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MHS Scholarship Recipients Returning Home

It turns out that sometimes you can go home again, with hard work, a supportive family, some good luck and a little help from the MHS Scholarship Fund. Both Ryan and Chloe Danielson are recent MHS scholarship recipients who have successfully completed their college educations and have begun their professional lives back home in Coos Bay.

Ryan, a 2006 Marshfield graduate and the recipient of the Jason Forrester scholarship, described his situation this way, "I was a week away from going to Washington state to work for an insurance company when I got the job offer



Ryan Danielson, MHS '06



Chloe Danielson, MHS '09

from Bay Area Hospital. The hospital position gave me the opportunity to use my accounting degree, and the

other job didn't. Plus, it let me come back to an area I love and start my career close to my family."

Ryan accepted the position at Bay Area Hospital and began working in the hospital's accounting department after his graduation from Oregon State University in June of 2010. He worked at the hospital for over a year and, as a major side-benefit of this job, met his future wife, Erin, a hospital pharmacist. When an opening for Business Manager of South Coast Educational Service District came up,

Ryan applied and was hired for the position—a significant step forward in his
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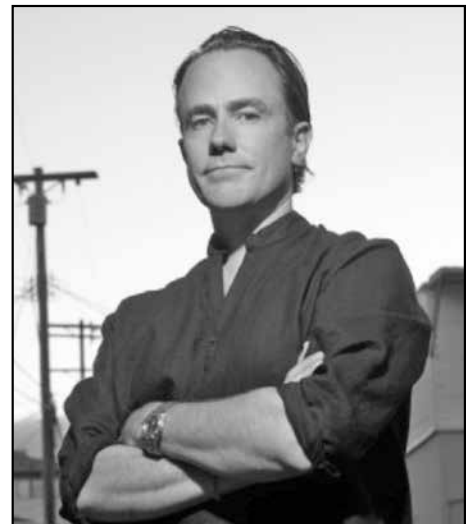
George Whitty – MHS Class of 1980

George Whitty, MHS Class of 1980, has had a remarkable musical career. George has earned 5 Grammy awards while playing with Michael and Randy Brecker and Chaka Khan. He has also recorded with such notable artists as Celine Dion, Carlos Santana, Herbie Hancock, Dave Mathews and David Sanborn. George plays keyboards, produces, composes, arranges, engineers, mixes and masters. In addition he has written music for movies and the long-running TV shows *One Life to Live* and *As The World Turns* for which he received Emmy nominations. Last year George has played at the Blue Note in New York City, the Hollywood Bowl and has been on a worldwide tour. George has come a long way from being an accompanist for the Milner Crest 6th grade Christmas program and an accompanist for music teacher, Elaine Bessey, in junior high school.

George began his musical career in 3rd grade taking piano lessons from Norma Lyons. George, however, became noticeably devoted to musicianship early on. By the time George attended MHS his advanced skill level was obvious and he became the accompanist for the choir.

George was an avid reader of *Keyboard Magazine* where he learned about jazz greats and checked out their records from the library. At the age of 15, he decided that if he wanted to play like Chick Corea, he needed an electric keyboard. George saw the keyboard of his dreams at Ken Cartwright's Natural Sound; it was a Vox Jaguar combo organ. He obtained a summer job at Sambo's as a dish machine operator and purchased the keyboard. Thus began his keyboarding career.

As George neared high school graduation, his parents hoped he would



George Whitty, MHS 1980

continue his education in Oregon. However, George was determined to attend a college that would give him the best chance to become an elite jazz musician. George chose the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass.

After two years at Berklee, he
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Matt Sanders — 2012 Voc/Tech Recipient

Matt Sanders, MHS Class of 2012, received the Knife River, Coos Bay Lions, Johansen Family, and North Bend Medical Center vocational/technical scholarships. Matt is attending Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) and is in the second year of a three year program combining the study of Fire Science and Emergency Medical Technology (EMT)-Paramedic. Matt's goals are to become a fully certified paramedic and to have a career as a firefighter/paramedic.

