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Superintendent's Message to the Community

On behalf of the Muskegon Board of Education, I would like to congratulate the "Class of 2014" and their families. Specific honors go out to Shantell Johnson-Valedictorian and Audra Christophersen-Salutatorian. This year's class distinguished themselves through exceptional academic, athletic and extracurricular activities. This year's graduation class consisted of 249 seniors who were awarded an impressive \$1,050,000 for college scholarships. Senior class officers were President-Malik King and Vice President-AudraChristophersen. Class advisor was Ms. Lindsey Crockford. Senior class members were also recognized for the following annual awards:

The Charles W. Marsh Scholarship Cup for Boys
Evan Pesch
The Charles W. Marsh Scholarship Cup for Girls
Shantell Johnson
The Charles W. Marsh Athletic Cup for Girls
Raven Moore



Jon A. Felske,
Superintendent
Muskegon
Public
Schools

The Charles W. Marsh Athletic Cup for Boys
DeShaun Thrower
Muskegon High School Citizenship Plaque
Malik King
Muskegon High School Service Award
Audra Christophersen

I would like to thank all of the graduating seniors' families for being so supportive of their children during these thirteen years of education and for partnering with Muskegon Public Schools to provide a quality educational experience for our graduates.

During the month of June, the Board of Education will approve a balanced budget for the 2014-2015 school year. The balanced budget will include \$3,000,000 of reductions that are necessary for the district to be able to comply with our district deficit budget status with the Michigan Department of Treasury. This approved budget will provide Muskegon Public Schools with the ability to have a positive fund balance by July 1, 2015.

I am grateful for our faithful Muskegon "Big Reds" supporters who continue to enroll their students in our district and all of the faithful alumni who support our students by volunteering in our buildings or attending student events.

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

**ALL Muskegon Public Schools' buildings will be CLOSED on Fridays
June 9, 2014 through August 8, 2014.
The Muskegon Museum of Art will be open its regularly scheduled hours.**

Reading Buddies Link Nelson and High School Students

By Marti Johnson

Being able to read well is essential to being successful, not only in school, but in life. Having someone to read with, especially a "grown-up", is a bonus. Nelson Elementary students were given that perk this past school year when the "Book Buddy" program was created by Erin Silva, MHS counselor and National Honor Society (NHS) advisor, with the help of Janelle Duffy, Nelson Principal. But the high school students also learned from their experience.

"The purpose of this program was to help build relationships and bring positive role models into the building along with increased reading skills," Duffy explained. "Each classroom at

Nelson received one MHS student for a half hour a week. I assigned the MHS students to the different classrooms, while the teachers assigned the students to work with MHS students."

The high school students, all juniors and seniors and members of the National Honor Society made the short, 4-block trip to Nelson near the end of the elementary school day so as not to interfere with high school class time. These NHS members earned the required volunteer hours as a part of the service aspect of the NHS Constitution. NHS Buddies included: Kynihay Brown, Audra Christophersen, Brittany Davignon,

Paige Griffith, Jennifer Jacobitz, Latyria Johnson, Kayla Moore, Brandi Redd, Jake VanHeusen and Raquel Zavala.

"The feedback was positive from teachers and students," stated Duffy. "The students liked having older students in the classroom."

Plans are underway to have "Book Buddies" up and running again in the Fall. The program organizers hope to expand and include even more MHS students.



“Well-rounded” Grad Leaves His Mark

By Marti Johnson

On the surface, Malik King, MHS 2014 Class President and Big Red Varsity Football standout, is a gentle, soft-spoken young man with specific educational and career goals. Underneath, he's a well-spoken young adult with superior leadership skills, consideration for peers and insight far beyond his 18 years.

King was not always so focused. As a 9th grader, he didn't care much for school. Consequently, he just didn't try and his grades suffered dramatically. "I'm stressing to all Freshmen to take their first year in high school seriously. Once you get down in your grade points, you have to work so much harder to raise those points," King reflected. "Graduating with a 2.9 GPA is something I'll always have to live with. It's so close to a 3.0, but just not there. I've made the Honor Roll every semester since the middle of my Sophomore year, even taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, but it just wasn't enough."

