecture. She was a member of the Girls Varsity Soccer team and the Girls Track and Field Team. She participated in the Interact Club, Peace Corps, Student Council and Wildcat Focus and was a member of NHS.

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Brooke Arezone (3.8) will be attending either CSU or OSU this fall and plans to pursue a degree in Spanish/Speech Pathology. She was a member of NHS, the Interact Club, Student Council, Soul Cycle, Girls Cross Country team, Volleyball and Track. She participated in the Guatemala Service Trip.

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Alyssa Caspio (3.02) will be attending Bowling Green State University to study Early Childhood Education. Alyssa participated in the Excel Tech Marketing program, Volleyball, Wildcat Focus Mentor, and was an Athletic Trainer for two years.

\$1000 John Szuhay Memorial Theatre Scholarship, (1990): Nickolas Korzhiletsky (3.95) will be attending The Ohio State University and plans on studying Chemical Engineering. He participated in Mock Trial, Speech and Debate, World Affairs Club, Academic Challenge, Improv Club, Show Choir and Musicals.

\$500 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship, (1991): Owen Koch (3.71) plans on attending either Miami or The Ohio State University in the fall to study Chemical Engineering. He was a varsity letter winner in Swimming and Tennis. He was also a member of NHS, he Interact Club, and the Frisbee Club.

\$500 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship, (1991): Clay Cunningham (3.45) plans to attend Edinboro University to study Special Education and hopes to continue to play football at Edinboro. Clay was a 4 year member of the Wildcat Football team, a 3 year member of the Swim team and a 3 year member of the Track team and a member of the NTHS.

\$500 Alvarez Fine Arts Scholarship, (1992): Danielle Silver (3.88) plans to attend Miami University to study Graphic Design. While at Mayfield she was a Varsity Cheerleader, a member of the Track and Field team, NHS, Interact Club, Student Council, Voices and the Superintendent Advisory Committee.

\$500 Tim Collaros Memorial Scholarship, (1995): Michael Favazzo (3.71) will be attending Mercyhurst this fall to study Architecture Design. He participated in the Excel CADD program, NHS, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Interact Club and was a 4 year varsity letter winner in Boys Basketball.

Thank You Donors!

\$27,500 Awarded to 34 Students in Honors Day Video

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Zachary Fong (3.95) plans on attending either CWRU, OSU or Purdue to study Engineering. He participated in Science Olympiad, Quizbowl, Interact Club, NHS, Boys Cross Country and Boys Tennis.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Jason Kocsis (3.56) will be attending The Ohio State University with plans to study Medicine. Jason participated in freshman basketball, freshman soccer, Varsity Track and Field, Italian Club, Interact Club, NHS and was a volunteer Peer Tutor.

\$500 Norm Huelsman Memorial Scholarship, (2001): Nathan Velotta (3.43) will be attending Baldwin Wallace to study Early Childhood or Special Education. He was a member of the Marching Band, Interact Club and Concert Band.

\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002): Olivia Culp (3.70) will be attending Otterbein University to study International Relations. She participated in Science Olympiad, Spring Musicals, Cross Country, Chorale, Jazz Band, and the Mayfield Mobile Innovation Lab.

\$500 Butch Woodie Memorial Scholarship, (2004): Kurt Specht (3.86) will be attending the University of Toledo to study Biomedical Engineering with plans to continue on to Medical School to become an Emergency Room Doctor. He participated in Football, Marching Band, Floor Hockey, Ski Club and Academic Challenge.

\$3,000 Scholastic Leadership Award, (2005): Yash Ghosh (3.98) This scholarship goes to the Valedictorian of each graduating class. This year Yash Ghosh will be attending The Ohio State University to study Physics and Mathematics. He participated in Mock Trial, Quizbowl, NHS, Interact Club, Model UN, French Club, and Frisbee Club.

