

The MHS Messenger

A monthly, online newsletter to keep our MHS family and residents informed

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MHS deemed “Commendable” in 2018 school report card

The Illinois State Board of Education is scheduled to release the 2018 school report cards on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. The local media will most likely begin to showcase the information, comparing and contrasting districts and schools on a state-wide basis.

“I am proud to announce that the summative designation for MHS is ‘Commendable’ for 2018,” said Principal Anthony Kroll. “This is a result of the hard work that each of you [staff] do every day for our students. Congratulations,” Kroll said.

Mundelein High School has a Dashboard available for stakeholders to view and look at the many successes at MHS as determined by the Every Student Succeeds Act components. That information is available at <https://ecriss.ecragroup.com/strategy/Home/Index?Dashboard=MUN120>

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Ten inducted into 2018 Class of Distinguished Alumni

Mundelein High School formally inducted 10 MHS graduates into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during a gala ceremony held Saturday, Oct. 6 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Mundelein. It was all part of the Homecoming weekend celebration for alumni. This was the second class to be inducted after the inaugural ceremony for 2017 inductees was held last year.

Honorees are nominated by anyone from the

MHS family and must have graduated at least 10 years earlier. A committee of staff and MHS Foundation members then reviews the nominations and chooses up to 10 alumni to recognize in a given year. They are evaluated on career development, volunteerism, philanthropy and peer evaluations.

This year's award winners included the following:

Mark Knigge, Class of '66, a retired cell/molecular biologist who retired in 1999 and served as Mayor of Wauconda from 2009-2013.

Steve Figved, Class of '67, retired after 47 years in the public safety profession and also founder and current president of the Mundelein High School Foundation.

Steven Wilson, Class of '75, Calculus and Statistics instructor at Christian International School of Prague and Professor Emeritus at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS.

Brad Steele, Class of '77, captain of the Boeing 747-400 with Kalitta Air and retired after 28 years of service as a pilot in the US Navy.



Seated: Brad Steele, Randy Schenck, Merry Quinn-Krajniak, Sol Cabachuela.

Standing: Steve Figved, Scott Verschoor, Steven Wilson, Mark Knigge, Juniper Simonis. **Not Pictured:** Sean McNanie. [Photo by Kathryn Serby]

Sean McNanie, Class of '79, president and CEO of Patriot West Constructors and former NFL Football player for the Buffalo Bills, Arizona Cardinals and Indianapolis Colts.

Merry Quinn-Krajniak, Class of '81, Regional Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Office of Catholic Schools and life-long educator/administrator at several Lake County high schools.

Scott Verschoor, Class of '84, Lead Partner at KPMG's Healthcare & Life Sciences Line of Business Sales Leader and Board of Trustees Chair for the Music Institute of

Chicago.

Juniper Simonis, Class of '02, Founder, Owner and Lead Scientist of DAPPER Stats, University of Florida Data Analyst and Lincoln Park Zoo Adjunct Scientist who also is a junior team coach, trainer and training committee member for the Rose City Rollers.

Randall Schenck, Class of '04, Director of Quality Assurance for Medline Industries, Inc. US Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient along with head coach of Lake County Lightning Youth Baseball Team.

Sol Cabachuela, Class of '04, Parent Liaison at Mundelein High School, Coordinator of Universidad de Padres and President of the Mundelein Latino Citizen's Police Academy Alumni.

Each of the honorees spoke about their experiences at MHS and how those experiences helped shape the lives that they are living now.

Watch future issues of The Messenger to learn the procedure for nominating someone for this award. **Nominations will be open from March 1 to May 12, 2019.**

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Student spends part of summer in the Czech Republic

Last month *The Messenger* featured a student who traveled to South Africa for part of last summer. This month we highlight the travels of Sophia La Fleur who spent part of her summer in the Czech Republic. Both traveled through the Council on International Educational Exchange [CIEE].

Senior Sophia La Fleur is very enthusiastic about her experience traveling to the Czech Republic during the summer of 2018. She spent the majority of her time in Prague, the capital and largest city in the Czech Republic, but also traveled to Kutna Hora and Cesky Krumlov during her trip.