King's athletic and leadership skills on the football field paid off with a \$134,000 football scholarship over five years to Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. The offensive tackle, offensive and defensive guard and a team captain plans to major in Entrepreneurship or Bio Technology. Receiving numerous local and state awards, King credits his coaches, especially Matt Bolles, offensive tackle and tight-end coach, and Shawn Cook, center and guards

coach, for teaching their philosophy, "everyone can win; you just put your heart into it."

"The Red Zone", King's "legacy", was created when he, Aaron Hilliard and Nolan Saxe experienced a lack of cheering at a girls' basketball game. "Student [cheering] sections make a big difference on the playing field/court. It affects the whole game. It motivates the players, and Muskegon students need to know that," indicated King. "The Red Zone' needs to continue and grow; I hope leaders from the Class of 2015 and beyond continue what I started. Come together and make it the best 'zone' around!"



Malik King,
Class of 2014

Being elected Senior Class President brought with it leadership challenges. "It was a tougher job than anyone probably knew," he emphasized, "trying to bring groups within the class together. The class was diverse in many ways, and trying to get everyone working together was hard, frustrating work. But I'm very grateful for the

opportunity to get my classmates connected."

The MHS Theater Department also benefited from King's talents and leadership. From assistant director and vocal coach to playing the role of The Grinch in Seussical, Kirk Carlson, MHS Drama/Theater teacher praised King's efforts. "His leadership during the rehearsal process was invaluable," Carlson commented. Carlson, also King's English 12 teacher, "changed my whole perspective on the importance of communication and how best to use it effectively in everyday and business settings," King revealed. "Mr. Carlson doesn't know what a positive impact that has made on me."

Winning the MHS Leadership Award highlighted King's night at the Senior Honors Program, although it was no surprise to the teachers who cast their votes. Having his name engraved on the plaque with previous winners widened his already generous smile. Teachers noticed "little things", like sitting with classmates at Senior Breakfast who were alone, which clinched his award.

King concluded with the observation that life is a competition like in the Hunger Games. "But," he stated, "you don't have to be a Super Hero. Do what you have to do to win. Use your imagination. We need to open up, come together; by doing that, we can reach our goals and improve the world."



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Congrats Grads!

Fall classes start August 25th
MuskegonCC.edu/Register





Muskegon Community College

2014 Student Honors and Awards

LAKESIDE

Citizenship Award

Chris Alston
Destini Alston
ZaMarieyee Aubrey-Davis
Alexandria Cole
Hannah Durham
Dominic Farr
Codi Ferguson
Heaven Ferguson
Aniyah Ford
Matthew Holwerda
Charde Lowe
Valeria Morales
Malcolm Price
Fatima Ramirez
Jasmonae Rawls
Mariah Sain
Devon Schippers
Isabella Tinoco
Luis Tinoco
Christopher Travis
Zirmareeah Walker
Chaz Wilson
Jai'Nyiah Wright

Nancy K. Poppen Fine Arts Recipient

Isabelle Rameau

Parent of the Year

Renee Chandler

Perfect Attendance

Corey Chapman
Brendin Ely
Codi Ferguson
Heaven Ferguson
Aniyah Ford
Tiovanni Knight
Nia Merriweather
Benjamin Payne
Alejandro Ribon
Megan Riggs
Mariah Sain
Desiray Williams
Michael Wilson

Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Jazmine Bennett
Braden Cohea
Jamie Evans
Jamiya Ferguson
Aniyah Ford
Gavin Hansen
Nathan Holwerda
Arthur Karim
Robert Martin
Nia Merriweather
Kailyn Nash
Colton Peterson
Isabelle Rameau
Caitlynd Runion
Kayla Simon
Zariah Singleton
Estefania Zaragoza