Matt first became interested in this field while attending an Upward Bound Summer Academy where he listened to a presentation from a SWOCC EMT instructor. Matt was attracted to a career where he

could help people, especially those unable to help themselves. He was also drawn to a high energy career where the unexpected is the norm and a high level of preparation is required.

Matt's family is not financially able to assist him with school expenses. Even though Matt receives a Pell Grant, it does not provide enough money to pay for school without taking out loans and/or having a part time job.

Matt states that an important step in becoming a fireman is to participate in fire department internships (formerly known as sleepovers). The internships are unpaid and the scholarship money made it possible for him to have an extensive internship with the Coos Bay Fire Department rather than work at a part-time job. The internship consists of working 24 hour shifts with 48 hours off throughout the school year. As Matt's skill level advances, he is able to perform increasingly complex tasks at the department as a first responder and as a firefighter. In addition, Matt becomes thoroughly familiar with the culture at a fire department.

Matt received his Basic EMT Licensure this past June. His licensure enabled him to be the medic at a two month summer camp for 80 youths aged 12-14. Matt said this experience was valuable for reaching his professional goals. He learned about being THE person who was responsible for others' welfare. He also was able to put into practice his EMT knowledge. Matt states that



Matt Sanders, 2012 MHS Graduate

gaining experience in working with this age group will be valuable to him in his future career.

Matt is active in seeking funding for his education. He wants to be able to continue his internship with the Coos Bay Fire Department. In pursuit of that goal, he has applied for federal and state financial aid, and he is applying for more scholarships. Matt is also considering taking on a part time job. He will consider taking out loans as a last resort.

Even though Matt is quite busy with challenging classes and his internship with the fire department, he makes time to help people away from his fire department duties. Matt is a youth leader with the Young Life Program, 8-10 hours a week.

Matt is a great example of scholarship money being an investment in the future of our community and country.

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... George Whitty

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decided that he needed to find the best private keyboard teacher in Boston. George obtained a full time groundskeeping job, received instruction and sneaked into Boston University's practice rooms to practice hours on end. He eventually moved to New York City where he worked odd jobs in addition to being in bands. George's skills gradually became apparent to others in the New York music scene. He was asked to record some audition demos for the Brecker Brothers, which led to him being invited to join the band. George received his first Grammy for the *Brecker Brothers-Out of the Loop* CD.

Coos Bay was not a mecca for jazz musi-

cians, yet George has become one of the best. George credits his parents, Teri and John for supporting him throughout his struggles for success. They supported his move to Boston, albeit with trepidation. Teri always sought out the best piano teachers for him and John told him to never let someone else tell him what he should become.

George says that when he is asked for advice about being a successful musician, he recommends going for it until you reach the age of 30, then look for alternatives if you aren't making headway. George says it took him until 29 years and 10 months.

George now lives and works in Lake Arrowhead, CA with his wife and two sons. More information about George can be found at www.georgewhitty.com.



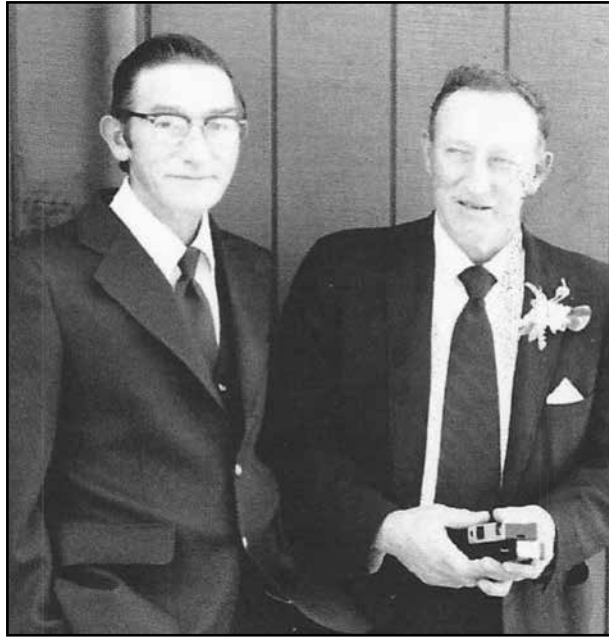
MHS ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Chick and Spud Kysar Voc/Tech Scholarship

We are proud to feature Chick and Spud Kysar, namesakes of one of the newest endowed Voc/Tech scholarships.

