

Marion Fund Grants Distribute Over \$30,000!

The Marion Fund offered by the Marion School Foundation recently awarded 15 grants to teachers within the district totaling \$30,936. The Marion Fund is made possible because of generous contributions received throughout the year from both businesses and individuals.

When asked about the Marion Fund grant program, teacher Amanda Freese had the following to say: "The Foundation's support allows teachers to provide learning opportunities to our students that may not be possible through regular school funding. Over my 18 years at MISD, I have been fortunate to provide high school students with a music technology lab, and elementary students with cultural learning through instruments purchased with the Foundation's generous grant program. As a teacher,

I take tremendous joy watching students grow through these experiences. Thanks to all who make these grants a sustainable way to enrich the lives of current and future students."

Makerspace

Lee Ann Groene & Deb Menken – Longfellow Elementary

Encourage students to create, invent, tinker, and explore by providing materials such as Legos, art supplies and robots.

Kiln for Longfellow

Jessica Bunnell – Longfellow Elementary

The availability of a kiln will give students the ability to understand and gain experience working and building in 3D.

Rugs for Classrooms at Longfellow

Teresa Haag & Anita Reisner – Longfellow Elementary

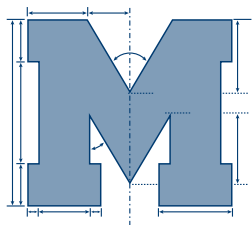
Teachers use these rugs for building positive classroom activities, social circles, read alouds, and more. They also give students opportunities to learn and work in a space other than their desk.

iPad Keyboards for 2nd Grade

Rachel Jarr – Starry & Longfellow Elementaries

Adding keyboards to the iPads already in classrooms will help young students fulfill 21st Century skills.

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Marion Builds Opportunity

Marion Builds Opportunity is a renovation and expansion campaign for two primary extra and co-curricular centers – the *Marion High School Auditorium* and the *Les Hipple Athletic Complex*. The goal of this capital project is to provide quality facilities for current students as well as the thousands of community members who frequent the auditorium and athletic complex every year.

The Foundation, working collaboratively with the Athletic Boosters and members of the Music Boosters, Performing Arts Council, Board of Education, and district staff, is seeking financial partners that will help the district reach a goal of raising \$500,000.

The Marion High School Auditorium serves all grade levels as a multi-purpose center and is used daily for community speakers, classroom presentations, district meetings, rehearsals, performances and more. The auditorium will more effectively serve students with a

new sound system, main stage, curtain, entrance/exit doors, and chairlift for stage accessibility.

The Les Hipple Athletic Complex is home to the baseball, softball, tennis and soccer programs. Thanks to a commitment from the district as well as a 1:1 match from the City of Marion, improvements are underway with new tennis courts to be completed by the end of summer. With financial support through the campaign, other renovations will include new dugouts, backstop and netting; sidewalks and a baseball press box. Expansions to the

complex include the addition of press boxes for the softball and soccer fields.

The Auditorium and Athletic Complex are facilities that, for a majority of students, play an integral part in their educational experience. Eighty-nine percent of the 2016 graduating class participated in an extra or co-curricular program during their time at Marion High School.

In addition to the projects outlined here, a portion of campaign contributions will be designated as startup funds for a future Performing Arts Center.

Marion Builds Opportunity Partner Breakfast

Join us and learn how you can contribute to this campaign.

**Thursday, August 31
7:30 a.m.
Location TBA**

RSVP to Erin Steffen at the Foundation office by August 15 or schedule a personal meeting time.

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The Mission of the Foundation is to maintain, develop, increase, and extend the facilities of the Marion Independent School District, and to provide broader educational service opportunities to its students, staff, faculty, and the residents of the geographical area which it serves.

New and Retiring Board Members



The Marion Foundation is proud to welcome new board member, Brady Quinn ('06). Brady comes from a long line of proud Marion alum that have been active in the district for many years. Brady brings

with him a strong accounting knowledge as he is currently a tax senior with BerganKDV. When not working Brady enjoys spending time outside either at home or at local parks and events with his wife Natalie, son Aiden, who just finished Kindergarten at Starry, and 10-month-old daughter, Ailey.



