

The History of Made in Madeira

At the Madeira High School Class of 2018 graduation ceremonies, district Superintendent Kenji Matsudo shared some big news. Each of the 114 graduates who were continuing their education by attending a college or university, the military, or attending a career or technical training program was receiving a \$250 monetary Made in Madeira scholarship - and MHS graduates have received it every year since.

This tremendous opportunity was made possible by a generous donation from the estate of Homer O. Amos, a long-time Madeira resident, and the city's local TV repairman and laundromat owner. Mr. Amos was proud that his sons had graduated from Madeira High School in the early 1970s. He was also an avid investor, successful in managing and growing his assets while living a simple and modest life. As part of his final wishes and legacy when he passed away in 2016 at the age of 90, Mr. Amos' estate was shared with the MHS Class of 2018 graduates. His generous gift of \$785,000 has provided the foundation for the Made



Growing Our Legacy

The plan to add to the scholarship fund started before the 2018-2019 school year even began when several 2018 graduates donated their scholarships back to the school to 'pay it forward.' As word got out about the scholarship, more people wanted to be part of the legacy. A Madeira staff member made a donation in memory of her aunt and uncle who were former educators. A Madeira sixth-grader donated money made at a cupcake stand she held in her front yard for two summers. Donations have been received from current and former Madeira families, individual and class alumni in honor of former staff members, and many friends of Madeira City Schools.

**"We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a lifetime
by what we give."
- Winston Churchill**

"Being Made in Madeira is not just about what you say, 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 opportunity to each and every one of their graduates. As the years roll by here in Madeira, our plan is to continue to add to this Made in Madeira Scholarship for each of our future graduating students."

Kenji Matsudo
Madeira City Schools
Superintendent



To Join the Legacy

Any donation, big or small, will be used to directly support and grow this incredible legacy. Checks can be made to the Madeira Schools Foundation. For more information about planned giving please contact:

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Naming the Madeira Schools Foundation in your will or estate can mean significant tax benefits for you while supporting the future of quality public education. Certain types of Charitable Remainder Trusts can even provide income for you and your family in addition to providing a meaningful gift to your alma mater.

"A school community where learning is personalized and success is ensured"

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