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## Marshfield Distinguished Alumnus Dr. Ernest Manders, MD – MHS Class of 1963

Ernest Manders was born in Ocean Falls, British Columbia, Canada in 1945. His father was a chemical engineer who built and managed pulp and paper mills throughout North America. Ernest began high school in Alabama. He transferred to MHS in his sophomore year, graduating in 1963. Ernest met his wife, Sandra (Burles, 1963), at MHS and they have been married for over 50 years.

By the time Ernest graduated from high school, there was ample evidence that he was likely to have many accomplishments in his life. Some of Ernest's accomplishments while at MHS were: valedictorian, National Merit Qualifier, senior class president, Mahiscan Editor, captain of the football team, and being named to the 1st Team All State Football Team.

After high school, Ernest's achievements led him to be admitted to Harvard College. Ernest subsequently attended Harvard School of Medicine. He completed a surgical internship at the University of Michigan, then was a research associate at the National Institutes of Health for two years. Dr. Manders returned to Michigan to obtain training in both general and plastic surgery. In 1981, he became a faculty member at Pennsylvania State University where he

served as the Chief of Plastic Surgery. In 1997, Dr. Manders joined the renowned University of Pittsburgh's (UP) Plastic Surgery Program.

Dr. Manders recently retired from the UP Medical School where he was awarded the honor of being named "Professor Emeritus". In his career at UP he was a Professor of Surgery, Program Director for the Division of Plastic Surgery, and Medical Director of the Facial Nerve Center.

Dr. Manders has not rested on his laurels in his retirement. He funds and directs the Rural Plastic Surgery Clinical and Educational Program in Coos County, which has been able to recruit two fulltime practitioners to the area. Dr. Manders also maintains a surgical practice in Coos Bay. In addition, he is exploring a new strategy for nerve repair.

Dr. Manders has been a great innovator in the field of plastic surgery. His innovations involving the sterilization and preservation of tissues led to him founding a biotechnology company, Promethean Life Sciences. Promethean's web site states, "Promethean Life Sciences creates allograft skin products for healing chronic and traumatic wounds and reconstructive surgery



applications." Their products, Gamma-Graft and Repriza, have been utilized extensively in Afghanistan and Iraq saving lives and speeding the healing of wounded veterans. Dr. Mander's son, Christian, is the Chief Operating Officer.

Dr. Manders has made many innovations in soft tissue expanders, that assist in the recovery of patients who have undergone reconstructive breast surgery and for treating male pattern baldness and hair loss.

Dr. Ernest Manders, MHS Class of 1963, has had a distinguished career that has benefited countless patients.

### Thank You Notes:

*From the bottom of my heart, I thank you! You have taken a portion of this mountain of stress off of my shoulders. Money has always been a stressor for my family. In the fifth grade I began saving money specifically to pay for college due to how scared I was of being in thousands of dollars of debt for the forty years after I graduated from college! I am still saving money for it. — DC*

*I feel so honored and excited that you felt I was the best candidate for the*

*Irene Probst Memorial Scholarship. I was in a panic trying to figure out how I was going to pay tuition. I will be attending SWOCC for a year and then transfer to the University of Oregon. With your scholarship I will be able to attend SWOCC and save money for the U of O. Without you this next chapter of my life would almost be impossible. — JH*

*I can never say enough to tell you what this scholarship means to me. I plan to attend the Oregon Institute of Technology where I hope to pursue a bachelor's degree in Renewable Energy*

*Engineering. With this scholarship I can pay a significant portion of my room and board. While this sum is not nearly enough, it is a great help in paving the path to college. — JC*

*Thank you so much for choosing me as your scholarship recipient. I'd like you to know you impacted my life and set me on the right path. Thank you for believing in me. — MA*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous scholarship. Knowing that my community is invested in my future pushes me to excel even more. — HB*



# Scholarship Recipient Success Story: Charles Hill

Charles Hill graduated from Marshfield High School in 2007 and received a \$1,000 Audrey Buckingham-Albaugh scholarship and a \$700 Merit scholarship. After high school, Charles attended Southwestern Oregon Community



Charles Hill, MHS Class of 2007

College (SWOCC) for two years and then transferred to Oregon State, where he earned a BS in animal sciences in 2012.