Retiring from the Marion Foundation Board this summer is Tracy Read. Tracy joined the Board in 2014 and immediately stepped into the role of Secretary. She has been a pivotal part of the

Foundation Board by being a member of the Executive Committee as well as keeping an accurate account of all Board Meetings. She will be deeply missed and we wish her the best in her endeavors.



Also retiring from the Marion Foundation Board this year is Boyd Potter, with at least 10 years under his belt. Boyd is a 1971 graduate of Marion High School and has been a member of the Foundation's

Finance Committee, Strategic Planning & Marketing Committee and Marion Fund Grant Committee. His wisdom and leadership will be greatly missed.

Anyone looking to join the Marion Foundation Board of Trustees, or if you are simply interested in serving on one of our committees (being a Board member is not required), please contact Erin in the Foundation Office.

Alumni News

Did you recently get married, have a baby, or start a new job? We would love to hear about it! Coming soon we will have a dedicated page on our website to share joys, concerns, news, and other celebrations about all of our alumni. Start sending in your shout-outs to Jeff at jkost@marion-isd.org. Keep an eye out for the new page coming later this summer!



Members from the MHS class of 1956 celebrate their 60th class reunion in 2016.

2017 Marion High School Class Reunions

Details about each reunion are available on our website www.marion-foundation.org/reunions or by contacting your class representative.

Class of 2012 (5-yr)

June 23-24
 Emily Roberts – ekrobe@umich.edu

Class of 2007 (10-yr)

September 29-30
 Natalie Ryther Shaffer – natalieryther@gmail.com

Class of 2002 (15-yr)

September 29-30
 Jamie Johnson Ryther – jamieryther@gmail.com

Class of 1997 (20-yr)

August 4-5
 Aaron Rogers – aaron.a.j.rogers@gmail.com

Class of 1992 (25-yr)

September 30
 Tracy Slaughter – slaughter.tracy@gmail.com

Class of 1987 (30-yr)

July 21-22
 Ann Gillaspie – anngillaspie@mchsi.com

Class of 1982 (35-yr)

September 23
 Wendy Stuelke Parker – wendyparker9533@gmail.com

Class of 1977 (40-yr)

August 4-5
 Patti Jakoubek – patti@jakoubek.org

Class of 1972 (45-yr)

August 4-5
 Vickie Dippel – madip3@aol.com

Class of 1967 (50-yr)

September 29-30
 Steven Walker – walkers6153@gmail.com

Class of 1962 (55-yr)

September 29-30
 Carrol Keleher Rhodes – cchipokas@aol.com

Class of 1957 (60-yr)

September 29
 Jay Kacena – jaykacena7709@msn.com

15th Anniversary

Marion Foundation Golf Classic



Friday, September 29
Gardner Golf Course
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Spear-It of Influence

2016-17 Honor Roll

Thank you to the generous donors who supported the Marion School Foundation through the **Spear-It of Influence** giving campaign from August 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. With these donations, the Foundation funded 24 different projects within the schools and supported a robust scholarship program for Marion High School graduating seniors.

Making an annual gift of any amount is one of the most important ways you can support the Foundation.

We thank you for your continued support and for making a difference.

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James & Katie (Ray) '58 Peterson
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Tony & Shirley (Post) '54 Pantini
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William Hanna '54

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Where Are They Now?

Marion alum **Shane McCallister** ('05) has taken his passion for art, combined it with an autumn leaf, and created an entire line of masterpiece artworks. McCallister takes various leaves and flower petals that he finds and digitally scans each one. "Starting to make illustrations I wanted to never alter the leaves and petals other than to resize each. The thought is to treat each scan like a brush stroke in a painting," says Shane.

While in high school, McCallister enrolled in an Adobe Photoshop course. He learned rapidly thanks to teacher, Jenifer Thilges, who was a "major influence in my pursuit of art."



Scans of leaves and flower petals are the "brush strokes" for creating McCallister's art.

After high school, McCallister attended Minneapolis College of Art and Design, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography. Since moving back to Marion, McCallister has become a proud husband and father in addition to spending countless hours on his artistic passion and working a full-time job.