Presidential Award for Educational Achievement

Meredith Hansen
Trinity Kirkland

Tiovanni Knight
Laura Nickoloff
Avalon Patterson
Desiray Williams

Principal's Award

Jazmine Bennett
Faith Hale
Meredith Hansen
Yahdira Tinoco

MARQUETTE

Citizenship Award

Giselle Aguilar
Kasiyah Anderson
Braiden Atherton
Zander Beggs
KeyShawn Betts
Jq'Quanzee Collins
Brittany Cotton
Destiny Cotton
Jaylen Davis
Nakia Dixon
Breanna Drake
Arriyanah Drummer
Torrie Elliott
Kaitlin Garcia
Jahmayla Gooden
Torrior Gordon
Shariya Harris
Keyshawn Hinkle
Julissa Huitron
Aleigha Johnson
Jerome Lawson
Lorena Luna
Savannah Mancha
Herman Mendez-Cortez
Raul Morales
KaMauri Mosley
Jonah Newell
Jazzmyne Ortiz
Ariona Parish
Victor Pena
Diamond Quinn
Dakotah Rasmussen
Daimon Ray
Brian Sanders
Issac Solis
Makayla Thompson
Mikayla Welker
Anthony Wilkins
Laniya Wright
Omillion Wyrick
Precious Wyrick
Julissa Zuniga

MEAP Proficient in All Areas

Ashley Aguilar
Joshua Aguilar
Jossue Alegria
Jordan Arteaga-Esch
Isaac Bevans
Gavan Bignall
Michelle Cabrera
McKenzie Covington
Sebastian Enders
Carresa Esch
Andrea Figueroa
Jesse Garcia
Samuel Garza-Cazares
Ezequiel Gomez

Juan Guerrero Diaz
Jailenne Gutierrez
Shariya Harris
Issys Hilliard
Julian Hines
Darius Jackson
Braylon Johnson
Morgan Johnson
Aiyanna Liggera
Lorena Luna
Troy Nelson
Jonah Newell
Jazzmyne Ortiz
Brian Ostrander
Amie Ramirez
Jason Streeting
Keira Szymanski
Deon Watts
Jonathan Williams
Jazzlyn Wojnaroski
Ismael Zuniga
Jacquelin Zuniga

Perfect Attendance

Braiden Atherton
Adrienne Buchanan
Leahja Buchanan
Amyah Connelly
D'Anthony Duncan
Bianca Flores
Lorena Flores
Shania James
Diamond Madison
Amerah Mayfield
Kylani Mayfield
Martel Mayfield
Raul Morales
Tyler Olson
Keegan Riley
Anhyzia Taylor
Precious Wyrick

MOON

Lifetime Moonie Award

Creg Dawson Jr
Lijehsha Hannah
Frank Miller
La'Trell Neal
Antoinette Piggue
Jayla Richmond
Damian Seitz
Ashantae VerHulst

MEAP Proficient in All Areas

Ja'Shaun Galloway
Ayzha LeBaron
Dayanara Perez
Jay Prestly
Tamia Williams

four

Top Ten

1. Shantel Johnson - Michigan State University
2. Audra Christophersen - University of Michigan
3. Evan Pesch - University of Michigan
4. Paige Griffith - Baker College
5. Kayla Moore - University of Michigan
6. Deashia Johnson - University of Michigan
7. Cecelia Shaw - Muskegon Community College
8. Kaitlyn Baker - Ivy Tech
9. Keiarra Guy - Grand Valley State University
10. Noemi Jimenez - Grand Valley State University