As a boy, Charles played team sports in programs sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon. After the Boys and Girls Club facility opened in 2000, Charles says he went there nearly every day after school. The Club gave him his first real job and Charles says that many of the skills he learned at the Boys and Girls Club he still uses today, including “communication skills, the ability to relate to others, patience, trust, active listening skills, flexibility, honesty, proactive problem-solving, awareness of body language and good manners.” Quite a list. In 2007 Charles was selected as the local Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year.

Charles says that the scholarships he received from Marshfield and the Boys and Girls Club were a huge help in allowing him to start college without having to take out loans or putting a big financial burden on his family.

Charles planned to be a veterinarian. But, as college graduation from OSU approached, he realized that this was not the life he wanted after all. He took a Career Decisions course and found that his interests and abilities were a great fit for a career in law enforcement. Charles did some job shadow experiences with the

state police and knew that he had found the career he wanted.

Charles graduated from OSU in 2012 and married Tasha, who had been a classmate at SWOCC. Both began applying for jobs and the couple agreed they would move wherever either of them could find work.

Charles was offered an entry-level law enforcement position as Corrections Deputy for the Coos County Sheriff’s Office in 2012 and the couple moved to Coos Bay. In 2014 Charles transferred to the Coquille Police Department as a police officer, and, in 2017 he got the job he truly wanted, working as a state trooper for the Oregon State Police. Charles says that he loves his job because it allows him to help people and be on hand to assist in sometimes difficult situations. Every day is different, he says, and he enjoys being able to be outside and interact with different people all day long.

Charles and Tasha have three young children: a four year-old boy, twin two year-old girls and are expecting their fourth child in November. Charles says that his goal for the future is to “make a difference” both on the job and in his personal life. He wants to set a good example for his children and be able to help people he encounters on the job.

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## COLLEGE COSTS \$\$\$\$

College can be expensive. Most colleges provide an estimate of the total cost of attendance or cost of education, (COA or COE) that include most of the expenses students can expect to incur. For example, the University of Oregon’s COA is \$27,366.

The university itemizes the expenses as follows:

Tuition and fees at 15 credits/quarter	\$11,898;
On-campus residence	\$11,922
Books and supplies	\$1,146
Personal expenses	\$2,034
Transportation	\$366

Here are some COA’s of some other colleges in Oregon:

Oregon State	\$26,937
Eastern Oregon	\$22,794
Willamette University	\$66,588
Pacific University	\$42,594
Southwestern Oregon Community College	\$13,000

## Thank You Notes:

*I cannot begin to express how thankful I am to be receiving this scholarship from you. I will be attending the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute majoring in baking and pastry. It is very expensive and if it wasn't for you, I would feel discouraged about going. I do work very hard but it is still difficult to pay for college. Thank you for igniting my dreams down a successful path. — BG*

*Thank you. I am honored to be receiving this amazing scholarship. Reading what Albert L. Pranatis has done for this community inspires me to carry on that legacy and help those who are in need. — JG*



## Fred Girt Memorial Scholarship

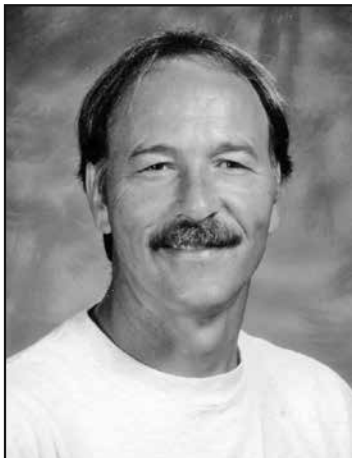
Fred Johnson Girt III was born in Coos Bay, Oregon on July 15, 1951 and spent most of his life in the Coos Bay area. He attended Market Street Elementary and Michigan Avenue Jr. High and graduated in 1969 from Marshfield High School.

