

## Marion Grants Awarded

The Marion Grant program has been providing classroom grants to teachers annually since 2000 and the Foundation is proud to continue that tradition by awarding grants for the 2018-19 school year. Grants are made possible by generous donations received throughout the year from both individuals and businesses.

### Technology for the Classroom and Beyond

**Matt Thornton, Chris Raymond, & Daniel Lang – All Buildings**

School Improvement Coordinators were awarded a grant for two cameras that take 360 degree photos and video, which can be used by students and staff in classrooms or for capturing school events.

### Art Room Drying Racks

**Katrina Martin – Francis Marion Intermediate**

(photo above) Students will be able to work on multiple art pieces while having a dedicated space for them to air dry.

### Microscopes for Middle School Science Department

**Deb Menken – Vernon Middle School**

Science is getting 20 new student microscopes, a mobile charging cabinet, two teaching microscopes with projector capabilities and some much needed lab supplies.



### Holding The Future

**Rachel Lamb & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team – Starry & Longfellow**

Each second grade classroom will be equipped so the teachers may use an iPad to capture and project images to the class.

### Mirror, Mirror On the Wall

**Jonathan Dyrland – Marion High School**

Choir department will install a 42 ft. by 10 ft. wall of mirrors that can be used to improve technique and attention to detail while polishing routines.

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## 2018 MISD Leader Awards

This year's recipients of the MISD Leader Awards are **Chris Morehouse**, Custodian at Longfellow Elementary School and **Phil Cochran**, Principal at Vernon Middle School.

MISD Leader Awards are given annually by the Foundation to recognize District staff who go above and beyond for their students, colleagues, and the community. Staff are nominated and voted for by their peers to receive this award.

At Vernon Middle School, the nomination was read over the loud speaker while a surprised Cochran was on duty in the cafeteria. Students and teachers then made

a tunnel in the four main halls and filled the school with the sound of high-fives and cheers as Cochran was led on a parade.

Morehouse was recognized during an all-school assembly at Longfellow Elementary. His wife and sons were also in on the surprise. He has served the school district for five years.

**“All staff in this school district work incredibly hard and more than that, they care. This is one small way we can recognize the best of the best and show them our appreciation.”**

*Erin Steffen,  
Foundation Executive Director*

Teacher Teresa Haag nominated Morehouse for the award and said, “Chris is the type of person that you can count on getting his job done, even if it means staying late or



popping in over the weekend. Chris adds to the positive atmosphere of our school. He always has a smile or a high-five for the students. They look forward to seeing Mr. Chris each afternoon! We would be lost without him.”

Cochran was nominated by Guidance Counselor Michelle Thomason and she wrote in her nomination, “Phil is an instructional leader who keeps up with the latest educational trends and uses that knowledge to push his staff to be successful. Students, parents, and staff know that he is authentic...Phil will always make time to talk to you and is a great listener. He genuinely cares about staff and students and it comes across in all of his interactions.”



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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.

## Hapgood leads Foundation for 30 years



The Foundation marks its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this school year and so will our president, Greg Hapgood.

In 1989, Greg and the other initial trustees of the Marion Independent School Foundation helped shape an organization that has become a supporting arm for the district. Over these 30 years, the Foundation has raised more than \$2.1 million in funds. While continuing to grow scholarship and educational endowments, the Foundation has also actively distributed grants back to the district. As Greg has been known to say, "We're not running bake sales here – we're going after projects that can truly enhance the education of our students."

*Watch for additional events this year to mark the Foundation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Alumni Association!*

## Marion Heritage Center Plans Exhibit on Sports

The Marion Foundation has loaned memorabilia from its collections for the Marion Heritage Center's exhibit *150 Years of Marion Sports*. The exhibit begins in September and runs through April 2019. Both Marion and Linn-Mar High School sports will be featured, as well as community leagues and leisure sporting activities. Check the Heritage Center's website for hours and other events associated with the exhibit: [marionheritagecenter.org](http://marionheritagecenter.org).



## Emerson Artifacts Requested

The Marion Home School Assistance Program is in the process of renovating the Emerson building for its new home. When the new Emerson Learning Center opens its doors this fall, there will be a display commemorating the history of the building. If you are a former teacher or student of Emerson with photographs, mementos, or stories to share, we'd love to hear from you. Items will be copied digitally and returned. Please contact Jeff at the Foundation office.

