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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023!

Emily Adado
Lara Adolphson
Lily Agueros
James Alldaffer
Meilynn Anderson
Rylee Anderson
Ethan Anthes
Travis Arnett
Ivan Arnold
Joseph Arnold
Julius Ash
Sajmira Aslani
Bryant Baker
Tyler Baker
Payton Ball
William Barnum
Joselyn Bauman
Megan Beattie
Tyler Bercau
Hailey Blackmore
Haidyn Blackshear
Alexis Bliesener
Carey Blue
Nevaeh Branson
Kallie Breslin
Abigail Brown
Hailey Bryde
Jayden Buckley
Kasey Bulmer
Makayla Bulmer

Ethan Bunting
Karlee Burch
Dominic Casali
Chanel Cavazos
Lauren Clark
Elise Comer
Parker Corbett
Aimee Cruickshank
Aiden Currin
Jasmin Diaz
Annabelle Dieter
Kathleen Doneth
Emily Draper
Savon Emanuel-Williams
Gerald Emens
Matthew Erb
Sebastian Erbe
Jacob Ettinger
Cameron Etzel
Ella Fodge-Franklin
Logan Forbes
Carlos Forester
Noah Fredericks
Grace Frybarger
Hannah Garver
Kyler Gibson
Adam Gonzalez
Sarah Goss
Michael Grano
Jonathon Graves

James Harbensk
Mackenzie Hart-Heinze
Jacob Haynes
Joseph Haynie
Thomas Haynie
Burke Heiselt
Kareena Henry
Mya Henry
Logan Hewitt
Ava Hicks
Megan Hills
Alayna Himebaugh
Croix Hiram
Savannah Hogge
Jason Holmes
Hunley Horn
Rebecca Huffman
Isabella Ide
Brian Ingram
Jason Irwin Jr
Parker Jacob-Croley
Bryan Jimenez
Olivia Jolly
Josephine Jorgensen
Joy Joseph
Jaxson Kamae
Emaleigh Keast
Trent Keast
Evelyn Kellogg
Camron Keyes

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023!

Hayden Kruger
Alyssa Lange
Abigail Lautzenheiser
Zoe Lawson
Tyler Lewis
Kristine Li
Arber Limani
Lilly Livingston
Samantha London
Alexia Long
Katie Longpre
Jazmin Loveless
Kayla Lozon
Cooper Lyon
Daniel Marroquin
Arianna Mason
Miguel McKeown
Ava McMeeken
Aidan McNamara
Anna McRay
Ashten McVaugh-Gorbis
Camryn Means
James Meninga
Owen Messier
Jacob Midgley
Emersyn Miller
Kaleb Miller

Tayden Miller
Addison Minott
Lucas Molenda
Colten Moore
Lucas Moore
Johnathan Mulka
Alexander Murray
Connor Niswonger
Dennis Oberdank
Joseph Oberlin
Chase Oliver
Kelsy Osborn
Colin Page
Olivia Palmer
Joseph Palomo II
Attika Parris
Alaina Phillis
Bryce Pierpoint
Logan Pinks
Tanner Pinks
Malik Popp
Koen Powelson
Madeline Prelesnik
Lucas Preston
Danielle Raiche
Claire Ramsey
Alex Redman

Jonathon Reyna
Anthony Robinson
Thomas Rockhold
Tirzah Ross
Mariana Ruiz
Teagan Savoie
Logan Sawyers
Katelyn Schlosser
Ashton Scholtz
Olivia Schroeder
Gage Scripter
Madison Short
Taylor Simpson
Paige Sipsky
Gabrielle Six
Adriana Smith
Jamie Stewart
Samantha Stiver
Austin Stone
Levi Stowers
Breanne Strach
Reagan Summers
Cadence Surato
Kennedie Swagart
Korina Taylor
Hannah Telfer
Taylor Tew

Adriana Thomas
Christopher Thomas
Sawyer Thomas
Amanda Thompson
Makenna Townsend
Samantha Trotter
Samantha Trout
Victoria Uchendu
Holly VandenBussche
Morgan Wagner
Ava Warr
Carter Weessies
Emma Weissling
Jack Wendt
Madalyn West
Macy Wilkinson
Jaide Williams
Amelia Wilson
Kendalyn Wilson
Kyra Wilson
Peyton Wing
Jared Woodson
Sophia Wright
Sage Wymer
Su Lia Yang
Eleana Young





STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The updated Mason Public Schools Strategic Plan is taking shape thanks to the thoughtful work of the Strategic Planning Advisory Team. Four key focus areas, as well as an updated Mission and Vision, have been identified and developed.

