

# *Madison Central School Educational Foundation* **NEWSLETTER**

*"Invest in the Best"*

## **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

It is with much excitement the Madison Central School Educational Foundation is introducing our new Executive Director Renae (Bottum) Prostrollo. Renae grew up in Tulare, SD, graduating with the class of 2001. She attended Dakota State University earning a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. Renae was a Lady T basketball player for 4 years and ran track for one year while attending DSU, graduating in Dec. 2005.

After college, Renae taught one year in Chester, SD before returning to Madison to teach Middle School Language Arts, Reading, and Social Studies for 6 years. Renae left the teaching profession to focus on her children. However, this part-time position is a perfect fit for her family now.

Renae is very active in the Madison community serving on the PTO, a preschool and church board, on the DSU Foundation board, plus teaching Sunday School. Renae and her husband Nick have 3 children, Logan (7), Parker (4), and Oakley (22 months).

"This was a perfect fit for my family and I. It was an opportunity to once again become involved with educators and students to help make a difference in the education advancement in the classrooms. I look forward to working with the donors and helping the Foundation to increase its assistance to those who need it within our district," Prostrollo said.

Prostrollo began her position January 4th and will be located at the Madison High School.

She welcomes any questions, comments or suggestions. You may contact her at [renae.prostrollo@k12.sd.us](mailto:renae.prostrollo@k12.sd.us) or 605-256-7710.



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## **Dates of Interest**

- Alumni Basketball Tourney—April 14 & 15
- Bulldog Scholarship Day—May 11
- Graduation May 14
- 2017 Philanthropy Dinner is October 27

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

With each *New Year* we all strive to reach *new* milestones in our lives— *new* workout plan, *new* eating plan, possibly a *new* hobby. For myself, it was a *new* adventure. In January 2017, I had the pleasure of joining a wonderful organization and be back where I feel comfortable.....in school. If you ask any student walking the halls of MHS, they would probably say they “can’t WAIT to be done with school” but not me...I am back! After ‘retiring’ from teaching (I dislike the word quit) for the past 4 years, I am once again wearing the Madison School District staff badge and loving it.

I am excited at the opportunity to help the Foundation create opportunities for students to attend workshops, camps, and seminars which will help them explore areas that they



would like to pursue after high school. The Foundation also hopes to keep expanding their Innovative Grant programs to help our educators with the extra tools needed to improve on their curriculum.

I hope you will consider supporting the Foundation now or in the future. Also I hope to see everyone at our Philanthropy Dinner October 27th at the Dakota Prairie Playhouse.

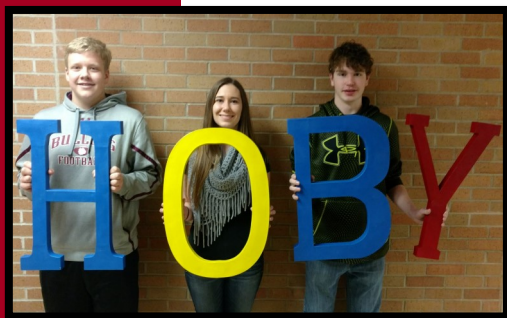
Thank you and I look forward to this wonderful opportunity.

## KEEP US IN THE KNOW....



Alums and friends, we want to hear from you! Recently moved? Welcomed a new family member? Are you newly married? Have you earned a degree? Do you know of the passing of a MHS alum? We want to hear your news and share it in future issues.

Send your news to:  
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## HOBY CAMP



The MCSEF will send 3 MHS rising juniors to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership camp on the campus of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, June 8-11. Johnny Ricke, Riley Uthe, and September Johnson each received a scholarship and additional support coordinated by the Foundation from Madison Kiwanis. Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation.

Youth are selected to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences. HOBY camps are conducted throughout the U.S., serving 9,000 U.S. and international high school students annually.

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Foundation is excited to announce the joining of two new board members Mark Hawkes & Theresa Schaefer.

### Mark Hawkes

Mark was born and raised in Blackfoot, ID. He earned an MS in Instructional Psychology and Technology at BYU, and continued his education (Ph.D) at Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY where he also worked as an instructor.