Tiera Winters

Peer Mediator Award

Creg Dawson Jr

Perfect Attendance

Ayilia Jones
Sema'Ja Shanks
Cameron Torrena
Kenyatta Williams II

Principal's Award

Ja'Shaun Galloway
Frank Miller
Diana Rodriguez
Tamia Williams

MUSKEGON COMMUNITY ED

Achievement Award

Alexis Blawat
Jhalen Melton

Baker College Scholarships

Felisha Collins
Yesenia Luna
Jalisa Minton
Antwan Robinson
Summer Spence

Citizenship Award

Ken Finley
I'Kayla Strong

Outstanding Progress

Tyler Velazquez
Brittany Woods

Recognition Award

Felisha Collins
Gary Walker

MUSKEGON HIGH

Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship

Kayla Moore

Aquinas College Scholarship

Jerrica Frost
Jessica Ribesky
Cassidy Waldron-Starr

Baker College Board Of Regents

Caitlynn Griffith
Paige Griffith

Angel Mills

Cassidy Waldron-Starr

Ball State University

Malik King

Big Red Athletic Foundation

Keirra Guy
Evan Pesch

Burger King Scholars

Shantel Johnson

Busker Family Scholarship

Sydney Sanders

Canteen Vending Scholarship

James Jefferson
Iznicqua Johnson

Central Michigan University

Cassidy Waldron-Starr

Charles & Jesse Goodnow Scholarship

Kyle Eden
Seanna Wisneski

Community Foundation

Bernard J. DeVries
Scholarship
Arlegha Gordon

Community Foundation Frauenthal Scholarship

Audra Christophersen
Shantel Johnson

Community Foundation Horton Scholarship

Kyle Eden
Arleigha Gordon

Concordia College Scholarship

Ontreal Harris

C. W. Marsh Athletic Cup

Raven Moore
Deshaun Thrower

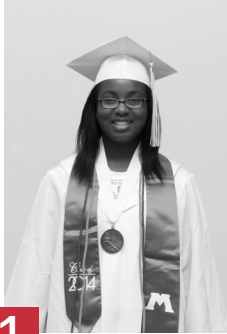
C.W. Marsh Scholastic Cup

Shantel Johnson
Evan Pesch

Darrel H. & Rosaline M. Smith Scholarship

Cecelia Shaw

Student Honors and Awards



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**Davenport University
Platinum Scholarship
Award**
Cassidy Waldron-Starr

**Delta Sigma Theta
Scholarship**
Arleigha Gordon
Keirra Guy
Shantel Johnson
Sydnei Kimball
Jessica Ribesky

**Don Roelofs Music
Scholarship**
Mackenzie Mulready

**Eastern Michigan
University**
Cassidy Waldron-Starr

**Edward F. Wingler & Peggy
F. Wingler Pink Scholarship**
Audra Christophersen

**Edward J. Stewart
Scholarship**
Valerie Green

**Emmons Instrumental
Scholarship**
Raquel Zavala

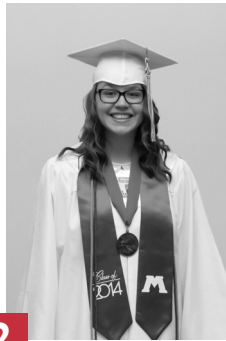
**Gerber Foundation
Scholarship**
Tear Clay
Arleigha Gordon
Sydnei Kimball

**Gerhard & Doris Olsen
Memorial for Andrew
& Clara Andersen
Scholarship**
Noemi Jimenez

Grace College Scholarship
Cassidy Waldron-Starr

Grand Valley University
Noemi Jimenez

**Harriett M. Reid
Scholarship**
Shaquara Crews
James Crocker
Ashley Cross
Shylia Parker
Antony Salazar



2

**Harry & Clara Brown
Scholarship**
Kaitlyn Baker
Audra Christophersen
Paige Griffith
Keirra Guy
Noemi Jimenez
Deashia Johnson
Shantell Johnson
Kayla Moore
Evan Pesch
Cecelia Shaw

**Horatio Alger Michigan
Scholarship**
Deashia Johnson

**Howard Oosterhouse
Scholarship**
Shantel Johnson

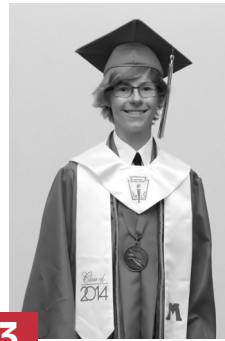
**Inez Lundwall Ortquist
Educational Scholarship**
Jessica Ribesky