Student-focused and informed by diversity, equity and inclusion; the four key focus areas of the new plan include:

- Instructional Improvement and Innovation
- Student Supports
- Staff Recruitment, Retention, and Development
- Facilities and Infrastructure

Additionally, four focus area committees, made up of district professionals and Board of Education members, met throughout May to craft the goal statements, objectives, and actions for each focus area.

The Advisory Team presented the draft plan, including key focus areas, strategic goals, objectives and actions for each area to the Board of Education in June. We look forward to sharing the full, updated plan this Fall.

Thank you to our community members for informing this plan and working alongside MPS to provide the best educational environment for our students and our community.

Gary Kinzer, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Mason Public Schools

Leading for Equity

Capping a year of education, exploration, and engagement, members of the Mason Public Schools leadership team each presented a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Plan of Action for themselves and their department or school community, to the Leading for Equity cohort this spring.

The cohort, made up of department directors, principals and other district leaders, analyzed data specific to their area of oversight, identified student and staff impacts, and developed projects to continue equity work to align with the district’s strategic plan.

The year-long Leading for Equity series, facilitated by Karlin J and Associates, LLC, challenged district leaders to build capacity and increase the cultural responsiveness of school communities in three areas: leading courageous conversations (expanding vocabulary and confidence), seeing themselves as agents of change and leveraging data for equity.

The Leading for Equity work will continue in the Fall as district leaders implement their equity projects over the course of the 2023-24 school year.





CONGRATULATIONS TOP 10%

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2023 who have placed in the Top 10% of the class for academics! Learn more about each of these graduates and their plans for the future on the Mason High School Facebook page.

**Kathleen Doneth
James Meninga
Megan Hills
Alexis Bliesener
Kristine Li
Alex Redman
Tyler Bercaw
Samantha Trout
Emma Weissling
Claire Ramsey
Kelsy Osborn
Dominic Casali
Carey Blue
Anna McRay
Danielle Raiche
Cadence Surato
Payton Ball
William Barnum
Alexander Murray
Joseph Oberlin
Hannah Telfer
Amanda Thompson**

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

One of the many community organizations providing scholarships to graduating seniors is the Mason College Club. This year, the College Club awarded six Mason High School (MHS) seniors with scholarships during the Senior Awards Night on May 17, 2023.

