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Spring Sports Wrap Up

Mustang Baseball

The baseball season was a step in the right direction for the Maple Heights Mustangs. For the first time in many years we were able to field a JV and a Varsity team. The varsity team ended the season with a 7-12 record and finished 5-5 in the LEL. The season was highlighted by a come from behind win on senior night vs Cleveland Heights. The team was down 10-1 and fought back to a walk off 12-11 victory. In 2019 the Mustangs will return all three first-team, all-LEL players in Juniors **Aaron Harrison (OF)** and **Antonio Rodgers (SS)**, and Freshmen **Jay'vion Simmons (C)**; and will look to continue to rebuild baseball in the Maple Heights Community.

Lady Mustang Softball

The Lady Mustangs finished the season with a 10-5 record, which included a first round tournament win vs. Bedford. They were led by all-LEL performers **Talia Steel, Kayla Bell, Kameron Williams** and **Rickia Simpson**. Strong performances were also given by freshmen **Kerryn Malkowski**, whose season was cut short due to injury. Special thanks is given to seniors **Jehrie Gamble, Tia Harris, Rickia Simpson** and **Jasmine Tulshi** for their dedication to the program the past four seasons. The Lady Mustangs have high expectations for next season as seven letter winners will return to the team in the Spring.

Boys & Girls Track & Field

The track and field teams had many accomplishments this season. The success started early on with the indoor track squad. The indoor girls and boys 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay, and 4x4 relay, and one male high jumper team qualified for the indoor State Track meet and stood on the podium. This carried over to the outdoor season. Both teams competed extremely well, placing high at every track meet and winning most of their events. **Shanya Peters** won MVP at the Beachwood Invitational as well as MVP of the LEL Championship meet. The Boys team won the LEL Championship with a remarkable performance and went on to become district champions in the 4x200m relay. The Mustangs competed in Regionals and the relay team of **Nijah Jackson, Autumn Hale, Shanya Peters**, and **Sydney Angel** advanced to Columbus to compete in the State of Ohio Track and Field Championships. The relay team ran hard and missed out on advancing to finals by mere tenths of a second to place at States. Congratulations to all members of the teams for a superb season.

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News for the community about the Maple Heights City Schools

A Message From the Superintendent



Congratulations Class of 2018!

I am so proud to announce that this graduating class of 269 students is the largest in over 10 years. It is clear that our plan to raise student achievement by committing to excellence is working. This group of dedicated students has been offered more than \$2.9 million in scholarships and grants; they will continue to do great things in the future. We wish you all the best!

Thank you to our teachers, administrators, and support staff for their commitment in helping students on their educational pathways. Thank you to the families who make education a priority and continue to support our schools.



Now Enrolling

For the 2018-2019 School Year

The Maple Heights City Schools offer both half-day (AM/PM sessions) and full-day preschool. Both programs are funded through the State and County which has helped us to offer preschool services to the residents of Maple Heights. In addition to these classrooms, the district has half-day (AM/PM sessions) special education preschool available to residents to serve students with special needs.

The learning environment in our preschool programs provides content, materials, experiences, and strategies that are both age and individually appropriate. These strategies reflect the varying needs and backgrounds of the children. Visit our website or call (216) 587.6100 ext. 3401 for additional information.

In Celebration & Honor

District Hires Football Coach

Alumnus Shaq Washington to Head Team

It seems like only yesterday watching the Mighty Mustangs in 2010 win the OHSSA State Football Championship lead by quarterback **Shaquille Washington**. Starting this season, the team will be once again lead by their faithful on the field captain; but now on the sidelines instead behind the offensive line. *"The opportunity to come back, and lead kids from the same community that helped raised me into the man I am today was a dream of a lifetime."* Said Shaq. After attending Maple Heights Schools from elementary school through graduation, Shaq accepted a full athletic scholarship to the University of Cincinnati where he became the University's all-time leader with 240 receptions and being inducted into the University of Cincinnati *Ring of Honor* at Nipper Stadium. That led to a tryout with the San Diego Chargers. A torn hamstring kept him from making an NFL team. Soon after, he would return to Maple assuming the roles of substitute teacher and joining the football staff as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach. For the upcoming school year, Shaq will be a full-time health and physical education teacher.