**J. Fred & Helen Barnard
Boyd Scholarship**
Sydnei Kimball

**Jean Frissel Devries
Scholarship**
Jessica Ribesky

**Julie Herrick-Easterly
Scholarship**
Nolan Saxe

Kanitz Scholarship
Kaitlyn Baker
Audra Christophersen
Shaquara Crews
Ashley Cross
Brittany Davignon
Kyle Eden
Lonja'rae Gamble
Arleigha Gordon
Caitlynn Griffith
Paige Griffith
Keirra Guy
Aaron Hilliard
James Jefferson
Noemi Jimenez
Deashia Johnson
Shantel Johnson
Shanika Kidd
Sydnei Kimball
Malik King
Angel Mills
Kayla Moore



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Raven Moore
Shylia Parker
Evan Pesch
Jessica Ribesky
Antony Salazar
Nolan Saxe
Cecelia Shaw
Kia Sykes
Cassidy Waldron-Starr
A'tianna Williams
Raquel Zavala

**Ken & Clara Kolberg Family
Scholarship**
Armetria Williams

Kuyper College
James Crocker

Larry Harp Scholarship
Justin Foster
William Hunt

**Lawrence DeVoogd
Scholarship**
Lonja'rae Gamble
Kia Sykes

Masque Scholarship
Audra Christophersen
Christopher Swanson

**MCC Amos Nordman
Foundation**
Brittany Davignon

MCC Board of Trustees
Brittany Davignon
Nolan Saxe
Cecilia Shaw

**MCC Global Business
Scholarship**
Brittany Davignon

**MCC Health, Physical
Education, Recreation
Scholarship**
Brittany Davignon

**MCC/Sun Chemical United
Steel Workers 2-987
A. D. Barnes Scholarship**
Nolan Saxe

MCTEA
Meadow Dutton
Ebony Ervin-Colman

MHS Citizenship Award
Malik King

MHS Class Of '46
Adrian Brisenio
Thernell Davis
Nolan Saxe

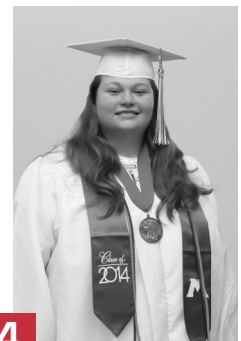
**MHS Counselor's
Scholarship-MCC**
Thernell Davis
Anthony Hogg
Christopher Swanson

MHS Service Award
Audra Christophersen

**MHS Student Leadership
Scholarship**
Audra Christophersen
Raven Moore
Jessica Ribesky

**MHS Technical Theatre
Scholarship**
Seanna Wisneski

Michael Homa Award
Valerie Green



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**Michigan Competitive
Scholarship**
Jasmine Bell
Audra Christophersen
James Crocker
Meadow Dutton
Kyle Eden
Aaron Hilliard
Ashley Jagneck
Deashia Johnson
Angel Mills
Evan Pesch
Sydney Sanders

**Michigan State University-
Spartan Achievement**
Shantel Johnson

Miss Michigan Scholarship
Sydney Sanders

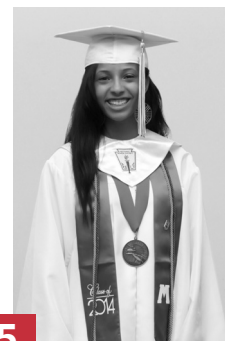
Moran RN Scholarship
Shanika Kidd

**Mother Davis, Wyart &
Annie Satcher Green
Scholarship**
Sydnei Kimball

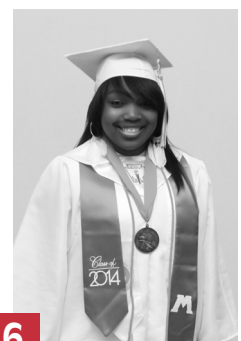
**MPS/Henry Douma
Scholarship**
Tear Clay

