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## William J. Georgou – Leaving a Legacy

*All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine.* - **Jim Rohn**, American entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker

William “Bill” Georgou was a Mason City native graduating from Mason City High School in the class of 1967. Bill excelled in academics, carrying a 4.0 grade point average from the 7th grade through his master’s degree in mathematics. In addition, Bill mastered the cornet and received first chair status in the Mason City High School Symphonic Band. His love of music prompted Bill to include his alma mater in his will. His legacy will live on with a \$150,000 gift to the Mohawk Performance Hall for the acoustical shell. His talent is best explained by his brother, Tom . . .

“The acoustic shell is dedicated to the memory and honor of William J. Georgou, acknowledging his generosity in providing part of the funds required to complete the installation of the shell. Bill lived from October 20, 1948 until January 18, 2013 and was a graduate of Mason City High School, class of 1967. To those who knew and loved him, he was the consummate cornet player who committed countless hours to hard work. From the time dinner ended in his home in Mason City, he devoted at least three hours daily to the practice of his cornet. On weekend days and holidays, he increased his practice time to five hours daily, at least.

One could observe and hear him through the dining room door window as he performed passages from his sheet music, over and over and over again, each time demonstrating subtle nuances in tone and inflection. Once he felt that he had satisfactorily accomplished each small goal in stepwise fashion, he would rest the bell of his cornet on his knee and smile like the famed Cheshire cat, at once pleased with his result, and also mischievous in knowing that, somehow, he had cheated the all-too-common mediocrity that pervades so much of human effort.

Bill had the determination, if not the physical prowess of the mountain climber, in that he knew how to scale the heights without self-pity or fear of terrible hardship. Bill could always ‘hit the high note’ whether figuratively or musically, because he was born with the ability to do so. His keen intellect and astonishing musical talent were so impressive, it is sad those who are hearing of his name for the first time never had the chance to experience him as a person. That door, grievously, has closed forever.”

Bill’s legacy and his love of music will continue because of his very generous gift to the Education Foundation of the Mason City Public Schools for the Mohawk Performance Hall.

## Mini-Grants Enhance Programming

Mini-grants help teachers develop and implement programs that stretch above and beyond the required curriculum. In the 2013-2014 school year, mini-grant recipients were awarded to the following instructors:

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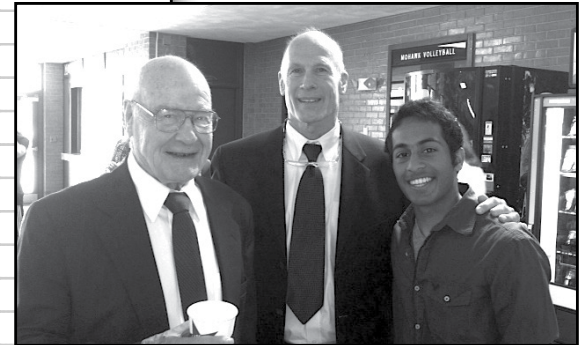
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# Education Foundation Scholarships

The Education Foundation is privileged to have the continual support of many alumni and friends.

Over **\$49,000** was given to deserving Mason City High School students through the Foundation's endowment fund. Gifts to the Education Foundation can be designated for specific scholarships.

