

High School Teacher Academy organizing mediation program

High school students in the Teacher Academy are organizing a peer mediation and prevention training session for approximately 50 students.

According to teacher **Melissa Jacot**, Teacher Academy students recently read the book, *Please Stop Laughing at Me*, which discusses bullying. The class decided to organize a three-day event, which will focus on types of conflict, how to deal with stress and bullying and mediation strategies. Students plan to form a peer mediation group at the high school to help resolve conflicts.

High school counselor **Vince Sztul** and Community 1 leader **Mariele Sallee** are assisting in the planning efforts.

Boys' basketball improves

Maple Heights' boys basketball team posted their best season in five years, according to new coach **Phil Schmook**.

Junior **Dominic Flewellyn**, leading scorer and rebounder, was named First Team All Lake Erie League.

"Our team competed night in and night out with a high intensity level," Schmook says. "I was extremely pleased with the effort of the young men on the team."



Conference attendees back row from left, Yahaad Turner, David Jenkins, Marvis Hood, Nick Jasper, Jalen Brown and Pam Ralston. Front row from left, Qiara Mallory, Tania Sardon, Shantavionna Hughes, Jasmine Carpenter and Tammi Jones.

Milkovich student leaders attend conference

Ten student leaders from Milkovich Middle School recently attended a leadership conference at North Royalton Middle School, along with others from 14 area schools.

Motivational speaker **Andy Thibodeau** gave the keynote address. Students had the opportunity to learn key leadership skills and tour North Royalton Middle School to learn about different programs.

Dunham students use technology

Sixth graders at Dunham incorporated technology into a recent research project. According to **Debra Braaten**, Language Arts and Social Studies teacher, pairs of students chose an influential African American to study.

Students created a PowerPoint presentation using animation and various design templates. "This assignment allowed the students to show off their creativity and new knowledge about Microsoft PowerPoint," explains Braaten.



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News for the community about the Maple Heights City Schools

Superintendent's message

Naming our new schools

Across the district, we're all excited about our new schools. In fact, students in the fourth through twelfth grades are submitting their ideas for names for three of our new schools—the Pre-K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 buildings. The Board of Education and administrative team decided that Maple Heights High School and Milkovich Middle School will keep the same names.

Students must include an essay with each suggestion. A committee made up of Board of Education members, administrators, teachers, staff members, parents and high school students will review the names and make their choices. Names of the three new schools will be announced at the middle and high school band concert on Wednesday, April 29.

Planning ahead of schedule

Construction on the Pre-K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 buildings will begin sometime this fall. A new revised timeline estimates these buildings will be completed earlier. The Board of Education adopted the Schematic Design for the 2-3, 4-5 and Middle School buildings in January and will move on to the Design Development phase this spring. The new high school is on schedule with a groundbreaking tentatively planned for the summer of 2010.

Sincerely,

Charles Keenan
Superintendent of Schools

Continuing the tradition, Maple Heights wrestler wins state tournament

Maple Heights junior **Kory Mines** won the state wrestling tournament, finishing his season with a 41-4 record. Senior **Leslie Polley** finished fourth in the state with a 41-6 record.

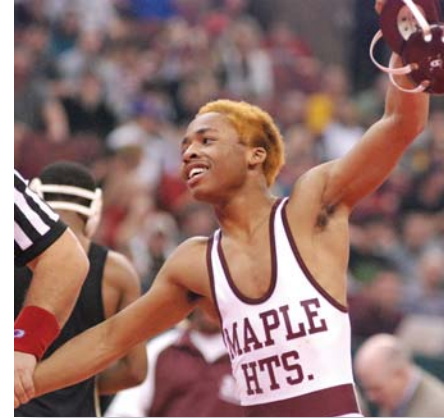
Mines' accomplishment continues the wrestling tradition at Maple Heights High School. He is the 47th state champion since **Paul Milkovich**, father of Coach **Jamie Milkovich**, won the title in 1949.

According to Milkovich, "Maple Heights is ranked only behind St. Edward and St. Paris Graham in the number of state champions. We have 138 state place winners, which places us second in that category behind St. Edward."

Wrestling at 103 pounds, Mines finished second in the state in 2008 and sixth in the state as a freshman in 2007. His overall career record is 122-11. Polley was also a state qualifier last season.



Kory Mines



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For the first time in school history, the team won five tournaments in one season, including the Dover Invitational, Hudson Holiday Tournament, Kenston Invitational, Firelands Falcon Invitational and Division I Sectional. The team finished with a dual meet record of 15-3, sixth in the district and eleventh in the state.

Junior **Fred Robertson** and junior **Shabazz Ismael** also qualified for the state tournament.

Over 800 join new Alumni Association

Over 800 alumni have already joined the new Maple Heights High School Alumni Association. Visit www.mapleheightsalumni.com to register.

The website allows graduates to communicate with their friends, connect with others and update their information. **Ron Woodson** helped create the website.

Teacher **Dale Walter**, who is also a graduate of the Class of 1969, is the Alumni Director. "We have had a great response," Walter says. "I would just like to see the word get out to more people and continue to grow."

The Alumni Association will also be used to help organize class reunions, raise funds for scholarships and special grants for teachers and unite the Mustang Nation! For more information, contact Walter at 216-587-3200, ext. 1084.



