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MAYFIELD WILDCATS

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

With a sense of normalcy returning to the Wildcats at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, seniors packed their bags to start the next chapter of their lives and incoming freshmen anticipated what is yet to come. No class will ever endure what this year's students have. Students and teachers alike waved goodbye through their masks or the screen and hoped that when they would return the following year, everything would be restored to its original state. In a year full of crazy twists and turns, Mayfield has stayed strong and persevered through the pandemic and in the process learned many things that only accounted for greater success now and in the future. This year, Mayfield held its One Hundred and Twenty-First Annual Commencement, celebrating the graduation of this year's seniors at Wildcat Stadium. With seats filled with graduating seniors lined up across the field, their family members proudly watched in the stands behind them. While students got to stand and accept their diplomas in front of their friends and families, the outdoor aroma allowed students to peacefully enjoy their celebration mask-free. Among the students receiving their diplomas Salutatorian **Sraavya Anne** was congratulated, as well as this year's Valedictorian **Hannah Kassaie**, who states "I'm so grateful to have attended Mayfield. All the teachers and staff truly care and want the best for us. My classmates also made the Mayfield environment so fun and welcoming. They all really made graduation feel bitter-sweet." With so much commotion in these seniors' last years, peaceful graduation was needed to graduate a class that had gone through so much in their last year of high school.

Contrary to last year, spring sports were able to continue and successfully ended with impressive seasons. Mayfield's Baseball Team ended their season as 2021 Canton District Champions as well as an impressive overall record of 27-2. Senior shortstop **Dominic Piunno** spoke about the season stating, "Playing baseball at Mayfield has made me learn many life lessons but something that has made the biggest impact is learning a team-first mentality. This mindset couldn't have been possible without the lifelong friendships that have developed from it and I'm very blessed to have had a season in my final year of high school with great success." In a team full of superstar players, awards were given to many of the players due to their performance in this season. All-Stars included Player of the Year: **Raymond Kristosik**, 2nd Team: **Riley Canitia**, 3rd Team: **Corey Razum**, Honorable Mention: **Billy Guzzo**, and Coach of the Year: **DJ Rapposelli**. Along with baseball, the track team also had a successful season with a 4x200 relay team of Sophomore **Nick**

Biega, Senior **Michael Huss**, Sophomore **Luis De La Rosa Vasquez**, and Junior **Jake Watson** placing 7th regionally as well as another successful accomplishment from **Nick Bienga** placing 4th in the state in the 200M dash. With a bright future ahead, Mayfield's track team ended with flying colors and represented proudly the spirit of Mayfield. Mayfield's Men's tennis team won the WRC Championship as well as Senior **Yukun Wang** making it to the State Tennis Tournament in Madison but unfortunately lost in the first round. Fellow Senior tennis player **Johnny Gaudio** spoke about his experiences playing on the tennis team saying, "I think this year the team was a lot closer than previous years, so I enjoyed getting to play tennis with my friends and being able to give and receive support." Players of spring sports were exceptionally grateful to be offered to play sports this season and these results truly showed their gratitude.

This year, Mayfield hosted a Prom for seniors and juniors to celebrate the end of the school year. Crowned at the dance were King and Queen, **Vince Ruggieri**, and **Camara Roscoe** who were crowned in front of their classmates and got to dance mask-free. King Vince Ruggieri spoke about this event saying, "Having a Senior Prom meant so much for a lot of kids this year. Last year's class missed out on so much toward the end of the year, including Prom, due to COVID. That's why this year's Prom and other events that took place felt extra special for us as we returned to normalcy. Graduation, Prom, and the senior banquet are events that are traditionally celebrated each year, and I believe that the Class of 2021 is grateful that we could enjoy our senior year with these celebrations free of regulations." Vince couldn't have said it better. These events gave seniors a happy ending to their journey at Mayfield and allowed students to enjoy themselves after many twists and turns in the past year. As a senior myself, I am very thankful for the effort Mayfield's staff and supporters have given me the past 13 years, but especially grateful for allowing my final year to be lived outside of my bedroom walls. The push Mayfield has for its students is why I will always be grateful and proud to be a Wildcat. Writing these newsletters has allowed me not only to expand my skills as a writer but also have a deeper reflection over the past two years which has shown me the positive changes Mayfield has made to accommodate the families, students, and alumni to make everyone feel noticed and heard. With all this in mind, it allows me to proudly say "Forever and Always a Wildcat".

Grace Rocco, '21

Scholarship Awards for the 2020-21 School Year

Again, due to COVID, there was no Honor's Day Program this year for the Class of 2021. Like the Class of '20, 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, Kayla Pinto, Steve Canfield, Diane Cartellone, and Mark Klang.** The Association again awarded scholarships to over 10% of the senior class - a remarkable accomplishment!!

President Wayne Farinacci made a video describing each scholarship and its recipient. The video was viewed by all the seniors and their parents. You can view it (and the Alumni Museum) here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WtvPDP67bLGiN9lOhv9nvsItR9MBqu3c/view?usp=sharing>

Other school and community support groups made videos also to announce their award winners. This was an excellent way of maintaining some semblance of Honors Day. The Association thanks all alums who donated during the 2020-21 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): Morgan Tropf will be attending Florida State University to study Biological Science. Her favorite classes at MHS were Biology and Environmental Science. She was a 4-year varsity letter winner in cross country and a 3-year varsity letter winner in track. She was involved in MHS Cat Band, was an AP Scholar, a Scholar Athlete, a member of the Interact Club, Student Council and Mayfield Service Learning and volunteered for University Hospitals during her summers. Her advice to freshman: "Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and to try new things."