Students Name	Amount	Scholarship Name
Madison Meyer	\$5,000	David and Joan Gibbs Science Scholarship
Abby Crimmins	\$5,000	The Tatro Family Scholarship
Chris Markwardt	\$2,000	David and Phyllis Murphy Charitable Foundation
Keely Hertzell	\$2,000	David and Phyllis Murphy Charitable Foundation
Rakiah Perrotta	\$2,000	Song Family Scholarship
Jeremy Christian	\$1,000	Education Foundation of Mason City Public Schools
Alysha Haaland	\$1,000	Education Foundation of Mason City Public Schools
Megan Maroo	\$1,000	Mary Jane Dixon Scholarship
Juan Gudino	\$1,000	Class of 1956
Kailyn Bettle	\$1,000	Catherine C. McCauley Memorial Scholarship
Alexandra Frank	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Jasmine Ibarra	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Gabrielle Francis	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Rebecca Harken	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Kaisha Pieri	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Taylor Sorenson	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Alysha Thompson	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Erin Patchen	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Katelyn Krutsinger	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Jessie McCready	\$1,000	John & Mary Pappajohn Scholarships
Hayse Jorgensen	\$1,000	Catherine and William Challas Scholarship
Daniel Shaw	\$1,000	Catherine and William Challas Scholarship
Colton Staudt	\$1,000	Ben Newell Memorial Scholarship
Tanner Bernhard	\$1,000	Mollie McGowan Trust
William Slaven	\$1,000	Gene and Isabel Guetzko Scholarship
Keya Sylvester	\$1,000	Alan and Margaret Dodge Family Scholarship
Austin Voves	\$1,000	Kimberly Allgood Memorial Scholarship
Sahan Jayawardena	\$1,000	Genie and Gil Bovard Scholarship
Katelyn Corcoran	\$500	Allison Rose McAleer Peters Memorial
Rachel Cervantes	\$500	Bill Moore Scholarship Fund
Brittani Sanchez	\$500	Cecil Mott Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Gutting	\$500	Class of 1957
Nathan Betz	\$500	F. Neil Puhl Journalism Scholarship
Abby Crimmins	\$500	Joan O'Neil Spink Memorial Scholarship
Abby Phillips	\$500	Tom Marreel Family Scholarship
Alexa Wasicek	\$500	Tom Marreel Family Scholarship
Heather Hines	\$500	The Campbell Family Scholarship
Abbigayle Schupanitz	\$250	Alma Partridge Scholarship
Thad Rozen	\$500	Susan Bowers Memorial Scholarship
Nicolle Hewett	\$500	Dean Oliver Scholar/Athlete Award
Amanda Wuttke	\$500	Willis B. Colville Swimming Scholarship
Abby Crimmins	\$1,000	Alan Zook Scholarship
Kathryn Wilson	\$1,000	Alan Zook Scholarship
Anna Fewins	\$2,000	Margaret A. Hanawalt Endowment



*Gil Bovard, Ralph Bovard, & Sahan Jayawardena, recipient of the 2013 Genie & Gil Bovard Scholarship.*

## Board Members:

John Barron	Jay Lala
Kristin Buehner	Lorrie Lala
Deb Harlan	Anne Zook
Michael Lunning	Patricia Wilson
Sandy King	

## Education Foundation Mission Statement

**The mission of the Education Foundation of the Mason City Public Schools is to build and manage an endowment fund for the Mason City Community School District to:**

- Enhance learning opportunities for students
- Support effective teaching
- Provide scholarships
- Develop a strong community bond

# Donations Received from Alumni and Friends

The Education Foundation has received many generous contributions since its inception in June of 1995. Although space prohibits us from mentioning all donors, we want to recognize donors who contributed during 2012, and those who contributed to special scholarships including class scholarships, the Technology Fund, and to scholarships commemorating individuals. We are most appreciative of our donors and wish to thank them publicly.

- **Bold** print represents donations of \$500 or more to the General Fund and/or the Endowment Fund.
- *Italics* represents \$100 or more to the General Fund and/or the Endowment Fund.
- Married MCHS donors are listed in each of their respective classes.

Note: Gifts to the Education Foundation can be designated for specific scholarships.

