

# COMMUNITY AND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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#### Notable Alumni — MHS Class of 2011

#### Trevor Miles — A Pirate in Hamilton

Trevor Miles, class of 2011, has won a role in the smash hit musical <u>Hamilton</u> that tours the nation. He is a member of the ensemble and plays George Eaker, who kills Alexander Hamilton's son Phillip in a duel.

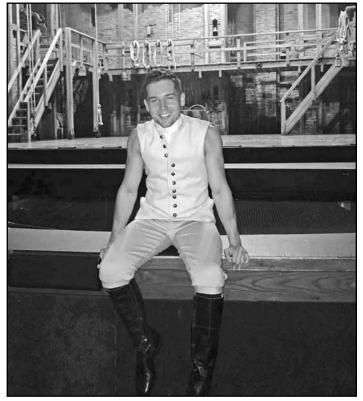
Trevor showed an early interest in theater. He directed his siblings in plays performed for his parents when he was eight. Despite that early interest, Trevor wasn't sure what he wanted to do with his life until his mother took him to see a musical in Portland when he was in middle school. Watching the musical, Trevor realized that being up on the stage in a musical was where he belonged.

Trevor was an accomplished vocalist at MHS, participating in choir all four years. In his senior year, he won the Pitch Pipe Award, earned by the senior choir member that epitomized what it meant to be in choir.

While Trevor had been refining his vocal skills, he hadn't developed dance skills. Trevor began his dancing career at the relatively late age of 17 with the Boys and Girls Club Pacific School of Dance in Coos Bay where they practiced in the old Eastside School gym. Despite having only one year of formal training, Trevor showed potential and was admitted to the Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance and then moved to New York City. He gained additional training by winning scholarships to the New York Ballet Theater and the Milwaukee Ballet.

Trevor supported himself by working in a coffee shop. He also worked as an interior designer, often designing dressing rooms for stars in Broadway plays. As Trevor was working toward his "big break" he built his resume and skill set by performing in several musicals.

In 2016, he experienced his first rejection in auditioning for a part in Hamilton. Trevor didn't give up. As he writes



on Instagram, "... while other people's belief in you will fade-you absolutely can NOT stop believing in yourself. ... determination is real. ... dreams are SO real." Three years and eleven auditions later he was finally offered a part in the play. Trevor has now performed in over 150 shows.

It is fair to say that Trevor's family, who supported him in his pursuit of finding his way in life contributed greatly to his success. Thanks to his family and Trevor's vision and determination, he is right where he belongs.

#### MHS SENIORS RECEIVE \$350,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

By the Numbers
Seniors who received scholarships
Voc/Tech recipients (less than a bachelor's degree)9
Voc/Tech Two-year award recipients 5
Non-Voc/Tech Multi-Year scholarships
Voc/Tech total scholarships\$51,110
Non-Voc/Tech scholarship total \$204,741

Twenty-one MHS recipients were awarded \$94,950.00 from organizations that do not use the MHS Scholarship application and administer the awards separate from the MHS Scholarship program.

# Scholarship Recipient: Tav Scott Forging a Career in Business Analytics

Tav Scott is a 2006 graduate of Marshfield High School. As a high school senior Tav received the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship and the Buck and Ruby Williams Memorial Scholarship. After graduating from Marshfield, Tav attended the University of Oregon, where he majored in Business Administration with a focus on Business Analytics. Tav says, "I have always been interested in business and in the ways companies can leverage data to drive strategy and decisionmaking. A combination of college coursework and internships pointed me towards a career in information technology sales and marketing operations."

After receiving his bachelor's

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#### **Newsletter Staff**

Les Engle, '62, *Chair*Cap Sharples, *Contributor*Gina Sutherland, *Contributor* 

degree from the University of Oregon, Tav was hired by the cyber security company Symantec as a Sales Operations Analyst. In 2014 Tav took a position at the computer processor and information technology firm Intel. At Intel, Tav worked in a variety of operations and analytics roles. In November of this year, Tav joined the software development start-up GitLab as a Senior Sales Operations Analyst.

