



**The Marlington Alumni Association**  
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## Cultivating Great Minds – Campaign Update

by Vondea (Bohaychyk) Sheaffer ('76)

The Marlington community continues to rally as the Cultivating Great Minds Campaign reaches its midpoint. With a goal of \$300,000 to be raised between October 1, 2014 and April 1, 2015, the MAA is poised for success. To date total gifts have exceeded \$100,000!

As part of Cultivating Great Minds, special gifts from generous community members and alumni have established five new scholarships that will benefit and encourage coming generations of Marlington students. Special thanks to the Albright, Bingham, Elsass, McIntosh and Miller/Kitzmiller families for their commitment to the MAA by creating these new academic awards.

Even more significant, to date nearly 200 alumni, friends and corporations have supported Cultivating Great Minds. As the friendly competition between classes continues, names are logged on Facebook and on the MAA website. The classes of '61 and 71 are tied for first place, and those from the classes of '76 and '77 are tied in second place. Special kudos, however, go to the class of '54 with exemplary participation as more than 50% of living classmates have participated in Count Me In! Accept the challenge today and make your gift online at [www.marlingtonalumni.org](http://www.marlingtonalumni.org) or by using the envelope enclosed.

Like you, we believe in a strong work ethic. We want students to work hard and study hard. MAA scholarship awards range from \$500-\$10,000 and are given both to students with strong academic achievements and affirm those solid "B" students who demonstrate the work ethic you value.

As always, your gift is 100% tax deductible and may be made in honor or memory of a favorite classmate, friend or educator. Gifts can support the MAA Scholarship Fund or may be designated to any of the 21 named scholarships. Full descriptions of each scholarship are available on the website.

With your help, your Marlington Alumni Association will continue to help great students succeed!

*Vondea Sheaffer*

Vondea (Bohaychyk) Sheaffer ('76)  
President, MAA



# 2014 Outstanding Alumni

By Karen (Slabaugh) Humphries ('83) and Vondea (Bohaychyk) Sheaffer ('76)

The MAA's 2014 Outstanding Alumni award was given to 1980 graduate Ray Hall at the annual banquet. With the help of several other community leaders, Ray founded "Men's Challenge," a job skills training program that deals with the root causes of poverty in the Stark County area by training men who do not have jobs. Men's Challenge provides a number of programs for its participants including job skills training classes, mentoring, 30-day job programs, court intervention, jail ministry, residential re-entry services, specialized workshop training, Bible studies, church support, homelessness intervention, hygiene and clothing ministry, and resume writing.

Men's Challenge works in conjunction with local churches and business leaders, recruiting mentors and coaches who are willing to invest their time and life experience as role models. Program participants are paired with a mentor who will model strong, positive family relationships and a good work ethic.

An example of God-focused service and leadership to his community, Ray is consistently described as a man with a "big heart" dedicated to helping men who have experienced difficulties in their lives.

In his remarks at the banquet, Mr. Hall stated that he has been blessed with incredible opportunities in his lifetime, saying the "odds for success" were stacked in his favor. But he realized many others do not receive those same opportunities and wanted to help them hit the "re-set" button in their lives. He told the scholarship award recipients they need a good support system and should keep company with those who lift them up. He ended his remarks by challenging students to make their lives about making a difference for those less blessed.

Ray and his wife Colleen (Crites) Hall ('81) have been married for 30 years and are the proud parents of three children.

For his community service, the Marlington Alumni Association was pleased to recognize Ray Hall as the 2014 Outstanding Alumni.



Ray Hall, the MAA's 2014 Outstanding Alumni.

## Marlington Families Establish Three New Scholarships!



In celebration of the **Cultivating Great Minds** Campaign and with the generous support of several loyal Dukes, three new scholarships will honor both sports and academic achievements.

**The Howard F. and Trudy S. Kitzmiller Student Athlete Award** was fondly established by Marlington alum and track great, Steve Miller ('77) to honor the life and legacy of one of Marlington's most respected and influential basketball and track coaches. Under "Kitzy's" leadership, Marlington won multiple Federal League championships in basketball, track and cross country. The scholarship will initially be awarded to top male or female track members. However, after the endowment surpasses \$25,000, top basketball athletes will also be included.