## McCartney Gives Presentation on Activist Steve Smith

Join the class of 1963 as they host David McCartney, University of Iowa archivist, for a presentation on the works of Steve Smith, a 1963 graduate of Marion High School.

Smith (1944-2009), was a noted antiwar and civil rights activist while a student at the University of Iowa in the 1960s.

McCartney will talk about the collection housed at the university's library, other related collections that have arrived as a result of Smith's papers, and how an unexpected posthumous friendship unfolded.

The presentation will be on **Saturday, September 29 at 1 p.m. in the Vernon Middle School Group Room.** All are welcome to attend.



Steve Smith during a hunger strike that he organized in March 1965 in support of civil rights workers in Selma, Alabama. (Mike Toner, *The Daily Iowan*)

## 2018 Class Reunions

Additional reunion info is available on our website [www.marion-foundation.org/reunions](http://www.marion-foundation.org/reunions).

### Class of 2013 (5 years)

October - TBD  
Micaela Combs - [mcombs@marion-isd.org](mailto:mcombs@marion-isd.org)

### Class of 1983 (35 years)

October 26-27  
Cathi (Hardin) Kane - [catkane03@gmail.com](mailto:catkane03@gmail.com)  
Lora (Brown) Cole - [lora.cole23@gmail.com](mailto:lora.cole23@gmail.com)

### Class of 1978 (40 years)

September 28-29  
Leigh Murdoch - [leigh.murdoch@murdochfuneralhome.com](mailto:leigh.murdoch@murdochfuneralhome.com)

### Class of 1973 (45 years)

August 16-18 in Marion  
Cindy (Ginther) DeYarman - [cindydeyarman@gmail.com](mailto:cindydeyarman@gmail.com)  
November 2-4 in Phoenix, AZ  
Connie Tessar - [ctesar55@gmail.com](mailto:ctesar55@gmail.com)

### Class of 1968 (50 years)

September 7-8  
Judi (Dicus) Urbanek - (515) 314-1730

### Class of 1963 (55 years)

September 29  
Pat Harstad - (319) 393-7220  
Linda Cahalan - (319) 377-5214

### Class of 1958 (60 years)

September 29  
Garnet Hoffner - (319) 393-2857

# Marion Foundation Golf Classic



**Friday, September 28**  
**Gardner Golf Course**  
**10 a.m. Shotgun**

Special thanks to  
event sponsor  
**John K. Castle**  
MHS Class  
of 1959



### Registration includes:

- Early access to the driving range at no cost
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# Spear-It of Influence

## 2017-18 Honor Roll

Each year, the Foundation acknowledges donors through the ***Spear-It of Influence Honor Roll*** based on gifts received during the school year. With these donations, the Foundation funds a variety of projects that support students, teachers, alumni and the greater MISD community. **We thank you for your continued support.**



*UICCU awarded the Foundation \$9,500 toward the continuation of the FAST and FASTWORKS, which are internationally acclaimed parent engagement programs geared at preventing K-12 dropout.*

### \$10,000 and Above

Jerry & Charlotte Grishaber  
Amelia "Mimi" Vernon  
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John Castle '59  
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Pearson  
Al & Laurie Bushek  
The Freeze

### \$1,000 - \$2,499

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Class of 1967  
Patty Jo '60 & Jim Turner  
Rathje Construction  
Ann Jubeck  
Lyn '76 & Frank Mickam  
Mark '75 & Sheryl '75 Morgan  
Iowa Arts Council

### \$500 - \$999

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In memory of Norm Peyton  
Bernard '60 & Barbara '62 Cooper  
James & Teresa Conklin  
JD '86 & Susann Schlotterback  
Donna Fluckiger  
Walmart Foundation