\$500 Rich Vojticek Memorial Scholarship, (2005): Jordan Watson (3.77) has plans to attend either OSU, Pittsburgh or the University of Cincinnati with the intention of attending Medical School. Jordan was a three year varsity Cheerleader, participated in NHS, Cross Country, Track and Field, Interact Club, Cat's Cabinet, Musicals, Flag Cops and Catettes as well as being a Wildcat Focus Mentor.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Lindsey Inmon (3.43) is planning to attend either JCU, OU or Kent State University to study Early

Childhood Education or Nursing. Lindsey was a 4 year Cheerleader, a member of Perfect Paws and a Wildcat Focus Mentor, member of the Italian Club, and chaperoned 6th Grade Camp.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Mia Murphy (3.61) will be attending Kent State University to study Nursing. While at Mayfield Mia participated in NHS, Interact Club, Peace Corps, Wildcat Focus, the Guatemala Service Trip, Student Council, Varsity Soccer, Fast Pitch Softball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fuse Club and Peer Tutoring.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Joey Suchy (3.86) will be attending Butler University this fall to play football while working on a 5 year dual degree between Butler University studying Physics while also earning an Engineering degree from Purdue University. While at Mayfield Joey took part in the Excel TECC CADD program, NHS; NTHS; Was a 4 year varsity letterman in Football, one year varsity letterman In Baseball, and the Interact Club.

\$1,000 Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship, (2008): Julia Arietta (3.70) has plans to attend the University of Dayton this fall. Julia is a 4 year Softball and Soccer letterman, NHS member, participated in Student Council and Wildcat Focus.

\$1,000 Nancy West Business Scholarship, (2008): Claudia Casey (3.75) will be attending The Ohio State University this fall to study Business/Marketing. While at Mayfield Claudia participated in the Marketing Excel TECC program; NHS, Varsity Track and Field, Indoor Track Club, Student Council, Peace Club, the Interact Club, Fashion Club, Yoga Club, Principals Advisory Committee, Alumni Hall of Fame Student Committee, Peer Tutor and Advanced Digital Media Productions.

\$500 Judy Delfs Spirit Scholarship, (2009): Rachel Daher (3.49) plans on attending Cleveland State University this fall to study Nursing. At Mayfield Rachel participated in Student Council, Interact Club, Yoga Club and Cat's Cabinet and became a Cancer Survivor.

\$500 Ed Ferris Memorial Scholarship: (2010): Vincent Fazazzo (3.63) is planning on attending either the United States Air Force Academy, Texas A&M, U of Arizona, or Miami of Ohio with plans on going into the medical field. While at Mayfield Vincent participated in NHS, NTHS, was a 4 year varsity letterman in Wrestling and Football, Student Council, Interact Club, and Track and Field.

Scholarship Awards for the 2019-20 School Year

\$1,000 John DeLauro Memorial Scholarship, (2010): Jimmy Pickerill (3.26) plans to attend The Ohio State University studying Accounting and/or Pre Law track with plans to investigate white collar crimes. Jimmy participated in the Interact Club, Boys Golf team, and was a Wildcat Focus Mentor.

\$500 Kim Grootegoed Soeder Nursing Scholarship, (2012): Allison Urban (3.68) plans on attending Capital University to study Nursing with plans on eventually earning her NP degree. Allison was a member of NHS, a member of the Cross Country and Softball teams, Yoga Club, Environmental Club, French Club, Peace Core, Student Council and participated in Girls on the Run.

\$1,000 Wayne Farinacci Dedication and Commitment Scholarship (2013): Bobby Zajec (3.96) plans on attending The Ohio State University to study Mechanical Engineering. Bobby was a member of NHS, the Interact Club, Student Council, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball Track and Field, Peace Corps, Peer Tutor, Academic Challenge and was a Wildcat Focus Mentor.

