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Erin Miller—Class of 2005, Isabel Galloway Scholarship Recipient

Erin displayed boundless energy and an intense interest in intellectual pursuits early in her high school career. She was an accomplished member of the MHS Forensics Team and she was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Erin also rapidly made her way through high school math courses and took advanced math and physics courses at Southwestern Oregon Community College during high school.

Erin initially intended to study astrophysics in college but her enduring interest in the humanities and social science gradually won out. Erin majored in philosophy and political science with a concentration in political theory.

At Yale, Erin continued her interest in forensics where she was a top member of Yale's Debate Team. Erin was selected for the Yale Delegation to the World Debating Championships in Vancouver (2007), Bangkok (2008), and Cork (2009).

Erin was involved in the New Haven, Connecticut community. She was a debate team coach and debate

tournament director for economically depressed high schools and was involved in numerous political campaigns.

Erin, as in high school, continued to look for educational opportunities beyond the offerings of her school. She attended Cambridge University for a summer. Erin was a research assistant for Yale Law School professors and she was a researcher/intern for the Brookings Institute. Erin was also an intern for Congressman Peter De Fazio.

After graduating in 2009, Erin became lead manager for the Supreme Court of the United States Blog (SCOTUS BLOG). Among Erin's duties were writing articles, arranging interviews with authors, interviewing authors, scheduling, editing and performing web maintenance. Erin wrote and organized a series of essays about retiring Supreme Court Justice John



Erin Miller—MHS 2005 Grad

Paul Stevens. Erin's writings can be seen at www.scotusblog.com. Erin is now a first year student at Yale Law School. Her plans for a career after college are uncertain, however, her interests in constitutional law, policy making and human rights may offer clues about her future.

Erin was a recipient of an Isabel Galloway Scholarship in the amount of \$2500. While \$2500 may not seem like a lot in comparison with the price of attending Yale, it did make a difference. Erin says, "My Marshfield scholarship made it possible for me not to get a job on campus during my first year of college, so I was able to devote more time to my studies. Even an extra 10 hours each week made an enormous difference in the quality of my work. I owe Marshfield my wholehearted gratitude for their generosity."

Faculty Spotlight

Ken Graber — MHS Vocal Music Director

*"Body, mind, spirit, voice—it takes a whole person to sing and rejoice."
—Helen Kemp*

Ken Graber, Marshfield's vocal music teacher, uses this quotation from Helen Kemp often as he works with students. And, anyone who drops into Ken's choir room or attends a Marshfield vocal concert can instantly see that Ken follows his own advice. As Ken conducts he bounces on his toes, darts left and right, stabs vigorously with his arms, and periodically nods encouragement to his vocalists. And, always, always, throughout this constant motion, Ken wears a huge grin on his face (very much like Ken's smile in this photo, but about twice as big). Ken makes it very clear that singing is indeed a joyful experience.

Ken's enthusiasm for music is contagious and this

is one of the reasons that Marshfield's vocal music program continues to be one of the very best in the state. Ken is not shy in touting the proud tradition of vocal music at Marshfield and the successes the program and its students have achieved. For the past 24 years in a row Marshfield's Concert Choir has been invited to the state choir festival—an honor afforded annually to only a dozen high school choirs in Oregon.



Ken Graber
MHS Vocal Music Teacher

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Voc/Tech Scholarship Recipient Update



Tallon Trentz—MHS 2008 Graduate

The following articles were written by Tom Hull and reprinted with permission, from the Fall 2010 Pirate Shop Newsletter "Quarter Inch Drive."

Tallon Trentz

(Man): "You know much about Kawasakis?"

(Tallon): "Well, uhm, (pause), actually I know quite a bit."

For all of his four years in the Marshfield Pirate Shop, Tallon was unwavering about his desire to become a motorcycle mechanic. Immediately after gradu-

ation in 2008, he hit the road for Phoenix, Arizona, to attend the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute (MMI). A little more than a year later, degree in hand, he came back to Coos Bay and was hired at Bay Area Yamaha, a bike shop that has been in business since 1976.

In a recent visit to the Pirate Shop, Tallon was asked the above question by an adult volunteer. For the full significance of his reply, know that Tallon is the quiet type, devoid of ego, brag or boast. I listened with interest, and

during the pause, wondered how he would handle the question. He finally admitted a simple statement of fact. Like in that old series *The Guns of Will Sonnett* where Walter Brenan would always say, "No brag, just fact."

The day I visited Tallon at his workplace he had three bikes on lifts. One was a top end rebuild, one he was preparing to bore the cylinder to fit a new piston and rings, and a third ancient machine needed the carbs cleaned. Asked how it was going he said, "Living the dream." There is a lot of enjoyment watching the next generation pick up the wrenches.

