The class of 2019 exhibited some amazing leadership in our district and these students were outstanding role models to the youth of our community. I am so proud of the many accomplishments of this class, both as a group and as individuals, and we wish them the best as they pursue their dreams. It was amazing to hear that this class earned over $3.1 million in scholarships and grants which is a testament to how outstanding this group of students has been. Congratulations as well to the parents, families, teachers and administrators who had an impact on the lives of these students and have helped them along their educational pathways!

**Mustang Baseball**

The baseball season started off slow for the Mustangs, but finished with the program heading in the right direction. The also program grew in numbers again this year. The varsity team ended the season with an 8-14 record and were in more competitive games this year. The season was highlighted on Senior Night when Senior Wade White threw a no-hitter in the 13-1 victory over Warrensville Hts. Earlier in the season, Senior Aamn Harrison set a school record with a 9 RB game in a 16-3 victory over Parma Valley Forge. The 2020 Mustangs will have a lot of work to do to replace a strong senior class as three seniors were named to play in the Greater Cleveland Senior All-Star Game, and two will play in the All-District All-Star Game. Next year the team will look to be lead by All-Conference players, junior infielder Kolin Howard and sophomores, outfielder Delonte Hall and catcher Jay’Vion Simmons.

**Lady Mustang Softball**

The Lady Mustangs finished the season with a 5-5 record in the LEI and 10-6 record overall. They showed a great deal of poise under pressure by going 3-1 in games decided by only one run. Talia Steel, Kamerson Williams and Kerry Malskowski led the team as they were selected as All-LEI performers. Special thanks is given to seniors Jerri Coleman-Barnes and Mikayla Smith. The Lady Mustangs have high expectations for next season as they will return six letter winners to the team.

**Boys & Girls Track & Field**

The track and field teams accomplished quite a bit this year starting with increased numbers (49 athletes) and a strong showing during indoor track season. Senior Dante Abrams qualified for the Indoor State meet in the 60 yard dash, and Junior Michael McFall in the 60 meter hurdles, both performing well in the state competition. Although this year’s team was very young as we only had three seniors, the young athletes showed their ability to compete, and made a huge impact. They definitely have very bright futures! Some of our young talent includes Natisha Grant and James Murray on the boys’ side, and Iyana Cooper and Kaitlin Calvin on the girls. The boys’ team fell short of defending our LEI championship, finishing a close second to Bedford, while the girls’ team finished in third, missing out of first place by just 9 points! Both teams performed well at Districts, as we sent a number of individuals to regionals: Tyrone Thomas (200m), Dante Abrams (400m), Tra’Vaughn Wilson (300m hurdles & pole vault), and Michael McFall (100 hurdles). McFall was our lone state qualifier, and she is looking to break the Maple Heights High School 40 year old record of 15.0! She is close with a time of 15.10. We look forward to having another successful season next year!

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**Recognition Ceremony Honors Staff**

At the Annual Maple Heights City Schools’ recognition ceremony, Michelle Abrams was named Employee of the Year and Ms. Kristy Drago Teacher of the Year. Abrams, with the district since 2001 is currently Abraham Lincoln School’s main office secretary while Drago, a 17-year employee with the district, is an intervention specialist at Maple Heights High School. Additionally, at the ceremony the following retiring employees were honored: Teachers: Jacqueline Fears, Kathleen Turk; and Support Staff Members: Linda Cleveland, and Michael Whelpley.

**Free Reading Program**

A complete list of activities and events will be posted on our district website after August 1st. We hope you will be able to join us!!

The Annual Back to School Rally will be held on Saturday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Maple Heights High School. The rally is open to all residents and will have activities and events for all ages: arts, crafts, music, food, fun activities, games, prizes, giveaways, and much, much more.

For more information, visit our website at mapleschools.com or call 216.587.6100.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2019

TOP TEN SCHOLARS HEADED TO COLLEGE

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Kent State University

Jada Keyes
Cleveland State University

Demetria Rousseau
Cleveland State University

Sydney Eggleston
Kent State University

Jada Keyes
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Amari Sledge
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Andrea Carter
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