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Megan Kocsis will be attending Kent State University this fall to study Graphic Design. Her favorite classes while at MHS were Digital Art 1 & 2. She received numerous honors and academic achievements including Principal list all 4 years, 3 AVIS awards, 4 Academic Achievement Awards and was a 4-year WRC Athletic scholar. She was a member of NHS, was a member of Student Council, F.U.S.E. Club, Interact Club, Junior Olympic Volleyball, Wildcat Focus, was on the Yearbook Staff and a 4-year varsity letter winner in Volleyball and volunteered for many activities. Megan also received the US Marines Semper Fidelis All award in 2020.

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Alexis Ochi is undecided as to where she will attend school but has been accepted to CSU, BGSU, Walsh and Wooster but plans to study Exercise or Health Science. Alexis received several awards and honors while at MHS including Award, AVIS award, and was an AP Scholar. Her extracurricular activities included Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honors Society and Cross County which she received her varsity letter her senior year. Her favorite class at MHS was Anatomy & Physiology. Her advise to freshman: "High school will go by so fast, make sure to take full advantage of every opportunity you get."

\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Haley Lackner will be attending John Carroll University this fall. Her favorite class at MHS was Digital Media Productions. Haley earned 2 varsity letters in cheerleading. Her extracurricular activities included: NHS, Cats Cabinet, Peace Corps, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Italian Club, Purrfect Paws and Wildcat Weekly. Her list of honors and academic achievements include: NHS, Honor Roll, Principal's List, Honors Achievement Award and AVIS Award. Through Church and her involvement in clubs at MHS, Haley had a long list of volunteer hours helping and giving back to the community. Haley "thanks her teachers for "giving her the opportunity to grow in her leadership."

\$500 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Matthew Osler plans to attend the University of Dayton to study Mechanical Engineering this fall. His favorite class while at MHS was AP Biology. Matthew was a 4-year member of the football and baseball teams, earning 2 varsity letters in football and 1 in baseball. He received an Iron Man Award, numerous awards from Mayfield Academic Boosters Club, was a 4-year scholar athlete and took numerous Honors and AP classes. Matthew also was a 2-year member of the basketball team, was a member of Young Life for 3-years and Turn 2 Non-Profit (organizer) Travel Baseball Club for 4 years. Matthew is thankful for the friendships he has made at MHS.

\$500 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Jaiden Varanese plans to attend the University of Findlay to study Animal Science/Pre-Vet this fall. Her favorite class at Mayfield was Creative Writing. While at MHS Jaiden was on the Honor roll and Principal's list and received an AVIS award. She participated in Show Choir (and received varsity letter her senior year), Peace Corps, North Coast Comets travel softball, volunteered for her church and musical theater. Jaiden's advise to freshman: "Don't let the idea of what's 'supposed' to happen hold you back from what's meant to happen."

\$31,500 Awarded to 39 Students in Honors Day Video

\$500 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Vincent Ruggieri plans to attend either Baldwin Wallace or Ohio Northern University this fall to pursue Music Education. His favorite class at MHS was Jazz Band. He received a varsity letter for tennis and marching band. Vincent received numerous AVIS awards and was on the Honors List. Vincent participated in Student Council all 4-years, the Ultimate Frisbee Club, the Principal's committee for 3 years, was a member of the Concert/Jazz Band and a 4-year member of the Marching Band and was a Wildcat Focus Mentor. Vincent would like to thank his teachers for "teaching me what it means to be part of the Mayfield Family."

\$1000 John Szuhay Memorial Theatre Scholarship, (1990): Kyra Horvat plans on attending Kent State University this fall to study theater design and technology with a possible double major in psychology. While at MHS she lettered in Limited Edition Show Choir. Her list of honors and academic achievements include NTHS, AVIS award, Honor Achievement Award for 4 years. Her extracurricular activities included Limited Edition Show Choir 10-12 grades; Show Choir Paw print staff writer and photographer, Mayfield Musical Participant, Paw Print 9-12 grades) and Soul Cycle. Her favorite class while MHS was creative writing. Her suggestion to freshman is to be more grateful for being given opportunities to explore their interests."

\$1000 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship, (1991): Michael Huss is undecided where he will attend college but he has been accepted to U of Dayton, Duquesne, CWRU, Costal Carolina, JCU, Findley and Butler. He does plan to pursue Business. His favorite class while at MHS was Physics. Michael was a 4 year varsity letter winner in Football, Basketball, and Track. His list of honor and academic achievements include Honor Academic achievement award, 7 times AVIS winner, wildcat student of the month and a member of The Principals Committee. In his free time he participated in the Mayfield Youth Football Camp. Michael is grateful for the relationships he has built while attending Mayfield for the past four years.

