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The MHS Community and Memorial Scholarship Program 2008

How are we Doing?

Anyone associated with Marshfield High School, has good reason to be proud. Marshfield alumni include winners of Grammy and Tony awards, Olympians, professional athletes, doctors who have made worldwide contributions developing products in the field of medicine and artists with major works throughout the world. Marshfield students continually perform among the best in the state and the nation in academics, athletics, music, dance and vocational programs and MHS Staff include several whose work has been recognized at the state, regional and national level.

The MHS Community and Memorial Scholarship program is also finding its place among the ranks of the high achievers. With outstanding support and generous contributions of community and alumni, the MHS scholarship program has invested nearly \$2.75 million with the Oregon Community Foundation, who by the way, consistently ranks among the top managers of charitable funds in the nation. Let's look at some numbers.

In the last couple of years MHS has seen a significant increase in:

- ◆ the number of scholarships awarded
- ◆ the total dollar amount of scholarships awarded
- ◆ the number of multi-year scholarships awarded
- ◆ the number of MHS alumni who have become involved as a way to give something back and make a positive impact on the future
- ◆ the number of donors who have named the MHS Scholarship Program as the beneficiary of their estate or made other planned charitable giving arrangements

From 2006 to 2008

<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	
73	89	Total number of scholarships awarded*
38	45	Total number of endowed scholarships
27	27	Total number of pass-through donors (make annual contribution)
\$113,724	\$174,500	Total of local scholarships awarded

* In 2008 there were four, 4 year scholarships and eleven 2 year scholarships awarded.

Breaking it Down—Who Are They and How Are They Giving?

As of November 2008 there are:

- ◆ Twenty-four Memorial Endowments (set up by family/friends, posthumously)
- ◆ Fifteen Family Endowments (established by donor(s) while they are living)
- ◆ Five Endowments from Estates/Trusts (appointed MHS Scholarship Fund as a beneficiary)
- ◆ Four MHS Graduating Classes (have endowed a scholarship or are actively working toward an endowment—several other classes are in the process of formalizing a plan)
 - 1954 (endowed), 1956, 1970, 1962 (has set a goal of \$50K by their 50th class reunion)

The emerging role that the MHS scholarship program plays in the encouraging and assisting MHS graduates in pursuing their educational goals is the direct result of individuals and groups who act on their desire to do something positive. For that, many are grateful.



Marshfield High School Manufacturing Program Success Story

By Tom Hull

It's fun to watch the progressional transition of students through a four-year high school program and then see them graduate, go off to get further education, engage in successful careers and begin loving families. Thanks to the support of the Marshfield Vocational Scholarship Program, people like Tom Inman were encouraged to continue their education and pursue their career dreams.

- ◆ **Graduated MHS** in 2007
- ◆ **MHS Scholarships Tom received:**
Pirate Shop (\$250)
Sunset Classic Chevy (\$500)
MHS Voc/Tech (\$2000)
- ◆ **Graduated** from Wyoming Technical Institute, 2008 in diesel technology
- ◆ **Current Employer:** Knutson Diesel and Machine, Coos Bay
- ◆ **Family:** wife, Tabitha; baby daughter, Chesney



Tom and the 800HP V-12 Cummins Diesel.

Tom may be a slow-talking, mellow guy, but he is on the fast track to success. Wanting to be a diesel mechanic, he packed up for Wyoming Technical Institute right after graduation, and for the next year was immersed in the details of the trade ("Better know about the dowel pin that lines up the flywheel on a Caterpillar."). Graduating at the top of his class, he drove back to Coos Bay and was hired by Knutson, a local firm that runs log trucks, tug boats, a machine shop and welding shop.

One of his first jobs was helping pull a set of 800 horsepower V-12 Cummins engines out of a tug, but every day is something different. That is one thing he really likes about the job: it is not repetitive. Whether it is repairing the bent transmission forks on a log truck, or pulling the gear reduction

out of a tug boat, the job is a learning experience every day.

His advice for young people: find something you like to do and find a good school that will provide a solid foundation to build on. Tom is fortunate because Knutson has provided him with some talented mentors. One is Dick, who Tom says, "Knows it all when it comes to mechanics and he shows me what to do and how to do it." Another mentor, Ron DeRonden, is one of the top fabricators on the Oregon coast. Just getting the opportunity to learn under people like these two is a huge job benefit.