Chick Kysar was born at home, in Cushman, OR, on the Siuslaw River in 1926. He grew up in Eastside, leading a mischievous childhood with his older brother Spud, sneaking over neighbors' fences to ride horses or pick apples. He graduated from Coos River High School and was a World War II veteran, seeing action as a heavy artillery gunner in the Philippines.

Chick was a fisherman and a logger. He owned and operated the Zillah B out of Charleston and was involved with the startup of the STEP Program and loved raising fish. He cut wood for many friends and neighbors and loved planting apple trees. He and his wife, Pat had wonderful vegetable and flower gardens. He was self-taught in many things, including welding, building over 100 commercial and sport crab pots. He had a deadpan sense of humor and told whopping tales. Some of his bear stories were actually true! Chick



Chick Kysar, left, and Spud Kysar

died of cancer, at his home on West Fork Millicoma, in 2010.

Born in North Bend in 1923, **Spud Kysar** grew up in Eastside with his brother Chick. He missed a lot of school due to childhood asthma. He recalled Dr. Ennis Keizer made house calls via

the ferry between Coos Bay and Eastside, to treat his asthma. In frustration, Spud quit in the 8th grade and went to work with his father. He worked primarily in the lumber industry for various outfits, retiring at age 62, as a crane operator for Knutson Towboat. He received great respect from his various employers for his honesty, dependability and work ethic.

Spud was also a great storyteller about "the early days". He and some teenage friends borrowed a car to go up Coos River to earn some money weeding a carrot field. After a week of heavy labor, he earned one dollar, all of which went for gas money. He and his brother Chick were driving an old truck in a bad storm when a falling tree came piercing through the middle of the windshield, right between them; neither was injured.

When his brother, Chick died in 2010, Spud endowed the Chick and Spud Kysar Voc/Tech Scholarship. Spud died in July of this year. He chose to donate his body to the Oregon Health Sciences University, just as his mother did.

... Ryan and Chloe Danielson

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career. Interestingly, Ryan's father Rod once held that same position some twenty years earlier.

Chloe Danielson, a 2009 Marshfield graduate and the recipient of the Dee Littrell-Lawrence Dance, the Albert Pranis, Coos Bay School Administrators, Merit and Early Bird scholarships, began teaching second grade at Blossom Gulch Elementary School this fall. When asked about her return to Coos Bay to begin teaching, Chloe commented, "I'm the fourth generation in my family to teach and I've wanted to be an elementary school teacher ever since I can remember. I knew that in this tough job market I'd be lucky to land a job at all and so I double majored in Elementary Education and Human and Early Childhood Development. I worked hard during the last part of college going to job fairs, sending out 67 applications and interviewing for teaching positions. I received a couple of "sorry" letters and was starting to get a little worried, but it turned out to be a good thing, really, because the first job offer I got was for the position in Coos Bay. I was thrilled. And, as it happens, not only am I teaching in the same elementary school I attended, but I'm in my old third grade classroom."

Ryan and Chloe's parents, Rod and Cathy Danielson, are just as happy as their children about the way things have

worked out. Rod is currently Business Manager for Coos Bay Schools and Cathy teaches chemistry at Marshfield. Both recognize that the odds were long that even one of their children would find good a career opportunity here in Coos Bay, given the tough economy. That both of them are starting their professional lives so close to home is truly "a gift," in Cathy's words.

When we asked Ryan and Chloe about what impact their scholarships had on them, they gave very similar responses. Ryan said, "The scholarship was helpful financially, but maybe even more of a help in encouraging me to put in the extra effort to do my very best. I felt I had to live up to their [the scholarship donors] belief in me."

Chloe told us that she used her scholarship awards to help pay for books, tuition and fees. "I couldn't believe it when I first went to buy books—one book cost me nearly \$100 and it cost me over \$500 to buy books and the required supplies for one term! The scholarship money was a huge help and it was great moral support too. It was wonderful to know someone had enough confidence in me to give me help with college expenses."

