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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Madeira Graduates Receive Special Scholarships at Graduation**

Graduation at Madeira High School is always special. A high quality education in a small town with great community support has been a hallmark of Madeira for years. However this year, a special gift awaited each graduate. "I'm pleased to share that each and every one of you will receive a monetary Made in Madeira Scholarship," Superintendent Kenji Matsudo shared with Seniors at graduation practice in May. Every student? Yes. At the 96th Annual Commencement Exercises of Madeira High School, Superintendent Matsudo shared with parents and students how each of the 114 students from the Madeira Class of 2018 received a \$250 monetary scholarship from a long-time Madeira resident who wanted to leave a legacy.

Known as the Made in Madeira Scholarship, this tremendous opportunity was made possible by a generous donation from the estate of Homer O. Amos. A WW II Veteran and long-time Madeira resident and business owner, Mr. Amos was proud of his sons and their graduation from Madeira High School in the early 1970's. As Madeira's local TV repairman and laundromat owner, Mr. Amos' shop on Camargo Road served Madeira and the surrounding area for many, many years. Mr. Amos was also an avid investor, successful in managing and growing his assets but who in many ways lived a simple and modest life. Mr. Amos passed away two years ago on April 14, 2016 in Madeira at the age of 90. As part of Mr. Amos' final wishes and legacy as a proud parent whose sons graduated from Madeira High School, his desire was to have his estate shared with Madeira High School graduates. Mr. Amos' generous gift of \$750,000 has provided the foundation of the Made In Madeira Scholarship for years to come.

At his commencement address, Madeira Superintendent Kenji Matsudo shared the words of Winston Churchill "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Former Madeira resident and business owner Mr. Amos did both. Endowed by his estate, the Made in Madeira Scholarship will live on for years to come and will be provided to each and every MHS graduate who is continuing their education by attending a college or university, the military, or who is attending a career or technical training program.

"I would hope that this generous Made in Madeira Scholarship given to you by a Madeira community member you never knew sparks an even greater sense of purpose for who you are and who you can become as you leave Madeira High School," said Superintendent Matsudo. Matsudo went on to share with graduates that being Made in Madeira is not just about what you say, but it's what you do. Being Made in Madeira is not about how you start, it's how you finish. It's not only about who you are but who you can become. Being Made in Madeira is not about getting, it's about giving. And if things aren't quite perfect or you've hit a roadblock or a bump along life's journey being Made in Madeira means that it's never too late to change your path or course of direction because above all else, being Made in Madeira means that you never, ever give up.



"I know of no other public high school in the State of Ohio who is able to offer this kind of an opportunity to each and every one of their graduates. As the years roll by here in Madeira, our plan is continue to add to this Made in Madeira Scholarship for each of our future graduating students," said Matsudo.

Indeed, Madeira High School is a special school in a supportive Madeira community.