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2010 Graduate Making An Impact Kyle Tedder

Kyle Tedder is a 2010 Marshfield graduate and the recipient of both Albert Pranatis and Lew Davies Memorial Scholarships. Kyle earned his BA in Health, Physical Education and Leadership from Southern Oregon University in 2014. At SOU Kyle played basketball, making it into the NAIA National tournament in 2013 and sharing the honor of having his team ranked as high as # 4 in the country. After completing his bachelor's degree, Kyle spent the 2014-15 academic year completing a Bachelor's Degree at SOU, student teaching and serving as assistant basketball coach at North Medford High School.

Kyle is currently teaching health and physical education at Pendleton High School and is also the head boys' basketball coach. Kyle tells us, "I love teaching kids both in the classroom and on the court. I learned from a young age from both of my parents (teachers and coaches Ken and Nancy Tedder) and then from Jesse and Justin Ainsworth, Mike George, Kent Wigle, Bryan Trendell, Josh Line and Doug Miles the impact that teach-

ers and coaches can have on the entire student body. I try to reflect the values these people instilled in me and hope that I can come close to having the same kind of positive impact that my teachers and coaches had on me."

In Kyle's first year, the Buckaroos finished 1st in the Columbia River Conference, were ranked # 11 in the state and Kyle was selected as conference Coach of the Year. Of this award, an unusual achievement for a first-year coach, Kyle says modestly, "I was fortunate to step into a program with a quality group of senior leaders. I give all credit to my players and coaching staff for holding me afloat throughout the year."

When we asked Kyle how the scholarships he received helped contribute to his success in college, Kyle told us, "MHS will always have a lasting impact on the person I am today. I'm thankful for the Marshfield Scholarship Committee and what they do for students each and every year. The scholarships I received helped me kick start my



Kyle Tedder
MHS Class of 2010

college career. Any extra funding for college students—and especially college athletes whose time is so limited—is a blessing. Marshfield is lucky to have the dedicated people they do who work tirelessly to provide funding and opportunities for our MHS graduates. THANK YOU!"

College Costs THEN and NOW – Ten Years Later

The first issue of this newsletter was published in 2006. In that issue, we listed the estimated average cost of education (COE) for Oregon colleges. The cost of attending college has increased. The chart below shows the estimated COE for 2006 and for the current school year, 2016. Note that the COE includes all costs of attending college that includes tuition and fees, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses.

College Type	2006 COE	2016 COE
Community College	\$11,847	\$17,640
Public 4-Year College	\$16,294	\$24,528
Private 4-Year College	\$30,687	\$49,520

As the cost of college has increased, it is not surprising that the amount of money students are borrowing has also increased. In 2006, average student debt for graduates with a bachelor's degree was \$19,300. For the 2015 school year,

the average debt was \$35,051. A standard 10 year repayment plan results in a monthly payment of about \$400 which can be a great burden for a recent graduate.

Scholarships help students reduce their debt levels which reduces their monthly student loan payments. In addition, scholarships help make college seem more affordable and thus, more possible to students. This is especially important for low income first generation college students.

BY THE NUMBERS for 2016

- \$3,749,439 Total endowed funds
- \$250,000 Total scholarships Awarded
- 67 MHS Class of 2016 Recipients
- 16 Multi-year Grad recipients



2006 MHS Grad Returns To Marshfield Drew Jones

When Drew was in high school, he and Steve Walker, the director of Marshfield’s student run radio station KMHS, used to discuss how Drew might someday take over for Steve when he retired. Drew’s dream has become reality. The path to accomplishing this goal demonstrates Drew’s persistence.

Drew, class of 2006, has returned to teach the radio classes and eventually be in charge of KMHS. He will also be the boys’ head soccer coach. While attending MHS, Drew was involved in the management of the radio program. He was the student general manager during his junior and senior years. Drew also participated in soccer and tennis. He was a captain of both teams during his senior year.

Drew did not come from an affluent family so he needed to find ways to pay for his college education. He was



Drew Jones, MHS Class of 2006

awarded the MHS, \$4000, Spencer Erickson Memorial Scholarship and attended SWOCC for three years. He was on the soccer team and was a member of student government for two years. In student government, Drew was the student club director one year and president the next year. Drew’s scholarship, student government and soccer helped him pay for college.

Drew hoped to continue playing soccer at a four-year college but an injury kept him from being recruited. After earning an associate’s degree, he attended OSU. While attending OSU, friends he met at SWOCC told him that he might have a chance to play soccer at the University of Jamestown (UJ) in North Dakota. The UJ coach offered Drew a position. He accepted and then played for two years at UJ while com-

pleting his bachelor’s degree in education and social studies.