Both Ryan and Chloe have begun their adult lives and their professional careers by returning to the Coos Bay area to live and work. Each is pleased to be back home and to have a chance to give back to the community where they grew up.

**MHS Endowed Scholarships**

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"DO YOUR GIVIN' WHILE YOU'RE LIVIN' "

We are always proud to share with others how successful our scholarship program has been: how much our endowment has grown, how we serve more and more students each year, and how we reach those graduates who need help the most. The Marshfield community has always worked together to make sure our seniors can start off on the right foot in their post-secondary endeavors.

How can I help the scholarship program?

Most of the donations to our endowments are not large cash donations. Much of the funds we have received are the result of a well-planned estate. Examples include:

- **Will or Living Trust:** You can arrange a gift of a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or even part of the entire residue of your estate. Your gift can honor a family, organization, mentor, or loved one, and may provide a reduction in your taxable estate.
- **Retirement, Annuity, or Insurance Plan:** Naming the MHS Scholarship Program as a beneficiary of all or a portion of your plan is a simple way to help MHS graduates. This approach may also have tax benefits for your estate.
- **Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Remainder Interest in Residence or Second Home, Transfer on Death Accounts:** These arrangements allow for income or the use of your property during your lifetime,

while supporting the MHS Scholarship Program as the ultimate beneficiary and providing tax benefits to your estate.

- **Appreciated Securities or Real Estate:** Generally, a donor may deduct the fair market value of the gift up to 30% of his or her adjusted gross income with a five-year carryover for any excess. More importantly, the capital gain from the donated asset passes tax-free to the MHS Scholarship Program.
- **Other Gifts:** Stock in privately-held companies, limited partnerships, company stock options (not employee stock options), personal property, and other unique resources may be excellent assets to contribute.

These options may offer valuable income tax advantages. For legal advice, please consult an attorney or planned giving professional such as the Oregon Community Foundation. Their website is www.oregon-cf.org, or you can contact the OCF local representative at 541-269-9650.

**2013 Scholarships
By The Numbers**

64 = Number of MHS seniors who applied for and received a scholarship(s) through C&MSF

61 = Number of named, endowed scholarships

101 = *Number of Endowed scholarship awards

6 = *Number of multi-year scholarships

20 = **Number of multi-year scholarship awards

35 = Number of Pass-thru scholarship awards

\$1815 = Average scholarship award

\$3743 = Average total scholarship award per student

\$239,600 = Total scholarships awarded in 2013

* Some endowed scholarships are awarded to more than one person.

** Five to 2013 MHS grads and 15 to MHS grads from a prior year, now in college.

**College Expenses
Factoids**

Cost of Education (COE) is an estimate of all expenses of attending college for one year. Examples of the COE for some representative colleges are:

SWOCC living at home, \$11,600;

SWOCC living on campus, \$16,500;

University of Oregon living on campus, \$24,000;

Willamette University living on campus, \$56,500.

Book prices at SWOCC:

- Psychology, \$180
- Biology, \$275
- Accounting, \$350
- College Algebra, \$285
- Geology, \$257



DOUG HOLLAND – New Principal at the Helm of the MHS Pirate Ship

We recently sat down with new MHS Principal, Doug Holland, to get to know him. We found him to be a well-rounded educator, who seems to feel right at home in his role of “Head Pirate”.

1. Tell us about yourself: what is your experience in education, and what are your interests outside of work?

I earned my undergraduate degree in English Secondary Education from Arizona State University and both my Master’s degree and Doctorate from Northern Arizona University in Educational Leadership. My wife and I are outdoor enthusiasts, we really enjoy any kind of recreation outside (running, cycling, swimming, coaching, backpacking, etc) along with going to concerts, theatre and traveling. Our kids are both away in college but any time we are all together is a great day!