Sophia La Fleur [left] and friends having a good time out on the town.

“I stayed in a Charles University dorm in a neighborhood called Vysehrad,” La Fleur explained. “The wonderful people I was with were from all over the country and all different schools although there were two other Illinois girls,” she said.

La Fleur enjoyed the time spent with other students from such diverse backgrounds. “In our third week, some of my friends and I decided to go for a walk in Old Town,” she said. They chatted, shopped and talked to some of the local children about lemonade. “It was a wonderful night,” she exclaimed.

She went on to say that most nights after dinner she and some friends would go to the gelato place down the street or to Tesco and take a stroll along the Vltava. “I

just loved spending time with them—every moment was amazing and memorable,” she said.

La Fleur is very enthusiastic in her support of traveling abroad. She thinks that it is an important experience that people should consider.

“In a perfect world, everybody would study abroad during high school. The independence and insight you gain there should come before adulthood,” she said. “Czech history is so amazing and ‘twisty’; I’m glad I got to explore it just for that short time.”

When asked if she would recommend the experience to her classmates, she responded with “Yes! One hundred percent! Get out and go as much as possible.”

Coming Soon ...

Thursday, Nov. 1
Fall Jazz Concert, 7 pm

Friday, Nov. 2
Variety Show, 7 pm
Institute Day, 11:25 dismissal

Wednesday, Nov. 7
Anticipating College Night

Thursday, Nov. 15
Fall Play, also Nov. 16 & 17

Wednesday, Nov. 21
Thanksgiving Recess Begins

Monday, Nov. 26
School Resumes

Thursday, Nov. 29
Honors Band Concert, 7 pm

Monday, Dec. 3
Concerto Competition

Friday, Dec. 7
Institute Day, 11:25 dismissal

Monday, Dec. 10
Orchestrals Show

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MHS graduate helps create scholarship for students to study STEM careers

Three Mundelein High School seniors were the recipients of a newly-formed STEM Explorers Scholarship created from the collaboration of a 2005 MHS alumnus and the MHS Foundation. The scholarship allowed them to attend programs at Northwestern, Purdue and the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign.

After his graduation from MHS, Lawrence Maligaya went on to study mechanical engineering and management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT]. Following his graduation, Maligaya pursued a career in the manufacturing industry working with technologies such as industrial robotics, automation and 3D-Printing. Currently living in the San Francisco Bay area, he works for a global automotive supplier for next-gen electric and autonomous vehicles.

“MHS provided me with opportunities to be able to attend MIT and pursue a fulfilling career in engineering and technology,” Maligaya said.



Isabel Alviar

A year ago, he contacted MHS and the Foundation with an idea for a special project. Wanting to “give back” for the education he received at MHS, Maligaya connected with Andrea Rusk, college counselor at MHS, and the MHS Foundation. Their work together resulted in the scholarship with the mission



Erik Costello

to provide immersive pre-college STEM opportunities

to promising MHS students who are interested in STEM topics and careers.

The work that the group did to invest in the scholarship was not lost on the first group of recipients.

“The coding camp was the best week of my summer and I could not have gone without the help of [the] scholarship,” said Isabel Alviar, one of the recipients.

“I had so much fun at the Purdue Seminar for Top Engineering Prospects,” said Erik Costello. I learned so many new things like robotics, coding and CAD. The experience allowed me to narrow down which field in engineering I want to go into – mechanical and electrical.

“All in all, the camp was an amazing experience,” said Komol Patel. I discovered the major, aerospace, I will be applying to and I fell in love with the UIUC campus.”

The MHS Foundation accepts donations for numerous scholarships and opportunities for MHS graduates. To make a donation, visit the

school’s website at www.d120.org and see “Volunteer Opportunities” under the heading MHS Community.

“Your gift will help more students attend a vocational or college program and promote innovative ideas for education excellence,” said Steve Figged, MHS Foundation president.



Komol Patel