\$500 Alvarez Fine Arts Scholarship, (1992): Landon Polak plans to attend the University of Cincinnati this fall to Study Industrial Design. Landon's favorite classes at MHS were Cross Curricular, AP World History and English Honors 2. Extracurricular Activities for Landon included Environmental Club (President); Ski Club; Science Olympiad, Graphic Design; STEAM Bus Design Team, Hillcrest Hospital Art Show, and World Language Clubs. Landon received several honors and academic achievements including NHS, NTHS, Honor Roll, Principals List, Multi Year AVIS awards, Honor achievement Award, City

Club Free Speech Essay Honorable Mention "The Digital Threats on Freedom of Speech." Landon also volunteered for several organizations outside of the Mayfield School District.

\$500 Tim Collaros Memorial Scholarship, (1995): Eddie Barch plans to attend Baldwin Wallace to Study Computer Science. Eddie's favorite class at MHS was AP US History. While at MHS Eddie was a 3-year varsity letter winner in football; a 2-year track and field varsity letter winner and played freshman basketball. Eddie's honors and achievements include making the honor roll seven times and becoming an AVIS award winner three times. He worked with Mayfield baseball for three summers as an umpire and helped at Mayfield Youth football camp. Eddie is grateful for the relationships that he made and developed throughout high school.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Katie Gambino will be attending Walsh University this fall to study Nursing. Katie says her favorite class at Mayfield was STEM Principles and Biomedical science. While at MHS Katie was a 4-year varsity letter winner in gymnastics and a 2020 state qualifier in all-around (bars, beams, vault and floor); a letter qualifier in cross country; and a 4-year letter qualifier in band. She was a member of the marching band, of the gymnastics team, of cross country, a sixth grade camp counselor, participated in indoor track and field and taught gymnastics at Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics. She was a member of NHS, NTHSA, 4-year scholar award, AVIS award winner Honor Achievement Award every semester and volunteered for vacation bible school and habitat for humanity.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Charlotte Hantus will be attending Oberlin College this fall to study Biochemistry Major with a minor in French. Charlotte's favorite class while at MHS was AP European History. Charlotte obtained a 3-year letter in cross country, a 4-year varsity letter in swim team. She participated in cross country, swim team, French club (was president), NHS and world Affairs Club. She received several honors and academic achievements including honor roll every semester throughout high school; has taken 12 AP classes; 2021 WRC All Conference for 3 swimming events; 2020 WRC all Conference for 1 swimming event) and was a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and Buddy UP Connections. Charlotte's advise to freshman is: "join as many clubs as possible because you never know what you are missing out on until into too late."

Scholarship Awards cont.

\$500 Norm Huelsman Memorial Scholarship, (2001):
Vince Ruggieri - See General Scholarship description.

\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002):
Bryce Newman has plans to attend The University of Akron this fall to study Mechanical Engineering Technology. Bryce's favorite class at MHS was French. Honors and academic achievements for Bryce include being on the principal's list, Academic Boosters Club Honors Achievement, AVIS awards, Award for JV Soccer. Bryce was also part of the Varsity Soccer Team, Outdoor Track and the Ski Club. Bryce's advice for freshman is to "join a club or sport, be organized and work hard to prepare yourself for college."

\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002):
Isabella Sugar plans on attending Florida state University to study international business. However, she plans to study abroad her first year in Florence, Italy. Her favorite class at MHS was Italian. Isabella's extracurricular activities including Service Learning club, president of Italian club, Smile Club, Cats Cabinet, Peace Core, Fashion Club and Yoga Club. Several of her honors and academic achievements include AVIS, NHS, NTHS, Honors Achievement award, Italia-American Cultural Foundations, Principal's. Isabella's advice to new freshman is to "step outside of your comfort zone, whether it be hanging out with different people, going to a service club or joining a new club."

\$500 Butch Woodie Memorial Scholarship, (2004):
Richard Chilson applied to Baldwin Wallace, John Carroll, Findlay, Mercyhurst, Mt. Union, Otterbein, Heidelberg, and Lake Erie College to study Criminal Justice with the aspirations of becoming an FBI or CIA agent, but has not named his college of choice as of yet. While at Mayfield Richard received his varsity letters during his sophomore years in football and track and field. His list of honors and academic achievements: received 2 WRC Scholar awards, 2 honor roll awards, and 3 AVIS awards. "Mayfield has allowed me to learn many things that improved me as a person, that made me look past the boundaries of Mayfield, and to see where I can grow into the future."

\$3,000 Scholastic Leadership Award, (2005): **Hannah Kassaie**, is the Valedictorian of Mayfield High School Class of 2021. She received the Scholastic Leadership Award and was also a National Merit Commended Scholar and a [National AP Scholar](#). Hannah will be attending Case Western Reserve University next school year where she has been accepted into the Pre-Professional Scholars Program in Medicine. Only 15 students per year are accepted into this highly competitive program. In addition to studying medicine, Hannah will be playing tennis at

CWRU. As a tennis player in high school, she was recognized as a 4-time WRC Player of the Year and a 4-time state qualifier. Hannah was also recognized as the News Herald Player of the Year both as a freshmen and again as a senior. Lastly, she was recognized as 2nd team All-Ohio in 2020 and 1st team All-Ohio in 2018.