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Bonnie & James Raasch

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David '62 & Helen Kummer  
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Wit's End Coffeehouse  
Panera Bread  
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Fred Weber '57  
Greg Grant '70  
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Dan Ockenfels '57  
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Ben '06 & Jessica '07 Messerli  
Brad & Nancy Mowry  
Colton Storla '12  
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Edith Kadlec '77  
Ed & Susan Reed '57  
Elizabeth Ray '77  
Emily Saveraid '02  
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Jim '57 & Darlene '58 Mollenhauer  
Gary & Janice Zoet  
Jeff & Samantha '08 Kost  
Jeri Smith '55  
Joel Grandon Accounting Services  
John Hines  
Bob Claypool '56 & Arlene Wiley  
Larry & Joleen Twachtmann  
Larry Brooks '56  
Legacy Manufacturing  
Cale & Micaela '07 Loewen  
Darin Andresen '94  
Dan & Celeste Barkley

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Bob '55 & Sherry '55 Murray  
Bob '62 & Sharon '62 Hajny  
Rodger '57 & Elizabeth '59 Keleher  
Ron Prescott '56  
Steve Wells '70  
Vaughn Klopfenstein '81  
Victor & Patricia Klopfenstein  
Bill Nash '58  
Bob Bunting '56  
Tom Bice '74  
Dave Cowguill  
Dan Erkel '94  
Pete Kellams '57  
Marc LeConte  
Brady '06 & Natalie Quinn  
Mark McCormick '94  
Mike McCormick '90  
John '58 & Louise '68 Nieland  
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Thomas Howe '68  
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## Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Foundation is distributing nearly \$20,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. Many of these scholarships have been established as memorials and tributes to former MISD staff and students.

**Marion Foundation Hall of Fame Scholarship**  
Mia Laube (St. Thomas)

**Clayton Schnoebelen Memorial Female Student-Athlete Scholarship**  
Madison Baker (Wartburg)

**Darrell & Dorothy (Merritt) Fisher Scholarship**  
Bryce Hotchkiss (Kirkwood)

**James & Teresa Conklin Soccer Scholarship**  
Alex Whalen (Univ. of Iowa)

**Jason White Memorial Scholarship**  
Jack Whitney (Kirkwood)

**Jeff Rehnstrom Memorial Scholarship**  
Connor Bjornsen (Kirkwood)

**John Schlotterback Memorial Business Scholarship**  
Neil Sharma (Purdue)

**Justin Turner Memorial Scholarship**  
Chloe Parenteau (Coe College)  
Neil Sharma (Purdue)

**Kelly Grishaber Memorial Scholarship**  
Nicholas Hooper (Iowa State)

**Kiwanis Club of Marion Scholarship**  
Zachary Cochran (Kirkwood)

**Lowell Morgan Service & Character Scholarship**  
Sydney Walker (UNI)

**Marion Firefighters Association Scholarship**  
Jack Whitney (Kirkwood)

**Michael McGrew Memorial Scholarship**  
Shea Bohland (Mt. Mercy)

**Michelle Fluckiger Niles Memorial Scholarship**  
Grant Meth (Wartburg)  
Kelsi Huhndorf (Mt. Mercy)

**Ratliff-Ames Memorial Scholarship**  
Bobby Lockhart (UNI)  
Brianna Huegel (Central College)  
Caleb Wagner (UNI)  
Jacob Burhite (Univ of Iowa)

**Rebecca Paulson Memorial Scholarship**  
Chloe Parenteau (Coe College)

**Todd Little Memorial Scholarship**  
Blair Brooks (Univ. of Iowa)

**Veda Pollock Moore Scholarship**  
MacKenzie Redmond (Mt. Mercy)  
Vivian Le (Univ. of Iowa)



**August 15 – 5-7 p.m.  
at Vernon Middle School**

Any MISD students in need of school supplies, personal hygiene items, undergarments, shoes and more are encouraged to attend **Start School Right**, led by MISD staff with support from the Foundation and many community partners.

## Two Grants Will Support Literacy

High school students will have access to a whole new collection of books via their electronic devices this school year. With the District transitioning to one electronic device per student, this is a way to provide students access to books through the school year and all summer long. This project was funded with the Rathbun Memorial Fund.

Students in grades 1-3 will be taught using new handwriting curriculum thanks to a grant from Pearson. Handwriting is a critical skill to improving literacy. Not only are fine motor skills an indicator of reading readiness, but letter formation supports students in becoming fluent writers.



The Vernon family ca.1939 (L to R): Lula, Robert, John, James and Chester.