In 1993 Mark accepted a position at the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory in Chicago, a part of the U.S. Department of Education Office of Research and Improvement. As a researcher in the Policy and Evaluation Center, Mark worked on many state and national initiatives focused at improving K-12 education. In 1998, Mark was asked to lead the lab in examining the evaluation of the learning impacts of educational technologies. The effort culminated in *the Secretary's Conference on Evaluating the Effectiveness of Educational Technology* in Washington, D.C. where many scholars in the field gathered. Mark was recognized by then U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley for his work on the conference and in the field.

In 1999 Mark accepted a position at Dakota State University (DSU). At DSU Mark teaches educational psychology, and educational measurement courses to undergraduates while teaching educational technology courses to graduates. He currently serves as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at DSU. He has numerous manuscripts in research journals and also serves on the editorial review board of two key journals in his field: the *Quarterly Review of Distance Education*, and the *Journal of Research on Computing in Education*.

In February 2002, the Regental Board that governs the activities of South Dakota's Colleges, Universities, and technical schools awarded Mark the "Top Research and Practice in E-Learning" Award. It was the first of its kind ever awarded. He is the only faculty at DSU to receive both the Merrill Hunter Excellence in Research Award (2006) and the Ernest Teagarden Excellence in Teaching Award (2015).

In 2012-13 Mark co-chaired (with Tom Farrell) the "Bulldog Builders" fund campaign for the Madison School District. The drive yielded significant funding that enhanced

new high school facilities (gym, science classrooms, library and Pro-Start). Mark lives in Madison with his wife Joy who works at the Madison Public Library. Together they have raised five children all of whom attended, or are attending Madison Public Schools.

### Theresa Schaefer

I was born and raised in Madison, and graduated from MHS with the class of 1983. I am the youngest, (last-but-not-least), of 13 Green family children, all who graduated from MHS. During my high school years I was active in band, choir, tennis, golf, volleyball and cheerleading. My most favorite memories of my MHS years (don't be surprised) are of the fun I had outside of class. All these memories involved my sister Alice and friends on band trips, tennis meets, golf meets, socials at the Elks, basketball road trips, and tournament trips with the team etc.

I am grateful for MHS, as it helped prepare me to move onward in life and pursue my goals. I attended DSU, and received my AS degree in Applications Programming. I have been married to Randy Schaefer for 32 years, and we have been blessed with the three most amazing children ever. They are all MHS graduates, Kristen Ericsson (2003), Kari Clem (2004) and Robby Schaefer (2007). All three of our children were very active in sports at MHS, which gave me the opportunity to reacquaint myself with the school and faculty when attending their events. Also, we are so very fortunate to have grandchildren who live in close proximity to us. And although I know that change is inevitable, I am hoping that our grandchildren stay close, and will also have the great opportunity to attend MHS.

I am currently employed at Heartland Consumers Power District as Benefits Administrator. Prior to my move to Heartland in November of 2014, I worked at East River Electric for 19 years in Human Resources with great mentors, Val Manthey and Liz Avery, and also worked as a Realtor with Brenda Thompson. I am excited to begin serving on the Madison Central School Educational Foundation Board, and hope to give back to the community that has given me so much.







## MHS STUDENTS VISIT PIERRE



On January 31st, 12 MHS students and their advisors Dana Gonyo & Jeff Hegge went to the state capitol to participate in the Madison/DSU Hosts the Legislature Day. These students all participate in either Student Council, student newspaper, and/or are leaders of other school organizations. The group was part of a larger Madison contingency that day, so they observed community leaders interact with our own representatives in both chambers and had their own opportunities to see government in action.

Madison High School Senior Cayden Eliason said her "favorite part of the trip was touring the DCI/Attorney General's office. We were able to see all of their labs- blood/ bodily fluids, fingerprints, and the gun range." Eliason also stated that "another wonderful part was being able to have a Q and A with Governor Daugaard. He is a very intelligent man and had a plethora of information for those who asked questions."

This is the fifth year that the Foundation has participated in the Madison area event.

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## ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On April 14th & 15th, hopefully, we will see you playing or watching Madison alumni basketball. The Foundation Board of Directors will be around to welcome you to this exciting event. Please stop by our table to say hello, hear about our latest projects and sign up for door prizes. The event is Friday evening and all day Saturday Easter weekend.