\$500 Rich Vojticek Memorial Scholarship, (2005): **Nico Marella** will be attending The Ohio State University this fall to study Mechanical Engineering. His favorite class while at MHS was AP Physics 1. Nico is a 4-year varsity letterman in soccer. He was a member of the soccer team, Interact Club, World Affairs/Model UN, NHS, Club Soccer, Peace Corps, Spanish Club and Track & Field. Nico's honors and academic achievements include Honor Roll, The Principal's List, top 8 State Finisher Academic World Quest in 2018, NHS, and was a WRC Academic Scholar. Nico is grateful for his family.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007):
Monica DiFranco will be attending The Ohio State University to study Engineering. Monica is a 2-year letter winner in Basketball and Softball and a letter winner in soccer. While at MHS she was a member of The Basketball, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball teams, The Interact Club, Smile Club, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cats Cabinet, Young Life, Environmental Club, Peace Core, the Italian Club and NHS. Some of her honors and academic achievements include Principal's List, AVIS Award, Varsity Basketball Wildcat Award, WRC Scholar Athlete Award, AP Scholar Award and the varsity soccer coach MAC Award. Her favorite class was AP Psychology. Monica is grateful for the friends and relationships that MHS has provided her with. She was able to create lasting memories with her friends at sporting events, school dances, cafeteria lunches and more. They are memories she will remember forever.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007):
Emily Kolominsky will be attending Miami University to study Middle Childhood Education. Emily's favorite class at MHS was Advance Art 1 because it let her unwind in between classes while doing something she "loves." Emily received the following honors and academic achievements: NHS Scholar, AP Scholar Principal's List, Honor Roll, Mock Trial District and Regional Champion, Mock Trial State Qualifier, AVIS Award and Most volunteer hours. She was a member of NHS, Student Council, Tutor, Camp Counselor, Interact Club, Junior Wildcat Focus Mentor, Cats Cabinet, French Club, Yoga Club, Soul Cycling and was President of Mock Trial. Her advice to freshman: "school is important, but not everything is about a grade. Keep working and keep trying and eventually you will see yourself succeed."

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007):
Lilianna DiBartolo will be attending Bowling Green State University to study Health Sciences. She was a 3-year varsity cheerleader varsity letter winner. Lilianna was a member of Cats Cabinet, Interact Club, Perfect Paws,

Italian Club, Cheerleading, Student Council, Peace Corps, My Inner Warrior Foundation and NHS. Her favorite class at MHS was Italian. She is grateful for the memories she was able to create at MHS that “she’ll never forget.” While at MHS Lilianna was on the honor roll, Principal’s List, and received AVIS awards.

\$1,000 Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship, (2008): Gianna Leffler will be attending Butler University this fall to study Pre-Law/Business. Gianna was a 4-year varsity letter winner in Swimming. While at MHS she was a member of FUSE Club, Cats Cabinet, Smiley Life Club, Italian Club and the Swim Team. He was a 4-year scholar athlete and a 2-time AVIS award. Her favorite class was Italian. She thanks her teachers for “always believing in her and reminding her to never give up.”

\$1,000 Nancy West Business Scholarship, (2008): Jennifer Liang will be attending The Ohio state University this fall to study Business/Finance. Her favorite class at MHS was Spanish. Jennifer received a varsity letter in cheerleading. Her activities while at Mayfield included: cheerleading, Yoga Club, Cats Cabinet, Interact Club, Spanish Club, and several other activities outside of MHS. Her honors and academic achievements include AP Scholar with honor, Honors Achievement Award, Principal’s List, AVIS award, Junior Varsity Award, Varsity Award, and a Taoli World Dance Competition Gold Award. Jennifer’s advice to freshman: “treasure each and every memory that you have made during your time at MHS, regardless of how insignificant it may seem. When they say time flies by, don’t underestimate that.”

\$500 Judy Delfs Spirit Scholarship, (2009): McCartney Puhalla will be attending John Carroll University this fall to study Criminology and Forensics. While at MHS she received a varsity letter in tennis. Her activities at MHS included JV Cheerleading, JV and Varsity tennis and Cats Cabinet. McCartney received the following awards: AVIS, Advanced Art Honors 1 & 2, AP Psychology 2 and AP US History. McCartney would like to thank her teachers for “always supporting her and motivating her to be the best.”

\$500 Ed Ferris Memorial Scholarship: (2010): Isaiah Whatley will be attending The Ohio State University at Mansfield this fall to study Microbiology. His favorite class at MHS was Spanish 3 Honors. While at Mayfield he participated as a MAC Scholar Mentor, National Congress of Future Medical Leaders, Jazz Band, a member of the football team and the wrestling team, was a Junior Usher at his church and completed several internships at CWRU for summer research. Isaiah was an AVIS Award recipient, member of National Society of Torch & Laurel, a delegate of the National Congress of Future Medical Leaders and received “The Marksmith Award” (the top prize research award at CWRU summer internship). His advice to freshman is to “seize as many opportunities as you can from day one and disassociate with things that get in your way.”

\$1,000 John DeLauro Memorial Scholarship, (2010): Ella Falsone will be attending Ohio University to study Data Analysis & Marketing this fall. Her favorite class was AP US History. While at MHS she participated in Student Council, SMILE Club, Cats Cabinet, Italian Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, Swim Team, Volleyball, and received 3 varsity letters as a member of the Swim & Dive Team and was a part of the Marketing Excel tech Career Program. Her honors and academic achievements include: NHS, Principal’s list, numerous AVIS Awards, Wildcat Focus Mentor, and was a Scholastic Athlete. Ella is grateful for “the memories her teachers and classmates gave her.”