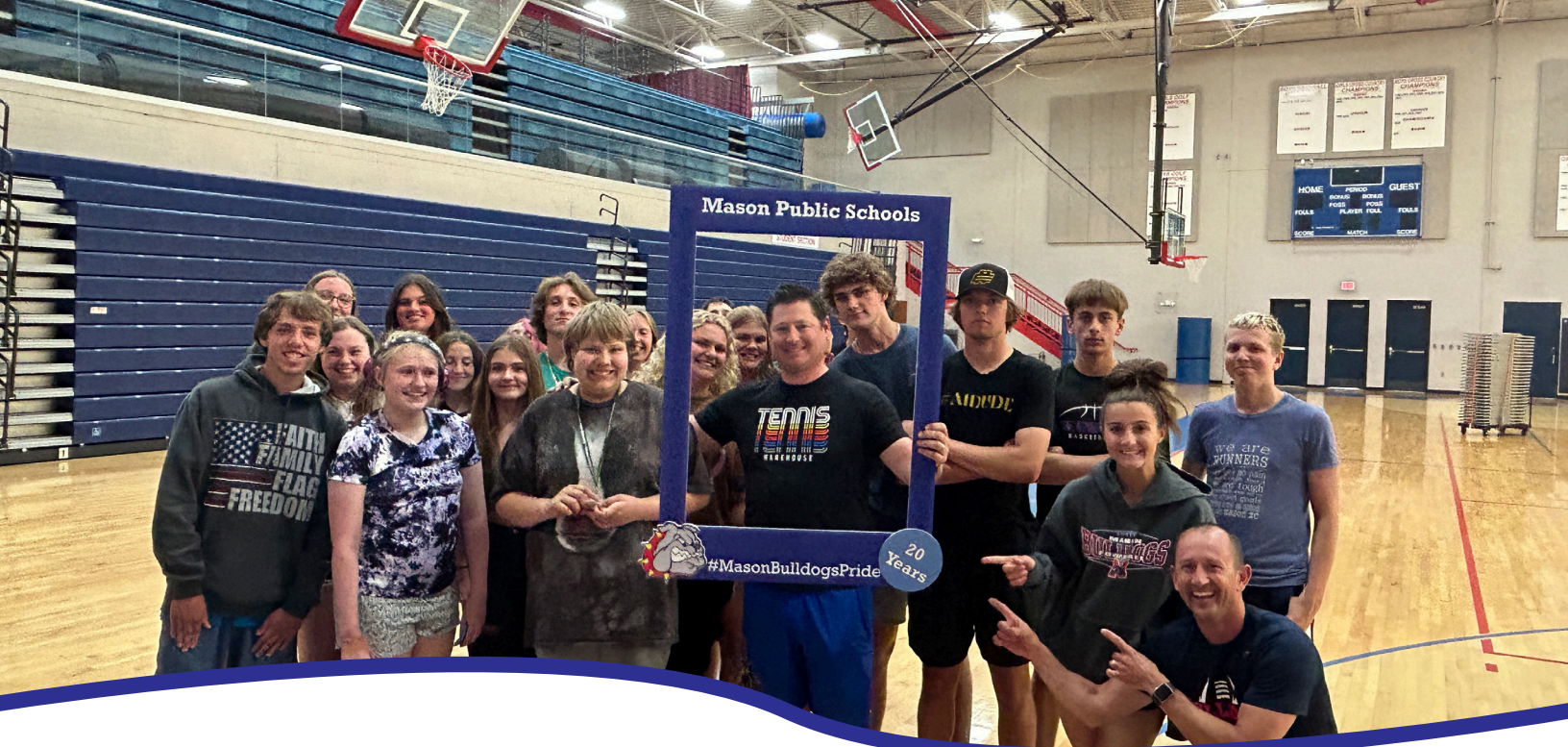
Founded in 1935 to provide scholarships to female MHS students, the Mason College Club fundraises locally and has provided more than \$100,000 total to graduates since its inception. The Mason College Club was founded by Gertrude Dart O'Sullivan, a physician, who met with a group of Mason women who felt it was important to further women's education.

That year they awarded their first scholarship, a \$50 loan to one MHS senior. Over time the loans became scholarships and during the 1990s, scholarships began being awarded to any graduate. The Mason College Club is proud to support the educational pursuits of MHS students.

Thank You Local Scholarship Sponsors

This year, more than \$59,000 in local scholarships were awarded to 42 graduating senior students! Thank you to our Mason community sponsors and congratulations to the scholarship recipients!