If you want to read about other Marshfield success stories, send for your free Pirate Shop Newsletter at tomhull@charter.net or Tom Hull, MHS, PO Box 509, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

MHS Endowed Scholarships

- 5 T's Scholarship
- Albaugh Family
- Bay Area Sportsman's Assoc.
- Brian Baldock Memorial
- Mark Beckham Memorial
- John & Dottie Bergen Memorial
- Del Brunell Memorial
- John Burles Memorial
- Cameron Clay House
- Cameron Clay Memorial
- Lew Davies Memorial
- Ray Davis Memorial
- Fitzwalter Family
- Jason Forrester Memorial
- Isabell Galloway Memorial
- The Gehlert Family
- Chet Haliski Memorial
- Dick Hanen Golf
- Joycolynn & Walter Joslin Trust
- Bette Knox-Hanen Nursing
- Warren & Adaline Kolen Memorial
- Marshfield Pirate Shop
- MHS Class of 1954
- William McLean Memorial
- Messerle Family
- Stan and Rose Olberg Memorial
- Walter Paczesniak Memorial
- Robert Perrin
- Albert Powers Family
- Albert L. Pranatis Memorial
- Dorothy Irene Probst Memorial
- Jenniellind Smith Memorial
- Paul Starkey Memorial
- Pete Susick Memorial
- Jeff Tofflemire Memorial
- Buck & Ruby Williams Memorial

Endowed Voc/Tech Scholarships

- Carlbohm Family
- Coos Bay Lions Club
- Dashney Family
- Johansen Family
- John and Ginger Niemeyer
- Page Family
- James Rippey
- Dean & Dixie Sheldon
- Stamper Family
- F. Willis Smith

Why Scholarships Are So Important

- ◆ The estimated average total cost of attending a public 4-year college in Oregon is \$18,542 for 2008-2009. This includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies and personal expenses.
- ◆ The cost of attending a public 4-year college in America has risen by 6.4% this year.
- ◆ The average college student spent \$900 per year on textbooks in 2005.



Marshfield High Scholarship Fund Well Managed by OCF

The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) celebrates its 35th anniversary this year and the growth of its endowment to over \$1 billion. Most importantly, this endowment now provides \$56 million annually in grants and scholarships to the communities of Oregon, one of which is the Marshfield High School Scholarship Fund.

OCF is the largest community foundation in the State of Oregon. In January 2008 OCF opened its newest regional office in Coos Bay to serve the people and organizations in Coos and Curry County. Barbara Bauder was hired to represent the Foundation on the South Coast. Her office is located at 915 South First Street in the Oregon Pacific Bank Building.

Barbara is proud to represent OCF on the south coast. The mission of The Oregon Community Foundation is to improve life in Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support community causes.

Barbara's role as The Oregon Community Foundation's South Coast Development Officer is in keeping with the focus and direction of OCF by creating a regional presence for

the Foundation. She works with professional advisors who assist clients in estate planning. She provides information and services to current and potential donors and endowment partners and participates as an advisor for high school scholarship committees. Her community outreach activities are designed to educate the public about the Oregon Community Foundation. To achieve this, Barbara organizes community events in Coos and Curry counties, speaks to service clubs, and sponsors workshops that provide technical assistance for non-profit organizations.



Barbara and her golden retriever, Lucy

You may contact Barbara at (541) 269-9650.

Have a Plan ... Make it Count

A recent visitor from the east coast came to MHS to see where the legendary Steve Prefontaine grew up, went to school and competed as a high school track star. He had visited the MHS web page and said that he was awed by the level of support provided by a small community, through the MHS Scholarship Program.

It really is remarkable, that in spite of increasing tuition and tough economic times, more than 30% of Marshfield's Class of 2008 received assistance from the MHS Scholarship program and are currently enrolled in educational pursuits. Our community deserves to be proud that so many donors have committed their support. The goal of the MHS scholarship committee is to ensure that the fund and the opportunity for education and training beyond high school continues to grow.

"How can I help"?.....You might ask.