\$500 Tex N. Collaros Memorial Scholarship (2014): Makyla Monroe (3.20) will be attending Ohio University to study Broadcast Media Journalism. While at Mayfield Makyla participated in Student Council, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Young Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was a Wildcat Focus Mentor.

\$500 Andrew Revello Memorial Scholarship (2015): Anna Blum (3.25) plans to attend Cleveland State University to study Marketing. While at Mayfield Anna was in the Excel TECC Marketing Program. Anna was a 4 year varsity letterman in Cross Country and participated in varsity Track.

\$500 Sandy Turner Community Service Scholarship (2015): Julianna Nicolli (3.41) will be attending The Ohio State University this fall with plans to study Public Health/Health Science. Julianna was a 4 year member of the Girls Soccer team and the Girls Basketball team. She participated in the Service Learning Club, Peace Core, and was a Wildcat Focus Member and went on the Guatemala Service Trip.

\$500 Bruce Jurgovan Physics Scholarship (2018): Nickolas Cunningham (3.81) will be attending Walsh University to study Biology with a hope of either becoming a high school science teacher or study pre-med and play football. Nick is a member of NHS and a three sport varsity letterman in Football, Swimming, Track, and was a member of the Interact Club.

\$500 Lori Robinson Cosmetology Scholarship (2019): Katelyn Green completed her internship at Michael Christopher's Salon. After her internship she was hired on to continue her career at the salon. She will start the Apprentice Program after taking her State Exam in July. While attending the Cosmetology Program Katelyn always went above and beyond what was required of her and showed the passion required to succeed in the field of Cosmetology. Her future looks very bright.

\$500 Gene "Dutch" Schmidt Memorial Scholarship (2020) Caitlyn Hsu (3.91) plans to attend Case Western Reserve University to study Biology. Caitlyn was a four year varsity Tennis letterman, a Division I Doubles State Finalist, 3 year State Qualifier, and 2 time District Champion. Caitlyn was undefeated in the WRC her entire high school career. Off the court Caitlyn participated in Student Council, Interact Club, NHS, was a Wildcat Focus Mentor, Open House Guide, Science Showcase Presenter and an Ohio Math League Competitor.



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Executive Board Leadership to be Commended

The Mayfield Alumni Association has been in existence for 40 years. We have helped over 25 high schools begin their alumni associations, awarded \$445,900 in scholarships, built an Alumni Pavilion, created a spacious Alumni Museum, contributed to many school projects, and held numerous social functions for alums. The following past and present Board members should be commended for their time and commitment to the success of the Alumni Association, one of the strongest in Ohio. The number of years served is listed. Thank you for your diligent work.

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IN MEMORIAM

Aida Cutrone Kinczel, '45, passed away June 1, 2020
Marianjean Knowels Caddick, '48, passed away
 Apr. 22, 2020
Jim Walsh, '52, passed away May 20, 2020
Robert Gademer, '53, passed away Jan. 31, 2020
Kenneth Starrett, '57, passed away Feb. 21, 2020
John Lazar, '59, passed away April 20, 2019
Jeffrey Fierra, '60, passed away May 21, 2020
Nancy Clark Smith, '60, passed away Jan. 9, 2020
Buddy Zihlerl, '61, passed away April 26, 2020
Bonnie Patrick Nyerges, '62, passed away
 March 22, 2020
Gil Stevens, '62, passed away March 8, 2020
Suzanne Fredrickson Thomas, '64, passed away
 May 14, 2020
Jeanne Buffington Hallisy, '70, passed away Dec. 2017

Shirley Smith-Brittain, '70 passed away Jan., 2020
Barbara Tomasello Sanzo, '70, passed way April, 2020
Joann Buchak, '73, passed away May 20, 2019
James Plastine, '73, passed away May 14 2020
Philip Jenkins, '74, passed away Dec. 17, 2019
Mark Sharnas, '74, passed away Feb. 1, 2020
Craig Jenkins, '76, passed away Oct. 20, 2019
Larry Caskey, '77, passed away Feb. 7, 2020
Laura Bush Rowe, '77, passed away Feb. 23, 2020

