

**Maple students place top in U.S.
Earn 'Best in Nation' title in Atlanta**

Three Maple Heights High School marketing students earned the title "Best in Nation" at the International DECA Career Development Conference in Atlanta in April.

Senior **Justin Dammons** and juniors **Mohammed Ismail** and **Dayna Lawrence** received highest honors.

Justin Dammons qualified after placing in the Top 20 in the accounting series event. His competition event included a 100-question exam, as well as several business role-plays.

Ismail and Lawrence were honored for their work on an advertising campaign for the Maple Heights bond issue. They presented their "Vote YES for Issue 5" campaign, which asked voters to support a levy to construct five new school buildings at a reduced cost.

Seniors **Victoria Lewis** and **Monica Daniel**, along with junior **Bobby Dammons**, also qualified to compete at the international conference.

Marketing teacher **Tom Griffith** is the DECA advisor.



Dayna Lawrence, Mohammed Ismail and Justin Dammons at the Atlanta conference.

Elementary summer intervention available

Language arts and math intervention classes are offered for students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Students can attend the free classes if they are recommended by their teacher or received a C, D or F in language arts and/or math.

Sessions run from June 16 to July 11. Students can receive breakfast at 8 a.m., classes meet from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch. Classes are held at Milkovich Middle School.

According to Summer School Principal **Susan Harvey**, classes will focus on reinforcing skills in the standards-based curriculum.

Registration deadline is May 21. Call 216-587-6125 with any questions.

Middle, high school summer classes offered

Middle and high school students may take one or two courses for either remediation or to prevent retention. Registration begins Tuesday, May 27, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost is \$200 per credit and \$125 per half-credit.

The six-week session runs from June 13 to July 25. Classes begin at 8 and 10 a.m. at Maple Heights High School.

English, math, science and social studies are available for seventh and eighth graders.

High school classes follow the usual program of studies. In addition, students can take non-credit classes to assist them in passing Ohio Graduation Tests.

For more information, students should contact their guidance counselor.

Treehouse summer program includes academic activities

Treehouse childcare summer program is open to any kindergarten through sixth grade student in the Maple Heights schools. Held at Milkovich Middle School, activities include indoor and outdoor recreation, as well as computer time and academic classes. Literacy and math will be a focus of the program taught by certified teachers.

Breakfast, lunch and a snack are provided. Parents are responsible for transportation.

The cost is \$110 per child, per week, although family discounts are available and vouchers accepted. The all-day sessions run from June 16 to August 8. Call the elementary buildings or **Marcia Michalak**, Supervisor of Innovative Programs, at 216-587-6100, ext. 3600 with any questions.



Superintendent's message

What a great year!

Thank you again to the citizens of Maple Heights! It is hard to put into words what your support of the levies and bond issue this year means to me and to our teachers, staff and students. Because of your belief in the power of education, the young people of our city will benefit for years and years to come.

We continue our commitment to excellence by raising student achievement. Our students and teachers have worked hard this year, and in this newsletter, you can read about our outstanding senior class. Parents continue to support their children by getting involved with our schools. Collaborative efforts with the City of Maple Heights, such as our Youth Sports Programs, are making a real difference.

Thank you for all you do for our students.

Dr. Charlie Keenan
Superintendent of Schools

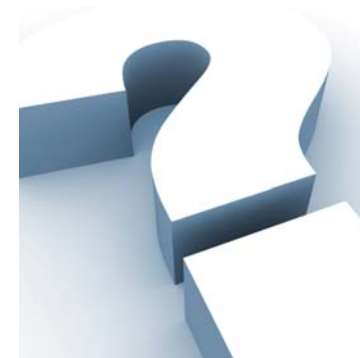
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Frequently Asked Questions about building new schools

Q: What's happened since the bond issue election was certified?

A: Since April 4, school administrators, along with representatives from Fanning Howey, our project architects, and Heery International, our construction managers, met with city government officials. We talked about our overall plan and timeline. Later in May, district administrators, architects and project managers will meet with the Ohio Schools Facilities Committee to clarify OSFC rules about classroom and building space in new elementary buildings and middle school.

Q: How can I get involved in the planning process?

A: In June, this group will meet with a committee made up of teachers, staff, parents and community members to discuss OSFC's program of requirement for the elementaries and middle school projects. If you are interested in being considered for the committee, call **Holly Vaughan** at 216-587-6100, ext 3002, by June 1.

Q: What will happen first?

A: Demolition of the vacant West Jr. High School and the bus garage/warehouse is scheduled for next school year. Before school starts this fall, the bus garage will relocate to rented space at 14855 Broadway Avenue.



Congratulations Class of 2008! Honored seniors featured inside!



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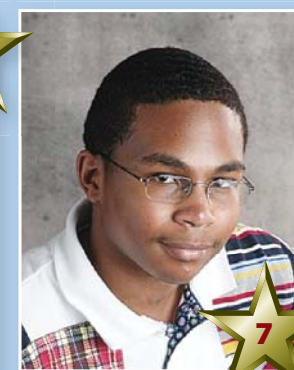
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Congratulations to the Class of 2008!

Top Ten scholars headed to college



George Farris
The Ohio State University
Valedictorian

Kiera Harris
The University of Dayton
Salutatorian

Marcantonio Beechuk
John Carroll University

Marlana Spikes
Howard University

Latoya Peoples
Case Western Reserve
University

John Ventura
Kent State University

Dondre Cooper
Miami University

Arielle Walker
Miami University

Crystal Alexander
University of Cincinnati

Jaclyn Travnik
Olivet Nazarene University

Top 20 seniors honor special teachers at annual Maple Scholars Banquet

In what has become a treasured tradition at Maple Heights High School, each of the "Top 20" seniors honored a special teacher in their lives.