## Vernon Family Continues Giving

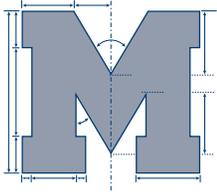
Many families invest in a school to make it a better educational institution for their children and community, and the Vernon family is a prime example.

Chester (C.B.) and Lula Vernon moved to Marion in 1926. C.B. had been appointed superintendent – a position he held for more than 30 years. In 1933-34, C.B. took a year's sabbatical to earn his PhD from the Univ. of Southern California. He was the first educator with a PhD in the entire secondary school system for the State of Iowa. His family went with him for the year in California. Oldest son James was disappointed to miss his senior year at MHS. He became an engineer and returned to USC as a professor. Robert ('41) became a physician in Dubuque, and John ('47) stayed

in Marion and practiced law. All three were graduates of the Univ. of Iowa.

In 1964, a new high school was built for the Marion district and it was decided to name the former building C.B.Vernon Junior High. That original building has been replaced, but the name remains Vernon Middle School in honor of this family's leadership.

C.B.'s middle son, Robert and two of his five children were lost in a tragic plane crash in 1978. Upon the passing last year of Robert's wife, Amelia "Mimi", the Foundation received a generous gift to establish the Chester B. and Lula E. Vernon Memorial Fund. Grants from the fund will be distributed to support MISD projects and programs.



# Marion Builds Opportunity

The Foundation is incredibly grateful for the support the community has shown for the **Marion Builds Opportunity** campaign, aimed at renovating the *Marion High School Auditorium* and *Les Hipple Athletic Complex*. With additional support from the District, some improvements have begun this summer, such as the auditorium renovations and addition of the three press boxes. Other improvements will be considered over the next year. We hope contributions will continue to come in and look forward to recognizing donors with displays at the two facilities.

### Champions – \$50,000+

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Marion Athletic Booster Club

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Les Hipple Memorial Fund

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Brian & Laura Walker  
Class of 1977 Alumni  
Lindsey Barnes



## NextEra Energy Grant

A new Lego League camp started this summer thanks to a grant from the NextEra Energy Foundation. Lego League participants from Vernon Middle School shared in the excitement when the announcement was made by MISD parent and NextEra Energy employee Nina Kasner and the Marion School Foundation. Lego League is an extracurricular club for middle school students that are interested in engineering, robotics, and coding and is overseen by teachers Chris Martin and Madi Raemakers. The group relies solely on fundraising and grants to fund their projects each year.

The first ever Marion Robotics camps were June 11-14. The morning session, Marioneers Jr., had 15 first through third graders. These students worked with Lego WeDo kits to build robots, and then coded them to complete various tasks.

The afternoon session, Marioneers, had 20 fourth through eighth graders. Working in teams of two, they built a test robot to use while learning to code the motors and sensors. The campers then took the skills they learned and built a drag racing robot. The camp ended with a grand finale race.

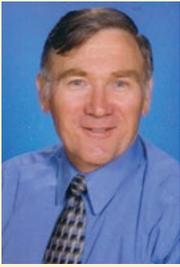
In addition to funding the week-long summer camp, a portion of the \$5,000 grant will be used to purchase additional robotics kits and materials for the high school's Robotics Club. The goal of the grant is to introduce students to engineering and engage with STEM programming early-on to develop skills like problem solving.



### Wall of Support is Filling Up!

Thanks to generous memorial donations from individuals and the families of Lorna Messerli and Jim Bates, these longtime Marion supporters will be forever honored with a brick engraved on the Wall of Support.

Red bricks on the Wall of Support can be engraved with a donation of \$300 and gold bricks can be engraved with donations of \$1,000. Call the Foundation office or complete the online form at [www.Marion-Foundation.org](http://www.Marion-Foundation.org) to request your brick. Only a few dozen bricks remain, so order yours soon! This is a great way to mark your legacy or honor an entire Marion High School graduating class.



## Superintendent's Report

While the summer heat has been rolling through, I wish to share with you many positive and simply amazing successes achieved this past year. Briefly, the following are noted as highlights worthy of our reflection and celebration.