<b>1941</b>	Fahey, John	<b>1960</b>	<b>Alukos, John</b>	<b>WILLIS COLVILLE SCHOLARSHIP</b>
<b>1945</b>	<b>David &amp; Phyllis Murphy Charitable Foundation (Murphy Scholarship Fund)</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>Tatro, Norbert (Tatro Family Scholarship)</b> <b>Murphy, Gary</b>	Luwe, Steven <i>Wilson, Donald &amp; Dorothy</i>
<b>1946</b>	<b>Pappajohn, John &amp; Mary</b>	<b>1962</b>	<i>Barron, Dennis &amp; Ione (Wisman)</i> <b>Currie, Sue (Seymour)</b>	<b>PAUL ESPINOSA SCHOLARSHIP</b>
<b>1947</b>	Eness, Joan (Valentine)		<i>Hirt, Frank &amp; Pat</i> <b>Moon, Donald</b>	Hardy, Russell & Joann Kate Mitchell Elementary <i>Kuhlman, Jim &amp; Ann</i> Sersland, Keith & Jane Spalding, Benjamin & Heather Vega, Michael
<b>1949</b>	<i>Bennett, Bernard</i> Squires, John		Reisdorph, Sue Ann (Fischbeck) <b>Tait, James (Molly McGowan Scholarship)</b>	<b>CAMPBELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP</b>
<b>1950</b>	<i>Fraser, Jefferson</i>	<b>1963</b>	<b>Currie, Jerry</b> <b>Hermanson, Paul (F. Neil Puhl Journalism Scholarship)</b>	Beckman, Herbert & Patricia <b>Beckman, Steve &amp; Linda</b> <b>Campbell, Robert &amp; Janet</b> Cox, James & Karen Cox, Robert <i>First State Bank (Belmond)</i> Harms, Ronald & Nancy <b>Ho, Fred &amp; Martha</b> McNeely, Lucinda <i>Pelos, Lynne</i> Pollitt, James & Amy Shaw, James & Barbara <i>Smith, Susan</i> Templeton, Steven & Beverly Young, Marvin & Jacqueline
<b>1951</b>	Bertelson, Catherine (Photiades) <i>Birch, David</i> <i>Pappajohn, Socrates &amp; Elaine</i>	<b>1964</b>	<i>deBuhr, A.P.</i> <b>Hermanson, Frances (Puhl) (F. Neil Puhl Journalism Scholarship)</b> <b>Kalinsky, Harriet (Hirsch)</b> <i>Palmer, Susan (Fairbanks)</i>	
<b>1952</b>	<i>Buck, Judy (Taylor)</i> <i>Kephart, Thomas (Technology Fund)</i>	<b>1966</b>	<i>Mestad, Merikay</i> <i>Silby, Donald</i>	
<b>1953</b>	<i>Reynolds, Margaret</i> <i>Fisher, Dr. Darrell &amp; Susan</i> <i>Towne, Peter</i> Watts, Les & Judy	<b>1968</b>	<b>Elliott, Carol (Campbell) (Campbell Family Scholarship)</b>	
<b>1954</b>	Jeffries, Everet (Bill Moore Scholarship) <i>Rasmussen, Bruce</i>	<b>1969</b>	<b>Campbell, Bruce (Campbell Family Scholarship)</b> <i>Kranz, James</i> <i>Colton, Glen</i>	<b>BOVARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b> Bovard, Gilbert
<b>1955</b>	<i>Daskalos, Dr. Frank &amp; Janet</i> <i>Hugo, John</i>	<b>1970</b>	<b>Bovard, Ralph (Bovard Scholarship Fund)</b>	<b>ALAN ZOOK SCHOLARSHIP</b>
<b>1956</b>	<i>Anderson, Sandra</i> Barrett, Charles <b>Gibbs, David (David &amp; Joan Gibbs Science Scholarship)</b> <i>McDevitt, Sue (Penney)</i>	<b>1971</b>	<i>McMahon, Robert</i>	<b>Zook, Danette</b>
<b>1957</b>	<b>Barron, John</b> <i>Brodt, Bruce</i> <i>Brunsvold, Michael</i> <b>Grupp, David &amp; Marlene</b> <i>Hansen, Raymond</i> Houlahan, J. Michael <i>Hugo, Zoe (Sherman)</i> <b>Klath, Norman</b> <b>McDermott, James &amp; Martha</b> <i>Myli, Howard</i> <i>Patton, William</i> <b>Pattschull, Richard</b> <b>Pippert, Harold</b> <b>White, Carl</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>Sharp, Michael &amp; Linda</b> <i>Peterson, Dirk</i>	<b>KIMBERLY ALLGOOD SCHOLARSHIP</b> Allgood, Steven <b>Hahn, Stanley &amp; Chinell</b>
		<b>1976</b>	<i>Garlock, Neil</i> Langhart, Jennifer (Bergo) (Paul Espinosa Scholarship) <b>Song, Ki Taek (Song Family Scholarship)</b>	<b>FRIENDS FUND</b> Mason City Noon Rotary <i>Sweetman, Charles &amp; Nancy</i> Tatum, Todd & Jacqueline
		<b>1978</b>	<b>Zook, Bill (Alan Zook Scholarship)</b>	<b>MOLLY MCGOWAN SCHOLARSHIP</b>
		<b>1979</b>	<b>Zook, Tammy (Jass) (Alan Zook Scholarship)</b> Tom Borcherding	<b>Chevron Humankind</b>
		<b>1980</b>	<b>Low, Nate</b> <b>Zook, Ray (Alan Zook Scholarship)</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS ENDOWMENT</b> <i>Metalcraft</i>
		<b>1981</b>	<i>Porter, Kent &amp; Virginia</i> <b>Zook, Anne (Groth) (Alan Zook Scholarship)</b>	<b>DEAN OLIVER SCHOLARSHIP</b> <i>Wymore, Brent &amp; Toni</i> Susan Bowers Memorial <i>Dempsey, Thomas &amp; Heidi</i> Hutchings, Russell & Susan McNulty, Mark & Marcia Roosevelt Elementary Social Fund
<b>1959</b>	<b>Boyan, Linda (Larsen)</b> <b>Livingston, Sally</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>Pearce, Rob &amp; JoAnn (Zook) (Alan Zook Scholarship)</b>	