Fred was a three sport athlete all through high school, lettering in basketball, football and track. In 1968 and 1969 Fred competed at the State Track Meet in

both the high and low hurdles and he continues to hold the Coos County Meet record in the high hurdles.

But football was Fred's greatest passion. He earned 1st Team All-State Honors in 1967 and 1968 as a running back, was Team Captain, played in the State Championship football game in 1968 and in the State All Star Shrine Game in 1969.

Following high school Fred earned a full scholarship to play football at Oregon State University for Coach Dee Andros. While playing football all four years, Fred earned degrees in mathematics, physical education and health. During the summer of 1972 he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Susick.



**Fred Girt, MHS Class of 1969**  
July 15, 1951 - September 1, 2010

After graduating from OSU in 1974 Fred and Nancy moved back to the Coos Bay area to begin their teaching and coaching careers. From 1974 until his retirement in 2009, Fred taught and coached at every level from kindergarten through the 12th grade in the Coos Bay School District. Nancy and Fred were married for 38 years and their two children, Chelsey and Casey, are both Marshfield graduates.

Fred had a special gift that enabled him to reach out to students and athletes at every level. His quick wit and lively sense of humor appealed to everyone and his warmth and light-heartedness won over even the most reluctant math student. Fred was a hard-working and dedicated teacher who had the rare skill of making his work appear effortless.

Fred was diagnosed with cancer shortly after retiring and died in September of 2010. After Fred's death, his family decided to establish a scholarship in Fred's memory. Nancy says that the family found the idea of an endowed scholarship especially meaningful because this was a way to continue Fred's life work and legacy of



helping students to achieve their goals. And, because Fred had himself been fortunate enough to receive a college scholarship, Nancy told us that creating a scholarship in Fred's memory was "a way to pay it forward to help others as he had been helped." Fred spent most of his life working with young people in the Coos Bay area and strongly believed in the importance of helping others. The Fred Girt Memorial Scholarship continues Fred's legacy by assisting students in moving forward with their education and achieving their dreams.

### "DO YOUR GIVIN' WHILE YOU'RE LIVIN'" (Ann Landers)

People give for a variety of reasons ranging from deeply personal to highly practical. The result also may range from a tax deduction to a sense of deep satisfaction. Scholarship donations can make donors feel good about helping a young person reach a positive future. Scholarship recipients feel good that people in society care enough to help them out. Scholarship donations produce a positive result for all those involved.

When establishing a Marshfield High School scholarship fund, donors may select the criteria for awarding the scholarship. Typical criteria are academic performance, financial need, career choice, family background, a particular talent and/or community service. Contributions of any amount may be

made to an established, but not yet endowed scholarship fund. Or, donors may wish to establish a new scholarship endowment in honor of a person, family or organization of their choice.

MHS endowed scholarship funds are invested with the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF). OCF conservatively manages the fund to take into account upturns and downturns in the economy. The minimum investment to create an endowed scholarship is \$12,500, which typically yields a \$500 scholarship each year. The scholarship payout for each endowed scholarship increases proportionally with the principal. Scholarship endowments last in perpetuity, so the act of establishing an endowment, whether we're alive or deceased, helps us continue a cause or

interest after we're gone.

The following are common ways to plan for the future, make a gift to and leave a legacy of support to the Marshfield High School Scholarship Program:

- GIFTS OF CASH
- APPRECIATED SECURITIES
- REAL ESTATE, PRIVATE FOUNDATION TRANSFERS
- DEFERRED GIFTS THROUGH A WILL
- RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS
- LIFE INSURANCE POLICY
- LIVING TRUST
- CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

These options may offer valuable income tax advantages. For legal advice, please consult an attorney or a planned giving professional.