**MPS/Herman Dietz
Scholarship**
Kyle Edens
Evan Pesch

**MPS/Pepsi Future Teacher
Scholarship**
Yesenia Guerrero

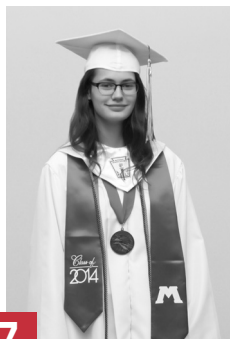


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Student Honors and Awards



MPS Scholarship

Tear Clay
James Crocker
Iznicqua Johnson

Muskegon Area Retired School Personnel

Nolan Saxe

Muskegon Kiwanis Club

Chardanaye Williams

Muskegon Kiwanis Club Achievement Scholarship

Chardanaye Williams

NAACP Scholarship

Audra Christophersen
Kiearra Guy
Aaron Hilliard
Shantel Johnson
Kia Sykes

National Honor Society Scholarship

Audra Christophersen
Celia Fuller
Caitlynn Griffith
Paige Griffith
Deashia Johnson
Nolan Saxe
Cecelia Shaw
Cassidy Waldron-Starr
Raquel Zavala

Northern Michigan University Success Award

Tear Clay
Mackenzie Mulready
Jamee'lah Parson

Paul Devette Education Scholarship

Artmetria Williams

Sherman R. Poppen Scholarship

Noemi Jimenez

Reverend Moses J. Jones Scholarship

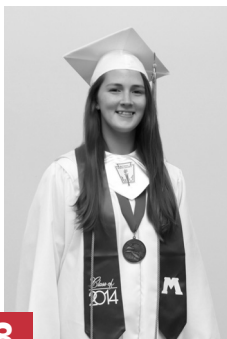
Shantel Johnson

Rosa Parks Scholarship

Audra Christophersen
Shantel Johnson

Rosalie R. & Paul F. Youngberg Scholarship

Keiarra Guy



Rotary Club Scholarship

Nolan Saxe

Ruth Skwarek Scholarship

Deashia Johnson

Steve Hoffman Future Educator Award

Maya Schaefer

University of Michigan

Kayla Moore

Western Michigan University

Audra Christophersen
Yesenia Guerrero
Shantel Johnson
Kayla Moore

Women's Division Chamber Of Commerce Scholarship

Antony Salazar

MUSKEGON MIDDLE

American Legion Merritt Lamb Post #9

Top Honors:
Samuel Crocker
Hannah West
Runner Up:
Keyvon Carpenter
Brianna Lane

GVSU/Wade H. McCree Jr. Incentive Scholarship

Joseph Arends
Jasmine Bankhead
Courtney Berson-Tice
DaReae Brown
Samuel Crocker
Elsie Hughes
Elizabeth Koone
Brianna Lane
Myricle Lang
Shauntanique Longmire
Kyle Lyons
Soledad Ortiz
Pretia Payne
Guadalupe Solis
Miranda Terry
Jasmine Williams

Principal's Leadership Award

Keyvon Carpenter

Principal's Academic Leadership Award

Brianna Lane
Miranda Terry

Nancy K. Poppen Fine Arts Recipients

Joseph Arends
Jasmine Bankhead
Rayshana Brown
Rayanna Colic
Desiree' Johnson
Kiara Johnson
Ronald Kidd
Cruz Pena
Stephanie Vasquez
Shaydricka Wallace
Xavaier Williams

NELSON

Citizenship Award

Carviona Beasley
Kaja Bell
Kamran Bell
SaNajah Blackman
C'Niah Brown
Ashanti Diggs
Sequoia Foreman
Victoria Gargagliano-Boue
Isaiah Garza
Jay Hardy
Jazzi Hardy
Arianna Head-Sorensen
T'Keyah Henderson
Dominick Hernandez-Buso
Jr'Zei Howard
Jayla Jackson
Cor'Asia Jones
Giovanni Mendoza
George Parris
Janasha Pritchett

Anahi Ramirez
Bryan Ramirez
Dylan Ramirez
Naymeon Richardson
Keondre Sanders
Darrius Schopp
Ted Schrader
Mackenzie Shellito
Alexandria Skirnski
Jordan Smith
La'Nia Smith
TyShawn Smith
Camellia Smothers
Myles Thomas
Kahlon Tolar
Eliseo Tovar
Mekhla Villalpando
Sierra Wilson

Perfect Attendance

Aariyon Cook
Aijujuan Hendricks
Deshawn Laury Jr.