See you there!



## DONORS ( SEPTEMBER 2016—MARCH 2017)



### Jim Thompson '56 Endowed Scholarship

Roger Schrepel  
Marlon & Kris Wiebe

### Karen Owens Roseberry '82

Gene & Marilyn Hexom

### Brian Seitz '77

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Diane Aus

### Mary Jo Thurow '79

Diane Aus  
Madison Middle School  
Dave & Susan Hageman

### Mark Hartman '91

Anonymous

### Julian Freitag Endowed Scholarship

Classic Corner Employees/Customers  
Jackson Jones

### John Lang '46

Diane Aus  
Jim & Maxine Swanson & family  
Todd & Lori Norby  
Kenneth & Bev Winterton

### Delores McDonnell

Madison Middle School

### MHS Stem Scholarship

Mike Stunes

### Jim Cordts Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Robert Cordts

### Ben Bundy Memorial Scholarship

Joe & Megan Bundy

### Mary Johnson

Steve & Karen Johnson

### HAVE A SEAT Auditorium Chairs

Pat Rosell  
Jon & Beth Knuths

### Honorariums

Gifts given in honor of Kelsey Smith, Angela Robinson & Monica Pickard—by the Joel & Jamie Husher Family

### Giving is Sweet Campaign

Tim & Colleen Tucker  
Ruth Spencer  
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Madison High School Alumni receive Step-Up Scholarships.

## 11 GRADS RECEIVE STEP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Madison Central School Educational Foundation presented Step-Up scholarships to Brodie Frederiksen, Mallory Gum, Laura Garcia, Allison Heim, Tavyn Hallan, Emma Marsh, Miranda Johnson, Courtney O'Connell, Megan Wollmann, Brady Balogh, Stephany Brown, members of the Class of 2016, who are now Freshman at Dakota State University.

In 2003, the MCSEF Board of Directors made a proposal to the City of Madison to start a utility bill round-up program to generate scholarship dollars for Madison High School students attending DSU. Since the Step-Up for Scholars program has been in place, 120 students have received scholarships.

"These students and the MCSEF board of directors would like to thank the current participants and the City of Madison for their support of the Step-Up program," said Renae Prostrullo, MCSEF Director. "We'd like to encourage everyone to participate in the utilities round-up program. It is a small individual investment that makes a huge impact on our Madison High School students who attend DSU."

Madison residents and businesses can sign up to participate in the Step-Up Scholarship Program allowing the City Finance Office to round up their monthly municipal utility bill to the nearest whole dollar. The most a customer could pay in one year is \$11.88. The average participant's round-up totals between \$6 and \$7 per year. The money is put into the Step-Up Scholarship Fund and awarded in the form of scholarships to MHS students attending DSU. To enroll in the program, please contact the City Finance Office at 256-7504 or email [utilities@cityofmadison.com](mailto:utilities@cityofmadison.com).

## EASY AS PIE

On 3.14 or March 14th the Foundation celebrated Pi day. The goal of our *Easy As Pie* campaign is to grow staff participation in the payroll deduction program to support the MCSEF. If the staff have at least \$3.14 deducted from their paycheck each month, our Foundation Board of Directors served them a piece of pie (*apple* of course!) on Pi Day! Shari Eliason of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Diner donated the apple pies.

Also on Pi day to encourage other teachers to participate in the payroll deduction program, fresh baked apple pies donated from McDonalds were given to non-participating teachers as a delicious motivator. Currently there are 22 participants in our Easy As Pie program.



## ARTISTS IN RESIDENCY

October 24-28, 2016, Plankinton artist Altman Studeny conducted a workshop for 3rd & 4th grade students at Madison Elementary as part of the South Dakota Arts Council's Artists in Schools & Communities program. During the weeklong residency, students explored the history of their community through often overlooked channels for gathering research, including local newspaper archives, old yearbooks, local museums, family photo albums and oral history research with parents and grandparents. Students created works of art centered on a local historical event, whether a devastating drought or an ice cream social. A mixed-media collaborative exhibit ended the week.