During the next two years, Drew had a variety of experiences. He was the assistant soccer coach at Central Baptist College in Arkansas for the men’s and women’s teams. Drew also worked in a museum, officiated high school athletic events, and substitute taught. He then obtained a teaching job as the only high school social studies teacher in the small town of Oakes, North Dakota where he taught for two years.

While teaching at Oakes High School, Drew realized how much he wanted to return to Oregon. Drew had kept in contact with Steve over the years and learned that Steve was nearing retirement and that there might be an opportunity to return to Oregon and reach his dream of directing the MHS radio station program. Drew applied and was hired. Steve will remain for this school year mentoring Drew and handling administrative duties related to the operation of the radio station. Drew is pleased that he will get to work with Steve. He says, “Steve has been an amazing mentor both personally and professionally. I am looking forward to continuing learning from and working with Steve.”

KMHS meant a lot to Drew when he was in high school. He states, “Radio gave me a foundation of how to hold myself in a professional setting.” Drew plans to continue the legacy of KMHS and provide valuable experiences for students.

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Marshfield Community and Memorial Scholarship Fund Website

The website serves as a resource for Marshfield High School seniors to access over \$230,000 in scholarships and lists over 60 different scholarships and their criteria. The website also provides information on how to contribute to the Marshfield Community and Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The website also has links to current and past Scholarship Fund newsletters which feature scholarship recipients, donors and members of the Marshfield staff. Additional web page tabs include Marshfield’s Hall of Fame Inductees, Distinguished Alumni, class reunion information and information about Heritage Hall.



Visit our website at: www.marshfieldalumni.org



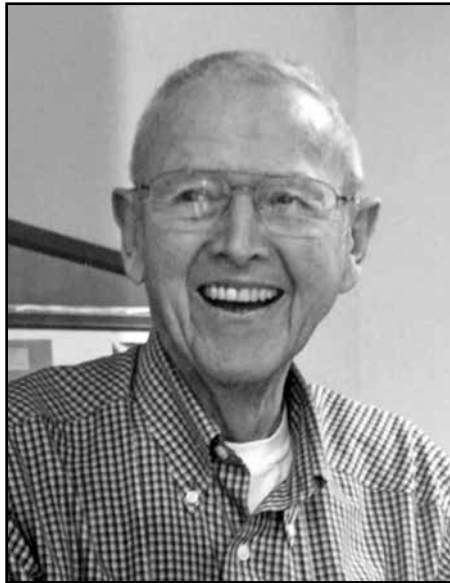
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Al Powers – Former MHS Student Body President

Al Powers never knew his legendary grandfather, “Uncle Al” Powers, who played a vital role in the founding of Powers, Oregon. His grandfather died 2 months before Al was born. Grandfather Al arrived in Oregon in 1907 and partnered with timber baron C. A. Smith to form Smith-Powers Logging Co. to log Smith’s timber. Smith-Powers bought ranches in southern Coos County to raise cattle to feed the loggers who lived in the company’s camps. Al was well liked, and when the company decided to build a town on a ranch site, the residents voted to name it Powers.

Al Powers attended grade school in Powers and Coquille and Jr high (grades 7-9) at the Marshfield High School East Branch building (demolished in 1999) where his father had gone to high school. Al graduated from Marshfield in 1947, after serving as MHS Student Body President 1946-47. His favorite teachers were Bruce Martin (math) and John Queen (chemistry, physics, forestry). Al recalls that, “Anyone who had a class from John Queen will never forget him. He ran the class with an iron hand and was a great teacher!”

Al never had any problem deciding on a major when he headed to Stanford University to study Engineering. He



Al Powers, MHS Class of 1947

had decided to be an engineer when he saw the preliminary work being done on the Shasta Dam, when he was in the 4th grade. After graduating from Stanford with a degree in Civil Engineering, Al joined the Navy and served 3 1/2 years active duty in United States Naval Reserve 1952-1955 as a Seabee Officer and completed active duty as Lieutenant, USNR. He then passed his Professional Engineer examinations

and joined Alton Phillips Co., a bridge and heavy construction contractor in Seattle. From 1955 to 1961 and 1962 to 1964 he served as Project Engineer, Project Manager, and Vice President for Alton V. Phillips Co. From 1964 to 2001, he founded and served as President of A. H. Powers, Inc., a heavy and marine construction company specializing in underwater construction and dredging projects. The company was sold to a major United States contractor in 2001.

From 1962 to 2012 Al served as president and manager of Powers Ranch Co., a family cattle and tree farming operation in south Coos County. He commuted between Seattle and Coos County in light aircraft to accomplish this job, and continues flying with more than 60 years piloting experience. Al’s flying experience was recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarding him a Wright Brothers “Master Pilot” certificate.