Above: Washington prepares our team for his 1st season as Head Coach.

Below: Washington celebrates winning the 2010 State Championship by pointing to a newspaper picture of him following a loss the previous year.

The Mustangs were 4-6 last season, but the team has returning senior standouts in two-way receiver and safety **Antoine Holloway II**, running back **Dante Abrams Jr.**, linebacker **Shamarr Simmons** and receiver and cornerback **Devon Fox**, who returns to his home district ready to help the Mustangs win games.



Recognition Ceremony Honors Staff

Danna Tenorio Teacher of the Year, Phillip Stevens Jr. Employee of the Year, and Retirees

At the Annual Maple Heights City Schools' recognition ceremony, **Phillip Stevens, Jr.** was named *Employee of the Year* and **Ms. Danna Tenorio** *Teacher of the Year*. Stevens, with the district since 2012 is currently a custodian at John F. Kennedy/Barack Obama Schools while Tenorio, a 24-year employee with the district, is a fifth grade teacher at Barack Obama School.

Additionally, the following retiring employees were honored: Teachers **Caroline Poole, Betty Jean Mostiller**; and support staff members **Roberta Martin, and Carolyn "Shanti" Stroman**.

Congratulations to all our honorees!

Congratulations to the Class of 2018

TOP TEN SCHOLARS HEADED TO COLLEGE



Diamond Williams
Valedictorian
Georgia Institute of Technology



Kennedy Shelton
Salutatorian
The Ohio State University



Isaac Bizzell
Cuyahoga Community College



Tavana Carr
Cleveland State University



Marissa Cora
Akron University



Autumn Hale
John Carroll University



Allison Ivcic
Cuyahoga Community College



Lanea Jones
Alabama State University



Naseya Owens
Cleveland State University



Brielle Sorrell
Kent State University

Senior Students Honored with Awards & Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The AXA:** Janelle Cavin, Gabriel McGaughy
- Blue Technologies:** Ryan Murawski
- Mayor Annette Blackwell:** Lakelle Lang
- C.A.M.E.R.A. (Cleveland Area Minority Educators Recruitment Assoc.):** Nautical Gibson, Naseya Owens, Cahmaal Walker
- Pamela Crews & Family:** Jaylen Williams
- Mary Allene Doblar Memorial:** Diamond Williams
- Andy Fotia Football:** Justice Davis
- Dr. Charles Keenan & Family:** Marissa Cora, Autumn Hale, Cahmaal Walker
- Heather Knotts Memorial:** Sydney Angel, Kennedy Shelton
- The Legends Group:** Oscar Pounds, Savannah Walker
- Maple Heights Administrators:** Isaac Bizzell, Allison Ivcic, Lanea Jones
- Maple Education Foundation:** Tavana Carr
- MHTA:** Diamond Williams and Jasmine Tulshi
- Melfi-Peck-Tate:** Reginald Askew
- Nicole McCoy Memorial:** Chanel Thomas
- Mary Ellen McFadden Art:** Talea Smith
- Medical Mutual of Ohio:** Alexis Norton
- Milkovich Family:** Naseya Owens, Me'Kayla Travis
- Pathfinder:** Kierra Hansberry
- Siracusa Family:** Brielle Sorrell
- Cynthia Walter Memorial:** Jeremiah Carrington

AWARDS

Awards for Outstanding Achievement

- Principal's Awards:**
ABC/STEM Pathway Community: Gabriel McGaughy
HPS/STEMP Pathway Community: Alexis Norton
- Athletic**
Male Athlete of Year: Alfonse Hale
Robert Geiser (Female Athlete of the Year): Autumn Hale
OHSAA Archie Griffin Award: Rickia Simpson, Isaiah Thornton
OHSAA Scholar Athletes: Rickia Autumn Hale, Isaiah Thornton, Jaylen Williams

