



Ostojic and Meyer Receive National Recognition

MHS Sophomore Annie Ostojic was selected to the Forbes Magazine prestigious 30 under 30 list, joining such luminaries as LeBron James, Kate McKinnon, and Mark Zuckerberg among others.

Nationwide between 15,000 and 20,000 applicants apply for a spot in 20 different categories. Ultimately, 30 individuals are selected within each category.

Ostojic is the third youngest selected this year and she is being recognized in the Energy category for her innovative developments of a new Microwave as well as a system to collect “solar” energy while indoors. Munster High Principal, Mike Wells, said of the development, “Excellent...what an accomplishment; one of many more to come!” As a result of her selection she will be invited to attend the 30 under 30 summit and will be given the opportunity to learn and network among the nearly 6,000 activist, inventors, and entrepreneurs. Munster High School congratulates Annie on this remarkable accomplishment!



MHS Senior Connor Meyer was recently selected as one of only two students to represent Indiana in the U.S. Senate Youth Program. The

U.S. Senate Youth Program was established in 1962 to encourage high school juniors and seniors who have demonstrated excellent leadership abilities to pursue careers in public service. To qualify, Indiana students must be selected by the Indiana Bar Foundation where they must

pass an exam, submit essays, conduct an interview and demonstrate leadership in a position where they are actively representing a constituency. Selected students will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Hearst Foundation and will be treated to an all expense-paid trip to Washington in March where they can witness the inner workings of the government in action. Program alumni include two sitting U.S. senators and many others have gone on to become leaders in education, journalism and other fields. Munster High School congratulates Connor on this prestigious achievement.



More Than 200 Attend Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The third annual Alumni and Faculty and Staff Hall of Fame induction ceremony was a huge success. Nearly 200 individuals celebrated the accomplishments and service of seven former grad-

uates and three former staff members on Aug. 18 at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

For a list of our honorees and their accomplishments see pages 4 and 5.

MHSAA Seeks Alumni/Teacher Nominations for 2018 Hall of Fame

Hello fellow alumni and friends of Munster High School! It's hard to believe that another school year has begun and winter break is fast approaching. This past August 18th we celebrated our third annual Alumni Hall of Fame ceremonies and also our Faculty and Staff Hall of Fame Ceremonies. It was again my honor and pleasure to emcee the proceedings for the record number of attendees. As always it was great to speak with all of the inductees and their guests. The inductees enjoyed a full day of activities which included a tour of the high school, lunch, and an all-school assembly where the students and faculty enjoyed hearing speeches from each of the inductees. Later that evening, following the events at MHS, the Hall of Fame banquet and reception were held at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts with close to 200 guests in attendance. Each inductee was presented with their own personalized memorial pavers identical to the pavers that be installed on the Pathway to Excellence located at the main entrance to Munster High School. I encourage all MHS alumnus, former faculty & staff, and friends of MHS to attend next year's Hall of Fame Banquet. I guarantee that you'll have

a wonderful time catching up with your former classmates and faculty members. I would like to especially thank a few individuals that were responsible for organizing the event. They are Principal Mike Wells, Athena Svolos, Dana Ziel, and Bill Melby. Thank you all for a great day! You can read more about each inductee in this newsletter. If there is a former student, faculty member, or staff member of MHS that you would like to nominate for induction into the Hall of Fame, you can do so on the alumni website at www.munster.us/mhs/. I hope you enjoy this issue of our MHS alumni newsletter which includes stories about the Hall of Fame ceremony as well as other news about events and achievements going on at Munster High School. Lastly, I encourage you to visit the alumni webpage to stay up to date on MHS and alumni association activities. And please consider purchasing a personalized brick on the MHS Pathway to Excellence for yourself or to honor a friend or loved one. I hope you have a great new year.
Go 'Stangs!
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MHSAA is Seeking Additional Alumni Board Members

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School Updates

Superintendent Hendrix keeps us informed about all the building updates with the **Monthly Mustang Express** and his **Superchat Podcast**.

Both can be accessed online www.munster.us

Please check out the "Pride in Excellence" video on the home page. It's AMAZING!!! You may also see some familiar faces...



Purdue Northwest STEM Studies

On Friday, Sept. 29, Purdue Northwest brought an assemblage of STEM students and professors for a mini-STEM Fair in the commons during all lunch periods.

This was a unique opportunity for our high school students to have direct access to students currently living through studies in STEM fields.

The goal of the mini fair was to help MHS students gain a better understanding of their potential college studies.

In addition, PNW students were extremely excited to have the opportunity to visit a high school to showcase their projects and talk about their respective areas of studies.

One PNW student was heard saying "I wish someone came to our high school when I was there, so I could have asked questions about what its really like being a student studying engineering; looking forward to this..."

The followings areas of study were presented:

- Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Civil and Computer)
- Math and Computer Science
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry and Physics

In addition to the students representing their areas of study, the following organizations and research project teams were present:

- Society of Automotive Engineers—Formula race car and Mini-Baja car
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) – Electric vehicle Grand Prix and robotic football team
- American Society of Civil Engineers—steel bridge project
- Society of Women Engineers
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Honors College



ALUMNI AND FACULTY HALL OF FAME



John Edington Munster High School Faculty 1960-2004

John Edington was a Science teacher at Munster High School from 1960 through 2004. He was the Science Department Chair for many years and was one of the founders of “Project Biology” which continues to be a popular class at Munster High School.