One thing never changes.. you never have enough tools. "What's your next tool?" I asked. "Snap-On torque wrench." Click type? "Naw, digital, do all kinds of stuff, newton meters, inch pounds, foot pounds." The next generation is dialing it in.

Geoff Franklin

Graduated: Marshfield High School, 2008

Graduated: University of Montana with AAS degree in Welding Technology in 2010

Quote: "What, and let all my dreams evaporate?" – Geoff Franklin

Somewhere around the late teens, if you listen closely, a person's inner character begins to emerge and be recognized by the outside world through the vocabulary they choose. To put the above quote in context, I asked Geoff if he would still take the plunge and go to school out of state even if the

friend he was going with fizzled out. His telling reaction was immediate, powerful, and articulated perfectly his understanding that dreams will "disappear like a fist when you open your hand"* if not acted upon.

Geoff Franklin is a top-notch man. After winning both the county and the state skills contest in welding, he graduated from Marshfield High in 2008 and enrolled in the



Geoff Franklin—MHS 2008 Grad

welding degree program at the University of Montana. While in college, he worked after school as a welder by passing the required certification tests. His final college project was an aluminum drift boat.

With his degree in hand, he is now working out of the East Helena Local 11 Boilermakers. Geoff recently got off a job building a new power house in North Dakota where he spent much of his time learning rigging signals for cranes and tube welding root passes with TIG.

I am proud of Geoff Franklin. Proud of the way he conducts himself as an adult, proud of his persistent desire to excel. There is a great life ahead for him. I'll tell you what ... it seems like yesterday he was a fidgety freshman sitting on the edge of his seat, who couldn't wait to get out in the shop. Thanks, Geoff, for the good times.

* Sam Spade in *The Maltese Falcon* (1930)

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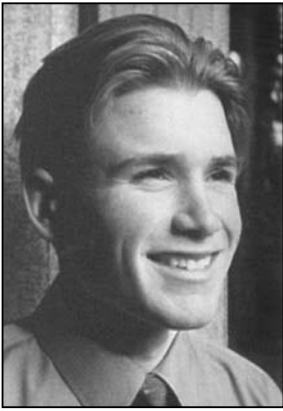
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Cameron Clay
MHS 1994 Graduate
 In Memorial Nov. 1975-Oct. 1994

Cameron Clay Memorial Scholarship

The Cameron Clay Memorial Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1996. And, for most of those years, Cameron Clay's grandfather, Mel Mead, has travelled from his Springfield home to present the scholarship personally. Along with the scholarship award, each recipient receives a copy of this letter from Cameron's family:

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School! We wish you every success as you continue your education into the post-high school levels.

Since it has been quite a few years since Cameron was a student at Marshfield, we would like to introduce you to him, and to make you a bit more aware of just who Cameron Clay was. Of course, you could go digging through old issues of Ma-Hi Times and the Mahiscan, but this will be quicker! We hope, after reading, that you will be proud to have been selected to receive the scholarship given in his memory, and will feel that he would have been a peer whom you would have enjoyed knowing.

Cameron Clay was born November 8, 1975, at Bay Area Hospital. He lived his entire life in Coos Bay, where his Mom was a school teacher and his Dad was an architect. He attended kindergarten and first grade at Kingsview Christian School; then [spent] all the rest of his elementary school years at Blossom Gulch. His junior high years were spent at Sunset Junior High, although his eighth-grade year occurred in the shadow of Marshfield, in the old Harding building after fire destroyed Sunset.

In 1990, Cameron entered Marshfield High School and began four outstanding years, graduating June 3, 1994, as a valedictorian of his class. Throughout his school years, Cameron brought home perfect report cards, earning straight "A" grades—during his elementary school years, when they didn't end up on a transcript, and during the "counting" years of high school.

In addition to being a good scholar, Cameron was very active during his school years; during his senior year, he was chosen Boy of the Year, a National Merit Scholar, and editor of the Yearbook, the Mahiscan.

At the time of his graduation, Cameron was destined to attend Willamette University, on a full four-year scholarship. Cameron's strongest academic interests in high school had been English literature and writing. His goal in life was to earn a Ph. D. and become a college professor in these areas of study.

Two other loves figured strongly into Cameron's school years. One of these developed at Marshfield - music. Although he played the trumpet and guitar, his main interest and joy was in vocal music. He sang in school choirs and ensembles, a baritone, and was chosen to participate in an all-state choir.

The second love - athletics - developed at a much younger age. Beginning as a pre-schooler, sports were a great attraction. Soccer, football, basketball, baseball—he loved them all. By the time he reached high school, however, he had figured out that he

was too small in stature to achieve much success either on the football field or the basketball court. Soccer became his passion, and at soccer he achieved success, earning his coveted block "M" as Marshfield's goalkeeper.