## Outstanding Male and Female Seniors Recognized

The outstanding male and female seniors for the Mason City High School Class of 2013 were Cortni Rush and JT Rottinghaus. These students were chosen by the faculty as outstanding representatives of their class, based on school and extracurricular involvement, academic accomplishments, character and overall high school success.

Cortni Rush is the senior female student of the year. She approaches life with a very positive attitude and her desire to excel and willingness to work hard have led to her success.

Cortni has maintained an excellent grade point average while enrolling in a very solid college prep curriculum. She was recognized on the Principal's List and received two academic letters.

Giving of herself is important to her. She has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, and Backpack Buddies.

Excelling in extracurricular activities as well as the classroom, Cortni has participated in track, cross country, softball and basketball. She received all-conference, all-district, and all-state honors. She is enrolled at NIACC where she is playing basketball.

Cortni is the daughter of Todd and Linda Rush.



Cortni Rush



JT Rottinghaus

JT Rottinghaus is an energetic individual. He is a very friendly and personable young man and his hard work and dedication are examples for all students.

JT was a member of the National Honor Society and maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average while enrolling in our most challenging curriculum. He has been recognized on the Principal's List and has received three academic letters.

Active outside the classroom as well, JT has been involved in Best Buddies and Student Senate. He has been active in his church and worked at basketball camps.

He was a member of the symphonic band, pep band, jazz band, baseball team and has participated all four years in basketball and tennis. In addition, JT has been a MCHS HOBY representative for three years.

JT is the son of Joe and Shari Rottinghaus and currently is attending NIACC.

## Class Reunions 2013

Class reunions are a great way to reconnect with old friends and to remember old times. For more information on Mason City High School reunions go to:  
<http://www.masoncityschools.org/index.php/documents/category/62-class-reunion-information>

The following class reunions were held this year:

### Class of 1967 – August 3-4

Contact Paula Rickoff Gahn  
(641-430-7530 –  
gahn3212@yahoo.com)

### Class of 1972 – July 21

The Historic Park Inn Hotel  
Contact Deb Jones Klein  
(debklein@mchsi.com)

### Class of 1982 – June 29-30

Prime 'n Wine  
Contact  
(mchsclassof82@hotmail.com)

## Kimberly Allgood Memorial Scholarship

As a tribute to the life and service of Kimberly Allgood, the Kimberly Allgood Memorial Scholarship will equip future healthcare professionals to carry out their altruistic and vocational goals. Scholarship selection is based on financial need and will reward deserving students.