\$500 Kim Grootegoed Soeder Nursing Scholarship, (2012): Alyssa Mirossay will be attending Kent State University this fall to study Nursing. Her favorite class at MHS was Math 3. Alyssa was a 3-varsity letter winner in Volleyball. While at MHS she was a member of the volleyball team, was in the Service Learning Club, Peace Core, Swimming with special needs students and the JO Club Volleyball. Her honors and academic awards include AVIS Award, Scholar Athlete, Honor Roll and the Outstanding Student Award for Medical Technologies. Alyssa is grateful for “my mom always being there to keep me going and help me achieve my goals.”

\$1,000 Wayne Farinacci Dedication and Commitment Scholarship (2013): Reagan Sovchen will be attending The Ohio State University this fall to study Criminology/Criminal Justice. Her favorite class at MHS was AP Psychology. While at MHS Reagan participated in Basketball, Softball, Peace Corps, Interact Club, Cats Cabinet, Student Council, Mayfield Wrestling Club, NHS and received a varsity letter in Basketball. Her list of honors and academic achievements include Honors Achievement Award, AVIS Award, Principal’s List, and Student of the month. Reagan’s advice to freshman: “memories last forever, but bad grades don’t. Make sure to find a balance between your social life and school, setting yourself up for academic success, while also enjoying your high school years.”

\$500 “Little Joe” Micale Literary Scholarship (2013): Grace Rocco will be attending The Ohio State University this fall to study Biomedical Engineering. Grace served on Student Council for four years. She was also active in World Affairs Club, Interact Club, Environmental Club, National Honor Society, Peace Corps, Principal’s Advisory Committee, Wildcat Focus, Varsity Volleyball, Volleyball Youth Camps, and Tijuana Mexico Service Trip, where she laid cement pads to build houses, played with kids in the orphanage, and communicated with families in the community. Grace is “thankful for her friends and family who are always there for me.”

\$500 Tex N. Collaros Memorial Scholarship (2014): Johnny Gaudio plans to study Chemical Engineering but is undecided where he will attend. His favorite class was



CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '70

By popular demand, the **Class of 1970 50th Reunion** has been rescheduled for the weekend of **August 28, 2021!!!!** MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Our Friday and Saturday evening events will be held at the HILTON GARDEN INN in Mayfield Village. Friday evening will be our social at the hotel at 6pm. Saturday events will include a gathering around 11:00am at the Alumni Pavilion, next to the football field. B.Y.O.B. (Bring your own breakfast!!!!) and at noon the capsule will be opened. We will follow with a stroll inside to the High School Alumni Museum. The plans for those that want a tour of the new renovations at the Middle School are being worked out also. Then the big night begins at 6:00pm at The Hilton! There will be info and updates on email and the Facebook page. Please send any updated email address info to: Karen.savransky@comcast.net.

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Class of '73

The **Class of '73** had a Mini Reunion picnic June 19th using the Alumni Pavilion. We had about 36 people come. The Pavilion is a perfect venue to have parties. There is ample kitchen and counter space, plenty of tables and chairs, cooler space, a large tray warmer and best of all an ice machine. My class was very impressed with the whole set up. It rained a few times but we did not have to roll down the sides. A good time was had by all. I highly recommend other classes to consider the Pavilion for informal gatherings.

Laura Cardarelli, '73

*Why isn't your class
listed here??*

Class of '63

The **Class of '63** is all set once again to provide a **58th Mini Reunion** for our classmates. The date is **Sunday, July 25, from 4:00 to 10:00pm**. Dinner will be served at approximately 5:00pm. While a few out-of-state classmates attend, the mini 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 mini reunion will be held at the home of **Wayne & Anna Farinacci**, rain or shine. For the exceptionally low price of \$10 per person, we can provide a great cookout. We have many skilled cooks and bakers in our class who love to create great dishes. Beer and homemade Limoncello are included! Casual attire is recommended: bikini's for the ladies and muscle shirts and speedos for the men! Send an email to **Wayne** at mayfieldalum@sbcbglobal.net.

Wayne Farinacci, '63

Class of '01

The **Class of '01** would like you to save the date for our **20th Class Reunion**. Our reunion will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at StoneWater Grill in Highland Heights. We will get more detailed information out soon.

Meanwhile, please contact us with any questions or input you may have.

Liz Comella, '01 liz.comella@gmail.com
Chris Siracusa, '01 christopher.siracusa@cchmc.org

Class of '65

The **Class of '65** will be holding a **56th Mini Reunion** on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 4:00pm to 11:00pm at the Alumni Pavilion. More information will be sent out shortly.

Phil Mikita, phil.mikita@gmail.com

Class of '61

The **Class of '61** will be holding a Mini Reunion celebrating our 60th year of graduation. We are not planning big because we are old and don't have the energy! But, we would like as many as possible to attend. Pizza, salad, and cupcakes are on the menu, but we're not worried about that. It will be bring your own beverage and we plan to keep the cost at \$15. We don't know how anyone can resist - you don't need a hotel, you don't have to buy a fancy outfit, and your spouse can put up with three hours of us acting up!!