Pathfinders' Assembly recognizes alums, friend of Maple Heights

Nearly 2,000 students in sixth through twelfth grade heard the inspirational stories of five honorees at the fifth annual Pathfinder's Assembly in February. In celebration of Black History Month, Maple Heights City Schools recognized alumni and friends for their exceptional achievements and contributions to the community.

Participants were recognized in five areas, including education, humanitarianism, citizenship/government, business, and arts and sciences which includes art, fine arts, drama and athletics.

According to student **Chris Grzelewski**, "At the Pathfinder's Assembly, it was not the words that enlightened me, but rather how the words were spoken—with conviction and positive intent." He continues, "The Pathfinders' program was created to recognize individuals who have found or created a path of success for students to follow. In addition to recognizing these individuals, the assembly also serves to inspire students to achieve goals they set for themselves throughout their lives."

National Honor Society members introduced the special guests and hosted a luncheon after the ceremony.

"The alumni reminisced about their time at Maple Heights High School, and the goals they had as they grew up," says student **Briana Ford**. "Students were attentive and respectful as they listened to the guest speakers."

Superintendent **Charles Keenan** agreed, saying, "It was so impressive to see 2,000 students totally engaged as they listened and absorbed the message from our alums that 'I can do it, too.'"



Adrienne Trimble

Adrienne Trimble, recognized for her contributions to education, currently serves as Manager of Supplier Diversity in the Purchasing Division at Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America, headquartered in Erlanger, Kentucky. A graduate of Wilberforce University, Trimble earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in Organization Management. Prior to working at Toyota, Trimble was director of Human Resources for Blue Chip Broadcasting, the second-largest African American-owned broadcasting company in the United States.



Raj K. Batra, M.D.

Raj K. Batra, M.D., F.C.C.P. is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine and a staff physician in Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine at UCLA in Los Angeles, California. A 1979 graduate of Maple Heights High School, Dr. Batra is honored for his achievements in the Arts and Sciences category. He is renowned for his work in gene and cellular therapies, specifically for lung cancer. Dr. Batra has toured the world giving lectures about pulmonary care and lung cancer, as well as discussing his research in gene therapy.

He attended The Ohio State University, the University of North Carolina and the Medical College of Ohio. He is a member of the department of medicine committee on appointments and promotions at the Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Additionally, he is a founding member of Wadsworth Stem Cell Initiative and serves on the Institutional Review Board for the protection and rights of human research subjects for the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Administration Health Care System.



Miguelle Edmondson

Miguelle Edmondson, a 1997 Maple Heights High School graduate, is the recipient of this year's Business Award. Edmondson, a licensed Certified Public Accountant, works at Ernst & Young. He received a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from the University of Toledo and a Master's of Science and Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. Edmondson has been recognized for his professional accomplishments by Crain's Cleveland Business and was named one of 2008's "20 in their 20's." He also received the 2007 Cleveland

Professional 20/30 Club award, as well as Inside Business magazine's "25 Under 35" award, which recognize the significant contributions of young professionals to the Greater Cleveland area.

Meet the 20



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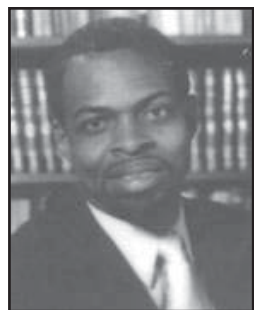


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Salina DuBose

Salina DuBose, a 2002 graduate of Maple Heights High School, is the recipient of the Citizenship and Government award. DuBose is currently working as a weekend radio personality with Radio One Cleveland's 93.1 WZAK. DuBose received a bachelor's degree in Telecommunications and Video Production from Ohio University. While a student at Ohio University, DuBose served as co-executive producer of the only minority-based show on campus. In addition to her work as a radio personality, she is also an office administrator in the corporate office of Aleris International Inc. In her free time, she teaches a Sunday School class for teenagers and volunteers as the youth coordinator at her church. DuBose plans to attend graduate school next year



Frank Ross

Frank Ross is the recipient of the 2009 Humanitarianism Award. A former teacher, guidance counselor and Alternative Schools Coordinator, Ross served as a desegregation expert and helped to desegregate the Maple Heights Schools. He was one of the chief negotiators for the historic Affirmative Action agreements that made it possible for African-American teachers and administrators to be hired in the schools and for African-American police and firemen to be hired in the City of Maple Heights. Ross received his master's degree from John Carroll University. Additionally, he was a world class athlete whose relay team was ranked second in the world in 1966 when he was featured on ABC's Wide World of Sports. Ross currently lectures and facilitates workshops on African-American dance.



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- 1 Nearly 2,000 students attended the Pathfinders' Assembly.
- 2 Salina DuBose's family congratulates her.
- 3 Milkovich Middle School student David Jenkins and Maple Heights High School student Nichole Mosley sing the National Anthem.
- 4 Camille Jackman introduces Superintendent Dr. Charles Keenan.
- 5 Dr. Charles Keenan and Board of Education members Pamela Crews, Nicholas Dorsey and Robert Dober.
- 6 Raj Batra, Frank Ross and Miguelle Edmondson stand for the National Anthem.
- 7 Andrea Dammons and Amanda Teddleton share the podium.
- 8 Curtis Johnson and Christopher Grzelewski explain the meaning of the Pathfinders Assembly.

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