In his new role with GitLab, Tav says that, "I support sales teams with reporting and analytics to help them better plan, measure and evolve their sales strategies. I really enjoy the intersection of data and decision-making in business. I also enjoy working with the outgoing sales personalities in this space."

Outside of the workday, Tav enjoys being active and spending time outdoors hiking, skiing, fly fishing and honing his skills as a photographer. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Alyssa. The couple were married last year at Sun River and the photograph of Tav that accompanies this article was taken at the wedding.

Tav says that the scholarships he



Tav Scott, MHS Class of 2006

received, "played a critical part in my being able to attend a University right out of high school. These scholarships, quite literally, changed my entire college experience and my future career trajectory. I was the first in my family to obtain a college degree and I feel incredibly fortunate to have some of these doors opened through the support of college scholarships."

### **COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOLS COST OF EDUCATION**

Colleges provide an estimated Cost of Education (COE) that includes the following: tuition and fees, residence halls, books and supplies, personal expenses, and transportation. The following are a few colleges' estimates for the 2019-20 school year.

University of Oregon	\$28,764
Portland State University	\$26,955
Western Oregon University	\$23,853
Willamette University	\$66,560
Pacific University	\$56,826
George Fox University	\$48,930
Southwestern Oregon CC	\$16,602

#### **Vocational/Technical Schools**

Oregon Culinary Institute.......\$32,850 plus 15 months of living expenses Beau Monde College of Hair Design . \$17,453 plus 16 months of living expenses Pioneer Pacific College (Med Asst.)..\$19,700 plus 12.5 mo. of living expenses Universal Technical Institute

(Basic Auto).....\$20,990 plus 12.75 mo. of living expenses



## MHS Podium Built By Mr. Al Landes



In my 16 years as Activity Director Marshfield High School, I had many opportunities to stand behind the podium in the auditorium, and even after my retirement in 2002, I had a question in the back of my mind...What is the story behind this beautiful piece of craftsmanship? Obviously, it was custom made for the Marshfield Auditorium.

as it had a beautiful clear wood finish with a raised, 18-inch block letter "M" clearly affixed to the front.

My question was answered after the Senior Awards Assembly last spring when I spoke with Al Powers, a scholarship donor, a 1947 Marshfield graduate and a former MHS Student Body President. Al told me that as he



Mr. Al Landes

sat through the scholar-ship awards ceremony, he couldn't help but admire the podium and that it looked as beautiful today as it did in 1945, when his wood-shop teacher Mr. Al Landes built it in his wood-shop class. WOW! What an unexpected gift!! Thanks to Al Powers, we will make sure that the legacy of Mr. Al Landes and his contribution to

Marshfield will not be lost. Mr. Al Landes was a woodshop teacher at MHS from 1930 until he left education in 1952 and went into business as a successful building contractor in the Coos Bay area for many years. In addition to teaching woodshop, Mr. Landes coached football, basketball and golf.

— Les Engle

# MHS Class Competition/Paying It Forward

For over a century, MHS alums have been proud of their heritage and have shown a desire to "pay it forward". The following MHS classes have taken the initiative to establish a scholarship endowment account. Though the minimum amount necessary to begin an annual award of a scholarship is \$12,500, a smaller contribution may be used to establish an account that can grow over a period of time. The list below shows total contributions for ten MHS alumni classes who have established accounts as of October 1, 2019.

Class of '54	\$13,575
Class of '56	\$14,540
Class of '62	\$36,054
Class of '63	\$49,686
Class of '64	\$1,933
Class of '65	\$1,150
Class of '66	\$26,400
Class of '68	\$1,400
Class of '69	\$1,775
Class of '70	\$500



About 1-1/2 years ago, the Class of 1963 contacted the MHS Scholarship Committee for assistance on

establishing an endowment fund. The meeting resulted in a viable plan to raise \$63,000. Now, 1-1/2 years later, the classmates efforts and contributions have resulted in \$49,686 funded and pledges of an additional \$10,500. The Class of '63 would be pleased to share information. Please contact John Mahaffy @ 503-789-5359 or at jmahaffy@gtrealty.com.