Shane's art is on display through mid-August at the Cedar Rapids Ladd Library. To see a demonstration on how McCallister completes his artwork or to view his online gallery, visit www.smacartst.com.

2017 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Every year the Marion Foundation is pleased to distribute thousands of dollars in college scholarships to graduating seniors. This year the Foundation was thrilled to award over \$25,000 in scholarships. These scholarships have been established as memorials and tributes to loved ones whether they be former staff, leaders, or students. Details and criteria surrounding each scholarship can be found online at www.Marion-Foundation.org.

Clayton Schnoebelen Memorial Scholarship
Camryn Cannoy (Univ of Iowa)

Darrell & Dorothy (Merritt) Fisher Scholarship
Britney Duncan (Kirkwood)

Gerald Senninger/Trojan Lodge #548 Scholarship
Andrew Mota (ISU)

James & Teresa Conklin Soccer Scholarship
Saige Trca (UNI)

Jay White Memorial Scholarship
Baylea Bruce (Univ of Dubuque)
Amery Bruce (UNI)

Jeff Rehnstrom Memorial Scholarship
Myles Mettler (Kirkwood)

John Fowler Memorial Scholarship
McKenna Hernandez (UNI)

John S. Miller Memorial Scholarship
Nathan Jared (ISU)

John Schlotterback Memorial Scholarship
Nate Meister (Wartburg)

Justin Turner Memorial Scholarship
Trent Kuethe (UNI)
Morgan Swanger (Trevecca Nazarene Univ, TN)
Andrew Mota (ISU)



Pat Turner presents the Justin Turner Memorial Scholarships during senior honors night on May 3.

Kelly Grishaber Memorial Scholarship
Shannon Sellers (Univ of Iowa)

Kiwanis Club of Marion Scholarship
Ryan Bettenga (UNI)

Lowell Morgan Service & Character Award
Brendan Klostermann (undecided)

Marion Foundation Hall of Fame Scholarship
Isaak Hahn (Cornell College)
Brenna Johnson (Luther)
Sydney Stigge (Univ of Iowa)

Michael McGrew Memorial Scholarship
Baylor Fish (Mt Mercy Univ)

Michelle Fluckiger Niles Memorial Scholarship
Madison Wilson (Coe College)

Ratliff-Ames Memorial Scholarship
Sydney Brase (ISU)
Evan Booze (Kirkwood)
Wyatt Ehr (ISU)
Melanie Noble (UNI)

Todd Little Memorial Scholarship
Tylor Fairbanks (Cornell College)

Veda Pollock Moore Scholarship
Darian Brandt (UNI)

399 Years of Experience Retires from MISD

At an end-of-year celebration on May 30, the district was proud to recognize 16 teachers and employees that were retiring with almost 400 years of experience under their belts.

Amongst the 16 retirees, eight have their master's degrees plus a combined 338 additional credits, four have bachelor's degrees plus 135 additional credits, and one has national board certification.



Those that will be deeply missed as they head off to retirement are: (top photo L to R)

Peggy Wright, FMI Health Associate

Kim Specht, VMS Band

Cathy McVeigh

Connie Parnell, FMI Special Education

Lora Kuhn, VMS Science

Madonna Putnam, MHS Special Education

(bottom photo L to R):

Larry McLaughlin, MHS Industrial Technology

Scott Immerfall, MHS Social Studies

Lori Dostal, MHS Health and Physical Education

Charles Clark, MHS Science

Tony Perkins, MHS Science

Barb Shultz, MHS Art

Karen Theobald, MHSAP Supervising/Enrichment Teacher

Bruce Weisinger, MHS Industrial Technology

(not pictured)

Dale Hatch, MHS Custodian

Mary Lehner, MHSAP Supervising Teacher

Kathy McVeigh, Starry Counselor

Visit www.marion-foundation.org/the-district to view all who were recognized for their service to the District.

Pedaling for Success

Dixie Recker – Starry Elementary

Pedal bikes help improve academic performance and make the classroom an environment that fits with children and their various needs.