Staff Deaths:

Margaret Rieck, H. S. Secretary & Library Assistant,
 passed away Feb. 3, 2020
Pat Stevenson, Millridge & Gates Mills Elementary
 passed away Feb. 23, 2020



CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '64

The **MHS Class of 1964** will gather for our 56th Class Mini-Reunion/Homecoming Event on Friday night, October 2, 2020, at the Mayfield Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate Party. The Party starts at 5:15pm and goes to 6:45pm in the Alumni Pavilion near the MHS Football field. There is no cost to attend (however, donations to the Mayfield Alumni Association are welcome). Following the Homecoming Tailgate Party, we are all invited to attend the MHS football game that night (note: folks 65 years and older are at no charge to attend football games all season). On Saturday morning, October 3, 2020 there is a chance that there will be a tour of the High School conducted by **Wayne Farinacci**, President of the Mayfield Alumni Association. Arrangements to attend the tour are best made Friday night with Wayne at the tailgate party. Please be advised that these reunion events are subject to change due to the COVID-19 health challenges. Stay tuned for updates closer to October. We are updating our class member files, so please let the Co-Chairs of our MHS '64 Reunion Committee know your current contact information (i.e. email, snail mail and cell/phone numbers) and any information on classmates with whom you may have kept in contact. Also, this is a perfect time to invite fellow classmates you know to join the Mayfield Alumni Association. As you know, there is no charge for classmates our age to join. We look forward to being with you Friday night, October 2, 2020 this year and "Go Wildcats".

Co-Chairs: Jeff Day, jeffreyhday@yahoo.com,
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Class of '70

By popular demand, the **MHS CLASS OF 1970 50TH REUNION** has been rescheduled for the **week-end of AUGUST 28, 2021!!** **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** Our original reunion date was September 12th of this year. **General Gayle and her Reunion Task Force** will be in touch with you over the coming months with further details. So be on the alert for more communications from yours truly. Until then, please stay SAFE and WELL. If you have already sent your money, Gayle has your funds safely tucked away in our class bank account, and many of the dollars have been committed to deposits for the weekend festivities. We'll send updated details in the coming months.

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Class of '00

Due to the COVID-9 Pandemic, the **Class of 2000** will be postponing our reunion, originally scheduled for July. We will keep you posted on our re-scheduled date. Thanks and hope you and your families are well!

Vick Mathur, '00 vivek_mathur@yahoo.com
 Paul Lin, '00 paul.k.lin@gmail.com

Wildcattin' With Kitty

Jim Walsh, '52 was manager of Eldorado Country Club in Palm Desert, CA., one of the courses used in the annual Bob Hope Desert Classic. He knew the people, players associated with such an event and as President of the local Chamber, was instrumental in getting local streets named after **Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope and President Ford** while they were alive and able to enjoy the honor. He took his younger brother **Jack '57** to a Masters Tournament one year where he was able to introduce him

to several of his favorite players! The Alumni Association is forever grateful to Jim for donating several items to our Alumni Museum. Jim had a good life after MHS and will be missed. R.I.P.

Greg Studen, '63 Greg's ongoing leadership in protecting waterways and green space in Geauga County, regionally and beyond, makes him a true hero of conservation. Greg is an attorney with a masters degree in Environmental Health Science. He is a powerful advocate for the environment and has a strong understanding of the benefits we all share when we preserve, conserve, and protect natural areas.

Class of '69

Wayne, thanks so much for all of your help with our MHS **Class of 1969 50th Reunion**. Every activity we had, most of which you had suggested, was very enjoyable, each allowing for maximum interaction with our classmates. Nothing but VERY POSITIVE FEEDBACK has been received from others.