Linda Elman Munster High School Faculty 1970-1998

Linda Elman was a very popular Spanish teacher while at Munster High School from 1970 through 1998. During her tenure she was active in the MTA, coached Speech and Debate and was on numerous other school committees.



David Russell Munster High School Faculty 1970-2011

David Russell taught English Language Arts at Munster High School from 1970 through 2011. He was the English Department chair, served on numerous committees, and was active in the MTA.



Zal Bilimoria Munster High School Alumnus 2000

Zal Bilimoria graduated from Munster High School in 2000. Zal has been a project manager for Microsoft, Google, Netflix, LinkedIn and is currently a partner in the venture capitalist company Andreessen Horowitz. Zal has successfully improved many apps and has started up two successful companies in Silicon Valley since leaving Munster.



James Dedelow Munster High School Alumnus 1980

James Dedelow graduated from Munster High School in 1980. Jim is the owner of WJOB radio and has mentored many broadcast students over the years and is affectionately known as the “voice of the region.” He has helped raise over \$100,000 for local charities and was named businessperson of the year by Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.



Donald Fesko Munster High School Alumnus 1990

Donald Fesko graduated from Munster High School in 1990 and is the Chief Executive Officer of Community Hospital which has been rated as one of America’s top 50 hospitals. He is also an optometrist and serves as a board member on several other local agencies.



Will Glaros Munster High School Alumnus 1968

Will Glaros graduated from Munster High School in 1968. Will is the current owner of Employer Benefit Systems which is the largest employer benefit system in Northwest Indiana. Will is also active with several philanthropic organizations in Northwest Indiana.



James Hamblin Munster High School Alumnus 2001

James Hamblin graduated from Munster High School in 2001 and is currently the senior editor of the Atlantic magazine. James has written articles for several national periodicals and was recently named by TIME magazine as one of the top 140 people to follow on Twitter.



Michelle Plantinga Oakley Munster High School Alumna 1987

Michelle Plantinga Oakley graduated from Munster High School in 1987. You may have seen her on the National Geographic channel as Dr. Oakley, Yukon vet. Recently she signed a contract on NBC and can be seen on Saturday mornings as the Wilderness Vet.



Mara Candelaria Reardon Munster High School Alumna 1982

Mara Candelaria Reardon graduated from Munster High School in 1982. She is currently serving as a state representative for the 12th district. She was the first latina female elected to the Indiana state legislature.



Sarah-Anne Lanman Recognized for Commitment to Journalism

Four teachers who show promise as up-and-coming advisers will receive the Journalism Education Association's Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award recognizes teachers' commitment to scholastic journalism and student media advising.

The teachers were honored Nov. 18 at the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention in Dallas.

Sarah-Anne Lanman

Sarah-Anne Lanman, CJE, has had journalism in her blood for a while. After serving as an editor-in-chief for her high school yearbook, it was only fitting she move into the publications director position at her former high school in 2013.

Since then, Lanman has continued encour-

aging the tradition of excellence for both the newspaper and the yearbook programs.

"My program usually has two goals," Lanman said. "One, to make sure to meet the needs and wants of the reader, and two, to improve upon what's been done in the past."

Lanman has the same expectations for herself as she has continued to educate herself in current journalism trends while also sharing those at conventions when she has the opportunity to teach.

"Sarah-Anne trains responsible student journalists who aren't afraid to tackle issues and cover topics important to their readers,"

nominator Nancy Hastings, MJE, said. "She has trained her staffs to be professional, competent journalists."

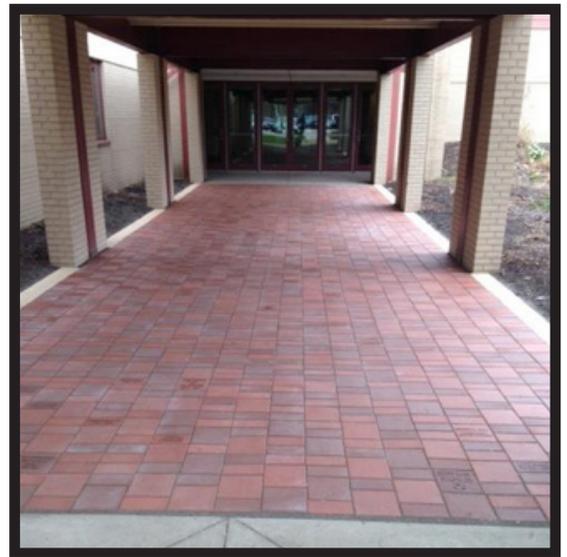
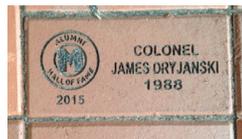


Pathway to Excellence

Recently, our brick walkway, Pathway to Excellence, was installed at the front entrance to Munster High School.

We look forward to more individuals and organizations joining the pathway.

Click the link below to place an order for your brick on the Pathway to Excellence.



<http://www.munster.us/mhs/Alumni/Pathway-to-Excellence>