In 2006, Al established the perpetual Al Powers Family Scholarship for MHS graduates who will major in engineering, math or science. The 2016 recipient of the \$6800 Al Powers Family Scholarship was Natasha Karan, who is attending Oregon Institute of Technology, majoring in Civil Engineering.



**Bryan Trendell
Superintendent
Coos Bay Public
Schools**

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

A couple of years ago we featured a story about Bryan Trendell, then the Assistant Principal of Marshfield High School. Now, just two years later, Bryan is in his first year as Superintendent of Coos Bay Public Schools.

Bryan has deep roots in the Coos Bay community. His father was a teacher at Marshfield Junior High and his mother served as a librarian at Milner Crest Elementary. Bryan is a Marshfield graduate as are two of his three children (his third child, Sydney, is currently

an eighth grader at MHS).

Bryan looks forward to the opportunity to lead Coos Bay Schools and make a positive difference for Coos Bay’s students and teachers. Bryan says, “Students are at the center of what we do...and I will constantly be looking for ways to say yes. I will exhibit servant leadership by asking questions like, ‘how can I help with that?’ Bryan tells us that the four

principles upon which he will base his leadership of the school district are:

- Student Achievement
- Collaboration
- Quality Instruction
- KIDS

We congratulate Bryan on his new position and wish him all the best as he takes the helm of the Coos Bay School District and helps guide it toward the future.

“*If you’re lucky enough to do well,
it’s your responsibility
to send the elevator back down.*”

— Kevin Spacey

***Editor’s note: In this space, usually reserved for an attempt to persuade our readers to “Do Your Givin’ While You’re Livin’” (Ann Landers), we have chosen to let Kevin Spacey speak for us.*



Thank You Cards 2016

Thank you for making my dreams come true. I have been working so hard to achieve my goals. I am using my money to pay for Portland State's tuition and fees. With your help, I am only a couple thousand from having my first year free. You are helping and saving needy children from hunger, abusive homes, and neglect. I am going to become a social worker and work with the foster system, the disabled, and families. Thank you. — KE

I accept this Walter and Joycolyn Memorial Scholarship with such happiness and thanks. I have been very worried about my financial situation for college. I plan to attend Oregon State University majoring in biology and pre-medicine. After medical school, I plan to return to this great community to give back to all of you as a healthcare provider. It is generosity and support from the community that has kept my motivation optimal and the fire burning in my heart. Thank you so much. — BW

I am writing to thank you for awarding me with the Isabel Galloway Memorial Scholarship. By awarding me this scholarship you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to put all my time and effort into pursuing my career. I currently plan on attending SWOCC this fall and then transfer to an Oregon university in hopes of majoring in nursing. I will work very hard to eventually give back to my community just as this program has given to several students here at MHS. — BC

New Scholarship Started

“Miss Mac” Helen McPherson 1909-1997

Helen “Miss Mac” McPherson came to teach vocal music at Marshfield High School in the fall of 1939 and retired after 34 years, in 1973. During her tenure she earned the reputation as having never-ending energy and ambition and made a deep impression on anyone who worked with her. Her choirs were among the best in the state and each year visitors would come from all over the state to see the MHS Vespers program, which featured all of her choral groups. The MHS main building and auditorium were completed in 1940 and she was among the first to present annual vocal music programs for the community in the auditorium. For many years Miss Mac spearheaded



**Helen McPherson
MHS Teacher 1939-1973**

a drive that culminated in 1961 with the purchase of a Baldwin Organ for the auditorium. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Willamette University and a Master's Degree from the University of Oregon.

We are proud to announce the establishment of an MHS memorial scholarship in her memory, in recognition of her contribution to MHS and to the many alumni who were provided greater opportunity and appreciation of fine arts through vocal music. We encourage all former students of Miss Mac and all those who support the fine arts, to participate in the effort to continue to grow this scholarship to meet the minimum level for endowment.