While contributions of any size are encouraged, some donors have responded enthusiastically to a plan that is in line with their ability to help grow the Class endowment toward an objective that has been established by the Class. For example: While a lump sum, \$5000 contribution may be too much for many budgets, \$1000 donation per year, for five years might be reasonable. All alums who graduated prior to 1967 have or will be turning 70-1/2 soon, which means that the letters IRA and RMD have a special meaning. Transferring all or part of an RMD to a charitable organization can have possible tax advantages. If there are 10 alums from any given class who could make such a pledge, a goal of \$50,000 endowment can become a reality and will provide a \$2200 scholarship to a deserving, graduating MHS Senior, annually, in perpetuity.



#### MHS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

There are currently 65 general endowed scholarships and 16 named Voc/Tech scholarships within the Voc/Tech endowment that are awarded annually to MHS graduating seniors.

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Bay Area Sportsmen's Assoc.
Mark Beckham Memorial
John and Dottie Bergen Memorial
John Brands Memorial
Dell Brunell Memorial
John W. Burles Memorial
Everett & Mabelle Chamley Memorial
MHS Class of '54

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Cameron Clay House Cameron Clay Memorial Coos Bay Lions Club Lew Davies Memorial Ray Davis Memorial

Adam and Elma Donaldson Family

Helen Doving \*

Leland & Alice Engle Memorial

Les Engle

Edward & Grace Fitzwalter Jason Forrester Memorial Isabell Galloway Memorial Gehlert-Nelson Family

Fred Girt Memorial

Virginia Grant Memorial Chet Haliski Memorial

Bette Knox-Hanen Memorial

Dick Hanen Memorial

Mike Helfrich Memorial

Bruce & Thelma Hoffine Memorial
Walter & Joycolin Joslin Memorial
Harold & Eleanor Knutson Memorial
Warren & Adaline Kolen Memorial
Jack & Catharine Littlefield Memorial \*

Dee Lawrence Littrell Memorial

Luckman Legacy \*

Lyle & Maxine McGuire Memorial Dr. William McLean Memorial Helen McPherson Memorial \* Everett Messerle Family Stan & Rose Olberg Memorial

Robert Perrin Memorial

Pirate Shop

Albert Powers Family
Albert Pranatis Scholarship
Steve Prefontaine Memorial

Dorothy Irene Probst Memorial

Aaron Roblan Memorial
Guy Shellenbarger Memorial
Jennielind Smith Memorial
Stan Solomon Memorial

John & Hazel Southam Memorial Paul Starkey Memorial

Pete & Marcella Susick Memorial Jeff Tofflemire Memorial

Buck & Ruby Williams Memorial

# VOC/TECH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Coos Bay Lions Club
Dean & Dixie Sheldon Memorial
Homebuilders Association
North Bend Medical Clinic
Sause Brothers

Tom & Joan Stamper Family
F. Willis Smith Memorial
Chuck Carlbom Family
Kirk Johansen Family
Dashney Family
John & Ginger Niemeyer
Page Family
James Rippey Memorial

Michael L. Keiser

Chick & Spud Kysar Memorial Fromm Family

\* These scholarships have only recently been endowed at the minimum level and have not yet been awarded.

# **Marshfield Staff Scholarships**

Many of the endowed scholarships we award every year have been established by former Marshfield High School staff members. Other scholarships were created to honor the memory of a former Marshfield staff member. Scholarships either established by or in memory of Marshfield staff include:

5 T's Scholarship (George Tinker)
Lew Davies Memorial Scholarship
Ray Davis Memorial Scholarship
Leland & Alice Engle Memorial Scholarship (Les Engle)
Les Engle Scholarship
Ray Gapp Memorial Voc/Tech Scholarship
Gehlert/Nelson Family Scholarship (Gary Gehlert)
Fred Girt Memorial Scholarship

Chet Haliski Memorial Scholarship

Bruce & Thelma Hoffine Scholarship

Dee Littrell-Lawrence Dance Scholarship

Dr. William McLean Memorial Scholarship

Helen McPherson Memorial Scholarship

Marshfield Pirate Shop Voc/Tech Scholarship (Tom Hull)

Walter Paczesniak Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Roblan Memorial Scholarship (Arnie Roblan)

Dean & Dixie Sheldon Voc/Tech Scholarship

Guy Shellenbarger Memorial Scholarship

Stan Solomon Memorial Scholarship

Pete and Marcella Susick Memorial Scholarship

This impressive list reflects the high value Marshfield High School staff members—and their families—place upon helping Marshfield graduates further their education. Way to go Pirates!