This program is sponsored by the Madison Central School Educational Foundation, Inc., with support provided by the South Dakota Arts Council with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## GIVING IS SWEET CAMPAIGN



We tried something different this year, so let's give *pie* a try. Because there was not a Philanthropy Dinner in 2016, the Foundation did a Giving is Sweet campaign December 2016 through March 2017.

Friends of the Foundation "purchased a ticket" and in exchange for their generosity they were given their choice of delicious pies. *\*The best part of dinner ... is dessert anyway\**

We thank you for your support which has allowed us to grow and further our efforts

and goals to enhance education.

**Save the Date:**

**Philanthropy Dinner 2017**

**Friday, October 27th**



*Prostrollo Auto Mall employees excited for their blueberry & cherry pies.*

## HAVE A SEAT CAMPAIGN



For \$250 you can sponsor a chair in the MHS auditorium. We will put your name on it on a brass plaque. Perhaps you want to honor someone— someone you watched perform on stage, your favorite director, or someone who came to watch you perform—the possibilities are endless. Proceeds from chairs go to the Performing and Fine Arts Fund which provides grants to educators and programs within the Madison Central School District to enhance performing and fine arts experiences for students Pre-K through 12. Through this program, sponsors can leave their mark or legacy in the High School Auditorium, and at the same time, impact students through this new grant program. For more information about sponsoring a seat, please contact Renae Prostrollo at [madisoneducationalfoundation@k12.sd.us](mailto:madisoneducationalfoundation@k12.sd.us).

## CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM



The Smith Zimmermann Heritage Museum in Madison offered a special event during the holiday season with a Christmas featuring decorated evergreens this past winter. The Foundation was a part of the holiday celebration with a Harry Potter themed tree. Visitors could vote for their favorite among the decorated evergreens by placing money in a donation container located next to the trees and all money was donated to the Lake County Food Pantry. The Foundation also provided a coloring project with its Christmas tree, in which artists could decorate their own Harry-Potter themed sketch.





## ROTARY DON E. GROSS MEMORIAL

Madison Rotary Club Treasurer Clair Welbon presents a check for \$1,500 to Renae Prostrollo, executive director. The donation is this year's contribution to the Rotary/Don E. Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the MCSEF. In July, Rotary hosts the Don Gross Memorial Golf Tournament, proceeds of which go to the fund. Gross was a member of the club for 44 years. The scholarship is awarded to a Madison High School senior who has demonstrated a solid work ethic, has financial need and has achieved academic success.

*“Don Gross was a member of the Rotary club for 44 years.”*

## GRANT PROGRAMS HELP TEACHERS & STUDENTS

Our Foundation grant programs provide professional development opportunities to our educators and program enrichment opportunities for our students which the school budget is not able to provide. The Norm Johnson Educator Enhancement Grants were awarded last fall for registrations to

- ◆ **Jennifer Richards**– for the American Choral Director’s Association National Conference in Minneapolis in March. Last fall Anna Boldt, one of Richards’ students and a MHS junior, was chosen for a national high school honors choir which will perform during this conference.
- ◆ **Betsy Schamber**– for the South Dakota Math and Science Conference in Huron this past February. She shared her two-week summer

experience working with scientists at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, MD.

- ◆ **Connie Currey**– for the Special Education Conference in Deadwood in March. The Center for Disabilities and the SD Department of Special Education holds the conference to enable teachers to work with students and parents in the most effective and innovative ways.

The Foundation also awarded two Performing & Fine Arts Grants.

- ◇ **Jennifer Richards**- purchased a pair of Peavey Stereo Speakers for the MHS Choir room.
- ◇ **Monica Pickard**– paid expenses for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical of “The Music Man, Jr.” which was performed this past January.



*Middle School teachers (l to r)  
Connie Currey, Betsy Schamber, Jenn Richards*



*Elementary Music instructor Monica Pickard (center) pictured with her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade music students.*

## OUR MISSION:

To facilitate private and corporate support for Madison Central School District.

## PURPOSE:

The Madison Central School Educational Foundation, Inc. is organized to promote, enhance, and enable educational opportunities and school improvement activities in the Madison Central School District.

## CONTRIBUTIONS:

The 501 © (3) status allows individual donations to the Foundation to qualify as charitable giving and tax deductions. It also allows the school district to receive grants and other funds from other foundations and organizations.

## BOARD MEMBERS



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