- American Legion Pamela Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship, American Legion Robert Cone Memorial Scholarship
- Ava Michelle Saade Memorial Scholarship
- Don Fackler Basketball Memorial Scholarship
- Helen F. & Arthur B. Ziegler Scholarship
- Jonathon D. Strouse Memorial Art Scholarship
- Marvin Pulver Golf Scholarship
- Mason Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (MACC), MACC Shirley Grieve Memorial Scholarship, MACC Hometown Champion Fund
- Mason Band Boosters Scholarship, Mason Band Boosters Kathleen Dickerson Memorial Scholarship, Mason Band Boosters Luke Granger Memorial Scholarship
- Mason Boys Soccer - The Rich Madery Memorial Scholarship
- Mason College Club Scholarship, Mason College Club Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship, Mason College Club Ann Butler Memorial Scholarship
- Mason District MEA Memorial Scholarship
- Mason FFA Friends & Alumni Scholarship, Mason FFA Friends & Alumni Ludell Cheney Memorial Scholarship, Mason FFA Friends & Alumni Sandra O'Malley Optimist Scholarship
- Mason Firefighters Association Fire Chief James M. Pelton Memorial Scholarship, Mason Firefighters Association Memorial Scholarship
- Mason FIRST Robotics Scholarship
- Mason High School Bulldog Bowling Terry Dormer Memorial Scholarship
- Kiwanis Club of Mason Frank Guerriero Service Award, Kiwanis Club of Mason Scholarship
- Mason Lions Club Ray Collar Scholarship, and Mason Lions Club Ralph "Bud" Swinehart Memorial Scholarship
- Mason Optimist Club Scholarship
- Mason Public Schools Foundation Frank Guerriero Scholarship
- Mason Rotary Club Community HERO Scholarship, Mason Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship
- Masonic Foundation Mason Lodge #70 Scholarship
- Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists Scholarship
- Richard C. Leonard Memorial College Scholarship
- Scott R. Judd Memorial Scholarship, Sponsored by Michigan Crop Improvement Association
- Senior Scholar Athlete Award, Sponsored by Dart Bank
- Virginia Elliott Scholarship
- Vision Real Estate Scholarship



LEADERSHIP TRANSITION



Randy Barton has joined MPS as the district's new assistant superintendent of academic services; he began in the new position on July 1, 2023. Barton joins the district from the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools where he served for more than 20 years, most recently as superintendent.

"In addition to his vast experience in the classroom and as an administrator, Mr. Barton has a passion for instruction and a proven record of establishing strong relationships with stakeholders, families and students," said Dr. Gary Kinzer, MPS superintendent.

During his time with Ovid-Elsie, Barton directed curriculum and instruction as well as oversaw grant programs, alternative education programs and English Language Learner programs. He also worked to connect district leadership and educators as well as led data-driven decision-making processes focused on improving achievement for all students.

The MPS Board of Education unanimously approved the selection of Barton after a statewide search.



After more than 20 years with MPS, Executive Director of Curriculum Matt Stuard has accepted a position to lead the Fowlerville Community Schools as superintendent. Stuard has served MPS as a teacher and administrator for 21 years.

"I am so grateful for my time at Mason and the growth we have made in student achievement, expanding opportunities, enhancing our buildings and facilities and building a culture of excellence and cooperation," said Stuard.

Stuard began his new role on May 1, 2023, leading the district's five buildings and more than 2,500 students.

"While we will miss Matt's leadership in the Mason Public Schools, we know the Fowlerville community and schools will benefit greatly from his experience, both as a long-time teacher and administrator, and we are excited to see him succeed in this next step," said MPS Superintendent Dr. Gary Kinzer.



SPRING SPORTS WRAP UP

Congratulations to the Boys' Track team for their runner up finish at the State Finals! The Girls' Track team, who were Regional Champions, finished third in the state. Overall, there were two individual state champions, 10 all-state performances, and four school records broken! Spring sports teams had an impressive season all around:

- Boys' Golf advanced to the State Finals, with a second-place finish at Regionals.
- Baseball claimed the program's first ever District title.
- Softball won the Mason Invitational, reached the District finals, and finished second overall in the League.
- Girls' Soccer won the League title and reached the District final.
- Girls' Tennis won the Mason Invitational.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Whether you're looking to learn a new skill or get more active this summer or fall, MPS Community Education has something for everyone. Scan the QR code for current offerings and registration.

Classes include:

- Open Swim and Water Fitness
- Summer Tennis Academy
- Swim Lessons
- Driver Education



CALLING ALL YOUNG BULLDOGS!

There is still time to register for Fall 2023 Kindergarten and Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) preschool!

- Mason resident families with children who will be 5 years of age by September 1 can register to begin kindergarten this year.
- Children who will be 4 years of age by September 1 can register for GSRP preschool, a grant-funded pre-kindergarten program offered M-Th at Harvey Education Center.

Families can learn more and register by going to <https://tinyurl.com/2h9kxa8m> or scanning the QR code.



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Mason Public Schools is committed to academic excellence in a safe environment where students develop critical thinking skills, are empowered to succeed, and are encouraged to serve their community.

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