"The scholarship was started to recognize Kim's humble beginnings and make opportunities possible for others that desire to positively impact the community through healthcare," says Eli Allgood, son of Kimberly.

Kimberly grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she attended Kennedy High School and worked hard to earn her way to college. She then went on to Iowa State University for pre-nursing and earned her BSN from the University of Iowa. Kimberly worked a variety of nursing positions before staying home to care for her three children.

Kimberly passed away on October 28, 2012, after a 13-year battle with breast cancer. She is remembered as a gentle and selfless wife, mother, and friend, who continues to be an inspiration.

Her family hopes the scholarship will continue her servant-hearted legacy. "Being able to pass that opportunity on to others in her honor would have made her very happy," says Dr. Steven Allgood, Kim's husband.



# Campbell Family Scholarship

The Campbell Family Scholarship was established by the family to honor three generations of Mason City High School graduates beginning with Harold and Esther (Riefe) Campbell. The scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Mason City High School senior based on scholastic merit, demonstrated leadership and community service. Leadership can be demonstrated in many ways whether in school, community, sports or social activities. Service to community was instilled in the extended Campbell families with Harold and Esther Campbell as role models.

Harold Campbell was born and raised in Coggon, Iowa, a small farming community in eastern Iowa. As a young man, he moved to Mason City and began a long retail career with Gildner's, a men's clothing store, eventually becoming the store manager. He married Esther Elizabeth Riefe who graduated from MCHS in 1915. They both actively supported community and youth programs as well as their church. Harold served as President of the Boy Scout's North Iowa Council and served as President of the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. Esther served on the YWCA Board and was active in Girl Scouts, the Occident Club, Women's Club and PEO. They raised three MCHS graduates: Robert (1936); Dorothy (1938); and Donald (1940).

Bob Campbell (MCHS 1936) graduated from Iowa State College in 1940 with a BS degree in chemical engineering. He immediately started a 12-year career with DuPont Chemical Company working in locations throughout the eastern and southern United States. In 1953, he and his wife, Frances "Lucy" Motley, moved back to Mason City to raise their young family. He worked for nearly 20 years at Northwestern States Portland Cement Company as Plant Manager and later as Vice President of Operations. Bob served his community well. He served on the Mason City School Board and the boards of the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement.

A 50-year member of the Boy Scouts, Bob was honored with both the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards for his many years of local and regional service to the Boy Scouts. Like his father, Bob served as the President of the Boy Scout's Winnebago Council. Lucy was also very active in community activities as PTA President, a Girl Scout troop leader as well as working programs for the Friends of the Library and the MacNider Art Museum. They raised three MCHS graduates: Carol (1968); Bruce (1969); and Scott (1971). Carol, a retired US Air Force Brigadier General, was honored as a Distinguished MCHS Alumnus in 2008. All three children graduated from Iowa State University. Bob and Lucy were selected as Iowa State University's Parents of the Year for 1971. Later in life, Bob remarried. He married Mary Jane Pauley Cox, a MCHS 1935 graduate.



**FRONT ROW:** Bob Campbell (MCHS 1936); Don Campbell (MCHS 1940) & Mary Jane (Pauley) Cox Campbell (MCHS 1935)  
**BACK ROW:** Children of Bob, Dorothy and Don Campbell

Dorothy Campbell (MCHS 1938), known as "Teeter" by her family and friends, attended Grinnell College and the University of Iowa receiving a degree in speech pathology. She and her husband, Howard Clark, raised three sons in Burlington, Iowa. After raising her family, Dorothy became a speech pathologist serving schools in Iowa and later with the Visiting Nurse Service in Phoenix, Arizona.