Tremendous accolades are directed to the class of 2018. Your academics and athletic achievements are only outdone with the personal character you displayed as individuals and as a class over the last four years. This year's Marion Independent School District "Inspiring Young Minds" is a testimony to your work. Your 96% attendance, 94% graduation rate, and 88% participation rate in co- and extra-curricular activities distinguishes your class as a group that was highly engaged and achievement oriented. Please view our Communication Plans "Inspiring Young Minds" brochure online at [www.marion-isd.org](http://www.marion-isd.org).

Embedded in this year's work were several significant district-wide events. The Board of Education partnered with the Marion School Foundation as well as the Athletic Booster Club to launch a capital campaign with the goal of providing facilities that reflect the high performance level of our students. Community members, organizations, and individual families compiled over \$180,000 in contributions that, when combined with MISD resources, have been identified for soccer, baseball, softball and auditorium improvements. Work is planned for this summer and fall and will add a new look to Les Hipple Athletic Complex and operationally improve the high school auditorium.

There has been significant progress over the summer with the repurposing of Emerson Elementary School as the Emerson Learning Center. The Marion Home School Assistance Program will move to Emerson and the old MHSAP building will welcome the Grant Wood

Area Education Agency's Behavior Program's Services. This coming school year, the property purchased across the street (south side) from Vernon will be planned as an outside activities area for SY 2018 -2019.

The recent curriculum review and "online" viewing has been implemented with rigor; the progress has been significant. Parents and teachers see academic work real time, apply formative assessments to improve learning, and identify areas for additional support. Our teachers and building leaders have worked hard to ensure that a culture of learning is promoted each hour of every day for our children. So as we reflect on a school year of great accomplishments we look forward to the coming year with great anticipation, welcoming back students, staff and families.

Proudly serving,  
**Chris Dyer**

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#### Digital Compound Microscope

**Garrette Williams – Marion High School**

(top photo) The microscope will be able to connect to a computer as well as a projector. Slide images can be shared to everyone in class, ensuring students are looking at their slides correctly. Images may also be captured and saved for later assessment.



#### Smart Music

**David Anderson & Jennifer Adams – Vernon Middle School**

All Vernon band members are receiving subscriptions for Smart Music. Students will play their instruments into their district-provided Chromebooks to record practice time, get assistance with lesson material, and receive feedback on notes and rhythms. The music department will collect data over the next school year to potentially integrate this into the curriculum long-term.



#### Play Us a Song Mr. Piano Man

**Jonathan Dyrland – Marion High School**

(bottom photo) The choir room is getting a new piano that will be used daily and will also be available to the band, theatre and more.

#### Classroom Calming Centers

**Emma Ambrose & Michelle Thomason – Vernon Middle School**

Students, especially those experiencing ADD or anxiety symptoms, can step away while remaining in the classroom during instructional time. These classroom kits will include items such as stress balls, fidget spinners and doodle pads.



## Engaging Students at a New Level

Want to know what a drafting technician is? What about a CAD technician? Marion Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) has identified high demand jobs needed by local businesses over the next couple of years and is actively sharing them with students to see what could pique their interest.

**"We want to build an environment that builds community loyalty and becomes contagious in talent recruitment."**

*Nick Glew,  
MEDCO President*

Community Promise capitalizes on career exposure and experiences that lead to authentic career pursuit, and in turn will retain talent in Marion.

Want to learn more? Students, parents, teachers and business professionals are all welcome to learn and partake in elevating student career pursuit in Marion by visiting [CommunityPromise.org](http://CommunityPromise.org) and signing up for the Community Promise e-newsletter.

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**Class Composite  
Preservation &  
Digitization Project**

The Marion Alumni Association was founded in 1878 as a means to help classes organize reunions, plan all-school reunions, and keep track of alumni – and we are proud to say we are still going strong after 140 years!

The Foundation has helped keep track of historical information about our schools through the years. Some of the oldest pieces we have are composite panels of graduating classes from 1893-1922.

The Foundation is seeking funds to professionally restore and preserve the class composites so they can be displayed for many years to come. In addition, the composites and copies of Marion High School's yearbook, *The Quill*, will be digitized and made available through our website.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, donations may be sent to the Foundation office, attn: Preservation & Digitization Project. For any further questions, please contact Jeff at [jkost@marion-isd.org](mailto:jkost@marion-isd.org) or 319-377-4691 x1106.



This composite of the Marion High School 1922 senior class clearly shows signs of wear and tear despite past efforts to preserve it.