Kitzmiller whose passing in 1978 was mourned by the community, coached basketball, track and cross country at Marlington during his 13 year tenure. He was decorated with a Purple Heart for his service in WWII and inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame, but was most loved for his impact on the lives of Marlington students. The cover of the 1978 Marlington Spring Sports Banquet program, dedicated in his memory, articulated the sentiments of the hundreds of students he influenced. *"To be remembered for the many pleasant victories and for the great performances of so many fine athletes - of course we shall remember. But when memories fade with time, coach Kitzy's influence as a man will continue with us and with those to come. For he has proven to be a man of loyalty and integrity, a man of courage when faced with adversity, and a man of humility when visited with success, a Christian gentleman."*

Created by former teacher and administrator John McIntosh and his wife Carla, the **McIntosh Family Scholarship** was established to thank the Marlington community for the outstanding opportunities they have provided and to give back to their community. "It has been a wonderful place to live, work and to raise our family. The community has given our family so much," shared John and Carla. Established in honor of their children, the McIntosh family continues to live and work in the area. Danielle (McIntosh) Hawk ('97) is an eighth grade math teacher in Minerva Local Schools, J.D. McIntosh ('00) is a Mechanical Engineer for M.T.D. and Brinton McIntosh ('02) is a Civil Engineer at First Energy. They appreciated the opportunities Marlington provided and are honored to accept applications for students who, like their parents, will pursue a career in education. John was at Marlington from 1966-1987 and over the years served as a Middle School teacher, Guidance Counselor and Assistant Principal and as Marlboro Elementary Principal and director of Special Services. Prior to her retirement, Carla was an educator for 35 years in Canton City Schools.

**The General John Churchill Academic Warrior Award** was created by Frederick L. Elsass ('59) and his wife, Jill, to provide an annual academic achievement award to a senior Marlington football player. In honor of Elsass's father, Frederick W. Elsass, and a tribute to the achievements and courage of General John Churchill, this award will recognize a senior football player for accomplishments in both sports and academics. *"A hundred thousand words would not be sufficient to convey how we feel about these two men,"* shared Elsass and his wife.



# Another Successful Golf Event!

Friday July 18 was the MAA's 18th annual golf outing at Tannenhaut Golf Course. The weather was perfect for the event as 31 teams showed their generous support of the MAA's vision for providing scholarships to deserving Marlinton graduates. The support was especially meaningful this year since we are celebrating our 25th anniversary.

The corporate sponsor for the event was K. Palmer & Associates Insurance, and there were a record 13 Gold sponsorships. The winning team with a score of 56 was comprised of Rick Snode, Mary Snode, Bob Suitca, and Sam Suitca. The second place team, with a score of 56 as well, was Scott Frase, Jeff Frase, Josh Frase, and Zack Keller. And the third place team, with a score of 57, was Shawn Dillon, Dan Swisher, John Oyster, and Kayla Hardesty.

Also this year, Caleb Hall won a chest freezer from Grove Appliance TV & Audio for an Eagle on hole number 5. This is the first time the freezer was won, although Grove Appliance has sponsored this hole for at least 5 years. In the 50/50 drawing, \$464 was awarded, and door prizes were given to everyone who attended. Other prizes, including a set of Callaway Irons donated by SES in Alliance, and Ohio State and Pittsburgh Steelers jackets donated by Robertson Heating Supply, were also awarded. Lavery Chevrolet again generously sponsored a hole-in-one contest on hole 11; however, no one won the 2014 Malibu prize.

Thank you to all who were a part of this year's successful event!



The winning team with a score of 56 was comprised of Rick Snode ('75), Mary Snode ('08) Bob Suitca ('08), Sam Suitca

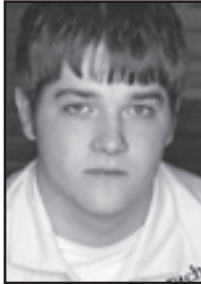
# 2014 Scholarship Awards

By Karen (Slabaugh) Humphries ('83)

On April 21 the MAA held its annual meeting and awarded 31 scholarships totaling \$57,500 to 29 deserving students!

The Elizabeth Albright Education Scholarship

was awarded to Mitchell Ray who plans to attend The University of Mount Union in order to study middle childhood education, with a concentration in social studies.



The Louise Bingham Memorial Scholarship

was awarded to Seattle McDougal who plans to pursue Science and Mathematics, Middle Childhood Education, and Educational Ministries at the University of Akron.



A Bohaychyk Scholarship

was awarded to Christopher Young who plans to attend Hocking College in order to study Natural Resource Law Enforcement.