# Newly Established Endowed Scholarships

**Jack Littlefield and Catharine Littlefield** were both born and raised in Coos County. Catharine graduated in 3 and 1/2 years from Marshfield Senior High School in 1928, active in student government, glee, music and theater.



**John W. ("Jack") Littlefield (1912-2003)  
Catharine (Going) Littlefield (1910-1990)**

Jack's high school years were interrupted by economic challenges of the Great Depression, when he had to leave school to help support his family; but he was able to return to high school and graduated with the MHS Class of 1933, at age 21.

Jack and Catharine were married in 1942, and after Jack returned from duty in the United States Navy during the Second World War, they made their home in Coos Bay for the rest of their lives. In addition to managing the couple's home, Catharine worked 42 years as a cashier, salesperson, bookkeeper, secretary, and manager for numerous well-known local businesses: Bank of Southwestern Oregon, Coos Bay Gas Company, Coast Distributors, P. J. Rooney Auto, Hansen Electric, and Coos Country Club. After the war, Jack worked 37 years with Mountain States Power Company and its successors, Pacific Power and Light Company and PacifiCorp. He often helped restore electrical service to businesses and homes following storms and accidents. Jack's quick sense of humor, outgoing personality, good singing voice, and

extensive knowledge of the land and people of Coos County brought him many acquaintances and friends over the years. He loved the outdoors and for many years was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Jack and Catharine's son also graduated from Marshfield Senior High School, as did their two grandchildren.

**Helen (Robison) Doving** is a Coos Bay native who graduated from Marshfield Senior High School in the Class of 1940, where she was the editor of the MaHi Times. Her four children graduated from Marshfield, as did her two grandchildren, all of whom were active in the choral and band programs.



**Helen (Robison) Doving**

Professionally, Helen worked for the Coos Bay Lumber Company/ Georgia Pacific Corporation for her entire career, knowing all facets of the company's timber operations. Helen raised her family on her own timbered land in Englewood where she has resided since being a young girl and where she continues to live and to manage her property.

As a lifelong learner, community volunteer and strong supporter of continuing education, Helen would be pleased to assist those students who have achieved good results in their academic high school studies, including participation in extra-curricular activities at school and in the community.

Her can-do, optimistic and supportive, yet pragmatic demeanor has served her, her family and friends, and the community she knows and loves, well.

## 2018 MHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TOP THE \$300,000 MARK

### 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

Total Awards to MHS Class of 2018	\$300k +
MHS 2018 Scholarship Recipients	62
Multi-year Recipients from a previous year	13
MHS Voc/Tech 2018 Recipients	9
MHS Voc/Tech 2018 Awards Total	\$53k

*(Voc/Tech criteria = less than a bachelor's degree as stated goal)*

### NUMBER OF

#### MHS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BY SIZE

\$500-\$1000	30
\$1001-\$5000	19
\$5001-\$20,000	6
\$20,001-\$60,000	2

*(Endowment = \$12.5k minimum)*

#### NON-ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS (annual contributions)

2018 Non-Endowed Scholarship Total	\$31,250
Number of Non-Endowed Scholarships/Donors	25
Recipients of Non-Endowed Awards	37

## WHAT'S AN RMD?

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may already be familiar with the initials "RMD". At age 70 years and 6 months, owners of IRA accounts must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Did you know that you can transfer part or all of your RMD directly to a qualified charitable organization and avoid claiming the income on your tax return? This can provide you with possible tax advantages, especially where taxable Social Security benefits and other adjusted gross income (AGI) related credits and deductions are concerned. Additionally, the distribution can satisfy part or all of your RMD for the year. It could be a win-win situation for you and the MHS Community & Memorial Scholarship Fund, if you're so inclined!! (As this is not intended to be tax advice, you would need to consult with your tax and or financial advisor to see if making a qualified charitable distribution is right for you. For more information refer to IRS Publication 590-B.)