Cameron graduated in June of 1994. A month later, on July 5, he went to his doctor to try to discover the reason that he was feeling constantly tired, and prone to bruise easily. The unhappy diagnosis was that he had leukemia. A trip to Doernbecher Hospital at O.H.S.U. confirmed the doctor's suspicions—Cameron had AML, the dreaded worst kind of leukemia. He spent the remainder of his life in Doernbecher. His only chance for recovery was with a bone marrow transplant—but no donor match was found. Even if one had been located, the result would very likely have been the same, for Cameron responded very negatively to chemo-therapy—a steady, down-hill path.

Cameron passed away at Doernbecher October 20, 1994. His memorial service was held October 29 in a nearly-filled Marshfield High auditorium.

No one can guess where Cameron's path would have led, of course, had he lived. Without much doubt, he would have made an impact on the world, and on the lives of many others whom he touched. We hope that you will be inspired and motivated to achieve in your life many of the further successes that he was denied. All best wishes as you continue on your life's journey!

2010 WAS A GOOD YEAR!

We are very thankful for the continued support that we receive from Marshfield's generous alumni and friends. This newsletter features just a few examples of how the MHS Scholarship program is making a difference in the lives of MHS graduates. This year, 130 scholarships were awarded to 72 recipients that totaled nearly \$150,000.

In the past 12 months our scholarship program has continued to grow from contributions and in the number of endowed scholarships that have been established. The most recent endowments are: **Stan Solomon Memorial Scholarship**, **Eleanor & Harold Knutson Memorial Scholarship** and the **Maxine and Lyle Maguire Memorial Scholarship**. The **Bruce Hoffine Memorial Scholarship** and the **Fred Girt Memorial Scholarship** are not yet endowed and need further contributions.

For more information regarding the Marshfield High School Scholarship Fund and opportunities to give, contact Les Engle at: lesengle@charter.net 541-269-0112 or Cap Sharples at: csharples@charter.net 541-756-0795.



Stan Solomon Memorial Scholarship

The Stan Solomon Memorial scholarship was established in 2009. Soly, as he was affectionately called by athletes and coaches, was a longtime physical education teacher and coach at MHS. Soly began teaching and coaching at MHS in 1966. He retired from teaching in 1994 but continued coaching track & field until his death in 2009. Soly coached football, girls' basketball and track & field. He was the head girls' basketball and head track & field coach for many years.

While Soly had a lengthy career, longevity is not necessarily a sign of greatness. The quality of the years of service is what matters and Soly's years were of the highest quality.

Soly was the defensive coordinator on MHS's 1992 state championship football team. His girls' basketball team won the Consolation Championship at the state tournament in 1980. Soly coached a number of state champions in track & field including seven girls' and boys' pole vault champions in the last decade. He was a tireless student of pole vaulting who sought out information from the best coaches in the country. Soly's exper-

tise in coaching pole vaulters was recognized in 2009 when he was named National High School Pole Vault Coach Of The Year.

Soly was beloved by his athletes. Soly proved that a coach can be a mentor and a friend. He was committed to his athletes and worked with many of them throughout the year. Soly cared for his athletes and went out of his way to get to know them. Many of his athletes went on fishing, crabbing and hunting trips with him. Dinners and barbeques at his house were also a common occurrence.

Soly believed that athletics were a way for young people to improve themselves. Soly grew up with a single mother in Hawaii where his family had economic struggles. Soly's athletic prowess allowed him to attend Willamette University on a full athletic scholarship. His experience led him to help athletes attain athletic success so they could earn a college education; an education they might not have been able to attain without that help. In Soly's obituary it is stated that Soly believed that "...you didn't go to college to play sports, you played sports

because it could help you go to college."

On January 25, 2009, a celebration of Soly's life was held at Pirate Palace. More than 800 people attended

the service. One of the speakers was Rich "Mac" McIntosh (1971). Mac was a hurdler who was Soly's first state champion athlete. Mac may have summed it up best when he said, "Stan Solomon lives in me, and he lives in every one of the thousands of athletes who had a chance to call him Coach."

It is most fitting that an endowed scholarship has been established in Stan Solomon's name. The scholarship money will help a young person earn a college education, which Soly believed was so important to the betterment of a person's life.

While the scholarship is endowed, further contributions will mean more scholarship dollars for students who are working toward having productive lives.



Stan Solomon
MHS Teacher/Coach

Bruce Hoffine Memorial Scholarship Fund Established

Bruce Hoffine passed away June 27, 2010, in North Bend. Friends and family have initiated a scholarship fund in the name of the legendary Marshfield coach.

