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Madeira's Legacy of Giving Keeps Growing

Every member of the Madeira High School (MHS) Class of 2019 attending a college, university, career training program, or entering the military will receive a \$250 monetary scholarship. They are only the second MHS graduating class in school history to receive the Made in Madeira Scholarship, thanks to a long-time Madeira resident who wanted to leave a legacy.

The scholarships were established because of a generous donation from the estate of Homer O. Amos - a long-time Madeira resident and business owner who was proud of his sons and their graduation from Madeira High School in the early 1970's. When Mr. Amos passed away in 2016 at the age of 90, his generous gift of \$750,000 provided the foundation the unique Made In Madeira Scholarship has been built on.

"I know of no other public high school in Ohio who is able to offer this kind of an opportunity to each and every one of their graduates," stated Madeira Superintendent Kenji Matsudo. "Our intention has always been to add to this award for each of our future graduating students."

The scholarship began to grow immediately when several MHS '18 graduates donated their scholarships back to the school in an effort to 'pay it forward.' Madeira Preschool Director Mary Ann McPherson and her husband David made a donation in memory of Mary Ann's aunt and uncle, and future Madeira alumnus Abby Naegeli donated money made at a cupcake stand she held in her front yard over two summers.

The legacy of giving continues as the Class of 2019 leaves MHS. Donations have since been received from Dan & Mary Lou Henke, Jim Decatur, and the MHS Class of 1951 as a tribute to their teacher and mentor Frank Lang. Gifts have been received from Thomas Alloy, Daniel & Marilyn Smith, Steve & Kelly Kramer, and Steve & Lois Oyler. Most recently Danny Laub, James Whittingto, and Matthew & Jodi Wylie contributed to the scholarships.

Madeira High School Class of 2019 member Calin Petro has been involved in various activities including Spanish Club, Art Club, and National Honor Society. She was also named Entrepreneur of the Year and a GPA of 4.0+ earned a spot as a Top Senior. Calin also belongs to service organizations U4Uganda and Key Club so the Made in Madeira Scholarship meant a lot to her. "Giving back has always been important to me," Calin stated. "I'm extremely grateful to be part of a school community that's so generous to its graduates." She plans to attend Indiana University's School of Business.

When Superintendent Matsudo announced to the 2019 graduates that they would receive the scholarships, he told them, "Being Made in Madeira is not about how you start, it's about how you finish. It's not about who you are, but who you can become. Being Made in Madeira is not about getting, it's about giving." Mr. Homer O. Amos lived those words and would no doubt be proud to see that his gift is ensuring that the Made in Madeira Scholarship continues.

For more information, please contact the Madeira City School District Board Office at 513-985-6070 or Madeira Schools Foundation Director of Alumni Relations Mindi Hilgeman at 513- 924-3725.



Pictured: Calin Petro, one of Madeira High School's most recent Made in Madeira Scholarship recipients.