The second Bohaychyk Scholarship

was awarded to Miranda White who also plans to attend Hocking College. Miranda will study Equine Sciences.



The Gerald P. Burke Scholarship

was awarded to Kady Frederick who will major in English at Kent State University, Stark campus.



Thomas Mason received The Ford Davis Memorial Scholarship.

Thomas will be attending the University of Mount Union to study Mechanical Engineering.



Tricia Hoover received the Gordon Eaton Scholarship as well as a Lee and Carolyn Gabric Scholarship.

Tricia will attend Ohio State ATI majoring in Agricultural education.



The Fred W. Elsass Scholarship

was awarded to Jacob Walker who will attend The Ohio State University to study Mechanical Engineering. Jacob also received an MAA Scholarship as well as the Franklin L. (Butch) Muniz Baseball Scholarship.



A second award from the Lee and Carolyn Gabric Scholarship

fund was given to Brittney Costa. She plans to first attend Ohio State ATI, and then transfer to The Ohio State University, and will major in Large Animal Veterinary studies.



The Barbara Yoder Hall Memorial Scholarship

was awarded to Abigail Moyer. She will attend Kent State University and major in Integrated Language Arts, with a concentration in Reading Intervention.





Jordan Venables was awarded the **Hastings Scholarship** and will attend Honors College at Kent State University, Stark Campus, and will major in Nursing.



Marissa Carver is the third **Jim Krabill Memorial Scholarship** award winner. She will attend The Ohio State University to study Zoology.



Emily Reinsel was awarded the **Rita Moulin Memorial Scholarship** and plans to study Nursing and Psychology at Kent State University.



The **Kim Korleski Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Joseph Mayes who will study at Kent State University, Stark campus, and major in Fine Arts, with a focus on drawing and painting.



Ashley Royer is the fourth **Jim Krabill Memorial Scholarship** award winner. Ashley plans to attend Ohio State ATI to study Dairy Management and Agronomy.



Ryan McDermott was awarded the **Ramser Scholarship** and plans to first spend eleven months in Spain as an exchange student. Upon his return, he will attend The Ohio State University where he will double major in Linguistics and Mathematics while minoring in Spanish and French or Mandarin Chinese.



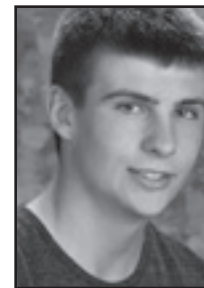
The first of four **Jim Krabill Memorial Scholarships** was awarded to Katelyn Cooley who will attend Morehead State University to study Veterinary Technology.



Marcus Kinnard was awarded the **Wayne and Bertha McAlister Scholarship** and will study Mechanical Engineering and Music Performance at The University of Mount Union.



Jordan White received a **Scott and Cheryl Robertson Scholarship**. He will attend Otterbein University to study Business Management.



The second **Jim Krabill Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Leah Pritts. Leah will attend Kent State University to study Veterinary Medicine.



The **Pete Moulin Scholarship** award was given to Megan McNeil who will study Computer Design/Animation/ Game Design at Kent State University, Stark Campus.



The second **Robertson Scholarship** recipient was Zachary Boehm who will study Accounting at The University of Akron.



Katherine Wirth received the **Harold and Ruth Sweitzer Scholarship**. She plans to attend Kent State University to study Art Education.



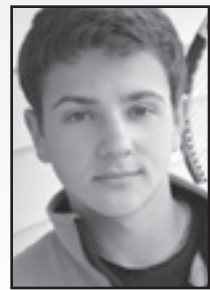
Ashley Haas was awarded the **Carol Deutsch Memorial Scholarship** and will attend the University of Mount Union in order to study Geology.



The **Marlington Alumni Duke Award** recipient was Zachary Masterson who plans to attend the University of Colorado to study Accounting.



The first of four **MAA Scholarship** recipients was Andrew Ackerman who will attend Walsh University and major in (Pre-Med) Biology and Chemistry, and Anesthesiology in Med School.



Lindsey Campell also received a **MAA Scholarship** and will attend The Ohio State University to study Pre-Medicine.



