

Have fun, raise funds this September

Night golf, online auction, concerts planned

Marion High School Alumni Association has some exciting events coming up in the next few weeks. We hope you'll consider getting involved!

Giant Night in Lights

Sept. 6, 2017

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, you can join us for Giant Night in Lights, a unique opportunity to play a little golf and have a lot of fun together with friends.

Teams of six will play four holes under the lights at Shady Hills Golf Course in Marion. There will be food and drinks, golf challenges like an island green shot and break the glass, along with live music from Marion native Jessie Brown, a country music artist now working in Nashville, Tenn.

>> **To reserve your spot to participate, contact Shady Hills today!** There are limited spots, and it is first come, first served. Call 765-668-8256 or visit them at 1520 W. Chapel Pike. It is \$60 to register individually, or \$100 for a pair — you save \$10 each! (Shady Hills accepts cash or check only. If you need to pay by credit card, visit <https://squareup.com/store/mhs-alumni-association>.)

Giant Arts in the Park

Sept. 7, 2017

Giant Arts in the Park is a social event you won't want to miss. On Thursday, Sept. 7, come out and enjoy good company, a beautiful setting (the Gardens at Matter Park), and



(Banners were retired due to age and have been replaced with beautiful new banners.)

great entertainment from the Marion Community Schools music programs, along with food for sale to benefit the MHS Bands.

In addition, this event will cap off our online auction, which will start Aug. 27 and end Sept. 7. We will be auctioning the retired banners from Bill Green Athletic Arena (retired due to age, and replaced with beautiful new banners), along with a list of other items at nearly any price point. (You do not have to be present at this event to bid online.)

Bid on your favorite items!

Starting Aug. 27, you can bid on items including the retired banners from Bill Green Arena, along with other Giants memorabilia, and lots more!

Here's a look at some of the items up for bid:

- Gift certificates to several local restaurants
 - Tickets to local and regional attractions (including the Indianapolis Children's Museum, MHS Giant Passes, Fort Wayne Mad Ants tickets, and more)
 - Sports memorabilia (Pacers, Colts, Bears, IU, Indiana All-Stars, more)
 - Golf passes
 - Hollywood items
 - Art from local artists
 - Items and gift certificates from local businesses
- >> **Get at sneak peak: www.biddingowl.com/mhsalum**

These events offer unique advertising opportunity for groups and businesses

Your business or organization can sponsor the Giant Night in Lights and Giant Arts in the Park!

For only \$100, you can advertise to an engaged and enthusiastic captive audience at Giant Night in Lights on Sept. 6 at Shady Hills Golf Club AND the Giant Arts in the Park event on Sept. 7 at the Gardens of Matter Park.

>> **Contact Mark Fauser to take advantage of this special advertising opportunity: mfauser@indy.rr.com**

Congratulations, 2017 MHS Hall of Distinction honorees

Marion Community Schools is pleased to announce the 2017 inductees to the Marion High School Hall of Distinction. The five alumni inductees include GIANTS in the fields of business, dentistry, and education.

The selection committee chose the five inductees from a field of nominees under consideration. Nominees remain under consideration for a period of up to three years.

The 2017 inductees are:

- **Art Faulkner, Marion High School Class of 1958**, a well-known, highly respected philanthropist and humanitarian in the Marion community, who retired as a department director at Marion General Hospital and who served for years on the Marion Community Schools Board of School Trustees.
- **Richard Harris, Marion High School Class of 1965**, longtime owner of Matthews Buick (until 2014), active community leader, and philanthropist.
- **Dave Tippey, Marion High School Class of 1969**, outstanding science educator at Marion Community Schools and Indiana Wesleyan University.
- **Courtney Gorman, D.D.S., ABO, Marion High School Class of 1979**, longtime owner of Gorman and Bunch Orthodontics, with offices in Marion and throughout central Indiana, sought-after educator and speaker, active community leader, and philanthropist.
- **Latondra Newton, Marion High School Class of 1986**, chief diversity officer and senior vice president for the Walt Disney Company, following a long career with Toyota Motor Corp. in various leadership roles, ultimately as group vice president for social innovation, chief diversity officer for North America, and project general manager of the corporate citizen division.

The 2017 inductees will be honored at an induction cere-

Banquet tickets available:

The 2017 Marion High School Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet is set for 5 p.m. in the Henry West Banquet Room at Barnes Student Center on the Marion campus of Indiana Wesleyan University.

To reserve your spot, please contact Patricia Gibson at the Marion Community Schools District Office at Marion High School, 765-662-2546, x. 121, or email pgibson@marion.k12.in.us.

mony and banquet set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, at the Henry West Banquet Room, Barnes Student Center, Indiana Wesleyan University, part of Marion Giants homecoming weekend. Ticket information will be provided closer to the date of the event. Inductees will also be honored at the Giants' homecoming football game on Friday,

Sept. 29.

The MHS Hall of Distinction gives lasting recognition to alumni who have made exceptional contributions to the achievements and prestige of Marion Community Schools. It also serves to help inspire current students to aspire to similar success.

Any MHS alumnus who graduated at least five years ago and who has made substantial contributions to the achievements of Marion Community Schools or whose exemplary actions reflect honor on MCS is eligible for nomination. The Hall seeks to honor men and women who have distinguished themselves through superb accomplishment on a local, state or national level in diverse fields of endeavor.

Non-MHS graduates may be afforded honorary status in the MHS Hall of Distinction.

The nomination period will be reopened next year. More information, including nomination forms and details on previous inductees, is available at www.marion.k12.in.us in the Alumni section.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Greetings!