Books for FMI Library

Elizabeth Pearson – Francis Marion Intermediate

Update the library collection to encourage reading with materials that fit new student interests. This was funded with support from Pearson.

Drums as Fitness

Joe Fontenot – Francis Marion Intermediate

Creating an activity using fitness ball drums and sticks to combine rhythm, coordination, and cardiovascular activities that will improve students' fitness levels while having fun.

More Than Words

Paige Junge – Marion High School

Modernize the MHS Speech Team's A/V equipment so they are competitive with other advanced high schools.



Drumming for Understanding

Amanda Freese – Francis Marion Intermediate

Instruments to help the music program continue to develop musical independence, communication, responsibility, working together as an ensemble, and creating rhythmic compositions.

Making A Difference

Alan Read & Clarissa Lala – Vernon Middle School

Items for the sensory room to support students with special needs by providing therapy that is necessary to help students learn.

Technology Upgrade for Marching Band

Charles Oldenkamp – Marion High School

Updated software to help directors make adjustments to marching band drill to match student abilities and changes in numbers.

Summer Explorers STEM Camp

Chad Zrudsky – Vernon Middle School

A science, engineering, & literacy camp for students entering 4th-8th grades. This summer's focus is on Agricultural Engineering.

Starter Kits for Robotics Club

Chris Martin – Vernon Middle School

Additional starter kits and electronics so teams can build a robot twin, allowing hardware/software teams to work continuously.

3D Printers for PLTW Classes

Chris Martin – Marion High School

New 3D printers for use by the robotics program and engineering classes will help the students execute more advanced designs.

Reading Corners in Spanish Classrooms

Elizabeth Henkel & Abby Wennekamp – Marion High School

Creating a diverse library of novels and short stories so Spanish students can appreciate reading for pleasure while learning the language.



Lee Ann Groene receives her award from (L to R) Emerson Principal Nicole Harmer, Foundation Executive Director Erin Steffen, and Superintendent Chris Dyer

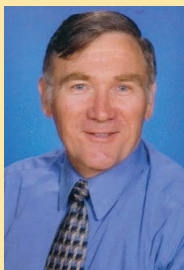
MISD Leader Awards

The MISD Leader Award is given annually by the Marion Independent School Foundation & Alumni Association to recognize District staff who go above and beyond for their students, their colleagues and the community. Recipients are nominated and voted for by District staff.

Recipients **Lee Ann Groene** and **Mike Murphy** were first announced at their respective schools on April 24 during surprise school assemblies. Both have served the Marion Independent School District for 18 years.

Teacher Teresa Haag nominated Lee Ann for the award and said, "*Lee Ann goes above and beyond as our School Improvement Coordinator on a daily basis to help teachers in our ultimate goal to improve student achievement... (She) has been instrumental in helping classroom teachers implement more technology into their students' days. Lee Ann exemplifies what it means to be a leader, and Emerson students and teachers have benefited from her skills.*"

Mike Murphy was nominated by teacher Jessica Bagg and she said of him, "*(Mike) exemplifies the meaning of leader through his daily interactions at FMI. He greets families on car duty before and after school each day he is available. He gives calm, meaningful advice to anyone who seeks his wisdom. The culture that he has developed at FMI is second to none as each employee and student feels valued, trusted, and special.*"



Superintendent's Report

From Chris Dyer

During the second semester of the 2016-17 school year, classrooms remained exciting with learning experiences expanded with technology and virtual learning. Parent engagement with the interactive communications software enhanced our ability to display and report what was happening in our children's schools. The number of followers on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram continues to grow as we share District news and events daily. If you are not currently following MISD online, please join us on our District site and social media.

We wish to recognize the academic leadership within the Teacher Leadership Compensation Program. Sixty-two teachers, newly assigned to specific teacher-leader roles, worked with building principals in school year 2016-17 to positively affect learning for all teachers and students. The professional learning

community (PLC) instructional is providing professional development (PD) training time for teacher and associate training.

The Board of Education (BOE) completed the first year of a five-year plan for facility improvement and capital investment. Security, sidewalk, fencing, lighting, and parking improvements have been completed at the football stadium. A high school choir room expansion and air conditioning for summer choir practice is finished. FMI roof construction and internal work projects in all buildings are underway with Longfellow Elementary scheduled for completion this month.