MHS Endowed Scholarships

- 5 T's Scholarship
- Bay Area Sportsman's Assoc.
- Mark Beckham Memorial
- John & Dottie Bergen Memorial
- John Brands Memorial
- Del Brunell Memorial
- John Burles Memorial
- Everett & Mabelle Chamley Memorial
- Cameron Clay House
- Cameron Clay Memorial
- Coos Bay Lions Club
- Lew Davies Memorial
- Ray Davis Memorial
- Donaldson Family
- Fitzwalter Family
- Jason Forrester Memorial
- Isabell Galloway Memorial
- The Gehlert-Nelson Family
- Fred Girt Memorial
- Virginia Conrad Grant Memorial
- Chet Haliski Memorial
- Dick Hanen Golf
- Mike & Linda Helfrich Memorial
- Bruce & Thelma Hoffine Memorial
- Joycolynn & Walter Joslin Memorial
- Bette Knox-Hanen Nursing
- Eleanor & Harold Knutson Memorial
- Warren & Adaline Kolen Memorial
- Dee Littrell-Lawrence
- Dance/Theater Arts
- Maxine & Lyle McGuire Memorial
- Marshfield Pirate Shop
- MHS Class of 1954
- MHS Class of 1956
- MHS Class of 1962
- MHS Class of 1966
- William McLean Memorial
- Messerle Family
- Stan and Rose Olberg Memorial
- Robert Perrin Memorial
- Albert Powers Family
- Albert L. Pranatis Memorial
- Steve Prefontaine Memorial
- Dorothy Irene Probst Memorial
- Aaron Roblan Memorial
- Guy Shellenbarger Memorial
- Jenniellind Smith Memorial
- Stan Solomon Memorial
- John & Hazel Southam Memorial
- Paul Starkey Memorial
- Pete & Marcella Susick Memorial
- Jeff Tofflemire Memorial
- Buck & Ruby Williams Memorial

Endowed Voc/Tech Scholarships

- Carlbohm Family
- Coos Bay Lions Club
- Dashney Family
- Fromm Family
- Homebuilders Association
- Johansen Family
- John and Ginger Niemeyer
- Michael L. Keiser
- Chick & Spud Kysar
- North Bend Medical Group
- Page Family
- James Rippey
- Sause Bros.
- Dean & Dixie Sheldon
- F. Willis Smith
- Stamper Family





In Memorium

In this issue of our newsletter, we note the passing of four individuals who have played critical roles in our scholarship program. We salute their support and dedication to not only our program, but to the many other causes that they supported, that sought to make life better for others. They will be missed.



Jim Rippey
1931-2016

Jim Rippey grew up in Coos Bay, Oregon, and graduated from Marshfield High School in 1949. Jim was an active supporter of the MHS Voc/Tech scholarship program. Through his family foundation (the JFR Foundation), Jim arranged for the continued financial support of the MHS Scholarship Program as well as other programs that

have advanced health care, children’s services, and education in communities throughout Oregon.



Chuck Carlbom
1934-2016

Chuck Carlbom was proud of starting his education in a two-room school house in Coos Bay. He graduated from Marshfield High School in 1952, and went on to a very successful career in business. Through Chuck’s initiative, the MHS Voc/Tech Scholarship endowment was established. His goal was to see the endowment reach \$1 mil-

lion and today, largely through his efforts, the endowment is funded at more than \$925,000.



Gary Gehlert
1942 - 2016

Gary began his long career in public education as a teacher and retired as the principal of Millicoma Middle School. He truly believed in the power of education, the right to a quality education for all, and held fast to the notion that all children can succeed. Over the years he served on the Coos Bay City Council, Rotary and

was a devout supporter of the Oregon Coast Music Festival. Gary was a dedicated member of the MHS Scholarship Committee for more than 20 years and played an active role in the scholarship selection process by advocating for deserving students.



Mike Helfrich
1942-2011

Mike was a graduate of North Eugene High School and Southern Oregon College and served in the U.S. Marines. He retired as a vice president of US Bank after 25 years. He was also very active in youth athletics, spending 25 years coaching various sports, including 15 years as a volunteer coach for Marshfield High School football. He will be

remembered for his long-time service to the MHS Scholarship Committee and as a member countless community service clubs and civic organizations where Mike shared his qualities as a leader and dedicated volunteer.

Contributions may be made to any/each of the following:

Jim Rippey Voc/Tech Scholarship
Carlbom Family Voc/Tech Scholarship

Gehlert-Nelson Family Scholarship
Mike & Linda Helfrich Memorial Scholarship

Thank You Cards 2016

Thank you so much for helping me achieve my dreams of attending college. I now enter my senior year at Western Oregon University and this accomplishment never would have been possible without your support over the years. I have been able to ... participate with the WOU Student Enrichment Program as a peer advisor helping to support first generation college

students and speaking at the capital to raise funding for higher education. — AK

On behalf of my family and I, we want to thank you for this scholarship. It’s an opportunity for me to continue accomplishing my goals. During the fall I will attend Oregon State University and study engineering. With this money I will pay for my dining plan. Once again, thank you so much for believing in me

and I really hope that one day, I will come back to Coos County and be your engineer. — MR

Thank you for the Merit Scholarship. It will help me in many ways. I’m excited to be the first one in my family to go to college. It means a lot that you saw that and wanted to help. Thank you for believing in me. I promise not to let you down. — MF



Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!

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