- ◆ Make an annual or one-time pass through scholarship contribution.
- ◆ Establish an endowed scholarship of your choosing (\$12.5K min.)...a family or memorial scholarship (involve other family members, honor a deceased or living family member), a corporation or organization scholarship.

Tell us about your specific interest areas and we can help you set up a scholarship with criteria (such as the area of study, voc/tech or 4 year degree, need based or merit based) or you may want to give the selection committee discretion in making the award.

- ◆ Contribute to an existing endowed fund. See the list on page 2.

- ◆ Contribute to an existing, but not yet endowed fund. (John Brands, Joseph McKeown, Steve Prefontaine, Guy Schellenbarger and Paul Swank)
Contact Candace McGowne for more information. (Contact information on the back page.)

The following are common ways to plan for the future, make a gift to and leave a legacy of support to the Marshfield High School Scholarship Program:

- ◆ GIFTS OF CASH - Matching Gifts - Some companies match gifts made by employees, retirees and/or spouses. Check with your employer.
- ◆ APPRECIATED SECURITIES
- ◆ REAL ESTATE, PRIVATE FOUNDATION TRANSFERS
- ◆ DEFERRED GIFTS THROUGH A WILL
- ◆ RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS
- ◆ LIFE INSURANCE POLICY
- ◆ LIVING TRUST
- ◆ CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

These options may offer valuable income tax advantages. For legal advice, please consult an attorney or a planned giving professional. For further information go to the OCF website www.ocf1.org. You may also contact Barbara Bauder, OCF's South Coast Development Representative at 541-269-9650.



Drew Jones: Recipient of Spence Erickson Memorial Scholarship

Drew Jones, MHS Class of 2006, was awarded the Spence Erickson Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.

Drew was involved in leadership roles at MHS. He was the general manager of the Marshfield radio station, KMHS. Drew was captain of the soccer and tennis teams. He was also treasurer of the Key Club. Drew relished being involved and taking on leadership roles.

When Drew began college at SOCC, he was just another freshman, unsure of how he would fit in. The money from the scholarship enabled Drew to live in campus housing. He



Drew Jones

credits his year in campus housing for making it possible for him to be elected president. Living on campus gave him the opportunity to live with and meet people involved in student government and to become involved himself. Drew successfully ran for president in the spring of his sophomore year.

Drew has lofty, but realistic goals for his term as president. In general, he wants to advocate for the needs of all students and encourage all students to become involved in the SOCC community. Some specific projects he is working on are improving campus recycling, establishing

consistent smoking policies, a voter registration drive, distributing voter information and increasing the activity of established clubs.

One project Drew is working on is establishing a “veterans’ panel” that would present veteran’s experiences and issues to the campus as a whole. This would promote an appreciation and understanding of veterans’ contributions. It would also enhance the feeling of veterans that they are a part of the SOCC community.

Drew’s career goals are to be a high school social studies teacher and a soccer coach. Next year he plans to transfer to either Oregon State University or Western Oregon University.

The scholarship Drew received has opened many possibilities for Drew. Scholarships are an investment in our society’s future.

Pirate Radio: A Broadcasting Success Story

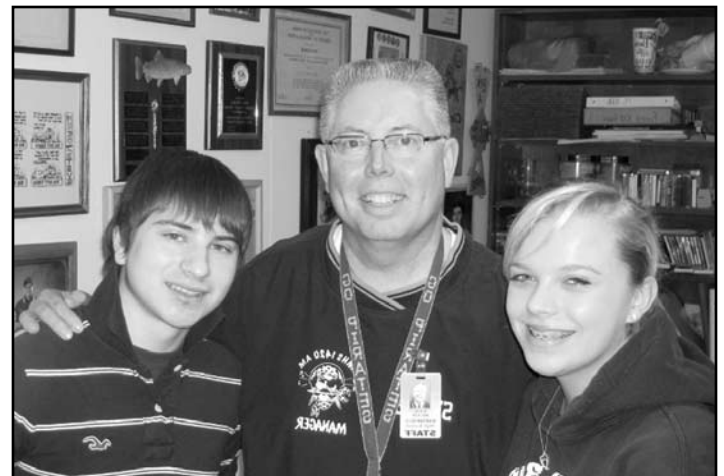
Pirate Radio, KMHS, is one of the few high school student radio stations in Oregon. Marshfield’s radio broadcast program began about 15 years ago when a local radio station owner donated the AM license to MHS. Marshfield’s then-principal, Arnie Roblan, loved the idea of a student-run radio station that would provide a voice and showcase Marshfield students, activities and athletics. Steve Walker, who had a solid commercial radio background after many years at his family-owned station, KBBR/107, was recruited to head up Marshfield’s broadcast program and KMHS, 1420 AM was on its way.