The 20 students with the highest academic records in the senior class and their parents were invited to a dinner, along with high school and district administrators. The fourth annual Maple Scholars Banquet was held on May 1 at Catered Elegance in Bedford.

Each student selected the one Maple Heights teacher who made a real difference in his or her life. They wrote essays explaining just how their chosen teacher had a positive impact on their educational experience.

At the dinner, each student read his or her essay. Some of the 20 teachers in attendance were surprised because they did not know which student had selected them. The teachers received a small token of appreciation.

Jackie Travnik honored Maple Heights High School English teacher **Pamela Eason**. Her nomination came in the form of an original poem, which read in part:

*"...Usually one does not realize by whom a treasure is left
Until it is far too late to call their thanks out to the waves.
I'm glad to say that I know by whom my treasure has been left.
The one who showed me it was okay to take a risk,
Taught me never to be afraid of being "too smart..."*

Top 20 students and the teachers they honored included:

- Crystal Alexander** – high school teacher **Susan Clay**
- Marcantonio Beechuk** – high school teacher **Dan Kovalak**
- Brianna Carr** – Dunham teacher **Geoff Quier**
- Dondre Cooper** – high school teacher **Lynn Motyka**
- Samantha DeJarnett** – Dunham teacher **Rocco Covelli**
- Brianna Edwards** – Dunham teacher **Debra Braaten**
- Kristen Edwards** – high school teacher **Lucy Szabo**
- George Farris** – high school teacher **Michael Janowitz**
- Kiera Harris** – high school teacher **Lisa Litzinger**
- Jennifer Kuchar** – high school teacher **Michael Wagner**
- Brianna Parks** – Dunham teacher **Carmen Coleman**
- Latoya Peoples** – high school teacher **Adele Filtz**
- Cassandra Simmons** – high school teacher **Harriet Weaver**
- Marlana Spikes** – middle school teacher **India Ford**
- Leslie Stanard** – high school teacher **Phillip Sullivan**
- Aleeia Stewart** – high school teacher **Richard Wakefield**
- Ch'rina Stokes** – Dunham teacher **Andy Zolata**
- Jaclyn Travnik** – high school teacher **Pamela Eason**
- John Ventura** – high school teacher **Dale Walter**
- Arielle Walker** – Stafford teacher **Linda Reisig**



Jaclyn Travnik congratulates her teacher Pamela Eason.

Seniors honored with special awards, scholarships

- Mayor's Scholarship** – Annyanna Cash
- Maple Heights Chamber of Commerce Scholarship** – Samantha DeJarnett
- National Achievement Scholar Semifinalist** – Justin Dammons
- Ohio Academic Scholarship** – George Farris
- Ohio Academic Commendation** – Kiera Harris, Justin Dammons, Leslie Stanard
- Academic Decathlon** – Marcantonio Beechuk, Samantha DeJarnett, Jacklyn Travnik
- Phi Beta Kappa Award** – George Farris
- Plain Dealer Senior Standout** – Marlana Spikes
- Special Recognition** – George Farris, Cassandra Simmons
- WEWS Best of the Class** – George Farris, Kiera Harris
- Student Council Award** – Victoria Lewis
- Maple Heights Teachers' Association Awards** – Dondre Cooper, Ch'rina Stokes
- Mary Ellen McFadden Art Award** – Tiffany Salette
- Outstanding Work Ethic in Art** – LaCrecia Martin
- John Philip Sousa Band Award** – George Farris
- Outstanding Senior Choral Member** – Angel Brown
- Outstanding Thespian** – Teala Butler
- Model Thespian** – Kiera Harris, Marlana Spikes
- Outstanding Excellence in English** – Aysha Taylor
- Senior English Award** – Cymone Billups
- Spanish Award** – Kirsten Edwards
- Mathematics/Calculus Award** – George Farris
- Physical Education Awards** – Crystal Alexander, Marcus Pearl
- Anatomy and Physiology Award** – Mikki Anderson
- Geology Award** – Jennifer Kuchar
- Physics Award** – John Ventura
- Social Studies Student of the Year Award** – George Farris

- Excellence in Social Studies Award** – Jamal Miller
- Woodman of the World Citizenship Award** – John Ventura
- Motivating Speaker Awards** – Crystal Alexander, Cassandra Simmons
- Male Athlete of the Year Awards** – Marcus Pearl, Deonte Wiggins
- Robert K. Geiser Award** – Crystal Alexander
- O.H.S.A.A. Scholar Athlete Award** – Crystal Alexander
- Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards** – Jordan Konah, Leslie Stanard
- Accounting Award** – Kiera Harris
- Automotive Technology Award** – Armondo Wilson
- Business Technology Award** – Nicholas Anderson
- Cooperative Business Education Award** – Jeleice Williams
- Cosmetology Award** – Brandi Black
- Craig Stevens Scholarship** – Ashley Tyburski
- Family and Consumer Science Award** – Elicia Carter
- Health Science Award** – Aleeia Stewart
- Home Improvement Award** – Fred Sims
- Marketing Award** – Monica Daniel

Principal's Leadership Award

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| Community One | Kirsten Edwards |
| Community Two | Marlana Spikes |
| Community Three | Crystal Alexander |

Perfect Attendance

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| Community One | Latoya Peoples |
| Community Two | Dondre Cooper |