Don Campbell (MCHS 1940) served with the 109th Evacuation Hospital, US Army Medical Corps, in the European Theater during World War II. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1946 with a BA degree in business. He began a 30-year management career with Pontiac Motor Division of the General Motors Corporation, first in Colorado and then in California, rising to Zone Business Manager. He and his wife, Bonnie Mae Beckman from Hampton, raised four sons in California. They were both very active in Boy Scouts, their church, and hospital community service. Don received the Silver Beaver Award for his long-time service to Boy Scouts in the San Fernando Valley.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to the Education Foundation of Mason City Public Schools, Campbell Family Scholarship, 1515 S Pennsylvania, Mason City, Iowa 50401.

## Class of 2013 Earning 4.0 Grade Average

**Tanner Bernhard:** son of Jerry & Angi Bernhard

**Nathan Betz:** son of Steve & Theresa Betz

**Megan Maroo:** daughter of Dale & DeAnne Maroo

**Madison Meyer:** daughter of Tom & Cindy Meyer

**Emily Muyskens:** daughter of Dennis & Susan Muyskens

**Erin Patchen:** daughter of James & Terri Patchen

**JT Rottinghaus:** son of Joe & Shari Rottinghaus

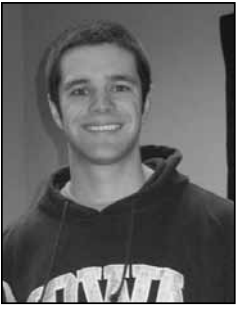
**Andrew Sloan:** son of David & Krys Sloan

**Abbey Snitker:** daughter of Bill & Kim Snitker

**Samantha Speakar:** daughter of Chris Speakar & Kay Hathaway

**Connor Tlusty:** son of Mark & Erica Tlusty

## Ben Newell Memorial Scholarship



Ben Newell attended all of his school years in the Mason City school district starting with Jefferson Elementary, continuing on to John Adams Middle School and graduating from Mason City High School in 2006. Ben was athletically inclined, enjoying all sports. He settled on football, swimming and soccer as his favorite high school sports.

Ben wrote many college scholarship essay applications and applied for the M.C. Ed. Foundation scholarships and was awarded six local scholarships before he graduated, not to mention scholarships from colleges. Ben attended Luther College his freshman year, NIACC the following year and received his A.A. and A.S. degrees from there in 2008. He went on to the University of Iowa graduating with a B.S. degree in finance from the Tippie College of Business at Iowa.

Ben exemplified honesty, integrity and friendship in his relationships with others all his life. He had high respect for his elders and the discipline to try his very best no matter what task was put before him. Ben valued volunteerism and enjoyed helping those less fortunate. At the time of his death he was volunteering at a food pantry once a week. Ben's favorite quote was "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give".

Ben began a promising career at State Farm Insurance in Iowa City the day after college graduation. He was a loyal, diligent employee for the two and a half years he worked there. Ben died October 31, 2012 of a sudden, undetermined illness of less than two days.

Ben always had a positive attitude and believed in living life to its fullest. His family has chosen to honor his memory with a \$1000 scholarship for the next several years to a deserving graduate of MCHS who has aspirations to attend the University of Iowa's Tippie College of Business.

## David and Joan Gibbs Science Scholarship

The David and Joan Gibbs Science Scholarship was established to help support a MCHS student enrolled in a major university's science, engineering or mathematics program. The United States has many outstanding universities with strong science programs, yet the US lags in students seeking science careers. With this scholarship we hope to encourage an outstanding MCHS graduate to pursue science training at one of these major institutions. The encouragement and support of the MCHS faculty given to David to seek the best education possible was instrumental in his career. We hope this scholarship can aid future generations of MCHS students achieve important scientific careers.