**Thank You Notes:** *This fall I will be attending Western Oregon University to major in education and minor in music production. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for your time, consideration and donation. I only wish to use the resources you have given me in the best way possible to honor Jennielind's love of both education and music. — JB*



## MHS Staff Spotlight: Heidi Ositis – MHS Art Teacher

In her 2nd year as MHS teacher of Art, Heidi says that she loves living in Coos Bay and is really excited about filling the shoes of a long line of former MHS Art teachers like Jack Lefler, Pat Snyder, Josie Reid and Jeff Jacobson. She feels that MHS has a rich history of talented people who have taught Art in the same classroom that she now calls her own. Digging through the art supply rooms, she has unearthed artifacts that tell a story of her predecessors having taught photography, lapidary, jewelry, stained glass, pottery and calligraphy. Heidi feels inspired and challenged to live up to the level of those who preceded her. She is impressed by the deep history and legacy of Marshfield High School and how it is woven into the fabric of the community.

Heidi was born and raised in Salem and went on to graduate Cum Laude from Western Oregon University, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Art. After

working with delinquent youth as a profession, and as a volunteer at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility, she discovered that her skills as an artist were very helpful in making a connection with her troubled clients. Heidi realized that her real love was teaching and that sharing her talent as an artist could do more than simply teach them how to draw or paint, but how to interpret the world and all of its complexities; to give an outlet to the expression of ideas and feelings. After having made this career changing decision, Heidi did her student teaching at Cascade High School in Salem and has completed her Master of Arts in Teaching at Western. After a successful job interview, she was thrilled to be hired for the position as Art Teacher at MHS and going into her second year she says that she has found her teaching experience at MHS to be very positive. She has made many good friends and her students seem



to adapt well to her teaching style. Heidi is excited about the prospect of incorporating photography into the art curriculum, as well as a variety of other craft areas such as lapidary, jewelry and stained glass.

Heidi is the mother of a two-year old daughter and a seven-year old son, who attends Blossom Gulch.

## Investing in the Future:

### The Everett and Mabelle Chamley Memorial Scholarship

Everett and Mabelle Chamley grew up in Trent, South Dakota along the Big Sioux River. They were classmates, fell in love and were married for 75 years. Each lived to the age of 98 and they passed away in the summer of 2014 within two months of each other. Near the end of his life Everett said his only regret was that he and Mabelle were never able to have any children of their own. With their love for the Coos Bay area, their affection for young people and their strong belief in the importance of learning, the Chamleys decided to leave the bulk of their estate to the Marshfield High School Community and Memorial Scholarship Fund.

As a young man, Everett tried his hand at the family business of farming. Making a living as a farmer through the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression years proved extremely difficult. Finally, a plague of locusts that blackened the skies and ate his crops to the ground convinced Everett to seek other career options and he found work on South Dakota road construction projects.

Everett first came to Coos Bay during the Second World War, where he was



**Everett and Mabelle Chamley**

assigned to duty at the airport. He liked the climate on Oregon's south coast far better the weather extremes of South Dakota and soon sent for Mabelle to join him.

After the war, the Chamleys remained in Oregon, taking advantage of the opportunities presented by a booming lumber industry. Everett worked in lumber mills in Springfield and, in 1964, moved to Coos Bay to work for the Coos Bay Lumber Company in Bunker Hill. Late in his career Everett worked for the

Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau as a lumber grader. In his spare time Everett read widely and always enjoyed learning new things.

Like Everett, Mabelle worked at a variety of jobs. She was a telephone switchboard operator, worked for JC Penny and owned her own beauty shop. Later in life Mabelle took computer courses at Southwestern Oregon Community College. She must have been an extremely apt pupil, because Southwestern hired her to work on their computer system—a position she held until her retirement in 1979.

In their retirement years, Everett and Mabelle spent winters in Yuma, Arizona, enjoying their time playing cards, dancing and socializing with friends, many of whom were also from the Coos Bay area.

With love for their community and its young people as well as their commitment to the value of education, Everett and Mabelle Chamley have ensured that their endowed scholarship will provide the opportunity for many young people to further their educations and fulfill their dreams.



*Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!*

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