Starting Friday night with the **Alumni Homecoming Tailgate Party** at the Alumni Pavilion was the perfect ice-breaker. I wasn't expecting the entire football team to pass thru the Alumni Pavilion just before the start of the football game. As a past player, that was ELECTRIC for me. Great idea.

We followed that with meeting at 7:00 PM in the party room at the **Firehouse Restaurant** in Willoughby Hills. Got the party room for free and everyone just paid individually for their own food and drinks. That was well attended and very enjoyable.

Saturday morning we met at the Alumni Pavilion again at 10:00 AM for coffee and donuts before the 11:00 AM tour of the High School which you led. Loved the time in the new Alumni Museum and your commentary. Saturday PM we went to **StoneWater Golf Club** in Highland Heights from 6:00 to 11:00 PM. We had a total of 155 people who attended, which included 104 of our classmates (475 total in our class). It was the perfect venue for the size of our group. StoneWater is run by the three **Neidus** sisters from Gates Mills, each an MHS graduate. Our music was provided by our classmate **Gary Perl**. Food was great and setup was perfect, allowing for an area near the bar which had more lighting. This is where we had our Class Box borrowed from the Alumni Museum. Another great idea.

Finally, on Sun evening we went on the Lolly the Trolley Tour of Cleveland. Best was touring the lakeside mansions in Bratenahl and singing along with 60's and 70's songs when on the freeway.

Everything went great. We owe you so much for your time and guidance. Thank you very much Wayne!

Ron Golobish, '69



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Class of '63

The **Class of '63** is all set once again to provide a **57th Mini Reunion** for our classmates. The date is **Sunday, July 26, from 11:00 to 5:00pm**. While a few out-of-state classmates attend, these reunions pull mostly from local alums. We started having mini reunions after our 50th because we had lost so many dear classmates. All find it very comforting to get together every year.

The Alumni Pavilion has proven to be our go-to location for all our mini reunions. Its free, comfortable, and has all the amenities we need. For the exceptionally low price of \$10 per person, we can provide a great brunch, lunch, or cookout. We have many skilled cooks and bakers who love to create great dishes. Alcoholic beverages are permitted, the most prominent being Margheritas!! Send an email to **Wayne** at mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net.

Wayne Farinacci, '63



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Class of '65

The **Class of '65** is scheduled to have our 55th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 4:00 to 11:00 PM at the Alumni Pavilion.

Phil Mikita, '65

Class of '90

The **Class of '90** has made a determination to postpone their 30th class reunion. The reunion committee will continue to have ongoing discussions regarding a future date. Contact the committee if you would like some input.

Seth Rodin, '90

“Thank You For Your Service”

Editors Note: The following is a letter that was attached to food baskets that were delivered to Hillcrest Hospital and local police, fire, and EMS departments.

What is a Hero? A Hero is a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities. A Hero is You!



Over the past several months, our world has changed during this awful COVID-19 Pandemic. Our community, and its citizens, have been put at risk. We have not been able to do the normal things we may have commonly taken for granted. But through it all, you have continued to show up for work to complete your responsibilities as best you can. You have put yourself at risk for the betterment of the people of our community. For that, we are eternally grateful. You continually kept us safe and out of harms way. Your commitment will not be forgotten.

The **Mayfield High School Class of '63** thought it appropriate to do more than just say thank you for your service. We took up a collection from many of our classmates so we could provide you with something we hope you will enjoy. We raised enough money to purchase sandwiches, chips, and cookies for the COVID-19 Floor at Hillcrest Hospital and all policemen, firemen, and EMS personnel in Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights, and Gates Mills.

This was an ominous task once we realized there were well over 200 health care workers and first responders involved. But we quickly came up with a great solution. We went to **DiStefano's Authentic Italian Foods** for help.

So today, we hope you will enjoy lunch on us! Your courage is constant and we will forever be indebted to you for taking care of us during the Pandemic of 2020.

