

Board of Trustees Welcomes New Executive Director, LaNisha Cassell

Mrs. Cassell’s first day on the job was Monday, January 10, 2005. A Washington, DC native and resident of suburban Southern Maryland, LaNisha brings a vast background of public relations, marketing, events planning and fundraising experience. Her most recent position was with the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, DC. Please stop in and visit.



2004 MHS graduate, Jessica Sauer presents Foundation Board President, Greg Hapgood, a hand-painted egg from the Czech Republic. The Foundation partially sponsored her trip in 2004.

Marion Fund ~ 2004-2005 Grant

Applications for the Marion Fund, an internal granting program for the Marion Independent School District, were due on February 8th. The Fund supports the educational



experience and enhances opportunities for the students of the District. This unique opportunity is only available in a handful of districts across the country. Presentation of grant recipients will be held at the Staff Recognition Assembly in May.

Your Gift Really Does Keep on Giving

Send your tax deductible contribution to the MISD Foundation and Alumni Association today. The Foundation, students and faculty appreciate your generosity.

Superintendent Hobbs Speaks

Q: Why do you feel it is important for the community, especially alum, to support the efforts of the MISD Foundation and Alumni Association?

A: Supporting the MISD Foundation and Alumni Association provides support in a variety of ways for the MISD. The most notable and possibly most important are the dollars generated to fund student scholarships and the grant program that fund teacher projects. Just as important is the vast alumni database and storied history of the district the Foundation maintains. The Foundation is well known for these resources and is certainly worthy of community support, especially alumni.

We Are What We Were When

Former MISD Superintendent, William C. Jacobson, Ph.D.



has penned this book about growing up in Iowa during and after WWII. Dr. Jacobson has generously agreed to donate proceeds from book sales to the Foundation’s efforts. Books are available in the Foundation office.

Paul Wright (1922-2004) Remembered

The Foundation recognizes the indelible contributions of the late Paul Wright, former MHS Band Director and 1996 Foundation Hall of Fame Recipient. If you are interested in making a contribution in Mr. Wright’s honor, please contact the Foundation office.

Nancy Thornton, Assistant Director

During the Executive Director search, Nancy picked up the slack, made presentations, and provided scholarship and grant applications. The Foundation appreciates her dedication.

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Foundation Wall of Support

Honor your class, make a dedication, or memorialize a loved one on the Foundation's Wall of Support. For more information, see the enclosed order form.



2004 Scholarship Recipients

Grishaber Scholarship: Tess Putnam
Jay White Scholarship: Jenn Fager
Turner Scholarships: Kristina McCusker & Jessica Sauer
Rehnstrom Scholarship: Perry Clouse
Ratliff/Ames Scholarship: Emily Gerald, Benjamin Shinrock, Tess Putnam, & Sara Whited
McGrew Scholarship: Krysta Olinger
Rotary & Todd Little Scholarships: Daniel Rhodes

2005 Scholarship information now available!

2004 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sondra Parman
Mark Morgan '75
Robert French '55
Dick Sloan

News to Report? Let us Know About You...

Your fellow alum want to know what you've been up to, so tell us the latest about your new marriage, birth of a child, job or anything you think newsworthy. Send your submission to the Foundation office or email: lcassell@marion.k12.ia.us.

2004 MARION FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Marion High School

Self-Reflection: Two digital camcorders to be used in the Family & Consumer Science Department.

Applied Engineering in General Science: Supplies and equipment to provide hands-on engineering curriculum in the general sciences.

Laptops & Software for the Graphics Career Academy: Two laptop computers and software for students to check out of the building, allowing for independent work on class assignments.

Vernon Middle School

Folklife Day: Two professional presenters & supplies for the 2nd Annual Folklife Day at VMS.

Marion Counts on Character: Staff training & curriculum kits to implement the Character Counts Curriculum at VMS.

Starry Elementary School

Starry Family Support: Enhancing the Family Resource Center at Starry and providing parenting classes to Starry families.

Golf Tournament Enormous Victory

The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament was on June 10, 2004 at Indian Creek Country Club. The event raised a whopping \$10,000! The rain didn't stop golfers from



playing. Farmers State Bank served as the corporate sponsor and 12 local businesses and individuals sponsored holes. The community came through with donated prizes. Thank you to the Golf Committee and Foundation Board.

The 2005 Golf Tournament will again be held at Indian Creek Country Club on June 9th. To sign up your foursome or to sponsor a hole, call the Foundation office.