Principal's Award

Matthew Bethke
Jordan Ogle
Shanice Wilson

OAKVIEW

Citizenship Award

Jonielle Anthony
Ta'Kaylah Aubrey
Ja'Nya Banks
K'Lee Beck
Brandon Bell
Seth Belmarez
Darian Bridgeford
Annaria Briggs
Ja'Niya Clark
Dylan Dotson
Te'Andre Elliott
Jamuria Gilbert
Tiyasha Gordon-Jones
Mariah Greer
Adonte Halton
Jalen Hardimon
Jasamay Harrington
Raven Hayes
Landon Hernandez
Philippe Hernandez
Brandon Johnson
Breanna Kemp
Latrell Levelston
Adanya Longmire
Tyeisha Longmire
La'Quan Mack

Ja'Licia Martin
Ka'Niyah Martin
Darice McBride
Keon McMillan
Amani Means
Kimarri Means
Kevin Nolan
Sunshine Norris
Shaeron Payne
Mason Potts
Joy Rogers
Makayla Sain
Andreil Sargent
Nyla Sauer
Salma Singleton
Jordan Smith
Andrew Sorensen
Davion Spirvy
John Tornes
Montserrat Torres
Earnest Young
Jorge Zuniga-Cermenio

MEAP Proficient in All Areas

Anita Billings
Ayden DeMarr
Alyssa Erickson
Darvin Garrett II
Isaiah Johnson
Valentino Ledesma
LaQuan Mack
Joy Rogers
Nicholas Sims
Elwood Skuse
Carliitta Villalpando
Nyla White
Earnest Young

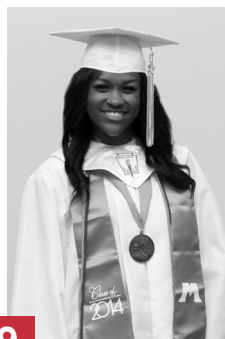
Nancy K. Poppen Fine Arts Recipient

Anthony Walton

Perfect Attendance

Jared Champion
Alyssa Erickson
Joh'Nia Heath
Emiliano Jaramillo
Dakota Johnson
Andrew Potter
Anthony Walton

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• CONGRATULATIONS •
• Class of 2014 •
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Facebook Post Draws Alumni Success Stories

By Marti Johnson

Teachers always wonder what happens to their students after high school graduation. Students have dreams, hopes and plans about their future, but as the years go by, contact with former teachers and staff slips away. Lindsey Schultz Crockford, Muskegon High math teacher, Student Leadership Council advisor and 1998 MHS grad, decided to create a personal Facebook post to find out how her former students were fairing.

"I felt the need to promote Big Red Pride, and I wanted to remind others that our Alumni are doing great things," Crockford explained. She noted that with a negative focus on some young people

in the community and even high school students, she "thought this would be a great way to show what positive things are happening with our graduates."

Hoping for maybe 10 replies, the responses exploded! After creating her Facebook post stating how proud she was of students' accomplishments and tagging many former students with whom she had remained in contact, the comments began pouring in. Students appreciated being recognized. Friends shared with friends, and MHS grads who had not been Crockford's students even added posts to the collection. That's when Linda Austin, the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, saw the original

post and asked if the information could be shared with the Muskegon Public Schools community on the District's webpage. You, too, can read the postings by copying this link:

www.muskegonpublicschools.org/schools/muskegon/Alumni/alumni-news.

After re-reading the posts many times, Crockford is still in awe of students' accomplishments and is "so proud to teach at MHS and to have been a part of so many students' journeys. It is great to know that the one 'little' post I created on Facebook has meant so much to so many!"