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead (1901-1978)
Anthropologist

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to acknowledge the following individuals for joining the Mayfield Alumni Association. Whether referred by a classmate, friend, or relative, the Alumni Association continues to grow and has become stronger through the participation of new members.

A lifetime membership to the Alumni Association is only \$35. It is the surest way to be located by your class reunion committee and stay up-to-date on your alma mater's activities. Also, it becomes much easier to participate in Association events. Remember, there is no fee for those alumni who are over 65 years old. Also, married Mayfield graduates can join for the same \$35 lifetime fee. Please feel free to copy the registration form from this newsletter and give it to a fellow alum. Questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: **Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net**

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

Nanci Lapinta Mascia, '54
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Dave Kletecka, '72
Susan Tansky, '74
Robin Hood, '74
David Cryor, '74
Gary Eves, '77
Mark Benedetti, '79
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Timothy Zimmer, '86
Mark Bezdek, '90
Michael Cacolici, '91
Laura Bezdek Horvath, '93
Adam Kuchta, '17
Bailey Rotsky, '17
Isabella Horvat, '19
Mia Murphy, '20

Julianna Nicolli, '20
Robert Zajec, '20
Emmie Rotsky, '20
Jim Bezdek, Staff Hall of Fame
Debbie Kall, Friend
Anthony Farinacci, Friend
Lou Fatica, Friend
Barbara LaGatta, Friend
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A COVID-19 Unusual, But Always Fun, Alumni & Football Program Golf Outing!!!

The Mayfield Alumni Association's 26th annual golf outing was successfully held at **StoneWater Golf Club on Sunday, June 28, 2020**. Circumstances were a bit unusual due to COVID-19 protocols that had to be followed. We had to use starting times instead of a shotgun start as well as eliminate the program and dinner.

However, we added several other perks, including White Claw all day and Happy Hour after golfing. Big shout out to **Whitney Neidus, '99**, for weathering the COVID-19 storm. Thanks to **Nick Mayer Ford - Lincoln**, we had a \$68,500 Ford F150 King Ranch pickup truck available. Unfortunately, nobody could get the Hole in One on #17. The winning team this year was **Larry Pinto Sr., '80, Larry Pinto Jr., '12, Mike Pinto, '09, and Matt Pinto, '06**. They shot a score of 59.



Two Skins in the amount of \$90 each were awarded to **Team Dennis Stosel, '81** and **Team Brad Pietrafese, '98**.

Closest to the Pin winners each received a \$25 gift card from The Mill Tavern:

#3 **Tom McTight, '80**, #6 **Matt Pinto, '06**, #11 **Lori Angelo**, and #17 **Mike Sloe, '80**.

Long Drive winners each received a \$25 gift card from The Rustic Grill: #2 **Kyle Koski, '10** and #12 **Anna Dolciato, '80**.

The Putting Contest winners received cash awards totaling \$230: **Mark Lombardo, '80** - holed out, **Kyle Koski, '10** - holed out, and **Mack McConaha - 4"**.

Raffle Winners were:

Ron Camperchioli, '79 - Glidden House Hotel,
Harry Pierce, '75 - Area Rug & Wine,
Charlie Kerr - Wildcat Sports Passes & Spirit Wear,
Brent Pietrafese, '96 - Lottery Basket,
Mike Sloe, '80 - Booze Basket

Finally, the Mayfield Alumni Association wishes to thank our organizers **Mike Sloe '80, Coach Ross Bandiera, Larry and JoAnn Pinto '80, Frank Brown '73, Denise Valentino '80** and **Wayne Farinacci '63** for making all the arrangements and obtaining sponsors. We would also like to thank our outstanding volunteers: **Hal and Nancy West '55, Lisa Becka '80, Sheri Valentino, '80, and Kayla Pinto, '06**. They did a great job keeping everything organized and moving.

Many Thanks to our Sponsors

We wish to thank our loyal group of sponsors who contributed to our golf outing. Your support for the Wildcats keeps us doing what we do.