#### You Can Go Home Again

## Kaley Sweet: MHS Technology and Business Teacher

Kaley Sweet, Marshfield's Technology and Business teacher, travelled great distances before finding her way back to a teaching position at the same high school from which she graduated—as valedictorian—in 2003. After leaving Marshfield, Kaley attended Willamette University and majored in International Business and Spanish. She also met her future husband, Matt Goucher, while in college.

After college graduation Kaley and Matt travelled throughout the Middle East. Kaley says she believes travel is important because, "It not only helps you appreciate the things that are special about this area, but it gives you a different perspective on other cultures and environments." In 2007 and 2008 Kaley taught English to business professionals in Amman, Jordan. Next, she and Matt relocated to Washington, D. C. where she worked as a government contractor for the Departments of Energy and Homeland Security.

By this time, Kaley and Matt had two boys, Ethan and Declan (now 7 and 5), and the pull of home and family resulted in a move back to Coos Bay. In November of 2018 Kaley learned of an upcoming opening teaching Technology at Marshfield and she began shadowing the current teacher, Fred Hunt. At semester break, Kaley assumed the teaching position full time.

This year, Kaley has revised the curriculum, increasing the business content and including some accounting and personal finance as well. She says, "Business is the number one college major and so it's good for students to get some business background while they are still in high school." Her students learn about marketing, and how to use Photoshop, Excel and QuickBooks. They are also getting hands-on experience building and repairing computers. In addition to her teaching duties, Kaley coaches Marshfield's eSports Team, where students have computer game competitions against other high schools. This year nearly 60 students signed up for Marshfield's eSports Team.

Outside of the classroom, Kaley enjoys spending time with her family and her two miniature horses. Kaley and her family live close to her parents, who have room for the horses. "I love doing the barn chores and being outside after being inside teaching all day," she says. Both Ethan and Declan attend Blossom Gulch Elemen-



Kaley Sweet, MHS Class of 2003

tary School and are involved in a variety of sports and activities.

Kaley says that she had such a good experience as a student at Marshfield that she, "wanted to come back and provide kids with the same experiences and opportunities that I had." It sounds as if Kaley is well on her way to doing just that. Welcome home, Kaley!

### Thank You Notes:

Thank you for the opportunity to go to school at Oregon State. Without your financial support I would not be attending such an institution. I am still working on my degree towards nuclear engineering. — AP

I will be attending Western Oregon University where I will be studying secondary education in mathematics. With this scholarship I will be able to pursue my dream. Thank you! — CO

Thank you for believing in me and helping me further my education.

— KA

I am planning to earn an Associates in Applied Science for accounting. This will help me pay for my tuition and books, allowing me to focus completely on my classes instead of worrying about how I'll pay for them. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. — KW

This award will help pay for my books because without the help I've received I wouldn't be able to attend college. I would have to take out many student loans just to pay for college. So thank you. — DH

Thank you for your generosity. It means so much to know that someone out there believes in me and my future. I hope I can make you proud. — RS

I will be using my scholarship to further my education in the field of speech and language pathology. I will be in school for approximately 6 years to earn my master's in SLP. I greatly appreciate your generosity. — AW

Thank you so much! This scholarship has taken a weight off of my shoulders and my family's. I am so grateful for your help with my higher education.

— JB

I am honored to receive the Ray Gapp Memorial V/T Scholarship. I plan to attend SWOCC and study fire science for 2 years. This award will allow me to pursue my goal. Thank you so much. — MH



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