Date: is August 14, 2021

Time: is 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Place: is Alumni Pavilion (next to the football field)

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Class of '60

The **Class of '60** will be holding a reunion on Saturday, August 21, 2021 starting at 3:00pm. We will have the reunion at the home of **Ron and Joyce Miesz** 13140 County Line Rd., Chesterland, 44026

Please contact the following committee members for information:

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Class of '62

The Reunion Committee for the **Class of 1962**, will be working on plans for their 60th Reunion to be held in Aug. or Sept. of 2022. Keep that in mind when planning any trips that could possibly include coming back to Cleveland. We will have a firmer date later this year. If anyone has moved or changed contact information please contact **Karen Arvidson Chilcote** at 216-287-3095 or kmac1125@sbcglobal.net. We have always had fun times at our gatherings and everyone seems to enjoy re-connecting. Hope your health remains good as we are well into this "aging" process now. Every day seems to be an adventure. But we were reared at MHS, so we can handle that! Right!!! Hope to see you at the 60th! Let us know if you have questions.

Sharon Daviso, 440-446-9395 or osivad@att.net

Class of '91

Now that restrictions have changed, the **Class of '91** is hoping to plan our 30th Reunion for Homecoming weekend October 8 & 9, 2021! Please visit our Facebook pages at Mayfield High School Class of 1991 Reunion for updates! Or email Ross DeJohn at ross3@dejohncares.com for info and to help out!

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Scholarship Awards cont.

AP Calculus BC because it developed his problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. While at MHS Johnny was involved in: Student Council, Mock Trial, NHS, Ski Club, Science Olympiad, Italian Club, Academic Challenge, Tennis Team, Frisbee Club, Wildcat Focus, Wildcat Weekly and received a varsity letter in tennis. Johnny's list of honors and academic achievements include: Principal's list, Academic Boosters Honors Award, several AVIS Awards, 3 Best Attorney Awards in Mock Trial, 1 Best Witness in Mock Trial, participated in Districts and Regionals with Mock Trial. Several Science Olympiad Awards. His advice to freshman is: "these four years fly by, so enjoy it while it lasts. Remember to show up for life and complete your work, but don't forget to have fun."

\$500 Andrew Revello Memorial Scholarship (2015): **Olivia Nicolli** plans on studying Marketing/Business this fall and has been accepted at KSU, University of Dayton, Miami University, OU and University of Kentucky. During her years at MHS she was a member of the Basketball Team, Volleyball Team, Peace Corps, Wildcat Focus, Italian Club, Cats Cabinet and NHS. Olivia received 4 varsity letters while at Mayfield (1-Volleyball & 3- Basketball). Olivia's list of honors and academic achievements include: AVIS Award, WRC Scholar Athlete Award, Honor Roll, Principal's NHS Member, and was a student in the EXCEL Tech Marketing Program.

\$500 Sandy Turner Community Service Scholarship (2015): **Ryan Davidson** plans on attending The University of Cincinnati this fall to study Psychology & Neuroscience. Ryan's favorite class at MHS was Cross Curricular. While at MHS he participated in Academic World Quest and was a 4-year member of both the soccer and track teams, earning numerous varsity letters and volunteered with young children and domestic abuse survivors. His list of honors and academic achievements include: Honor Roll, Principal's List, Mayfield Academic Boosters Club Honors Achievement Award, AVIS Award and received an Academic All-Ohio Award while playing soccer. Ryan stated he was "grateful for being able to finish his senior year in person."

\$1000 Bruce Jurgovan/Mary Tucker Physics Scholarship (2018): **Josh Davidson** plans on attending The Ohio State University this fall to study Environmental Science (Fisheries & Wildlife Biology). His favorite class at MHS was AP Spanish. Josh has taken AP Bio, AP Chem, Physics, and AP Environmental Science. He has a low-key demeanor but is always looking to understand the underlying principles he is studying. Due to his achievement in science, the Mayfield Science Department has chosen Josh as the recipient of this scholarship.

\$500 Lori Robinson Cosmetology Scholarship (2019): **Mya Haluszka** was chosen by the Cosmetology Instructors as this year recipient. Mya plans to enter the cosmetology workforce this fall as a hairdresser. Her favorite classes at Mayfield were Digital Media Productions and Cosmetology though EXCEL tech. Her advise to freshman is "to join the option as soon as you can."

\$500 Gene "Dutch" Schmidt Memorial Scholarship (2020): **Katerina Ng** has plans to study Biomedical Engineering this fall at Georgia Institute of Technology. While at Mayfield, Katerina participated in Student Council, NHS, Tennis, Science Olympiad, World Affairs Club and Model UN. She was a 4-year varsity letter winner in Tennis. Katerina's list of honors and academic achievements include Honor Roll, Principal's List and NHS. Tennis helped to teach her a strong work ethic, refined her problem-solving abilities and equipped her with the skills necessary to become an engineer. Katerina wanted to thank her teachers for "TEACHING" her.

\$1000 Katherine Kagy French Scholarship (2021): **Marius Driscoll**, the first recipient of the Kagy French Scholarship, was chosen by the French Teacher. Marius plans on attending Case Western Reserve University to study Biomedical Engineering and further pursue his love of the language of French. His favorite class at MHS, which is not surprising was French 4 Honors. He is grateful for the effort his family has put in to make sure he has a comfortable position in life.