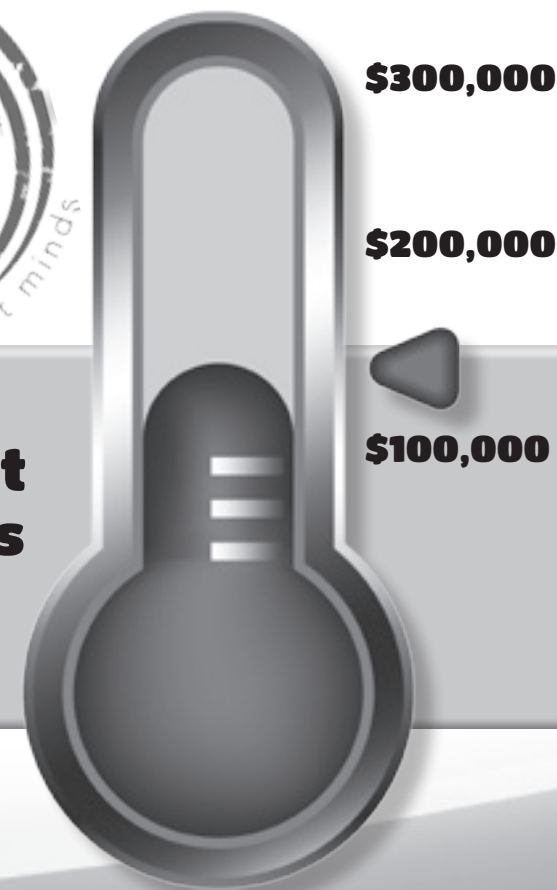
Another **MAA Scholarship** winner was Tiffany Kempthorne who will study Chemistry and Biochemistry, with a double minor in French and Music at Capital University.



And finally, Victoria Reeves was a **MAA Scholarship** winner and will study Pre-Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy at Walsh University.



**With your help we're getting warmer! Your gift to Cultivating Great Minds makes a difference now and for the future.**



The **Marlington Alumni Association**



# Meet the members of your *2014-2015* **Marlington Alumni Association Board of Trustees!**



Vondea (Bohaychyk) Sheaffer ('76)  
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President

Over the years I've come to realize what a solid foundation Marlington provided and what an influence so many Marlington teachers had on my life. I consider it a privilege to partner with those educators and fellow alumni to impact coming generations!



Michelle (Vaughan) Bakan ('81)  
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Vice President

I "give" because I believe we should all help where we can and when we should. That's what makes the world go round!



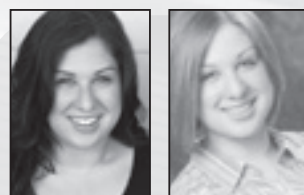
Brian Bradway ('84)  
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Graphic Designer

I contribute to the Marlington Alumni Association as a way to help give back a little to my alma mater. I also hope to set a good example for my sons who currently attend school in Marlington.



Frank Carozzi ('83)  
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Distinguished Alumni Committee

Many of the opportunities that I've been blessed with in my career and life were a direct result of the relationships developed at Marlington. Times have changed a little since I attended, but the kids that graduate from Marlington seem to still have a unique sense of optimism, good values and a solid work ethic. It makes me feel good that I can do a little bit to help a fellow Marlington student get off to a good start.



Emily (Wallace) Deack ('08)  
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Golf Outing Committee, Scholarship Committee

Being a part of the Marlington Alumni Association provides me with the opportunity and privilege to give back to the Marlington community.



Jan Essick ('05)  
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Scholarship Committee, Technology

I chose to join the MAA board and to use my expertise in the technology field to give back to the Marlington community. I enjoy working with a great group of people, seeing the good we can do offering scholarships to the students and making a difference in their lives.



Annabelle (Bloss) Fearon ('54)  
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Distinguished Alumni Committee, Scholarship Committee

I chose to give back because of Eleanor Ramser. I always knew if Eleanor was behind a cause, it was worthwhile! Everyone deserves a good education. Because we have been where others are, this is our chance to encourage those who need it.



Karen (Zellers) Garra ('59)  
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Golf Outing Committee, Annual Banquet

As a former teacher in the Marlington Local School District, it holds a special place in my heart. I am a proud member of the Board and also enjoy serving on the Banquet and the Golf Committees. I give of my time because we help scholarship winners fulfill their dreams and attend the college of their choice.



Laurie (Santchie) Gemberling '77  
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Scholarship Committee, Golf Committee

The four years I spent at Marlington High School were the best years of my life. It is uncool to say you loved high school, but I did. It doesn't matter where I live, I am a Duke and very proud of it. I always wanted to give back to the school and am honored to join the MAA board.