2. Why did you choose education as a career? What aspects of teaching and administration have you found most rewarding?

I am from a family of educators so I suppose that has always had a tremendous impact on my decision. My dad is a retired school psychologist, my sister a special education administrator and my uncle a retired principal. Since I married an educator, I suppose my bias toward this profession is obvious! I’ve enjoyed my career in administration because of the wide variety of avenues that can be explored. My career has featured stints as a high school assistant principal, athletic director, substance abuse counselor, and drop-out prevention coordinator while my college experience has been as a dean, athletic director, satellite campus director, faculty senator and department chair. The diversity of experience has allowed me to avoid boredom!

3. Why did you decide to apply for the principal position at Marshfield High School? Have you visited Coos Bay before?

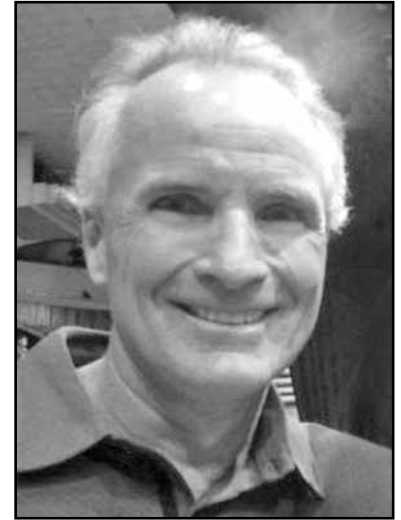
My wife (Janet Stamper, ’77) is a Pirate along with her brothers and sisters, father and a whole bunch of other friends and family so I’ve always been aware of Pirate Pride. I visited Coos Bay for the first time in 1989 and have been coming back since. I was at University of Oregon coaching their high school football camp this past summer for fun and Mark Helfrich mentioned the opening. I spoke later to my wife about it and thought it would be a great opportunity. I accepted

the job while in town for a family reunion and was greeted at the family ranch in Fairfield with a serenading of the Marshfield Fight Song by my Pirate family. It has been a whirlwind of change for me since I’ve been an Arizona desert dweller my entire life.

4. What have you noticed about Marshfield High School since you started in this position? What has surprised you? What challenges do you see?

I’ve been asked this type of question several times and I usually evade it with something cliché like the enthusiastic staff, motivated students and hardworking folks here--- which are all true. The simple truth that I’ve hesitated to talk about is that the people in Coos Bay and especially at Marshfield are the kindest people I’ve ever met. I’ve had the privilege to travel a lot, visited a lot of high school campuses across the country and worked with some fantastic kids but I have never met more genuinely nice people who truly care about each other than those at Marshfield.

We have a lot of challenges in our economy and changing demographics that have had some impact on our campus. We are trying to build a stronger dual enrollment program with Southwestern Oregon Community College to assist our students with preparation for their next step after Marshfield. I was surprised to see how many past Pirates have gone to achieve amazing things in their lives. Most have heard the story of past legend Pre but we have a deep history of successes in so many areas from our alumni that I am trying to revive these stories so our current students can see what great things have come out of MHS. Our opening of Heritage Hall this year will hopefully bring a clearer understanding of that connection to the past achievements of our graduates. We can do amazing things at Marshfield High School and we will make some noise this year in many areas that I will continue to share with our community.



— — — NOTES OF GRATITUDE — — —

With many years of school and expenses in front of me and with my dad’s recent loss of his job, the support you’re giving me is especially appreciated and is something I’ll always be grateful for.

— S. E.

I cannot express the appreciation I have for being awarded these scholarships and for the opportunity to continue on with my education. I think it will really

allow me a chance to grow. With the scholarships you have awarded me, the tuition for my first year is paid and that has lifted an incredible burden from my shoulders.

— R. P.

Without your help and generosity, I would not have the opportunity to study at a university. I honestly cannot tell you how much I appreciate the opportunity to attend this school because it’s not

something I thought I would get to do. Thank you again.

— M. S.

I feel very thankful for receiving the scholarship. College for me was always a dream, but now it is becoming real. My mom is a single parent and so there isn’t too much saved up for college. Since I will mostly be footing the bill myself, every dollar helps. Thank you so, so much.

— K. O.



Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!

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