Summer has been a very busy time and particularly exciting for my family. Our daughter, Abby, just graduated from Marion High School as a member of the Class of 2017.



She is now headed to Indiana University with more than 40 college credits. And Abby isn't the only one capitalizing on Marion High School's stellar curriculum. Marion High School's Class of 2017, as a whole, earned more than 4,022 college credits and \$5 million in scholarships. In fact,

Truman Bennet, the son of our very own MHSAA Vice President Matt Bennet, just arrived on campus for his first year at Purdue University with 63 college credits, officially making him a junior! It's a great time to be a Giant!

With that being said, I am keeping my message "short and sweet" for this edition of our newsletter. My message is: Get involved in our opportunities, and consider giving back.

With the upcoming Giant Night in Lights and Giant Arts in the Park events, there are so many giving opportunities to support the good work our organization is doing to aid programming in the arts, athletics and academics at Marion High School and throughout the entire Marion

Community Schools system. Consider forming a team for the golf outing, purchasing a sponsorship for your business, donating to our auction, bidding online (from near or far) in our auction, encouraging other alumni to join our organization or just opening your "Giant Heart" with an in-kind donation.

We are continuing to do great things in Marion Community Schools, and we welcome your involvement. Thank you for your membership and continued support!

Email us at info@mhsalum.com for more information on any of these opportunities.

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— Lori Eltzroth
(Class of 1989)

MHS alum named new MCS Special Education director

Marion Community Schools is pleased to announce that Olivia Wright has accepted the administrative assignment as Director of Special Education for the 2017-18 school year.

Wright is a graduate of Marion High School and has worked for MCS since 2001 — more than 16 years of experience as a teacher and a special education coordinator.

Wright has been coordinator and assistant director for the MCS Special Education department since 2015.

"I am excited to continue to help students at MCS grow and achieve in every way possible. I believe it is going to be the best year yet!" Wright said.

Coming this fall: MHS Athletic Hall of Fame!

Display to be opened at Homecoming

The revamp of the Bill Green Arena continues at Marion High School, with work currently under way on the MHS Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame will be housed in the hallway at the south end of the arena. It will showcase the best of the best from MHS's long history of excellence. It will include outstanding high school athletes, along with athletes who went on to notable careers in Division I schools, as well as those who have played professionally.

Marion Community Schools has been working with a group of longtime fans, area sports reporters, former MHS athletic directors, and more to bring this project to life.



Plaques like these will be displayed in the new Marion High School Athletics Hall of Fame, which is set to open on Homecoming Week in late September. There will also be displays of state titles, Division I college athletes, and professional athletes.



Did you know your class can book a tour of Marion High School during your next reunion weekend? Members of the Class of 1971 (above) enjoyed their recent visit! Call MHS at 765-664-9051 or email the MHS Alumni Association for more information: info@mhsalum.com

Upcoming reunions

- **Class of 1962**, set for Sept. 8, 2017
- **Class of 1967**, set for Sept. 15-17, 2017. Contact Frank Ireland at 317-407-4098 or Patty Rigsbee at tpriigsbee@aol.com
- **Class of 1957 50th birthday party**, set for Oct. 14, 2017. Contact Frank Ireland at 317-407-4098 or Patty Rigsbee at tpriigsbee@aol.com
- **34th annual Marion High School Florida Reunion**, set for March 1, 2018. Save the date!

Share with us!

Reunion information is also listed on our website, www.mhsalum.com. We'd love to feature yours! Email us at info@mhsalum.com, or mail it to P.O. Box 48, Marion, IN 46952.

Alumni, students model for spirit shop

Online sales, MHS showroom coming soon

Recently, several alumni and current Marion Community Schools students took part in photo shoots for new Marion Giants spirit wear that will be available soon.

There will be a showroom at the front of Marion High School, where many items will be displayed, and gear can be ordered there, or from anywhere in the world via the online shops from three different vendors. Links will be available for online sales soon.

In the future, students in the Marion Regional Career Center graphic arts program and the Marion High School marketing classes may get the chance to design, print, and market their own creations.

We're excited to see what this new store grows into!



MHS alum Kirston Hiller was among the students and alumni modeling the new spirit wear recently!

Look what's new at Dick Lootens Stadium!



Football, soccer, track & field title signs now on display

Just in time for the 2017 football season, new signs at Marion High Schools' Dick Lootens Stadium display conference, sectional, and regional titles, along with state finalist honors.

These signs honor all sports that use the stadium facility. It's

just one more way to celebrate the proud history of the Marion Giants!

In addition, the pressbox got a facelift this summer, and will soon include not only a sign with the full name of the stadium, but also the retired numbers of former NFL players

Charles 'Ookie' Miller and Will Whitticker.

We at MHSAA hope many of you can come out to see these great new additions in person during Homecoming 2017! The Giants will take on the Muncie Central Bearcats on Friday, Sept. 29.

Your business OR your family can show off your Giant Pride!

Have you seen the windcreens at the MHS Sports Complex? Did you know you can buy one today for your business or group or even your family?

Prices range from \$250 to \$500 per year. This is the best advertising signage deal you'll find around the area!

The MHS Sports Complex is host to more than 250 competitions a year, with visitors from nearly 50 cities.

We can put nearly anything you want on these windcreens, and they can be kept for several years.

Mike Achor Class of 1961	Norma Anderson Achor Class of 1963	Angie Achor Kelley Class of 1963	Leslie Achor Hendricks Class of 1969	Austin Hendricks Class of 2016	Claire Hendricks Class of 2020
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