StoneWater Golf Club Nick Mayer Ford Lincoln

Putting Contest - Total ID Solutions, Mike Sloe '80
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Total ID Solutions, Mike Sloe '80
The Mill Tavern The Rustic Grill
Frank Kirbus, '69 Dave Snyder '88
Tom McTighe, '80 Kyle Koski, '10
Rick Marabito, '81 Hal West, '55
Nick Alexander, '07
Class of '82: Opalich, Thomas, Begun, Zagara

Mark your calendars
Sunday, June 27, 2021



GO CATS!

STAFF HALL OF FAME ADDS FOUR MORE

This year, the Association is proud to announce four new members who will be inducted into our Staff Hall of Fame. They will be honored at our **Homecoming Tailgate Party on Friday, October 2nd at the Alumni Pavilion**. Congratulations to the following recipients:

JIM BEZDEK

Submitted by Tom Farinacci, '87

BRUCE JURGOVAN

Submitted by Roberto Marino, '80

BETTY MALMAD

Submitted by Jill Turner, '85

LOU PENFIELD

Submitted by Frank DiGiacomantonio, '72

Jim Bezdek - After graduating from Bowling Green State University in 1968, Jim, often referred to as Mr. B. by his students, began his teaching career in Mayfield teaching elementary physical education. He spent five years in this capacity before changing to a regular fifth grade classroom at Center School, where he spent the next 30 years. During his time at Mayfield, Jim served as Vice President of the Mayfield Education Association for many years and served as Center School's building representative for over twenty years. He also negotiated three contracts for the MEA. Jim loved challenging his fifth grade students and is well remembered for what he referred to as The Big Four Projects. He loved Mayfield athletics and coached the 7th & 8th grade girls' track team for 15 seasons. Jim loved encouraging a sense of community service in his students and built an on-going relationship with Manor Care Nursing Home for over 15 years. He also coordinated with the senior citizen ladies of Mayfield Village and a parent to begin the ABC Quilting program, which still is active today. Jim is most proud of his Time Capsule program which he did with his students over his 30 years in the classroom. When Jim retired in 2003, he substituted at Center School and CEVEC for the next 15 years, making a total of 50 years with Mayfield. He would like to thank the selection committee for this wonderful honor.

Bruce Jurgovan - Bruce attended Purdue University, majoring in Physics, where he also obtained his masters degree. A second masters in Science Education was obtained from John Carroll University. He taught for two years in Indiana and came to Ohio, taking a job at Mayfield and spent 33 years as the MHS Physics teacher. Bruce also taught at the local Jewish Academies for a number of years. Mayfield, though, was truly Bruce's

family. When the swimming team was started in 1968, he volunteered his time to be assistant coach for a couple of years until it became a paid position. He later took on the head coaching position for a number of years. As a 1970 graduate said: "...Mr. Jurgovan learned as much about the science and physics of swimming as possible. He brought that knowledge to the pool deck every single day of practice. It was his hard-nosed dedication to helping everyone excel. Looking back at Bruce's legacy, thousands of Mayfield students benefited; brought to them by his staggering dedication to the enlightenment, joy, and knowledge of Physics and Science." Bruce spent countless hours following his students in their extracurricular activities. You would see him at football, volleyball and basketball games as well as concerts and plays. He transformed the Physics Honors program into an AP class while at Mayfield. After being diagnosed with Leukemia, Bruce retired, but still continued to help Mayfield students by volunteering when he could to help out various science classes at Mayfield Middle School. The **Bruce Jurgovan Physics Award** is given in his honor.

Betty Malmad - Most teachers have a positive influence on their students. In the case of Betty Malmad, 2nd grade teacher at Millridge, that influence lasted throughout their school years. The Top 40 students of each graduating class are asked to choose a teacher from elementary school, middle school or high school that had the greatest impact during their academic career. Year after year several Top 40 students chose Betty as that teacher. Betty was able to see and nurture the abilities and strengths of each student. She encouraged students and their families to achieve goals. Betty was respected by her colleagues, the administration, students and their families.

