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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont High School Seniors Receive Community Scholarships on MHS Recognition Day



Photo: Members of the Mariemont High School Class of 2010 received fifty-five community scholarships at the school's Recognition Day on May 17. Back row L to R: Catherine Kauffmann, Ginna Rich, Alex Wilson, Mitch Kaeser, Annie Gaburo, Katie Keiser, Courtney Kelly, Alex Metz, Jason Lonnemann; 3rd row L to R: Reed Gerberick, Tim Kuck, Will Foran, Katrina Slavik, Nikki Gauche', Hannah Swords, Zach Francis, Maggie Deadrick, Taylor Locke; 2nd row L to R: Charlotte Dietz, McKenzie Miller, Kevin Nerl, Josh Colaw, Laura Smith, Heather Hutchinson, Amanda Huskey, Kelsey Hogan, Brennen Warner; Front row L to R: Libby Peters, Shelby Miller, Jon Tetrault, Allison Gordon, Laura Gardner, Ceeanna Zulla, Claudia Carrelli, Laura Martin and Elliot Faulk

Fifty-five community scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors from the Class of 2010 at the Mariemont High School Recognition Day on May 17. Criteria ranged from academics to athletics; from interests to artistic abilities; from leadership to service to the community.

New this year is a generous scholarship from the Threlkeld family through the Mariemont School Foundation in memory of Robert Threlkeld, a 1962 graduate of MHS. Students applied and had to show 80 hours of community service and financial need. The family started out ready to award one scholarship, but they were so impressed with the applicants that they awarded 5 scholarships this year. This year's recipients were Laura Gardner, Nikki Gauche', Allison Gordon, Taylor Locke and Alex Metz. The Threlkeld family plans to award one scholarship each year in the future.

Claudia Carrelli was awarded the Julia Donnelly Memorial Scholarship in memory of the late Julia Donnelly, a member of the class of 2009. Claudia met the criteria by being an exceptional writer who is involved in the communication arts, a leader by example, and one who is socially aware.

The John M. Lucas/ Virmorgan L. Ziegler Scholarship was awarded to Taylor Locke. Mrs. Ziegler was the first Clerk for the Village of Fairfax starting in 1955. Upon her death, she wished to establish a scholarship named in part after her father, John Morgan Lucas.

The Mariemont High School chapter of the National Honor Society awarded scholarships to six of its members this year: Will Foran, Nikki Gauche', Catherine Kauffmann, Jason Lonnemann, Shelby Miller and Brennen Warner.

The David Deeters Memorial Scholarship went to Jon Tetrault. He met the criteria for having a wide range of experiences in video technology. He volunteered his video skills in the community and demonstrated the ability to work with others on projects. This scholarship was offered in memory of a long-time supporter of the arts at MHS, David Deeters, through the Mariemont School Foundation of which he was the founder.

Laura Martin was presented with the "Let Us Never Forget" scholarship. At Mariemont High School, this scholarship is given in honor of Cpt. Tyler Swisher, a Mariemont High School alumnus who was killed in Iraq. The criteria used were academics, motivation, responsibility, and concern for others. These criteria are thought to be the best match to the quality person that Tyler was. This award is funded through the efforts of the Yellow Ribbon Support Center.

Courtney Kelly received the Don F. Mahan Excellence in English Memorial scholarship. This award was given in memory of a long-time Mariemont High School English instructor who passed away in February 2007. The criterion is a student who demonstrates a true passion for English and literature.

Elliot Faulk received the Mariemont High School Student Council scholarship which rewards quality of service and leadership in the organization.

Josh Colaw, Charlotte Dietz, Zach Francis, Amanda Huskey, Heather Hutchinson, Kevin Nerl, Laura Smith and Hannah Swords were all selected for M.E.R.I.T. scholarships (Mariemont Educators Rewarding Interest in Teaching). The funding comes from donations by the Mariemont City Schools faculty and staff and goes to those pursuing a major in education.

Amanda Huskey was the recipient of the Fairfax Police Department Scholarship based on such factors as academics, community service and quality of character. This is the 9th year for this scholarship. The Cincinnati Sports Mall assisted in the funding of this scholarship.

Claudia Carrelli received the Robert A. Martin Science scholarship which is given to a senior based on outstanding achievement in four years of science as well as positive character attributes. The recipient is determined by consensus of the high school science teachers.

Ginna Rich earned the Key Club community service scholarship awarded on the basis of service involvement and impact in the school and community.

Nikki Gauche', Taylor Locke, Alex Metz and Ceeanna Zulla were awarded Kiwanis Educational Grants whose criteria include academic success, community service and financial need. The Kiwanis organization continues to provide financial assistance to deserving alumni to continue their college education as well. This year those alumni are Laura Murray and Andy Richardson.

The Mariemont School district PTA/PTOs award scholarships to seniors who attended the various district schools. Criteria vary, but include such factors as academic achievement, service, and extracurricular involvement. The sponsoring groups and recipients were: Fairfax Elementary PTA: Taylor Locke; Mariemont Elementary PTO: Elliot Faulk and Libby Peters; Terrace Park Elementary PTO: Annie Gaburo and Alex Wilson; Mariemont Junior High School PTO: Will Foran; and Mariemont High School PTO: Elliot Faulk, Catherine Kauffmann and McKenzie Miller.

Amanda Huskey received the Fairfax Youth Organization scholarship which stipulates that the recipients have participated in an FYO sport, have attended Fairfax Elementary for at least three years, and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Alex Metz was presented with the Damien M. Jahnigen Memorial Scholarship, which has been given since 2000 in memory of a Mariemont High School student. The criteria are that the recipient share Damien's interests including an appreciation for the outdoors and an aptitude for technology.

Nikki Gauche' was this year's recipient of the Wanda McNeal scholarship. Wanda McNeal was a retired Fairfax Elementary teacher who bequeathed an automatic scholarship each year to the student with the highest GPA who attended Fairfax Elementary in the sixth grade.

The Mariemont Art Club scholarship which requires an intended major in an art-related field went to Katrina Slavik. Katrina will donate a piece of artwork to be on permanent display along with past years' recipients at Mariemont High School.

Mitch Kaeser, Katie Keiser, Libby Peters and Ginna Rich were chosen to receive Mariemont Arts Association Scholarships. Additionally, Maggie Deadrick and Katrina Slavik were awarded Mariemont Arts Association Scholarships with Commendation. Both awards required demonstrated involvement in visual, musical or performance arts.

The Mariemont Athletic Booster scholarships were awarded to Kevin Nerl and Kelsey Hogan. These scholarships take into consideration athletics and academics.

Tim Kuck received an Ohio High School Southwest District Scholarship Award based on exceptional athletic and academic performance.

Tim Kuck also was awarded the Mariemont School Foundation Track Scholarship for performance and leadership in Track & Field.

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