David is a 1956 graduate of MCHS. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from MIT, a Masters of Science from Purdue and a Doctor of Science from MIT. He has been elected to Sigma Xi and the New York Academy of Science. Most of his career was in chemical, biomedical and microwave materials. For many years he held concurrent positions in W.R. Grace & Co. as Director of Research for the Dewey & Almy Division (North America) and for Grace Specialty Chemicals/ International Technical Services covering South America, Japan, China, Southeast Asia, and Australia/New Zealand. Upon taking early retirement in the 1990's he became President of Boston Biomedical Research Institute, a non-profit institute performing basic biomedical research to promote the understanding of human diseases. Retiring again after seven years, he joined Emerson & Cuming Microwave Products as consultant and senior scientist, developing materials for control of microwaves. For four decades he served as a director of the Greater Boston Executive Program, a continuing executive education program held at MIT's Sloan School of Management. He holds patents in the fields of graphic display equipment, aerosol packaging, microwave lenses and radio frequency identification systems.

Joan (Carter) is a native Bostonian. She initially worked as a licensed insurance broker in Massachusetts, but then devoted herself to community volunteer work. She has long been a hospital volunteer, receiving the 2011 President's Call To Service Award in recognition of this work. As a lifelong member of the Girls Scouts, she has been a local area Registrar in Eastern Massachusetts for many years. For the local school system, she served as one of the first to introduce an "Understanding Handicaps" program.

Madison Meyer was awarded \$5,000 for the first David & Joan Gibbs Science Scholarship.

## 2012-2013 Retirees

The Mason City Community School District prides itself with excellent employees who serve the district with dedication. Faculty and staff members who retired after the 2012-2013 school year have a cumulative 404 years of service. Congratulations to the following faculty and staff members who retired at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL**

Kathryn Schladweiler – Executive Director of Leadership and Learning – Central Office – 23 years of service  
Gary Van Hemert, – Principal – John Adams Middle School – 19 years of service

### **CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Margie Steinberg – 7th Literacy – John Adams MS – 38 yrs of service  
Paula Warren – Title 1 Reading – Roosevelt Elem. – 36 yrs of service  
Susan Oetken – Special Education – Hoover Elem. – 31 yrs of service  
Michael Wills – 4th Grade – Jefferson Elem. – 29 yrs of service  
Julie O'Leary – 1st Grade – Roosevelt Elem. – 24 yrs of service  
Bettylou Mejia – 4th Grade – Jefferson Elem. – 23 yrs of service  
Wanda Mondt – 1st Grade – Harding Elem. – 14 yrs of service  
Joan Hickman – Nurse – Jefferson Elem. – 12 yrs of service

### **CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

Debrah Brock – Certified Paraprofessional/Kind. – Harding Elem. – 26 yrs of service  
Coleen Lohrbach – Certified Paraprofessional/Special Education – Harding Elem. – 26 yrs of service  
Mona Werstein – Custodian – Lincoln Intermediate & Mason City Alternative School – 25 yrs of service  
Karen Squier – Food Service – Hoover Elem. – 22 yrs of service  
Ted Pattschull – Custodian – Lincoln Intermediate – 21 yrs of service  
Cheryl Thompson – Secretary – Food Service – 19 yrs of service  
Susan Seely – Certified Paraprofessional/Special Education – Hoover Elem. – 16 yrs of service

# Dear Mason City Alumni:

## **MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR MASON CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Learning, Leading and Improving Every Day!**

There are so many great things happening every day in our schools and in this school district! Here are just a few highlights that we hope will make you feel proud to be part of the legacy of the Mason City Schools.

### **IMPROVING OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS!**

We invite you all to "COME HOME" to visit our schools when you have the chance. The secondary campus (John Adams Middle School and MCHS) is newly remodeled and ready for the next 50 years. We still have a little work on the high school side to plan and phase in, but the learning environments are beautiful, inviting and great places for our students and staff every day.