US Army Reserve Nat'l Scholar/Athlete: Raynard Pack, Jr.
- AutoTechnology:** Isaac Bizzell, Tyler Mabe, Amire Wren
- Choir:** DeVaughnna Taylor
- Construction Technology:** Dayejon Gholston-Haskins
- Cosmetology:** Kanyjah Bouldin, Khalia Smith
- Criminology:** Paris Calloway
- English/LA:** Saadiq Daniels, Dayejon Gholston-Haskins
- Marketing:** Kennedy Shelton
- Math:** Breaunte Davis
- Media Arts:** Savannah Walker
- PE:** Rickia Simpson, Isaiah Thornton
- Science:** Alex Kinsey
- Spanish:** Autumn Hale, Allison Ivcic, Me'Kayla Travis
- Social Studies:** Dyman Allen, Malcolm Brightharp, Janelle Cavin, Autumn Hale, Deresha Hammonds, Alex Kinsey, Amahl Quallo, Alex Postlethwaite, Khalia Smith

- Teachers Academy:** Keiara Hansberry
- U.S. Marine Corps**
Scholastic Excellence: Kennedy Shelton
Distinguished Male: Jaylen Williams
Distinguished Female: Sydney Angel
Semper Fidelis Award: Denise Flonnoy
- Presidential Award of Academic Achievement:** Malcolm Brightharp, Tyasia Brown, Janay Clark, Neela Gonzalez, Shayne Jackson, Michael Smith
- Presidential Award of Educational Excellence:** Isaac Bizzell, Miyanna Boggan, Tavana Carr, Jeremiah Carrington, Marissa Cora, Saadiq Daniels, Mariah Dixson, Tyrik Forbes, Alfonse Hale, Autumn Hale, Allison Ivcic, Lanea Jones, Larnell Law, Jr., Kiara Mack, Lashon Maddox, Naseya Owens, Kennedy Shelton, Brielle Sorrell, Me'Kayla Travis, Chanel Thomas, Jasmine Tulshi, Diamond Williams, Jaylen Williams
- Honors Diploma Recipients:** Miyanna Boggan, Tavana Carr, Marissa Cora, Saadiq Daniels, Mariah Dixson, Tyrik Forbes, Autumn Hale, Allison Ivcic, Lanea Jones, Larnell Law, Jr., Jailin McMichael-Berry, Naseya Owens, Kennedy Shelton, Brielle Sorrell, Chanel Thomas, Me'Kayla Travis, Jasmine Tulshi, Diamond Williams

Top 20 Seniors Honor Influential Teachers

The district hosted its Annual Maple Scholars Dinner on May 17. The Scholars Dinner gives an opportunity for our Top 20 students, with the highest academic records in the graduating class, to recognize his or her most influential teacher/staff member. Every year, each of the "Top 20" students chose one Maple Heights teacher or staff member who made a real difference in his or her life and write an essay explaining how the teacher/staff member had an impact on them or their educational pathway. Students, parents, and honored staff are treated to dinner followed by the program. Top 20 students and staff honored this year were as follows:

<u>Senior Student</u>	<u>Teacher Selected</u>
Isaac Bizzell	Mr. Jim Enders, High School AutoTech
Miyanna Boggan	Ms. Jackie Fears, High School Math
Tavana Carr	Ms. Pamela Eason, High School English
Jeremiah Carrington	Ms. Julie Miller, High School English
Marissa Cora.....	Ms. Camille Tulcewicz, High School Art
Saadiq Daniels.....	Mr. Phil Sullivan, High School Social Studies
Mariah Dixson.....	Ms. Melinda Weatherlow-Smith, Middle School English
Alfonse Hale	Mr. Geoff Quier, Retired Teacher
Autumn Hale.....	Ms. Kelly Hunt, Grade 4, Barack Obama School
Allison Ivcic.....	Mr. Mike Partlow, High School English
Lanea Jones.....	Mr. Mike Mazurkiewicz, High School Social Studies
Kiara Mack.....	Ms. Brittany Beutel, High School Science
La Shon Maddox.....	Ms. Sarah Ryan, High School Math
Naseya Owens	Mr. Andy Zolata, Middle School Science
Kennedy Shelton	Ms. Regina Bryant, High School Math
Brielle Sorrell.....	Ms. Erin Pekar, High School Science
Chanel Thomas.....	Mr. Anthony Carpico, High School Math
Me'Kayla Travis.....	Ms. Teresa Port, High School Art
Jasmine Tulshi.....	Ms. Tiffany Hairston, High School English
Diamond Williams.....	Ms. Gretchen Tucker-See, High School Guidance