\$500 Herman Treu Band Scholarship (2021): **Thomas Muhlbach** will be attending Lakeland Community College this fall for a two-year Associate of Arts degree with a certification in Animation and Cartoon arts and then has plans to transfer to Cleveland State University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing. Thomas received 4 varsity letters for his participation in Limited Edition Show Choir. While at Mayfield he was involved in every Mayfield Musical: Shrek, Chicago, Beauty and The Beast (Cancelled) and Avenue Q.

\$1000 Mary Jane Reed/Jean Zasio English & Journalism Scholarship (2021):
Grace Rocco - See "Little Joe" Micale description.



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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

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Alumni & Football Program Golf Outing!!!

The Mayfield Alumni Association's 27th annual golf outing was successfully held at **StoneWater Golf Club** on **Sunday, June 27, 2021**. Big shout out to **Whitney Neidus, '99**, for handling all the arrangements flawlessly. Thanks to **Nick Mayer Ford - Lincoln**, we had a \$55,000 Lincoln Nautilus SUV available. Unfortunately, nobody could get the Hole in One on #17 due to a windy day. The winning team this year was **Anna Dolciato, '80, Katie Dolciato, '08, Joe Porten, and Jeff Kole, '76**. They shot a score of 60.



Skins There were no skins this year. Money collected will be rolled over to next year's outing. BIG pot!!

Pin Shot winners received a \$25 gift card from Pizzazz:
#3 **Dan Valentino, '80**, #6 **Nick Alexander, '07**,
#11 **Tim Valentino, '79** and #17 **Anna Dolciato, '80**.

Long Drive winners received a \$25 gift card from Pizzazz: Men's #2 **Dan Valentino, '80** and Women's #12 **Katie Dolciato, '08**.

The Putting Contest winners received cash awards totaling \$250: **Tim Kapec, '12** - holed out, **Lou Lucarelli, '80** - 2", **Larry Pinto, '80** - 7", **Tim Valentino, '79** - 7", and **Todd Begun, '82** - 8".

Raffle Winners were:

Mike Sloe, '80 - Lottery Basket
John Vehar - Booze Basket
Charlie Kerr - Glidden House Hotel
Wayne Farinacci, '63 - Area Rug
Tom Wischmeyer '80 - 4 FB Season Reserved Seats
Randy Stovsky, '80 - 2 Cleveland Indians Tickets
Vince Ruggieri, '80 - StoneWater & Pizzazz gift cards

Auction Winners were:

Frank Brown '73 - Foursomes at StoneWater, Little Mountain, Quail Hollow, and Fowlers Mill.
Lou Lucarelli, '80 - Cleveland Indians Memorabilia Pkg.
Ted Anderson - Cigar Package

Finally, we wish to thank our organizers **Mike Sloe '80, Coach Ross Bandiera, Larry and JoAnn Pinto '80, Frank Brown '73, Denise Valentino '80, Vince Ruggieri '80, and Wayne Farinacci '63** for making all the arrangements and obtaining sponsors. We would also like to thank our outstanding volunteers: **Sheri Valentino, '80, Matt Mihalik, and Jerry Fudurich, '58**. 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.

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Mark your calendars Sunday, June 26, 2022



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 8th at the Alumni Pavilion**. Congratulations to the following recipients:

RICHARD HUFF

Submitted by Dan Newton, '63

Submitted by Bill Brown, '71

ROSE NEWMAN

Submitted by Jerry Fudurich, '58

CINDY SIX

Submitted by Stan Garber, '03

PHIL WEINBERG

Submitted by Bob Zajec, '79

Richard Huff - I am excited to share how one man – a teacher – can influence and inspire a life. It's a special teacher who can pick up on what may interest a student. And what may help them follow a path in their life that can lead to happiness and success. For me, Mr. Huff, was one such teacher.

Mr. Huff saw beyond my façade as a jock and encouraged my interest in music. He got me interested in singing and in choir. This, in turn, led me to become the President of our choir as a senior. He encouraged me by giving me solos, which led to participation in solo and ensemble contests. These experiences built my confidence as a singer and a leader. He also encouraged me by giving me voice lessons, which led me to become a voice major in college. I worked my way through college by singing at various churches. That led me to sing with the Youngstown Symphony, the Butler Symphony and finishing my studies with an MFA in opera performance from Carnegie-Mellon University. To this day, I continue singing throughout the Chicago area.

Who could have imagined that one teacher would see a glimmer of something in a student and help shape a life? Certainly not me! However, as I look back on my life and the choices I have made and the choices that have been available to me, I have Mr. Huff to thank. Without his positive influence, I may never have found the direction that led me to one of my life's most precious gifts – a passion for music and the arts.