"Happy" Lakeside Interns Post YouTube Memories

By Marti Johnson

Holly Harris, Tim Mitchell and Phillip Stahl, Michigan State University's (MSU) Teacher Interns at Lakeside Elementary School, had an assignment: create a video to show at their Convocation Ceremony. The three collaborated with Stahl's sister, Megan, a film major at Bowling Green University, and the classes in which they taught all year, and turned Pharrell Williams' award-winning song, "Happy", into a video that just makes you smile. "It's 'the bomb!'", Principal Gay Monroe exclaimed.

(Go to YouTube and type: **Pharrell Williams – Happy at Lakeside Elementary School** to view the 4+ minute video.)

Interns have already completed their

student teaching and have a 4-year degree when they are placed in a classroom with a mentor teacher. MSU's program also provides professional development sessions for teachers with interns from Grand Rapids and Muskegon area schools for collaboration purposes. Mentor/intern pairs were: Jeanie Skoglund/Holly Harris, Kindergarten; Eric Poll/Tim Mitchell and Julie Goericke/Phillip Stahl, all in 5th grade.

Monroe explained the advantages this way, "The additional teacher in the classroom of course benefits the needs of students in every academic area. Smaller group instruction can occur. Two hands are always better than one! The

enthusiasm young teachers bring also benefits us all – our group of interns were extremely talented and easily shared the latest and greatest of instructional models, techniques and strategies. They used technology throughout their instruction regularly." All three became substitute teachers for the rest of the year, which added to consistency in classrooms and was an unexpected benefit.

Prospective interns must be interviewed by teachers and principal in the spring prior to fall placement. Because of this year's great experience by interns and the MSU Supervisor, Lakeside will get three new MSU interns next year.



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EXHIBITIONS

Interference Pool: Annica Cuppetelli and Cristobal Mendoza
May 22 through August 3, 2014

Multi-media artists Annica Cuppetelli and Cristobal Mendoza will create a custom installation titled *Interference Pool* for Muskegon Museum of Art visitors to enjoy from May 22 through August 3, 2014. Cuppetelli and Mendoza will combine fibers and digital images to create an interactive environment that challenges notions of space, light, and materiality.

Created exclusively for the MMA, this project consists of rectangular "islands" of stretched fibers that run the length of the museum's Wiener Gallery. Multiple ceiling mounted projectors cast the light forms down from above, establishing pools in the center of the space. As visitors travel around the perimeter, their motions are translated into new shapes, patterns, and shadows. The artists state that "Interference Pool is an interactive installation that aesthetically and conceptually will explore the superposition of virtual and physical space."

MMA 86th Regional Exhibition
May 22 through August 20, 2014

The MMA's annual, juried Regional Exhibition, known for its competitive nature and for its professional presentation, is open to amateur and professional artists throughout Michigan. This year, 299 artists submitted a total of 501 works for the competition. Guest juror David L. Deming selected 200 works by 162 artists for the exhibition. This exhibition of artwork in many mediums, themes, and styles will be displayed in the MMA's Walker Galleries throughout the summer. Most of the artwork in the exhibition is available for sale.

Color and Whimsy: The Art of Jacques Potin
June 5 through September 18, 2014

French painter Jacques Potin creates intensely hued paintings with a bright, cheerful quality of light and space. Figures stroll in sunny landscapes or sit quietly in busy interiors. In other works, stylized birds nest or wheel about the sky in abstract patterns.

Jacques Potin was born in France in 1920 and spent much of his career there before later



Katherine Bourdon, Muskegon
When Women Were Birds, acrylic on canvas

settling in the U.S. He is best known for his work in creating designs for tapestries produced by the Gisèle Brivet workshop in Aubusson, France. Many of the drawings and paintings on paper in this exhibition share the style and motifs of those tapestry designs. Potin was also a painter and sculptor, and had a solo exhibition at the Galerie Iris Clert in Paris in 1971.

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The **Muskegon Museum of Art** is located at 296 W. Webster in beautiful downtown Muskegon.

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