The BOE identified Marion Home School Assistance Program (MHSAP) as a potential occupant at Emerson for school year 2018-19. The goal is to re-purpose and modernize the internal and external Emerson building into an Emerson Learning Center. This goal will potentially be resourced with the May 2017 legislative release of \$1,000,000 from MHSAP reserves. We are working with the city and

neighbors to develop a learning center and community playground. The center is viewed as a community school that allows MISD to grow educational services during the day with activities available for families and community members in the evenings.

A priority project this summer includes the new joint City/MISD tennis facility. The BOE also initiated plans to renovate the Marion High School Auditorium and Les Hipple Athletic Complex. In collaboration with the Foundation and other groups, the District is seeking financial partners to support the Marion Builds Opportunity campaign. I hope you will consider supporting this project.

Our future work maintains a focus on programs to encourage each child to continuously learn. We are designing our work so each child will succeed as a member of our learning community inside their family. We continue to set high expectations for a safe learning environment. We thank you for allowing us to serve you. If you are on campus over the summer, please visit with us.

Hames Family Longtime Marion Residents and Business Owners

Submitted by Emily Russ, MEDCO

"My mom didn't consider Iowa winters when choosing Marion, she only looked at the schools and knew this was the place" said Barbara Hames-Bryant, President of Hames Homes. Barbara and her siblings were all raised as Marion Indians (Cynthia class of '81, Barbara class of '79 and Troy class of '77). The Hames family has a rich history in Marion, with the whole family taking an active role in the business, by having been in the area since 1969, when Curt and Norma Hames founded the company.

The Hames family has always been involved in helping young Marion students explore careers at their company. They have hosted a worksite tour for Vernon Middle School Career Explorer Club, which exists through a partnership between MISD, MEDCO, and Boy Scouts of America. Curtis acted as the tour guide for the experience. Most of the students and teachers were not aware of the types of skills that Hames Homes hires. Some students were very excited to learn that Hames Homes could hire them when they get into high school to work during the summer on handyman jobs.



Barbara Hames-Bryant in front of the Hames Homes offices.

As Barbara shared her story to the Career Explorers group she remarked on their future workforce concerns and struggles to hire younger individuals who may not have the qualifications needed, specifically their Service Technician position. She says that recruiting a workforce is probably their biggest challenge as a small business, yet points out that "...our Service Technicians enjoy excellent benefits even though we're a small company." Early in 2017, MEDCO launched a new initiative called Community Promise that will strategically and proactively introduce students at an early age to local career path opportunities

that will positively impact what Barbara mentions above.

Imagine an environment where students are exposed to high demand careers, provided opportunity to experience and pursue real jobs, such as the Hames Homes Service Technician position, all while being equipped and skilled to be career and life ready. 90% of all jobs will soon require additional training beyond high school and businesses in Marion and surrounding areas have endless opportunities to engage students to pursue these. "We want to build an environment that builds community loyalty and becomes contagious in talent recruitment," said MEDCO President Nick Glew. Many Marion businesses like Hames Homes are already engaged in this exciting pursuit of talent retention. To learn more visit us at www.communitypromise.org.

The Hames siblings are proud to be Marion Indian alumni and are thrilled their mother chose Marion to start their business and plant roots so many years ago. Their success exemplifies why Marion is the best place to raise a family and grow a business.

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Kayba Laube (left) and Maddie Knapp at the State Basketball Tournament in February.



Journalism Dept. Gets a New View

At the end of February, with the Marion girls basketball team on their way to the state basketball tournament at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, the high school journalism team found themselves sitting in the dark. Due to new media restrictions press passes were not being handed out to high school journalists. This left them sitting in the stands with the other spectators and making it difficult to get good, in-focus photos. High School journalism sponsor Sarah Eicher applied for an early Marion Fund Grant to obtain a 70-200mm, f2.8 lens to be used by the journalism team to take photos for the school newspaper, yearbook, and online. The new lens takes photos that are much more crisp and make you feel like you are right on the court with the players.