It's an honor for me to support Mr. Huff's nomination for the Wall of Fame. Not only for the impact he had on my life, but, for the impact he had on all students at Mayfield High. **Bill Brown, '71**

Rose Newman - Mayfield pride shows when a graduate is recognized as a member of the Staff HOF. Rose showed her involvement with Mayfield during her high school years as a cheerleader. She reminds us how she worked with **Herman Treu** in stage productions as an assistant and a player in stage productions. Rose was voted Football Queen Attendant, performed in the choir, and was a leader in Y Teens and Block M Clubs. Rose, along with teacher **Bill Mahusky**, designed and built the "Wildcat" sign that the football team burst through every Friday night. After graduation, Rose worked as a secretary for the Mayfield Schools. After 10 years, Rose took time off to care for her growing family, only to return for another stint as a secretary. While working for Mayfield, Rose made scores of lifetime friendships and contacts that she treasures today. **Jerry Fudurich, '58**

Cindy Six - Cindy was my teacher for a business course. I couldn't tell you what course it was, but I can tell you how impactful she has been on my life. Cindy embodies what you want in an ideal educator. She is compassionate to her students, open to their ideas, and encourages out of the box thinking. In my case, I took an idea to her. I wanted to start a chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. Instead of finding the obstacles, she embraced it saying "how can I help you?" She went on to make it happen. She got budget approval from the administration and worked through the paperwork with me. When my parents were not able to attend events, she drove me. Cindy helped me find my "thing". I wasn't athletic. I wasn't one of the smart kids. I didn't know exactly where I fit in. In finding my love of business, I found my calling. Three successful companies later, all I can say is that I'm grateful I found this path and Cindy helped me do it! This is just my story, but knowing Cindy, I'm sure there are countless other students who have been similarly impacted by this outstanding teacher. **Stan Garber, '03**

Phil Weinberg - Phil was a 5th grade teacher who spent his entire career at Millridge Elementary School. He was a favorite of many students. After retirement, Phil continued to be connected to Mayfield as a substitute teacher. One of Phil's crowning accomplishments was serving as the Director of MARC (Mayfield Area Recreation Council). In his capacity as MARC Director, Phil got to know elementary age students from all the elementary schools within Mayfield. Most classes, hockey, soccer, and basketball being the most popular, were held in the elementary school gymnasiums. Education is in the Weinberg blood, as his son Steve is also a teacher. Phil still resides in Mayfield Heights.

If you know of a deserving staff member who should be considered for the Staff Hall of Fame, please contact us.

Wow, how times have changed!

One of the secretaries in the Central Office found this in the minutes from **Feb. 11, 1969**:

...effective March 3, 1969, "a la carte" lunches will be served at the senior high school. The cost of the plate lunch (Type A) at the elementary schools be increased from 35 cents to 40 cents, at the junior and senior high schools from 40 cents to 45 cents, and adults from 50 cents to 55 cents.

The alum who requested this information also said that in 1968, she was part of the committee pushing for the *student smoking lounge*, which actually materialized in 1969!!!! She remembers not drinking liquids during the school day, because she wanted to avoid the smoky girls bathrooms like the plague!!!



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IN MEMORIAM

Hartha Carlson Sundman, '40, passed away Oct. 5, 2020
Aina Peterson Schuster, '47, passed away Jan. 28, 2021
Marian Knowles Caddick, '48, passed away April 22, 2020
Anthony Anderson, '49, passed away 2018
Nazaur "Nock" Nockengust, '49, passed away Feb, 2020
Anthony Trivisonno, '49, passed away July, 2020
Eleanor Mackie, '49, passed away Jan. 9, 2021
Lee Hock, '50, passed away Sept. 11, 2020
James Babcock, '53, passed away Jan. 26, 2021
Nora Elsie Gura Hahn, '53, passed away Jan. 4, 2021
Diane Tillotson, '54, passed away in 2019
Robert Sullivan, '55, passed away Apr. 13, 2021
Silvia Geovese Soss, '57, passed away Oct. 29, 2020
William Russell, '58, passed away May 16, 2021 (son of teachers Frank & Nellie Russell)
Linda Renner Malone, '60, passed away July 15, 2020
Helmut Russ, '60, passed away Mar. 16, 2021
Paul Selfe, '61, passed away Feb. 27, 2021
Paul Youngberg, '61, passed away Feb. 11, 2021
Madeline Vitolo Earley, '62, passed away Jan. 17, 2021
Tom Cowan, '65, passed away Feb. 10, 2021
Cedric Gurski, '68, passed away May 13, 2021
Frank Principe, '69, passed away Jan. 31, 2021
Phillip Jenkins, '74, passed away Dec. 17, 2019
Paul Martin, '74, passed away Apr. 18, 2019
Michael Baker, '75, passed away May 31, 2021
Bennett Kest, '77, passed away June 10, 2021
Daniel Kish III, '77, passed away Apr. 26, 2021
Sue Novello Bako, '80, passed away June 5, 2021
Jeremy Freeman, '87, passed away July 23, 2021
Dr. Frank Jevnikar, '87, passed away Mar. 22, 2021
Cindi Perkins Allison, '88, passed away Mar. 20, 2021
Domenic Circillo, '96, passed away Apr. 7, 2021

Staff Deaths:

Diane Axel, School Psychologist, passed away June 23, 2021 at the age of 66
Clara Chokenea, H.S. Secretary, passed away June 10, 2021 at the age of 94
Jan Plas, Center Elementary, passed away Feb. 28, 2021
Mary Ann "Sparky" Sparks, Oakville Elementary, passed away April 29, 2021, taught for 40 years

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