Marsha (Rinehart) Graham ('70)  
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Scholarship Committee

After working at MHS for 35 years, the board helps me stay connected to friends, community and our youth. I am also a charter member of the association and want to help as long as I can.



Julie Greiner ('01)  
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Scholarship Committee, Database

I give of my time, talents, and money so students are able to receive the various scholarships the Alumni Association awards each year. It is rewarding to see the increased number of students who benefit from the scholarships each year.



Karen (Slabaugh) Humphries ('83)

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Secretary, Newsletter Committee

I feel privileged to be able to give of my time and energy to the Marlinton legacy. I received a solid education here and to be able to not only continue the legacy, but help to improve it, is of utmost importance to me. Our goal of providing more scholarships that help lead to success for upcoming students is my motivation.



Kevin Krabill ('86)

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Scholarship Committee, Distinguished Alumni Committee

The Marlinton community has supported generations of young people. I want to do my part to make sure that legacy of success continues well into the future.



Clyde Lepley ('68)

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Scholarship Committee

Marlinton is a special place that has been a foundation for so many people, including me. I have many fond memories with academics and basketball being major influencers in my career. Joining the MAA Board is a way for me to give back and to say thank you for all of those experiences. I also think it is very important for graduates to help our future generations to lead productive, contributing lives.



Bill Liber ('65)

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\*Financial Advisor, non-voting board advisor

Shortly after I moved my family back to the area, Eleanor Ramser invited me to get involved with the newly formed Marlinton Alumni Association. Of course I said yes, and I have been involved ever since! I have served in many different capacities on the board, and I have thoroughly enjoyed reuniting with old friends, and having the opportunity to "give back" to my beginnings, my community and the Alumni Association.



Mary Lou (Biery) Muckley ('61)

Distinguished Alumni Committee, Annual Banquet

Marlboro and Marlinton Schools have been a special part of my life, so it is natural to want to serve on the MAA Board. It is very gratifying to see the growing number of scholarships over the years.



Nancy (Phillips) Prueter ('72)

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Treasurer, Annual Banquet

I was asked to join the MAA Board shortly after my own 3 sons received MAA scholarships in 2005. How could I say no? Since joining the board, and later becoming Treasurer, I have seen the hard work and dedication of the members, resulting in a great increase in our endowments and enabling us to give more scholarships to graduating seniors each year. I wish you could all meet the wonderful students and realize that your donations are helping to give deserving MHS grads a good start toward successful futures.



Dr. Larry A. Ray ('78)

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Scholarship Committee

My involvement with the Marlinton Alumni Association began simply because I had a desire to serve on an organization that benefitted Marlinton students and the Marlinton community. I gain personally from each and every experience I have had with this organization. It is important to me that I can show my appreciation for all that Marlinton has provided to me and my family. My high school experiences established life skills and prepared me to venture into my future with confidence. My involvement provides a great opportunity for me to assist ALL Marlinton students as they pursue their academic programs and social organizations.



Dan Tolerton ('75)

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Scholarship Committee

Even with the crazy travel required of a multi-state/international sales career, I have always made time for volunteer activities. Recently, after returning to the area, I was approached to join the MAA. I asked to be part of the scholarship committee because I saw how hard our kids worked and how even small scholarships were a great help. It is extremely impressive to read how active our applicants are in their school and community, and it is a privilege to give time back to MHS for them.



Karen (Schaffer) Vrabec ('89)

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Newsletter Committee, Website

I serve on the MAA board as a way to reconnect with classmates and meet fellow Dukes! It is a pleasure to give back to the community and to encourage, and financially assist, current students as they embark on the next phase of their lives. There's a special place in my heart for Marlinton. Serving on the MAA, I know that I am part of something much bigger than myself.



Sam Bacon ('54)

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Scholarship Committee

Marlboro and Marlinton Schools are a part of my roots. The community and alumni organization are full of fine, friendly people. My wife and I enjoy giving back to the school and working with all of the volunteers that have made this organization a wonderful asset to our district. The Marlinton Alumni Association has been very successful at raising funds and providing generous scholarships to our young people and I am proud to donate my time toward their efforts.



Martha (Dickerhoof) Palmer ('77)

Golf Committee

I like the idea of paying it forward. The ability to do so in our own community is a blessing. Using the Alumni Association as a means to gather financial contributions, maintain and then distribute to deserving students, only makes sense.



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Make sure to include your class year to represent your class in Count Me In!