Coach Hoffine graduated from Marshfield in 1944 after a distinguished athletic career that included being on the 1942 state champion football team and being captain of the 1943-44 basketball team. He played one year of basketball for the University of Oregon before returning to Coos Bay.

After three years as a junior high coach, including winning what was recognized as the junior high state championship, he became the high school basketball coach in 1951. He coached for 24 years. In that span,



Bruce Hoffine
MHS Teacher and Coach

Marshfield went to the state tournament 12 times. He coached the state championship team in 1953 and his teams finished as runner-up three other times. He never had a losing season as coach and was selected as the Oregon Class AAA coach of the year in Oregon in 1974. His overall record was 413-176, a .701 winning percentage.

Bruce was Marshfield's athletic director from 1964 until retiring in 1982 and was inducted into the first Pirate Hall of Fame class in 2003. Marshfield named the court in Pirate Palace, "Bruce Hoffine Court," in 2003.

"Bruce was a terrific influence on all of the young people who had the privilege of playing on his teams. His stress on learning the basics, practice,

and teamwork are things that we all have taken with us. He will certainly be missed." —Roger Qualman '62

"Bruce Hoffine was a great coach who emphasized hard work and the fundamentals of the game of basketball, which later helped players to go on to have successful careers. I always remember him saying, "when the going gets tough the tough get going." Coach Hoffine taught his players the importance of keeping a positive attitude and believing in yourself, in sports and in life, even during difficult times." —Mel Counts '60

"The 1962 team was one of Marshfield's best examples of a major team accomplishment due to good coaching, excellent work ethics, and superb teamwork. Coach Hoffine was a prime contributor to our development and became a friend after we left Marshfield. He will be greatly missed by all." —Stan Traxler '62



How You Can Help

One of the most impressive—and most significant—things about Marshfield is the substantial level of “giving back” from our alumni and friends. Although most former Pirates and their families are far from wealthy, many of them consistently give what they can to help support the Marshfield High School Scholarship Program. We can all be proud that so many donors in our community have committed their support to ensuring that the opportunity for education and training beyond high school continues to be available for deserving students. The MHS Scholarship Program is extremely valuable in assisting many Pirates in taking the next steps in their lives, but this help is even more important in these difficult economic times.

You can give to the Marshfield Scholarship Program in a variety of ways:

- Make an annual or a one-time pass through scholarship contribution.
- Establish an endowed scholarship of your choosing. The minimum investment to create an endowed

scholarship is \$12,500, which typically yields a \$500 scholarship each year. Scholarship endowments last in perpetuity, and so the act of establishing an endowment will continue a particular legacy, cause or interest long after we are gone.

- Planned giving through:
 - Gifts of cash
 - Real estate, private foundation transfers
 - Deferred gifts through a will
 - Retirement plan assets
 - Life insurance policy
 - Living trust
 - Charitable remainder trust

These options could offer valuable income tax advantages that you may wish to discuss with your attorney or a planned giving professional. Another helpful source of information about planned giving is the Oregon Community Foundation's (OCF) website, www.oregonocf.org. People living on the south coast can also contact Barb Bauder in the Coos Bay OCF office, (541) 269-9650.

... Ken Graber

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Ken comes by his love of music naturally, as a member of a musical family. Two of Ken's uncles are school choir directors and Ken's father directed church choirs. Growing up, music was always a part of Ken's life—he played in the band throughout high school as well as singing in choirs. It would surprise many of Ken's vocal music students and teaching colleagues to learn that Ken did not originally plan on a career as a vocal music teacher. Instead, Ken intended to become an engineer, but in the end, a career in music pulled Ken more strongly.

Ken says that he is convinced music is an essential component of life and that it “makes a real difference in people's lives and in the world. I feel extremely fortunate to be able to be a part of that.” Ken adds, “I am so grateful that this community continues to support and to care about our

program.” The extent of that support is clearly demonstrated by the consistently large crowds that turn out for every school vocal concert. “And most people in the audience,” Ken points out proudly, “don't come because they have relatives performing.”

Ken first joined the Marshfield staff in 1997, and is now in his fourteenth year at the helm of the Pirate vocal music program. When asked about his goals for his students, Ken says, “I want my students to know the value of music as an essential part of their lives. I want them to realize that music is an integral part of education—it is not an extra or an add-on.” Ken seems to be well on his way to accomplishing that goal, since many of his former students have gone on to careers as music teachers, both in Oregon and across in the country. If Ken feels fortunate to have the chance to be Marshfield's vocal music teacher, we are perhaps even more fortunate to have this talented and dedicated teacher at Marshfield.

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