In its first year of operation, KMHS began the difficult work of building a radio program from the ground up. Steve, who is still at the helm of the radio broadcast program, is quick to give credit to a group of exceptionally talented and dedicated students for the initial success of Pirate Radio. Another critical building block, says Steve, was his professional transition from a business owner to a teacher. “It was hard for me at first not to approach things like the owner of a commercial radio station; I had to learn that it was my job to focus on my instruction and my students.”

From the beginning, the core principle of Marshfield’s radio program has been to involve students in every aspect

of running and managing the station. Students are fully responsible for operating the radio station. They write and sell the ads, put together the play lists, and announce on air. “Over the years,” Steve told us, “students have been given

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From left, Brandon Garza (MHS Class ‘08, 4 year radio broadcast student, full-time Bi-Coastal Media), Steve Walker, and Teagan Trentz (Junior Management).



Albert Pranatis Memorial Scholarship

Marshfield Students receive \$35,000 in Pranatis Scholarship Awards

Albert Lester Pranatis, an 85 year old Coos River resident, was born February 3, 1921 in Duquesne, Pennsylvania and died February 2, 2007 in Coos Bay, Oregon. He leaves an important legacy to Marshfield High students.

Twenty-five Marshfield graduates were awarded \$35,000 in Albert Pranatis Memorial Scholarships in 2008.

Albert graduated from Duquesne High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army on June 17, 1942. He served in World War II and took advantage of the G.I. Bill when the war was over. He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering which led him to a career as a metallurgical engineer for the U.S. government. In 1984 he retired and relocated to Coos Bay.

He was a very private man who lived quietly and frugally in a small

home near Coos River School. At the time of his death, he had accumulated a considerable sum of money. This quiet, deliberate man was dedicated to the idea that young people need to get as much education as they can. His will designated scholarship money for four neighborhood children, and the rest of his estate was left to the Oregon Community Foundation for scholarships at Marshfield High School and the Pittsburgh Foundation for scholarships at Duquesne High School.

As a direct result of his generous bequest, many Marshfield High School students will now be able to receive financial assistance as they head off to college.

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Becky Soules, a 2008 recipient of the Albert Pranatis Scholarship, is using the money to pursue her dreams at Brown University.

... Pirate Radio

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more and more responsibility. We run this like a business. We have a ten-member student leadership team, in grades 10 through 12. Every student in the group has one vote and I have one vote." Steve says that giving students the power to make key decisions has worked out well. "Students have lived up to this responsibility."

Steve says KMHS is close to reaching its goal to become a self sustaining radio station. "I don't want us to cost the school district anything." KMHS Radio marked an important milestone this year when it activated its new station, 91.3 FM. This achievement was many years in the making and has added a new dimension in Pirate Radio. The new FM station has now become the student station, with the 1420 AM station assuming a new role as a classic country music station for a local adult audience. Steve says that there has been strong

student enthusiasm and great community support for the new format.

The students in the broadcast program give Steve his greatest satisfaction. Many former students have gone on to successful radio broadcast positions in college or in commercial broadcast.

"But," says Steve, "any student who has been a part of Pirate Radio is better prepared for success in life, no matter what career they choose. The experience they gain in communicating effectively, demonstrating commitment and purpose and handling some real responsibility, is going to be helpful anywhere." Steve says with his retirement approaching in a

few years, his dream is for one of his former students to take over Marshfield's radio program. "It would complete the circle," he says with a smile.



View this newsletter and previous editions, online at:

<http://www.marshfield.coos-bay.k12.or.us/alumni/ScholarshipNewsletters/ScholarshipNewsletters.htm>



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