Lou Penfield - Lou received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Ohio State University. He spent 21 years (1954-1974) as an Art Teacher at Mayfield High School. He inspired many students. Most everyone who met Lou Penfield absolutely loved him. He was a free spirit. He was a tall man, standing 6'8". He was a true accomplished artist. He had upwards of 100 entries into the May Show (a local show put on by the Cleveland Museum of Art). He won for an entry called "Baseball Park" in 1953. **Paul Penfield**, his son, and Frank donated a Lou Penfield collection of works to ARTneo (a local North East Ohio non-profit committed to preserving local art and artists). Lou was perhaps better known for his lifelong association with architect **Frank Lloyd Wright**, who designed Lou's home in Willoughby Hills (**The Penfield Home**), and commissioning a second Wright-designed home. Lou had amazing connections with other prominent people involved in all forms of art. While very unconventional, Lou was a very gracious, humble and caring man.



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OHIO PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR



MR. JEFFREY LEGAN
PRINCIPAL, MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

"He truly is the quintessential high school principal," said Superintendent Keith Kelly, upon learning MHS Principal Jeffrey Legan has been named the 2020 Ohio Principal of the Year by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA).

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving, who represents the innate values of an educational leader and who is one of the most dedicated, resourceful and enthusiastic high school principals I have ever had the pleasure to work with than Jeff Legan."

Born and raised in Mayfield, Mr. Legan is a proud 1994 graduate of Mayfield High School. He began his teaching career at Mayfield High School as a Math teacher. He served as the Math Department Chair and was later appointed Assistant Principal in 2007 and named Principal in 2014.

Superintendent Kelly said, "Mr. Legan has devoted himself to building a school team dedicated to the ambitious vision of personalizing each Mayfield student's learning experience."

The staff at Mayfield describe Mr. Legan as "an altruistic man who puts himself last and his school first. Despite the difficulties of the job, he remains positive, leads with an honest heart, and does his best for the betterment of our school."

When asked about their principal, MHS students are quick to describe Mr. Legan's visibility, accessibility, and their belief that he is genuinely concerned with providing them a voice in the decision-making process.

"He encourages us, supports us, and inspires us in everything that we set our minds to. He brings positive energy and enthusiasm into every room that he enters."

A teacher on the Mayfield High School staff offered the following observation, "His energy and enthusiasm are the catalyst to Mayfield High School's success. His name is synonymous with pride, integrity, genuineness, charisma, effort, grit, and most of all his immense gratitude for the role."

As a graduate of Mayfield High School, Mr. Legan continues to carry Wildcat Pride in every area of his life. His dedication to family and community is truly appreciated and it is often described as one of the ingredients that makes Mayfield such a special community.

Each year, OASSA and the National Association of Secondary School Administrators (NASSP) sponsor an award for the Ohio Principal of the Year. The state recipient is selected by a panel of judges representing the OASSA Board of Directors. The Ohio Principal of the Year is recognized at the OASSA Fall Conference and is given the opportunity to compete for the NASSP National Principal of the Year.

We congratulate our Mayfield High School Principal Mr. Jeffrey Legan on his dedication, commitment and accomplishment to be named the Ohio Principal of the Year.

Read the quotes above and you will quickly get to know how our own **Jeff Legan, '94** became **Ohio Principal of the Year**. Jeff is a unique individual who lives for his job, his family, his students and the school community. He continuously gives his time to those he loves. And it comes about very easily. It was Jeff who invited the **Mayfield Alumni Association** to move into the high school several years ago and expand our **Alumni Museum** so "our students can see the vast accomplishments of all the great graduates who came before them." The Alumni Association is filled with gratitude that Jeff has been recognized by his peers for the qualities we see in him each and every day.

Wayne Farinacci, President



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