*Dr. Anita Micich,  
Superintendent of Schools*

### **MCCSD ENTERS THE 21ST CENTURY!**

We are just beginning our first full year of having fiber connections to ALL of our school buildings. Can you imagine a district this size having essentially only "dial-up" access until 2012-2013? This was finally made possible by securing the necessary E-RATE approval for a Hub and Spoke network with Unite Private Network. We now have enough connectivity so our students and teachers can access and use multiple types of technology devices and programs to expand, enhance and connect to the global world of learning.

### **MASON CITY COMMUNITY VOTES YES!**

Through the efforts of the Put Kids 1st Committee, the Mason City community voted YES for our KIDS through passage of an Instructional Support Program Levy and an additional voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy for five years! These two levies will provide the much needed supports for our students' learning through technology, counselors, security and safety needs and also continue to care for our facilities into the future. The committee members were comprised of former teachers, former students, Board of Education members and community members.

### **MCCSD SELECTED AS PILOT SITE BY IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

This year our district was selected to be part of two very important pilot efforts by the Iowa Department of Education that will assist districts state-wide in implementation of programs, interventions and assessments to benefit the children of our state.

All five of our elementary/intermediate schools were selected to be part of the first stage of the state's Response to Intervention pilot.

Our district is one of 10 districts selected to help the Iowa Department of Education determine the framework of what Competency Based Education (CBE) would look like in Iowa. We are learning about how students demonstrate proficiency on the Iowa Core Curriculum using performance assessments.

### **ARTS ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN MCCSD**

#### **Documentary Film "INVISIBLE THREADS" Tells Story of MCHS Choir Program**

Iowa Public Television recently broadcast a documentary about the MCCSD music program titled "Invisible Threads". The non-profit project was produced/financed by David Beck and directed by Gary Ewing. IPTV Program and Operations Manager Rebecca Ketcherside called the movie "very touching."

The film follows a year in the life of MCHS choir students from the summer musical and choir camp through their performance at Carnegie Hall. Additionally, the high school band and orchestra are highlighted along with students at Jefferson and Hoover Elementary. Numerous MCCSD students, alumni, and staff are interviewed as well. A clip of the documentary can be seen here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SaFwe6dWfI>. If you wish to purchase a DVD of this documentary film, please contact Joel Everist at [jeverist@masoncityschools.org](mailto:jeverist@masoncityschools.org)

### **MCCSD RECEIVES DEFINED STEM DESIGNATION**

*What is Defined STEM?*

*Defined STEM combines a unique set of real-world themed resources to create a 21st century learning platform. Our common core standard aligned performance tasks, literacy tasks and real-world video, to enable students to see the relevance of K-12 topics through real-world careers and themes. Each of our resources allow students to apply concepts in simulated real-world scenarios, increasing student performance, and preparing them for college and 21st century careers.*

The Governor has initiated a state-wide effort to engage students in learning about and pursuing opportunities in STEM field jobs and careers. Thanks to the efforts of several of our administrators and innovative teachers, Mason City Community School District received this designation and we have received multiple grant awards. Our students are benefiting from the programs and learning experiences available K-12.

Thank you for your continued support of our Mason City school district, students and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or would like to know more about what is happening at Mason City Schools.

### **GO MOHAWKS!**

*Dr. Anita Micich, Superintendent of Schools*

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As a supporter of the Mason City Public Schools, we invite you to join us in supporting the "Name a Seat" campaign. The goal is to finish and furnish the "FEMA" building located between John Adams Middle School and the High School. The Mohawk Performance Hall (MPH) will be transformed into a usable auditorium for multiple activities, events and performances for the school district and the community.

For a one-time contribution of \$300 you may **Name a Seat** in the hall with an inscribed brass plaque fixed to the armrest. This is a great way to continue a legacy for family members, loved ones and businesses. Space for the plaque is limited to three lines and 26 characters per line. General donations to the campaign over \$1,000 will be honored with a wall plaque at the entrance of the hall. For more information about the MPH, please contact Jay Lala at 641-430-1520 or ed.foundation@mchsi.com.

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