

Giant footsteps to follow

Marching Giants raising funds for new uniforms



In 1969, not only did the Marion High School Marching Giants win the state championship, but it was also considered one of the best high school marching bands in the world. It was the peak of success for the MHS bands.

In the decades that followed, though, as the population of the city declined and with it enrollment numbers at Marion Community Schools, the marching band dwindled. In fact, for more than a decade, Marion High School had no marching band at all.

But in 2014, that changed.

MHS Director of Bands Josh Huff brought the MHS Marching Giants back to life; Marion's is the only competitive marching band in Grant County, and the Marching Giants are proud to represent the city and the

county in competitions around the state.

The high school band program is not the only one growing. In fact, there are more than 100 students enrolled in 6th-grade band, and about 300 enrolled in our junior high band program.

With such a strong program at the lower levels, the high school band is looking forward to continued growth. Marion Community Schools is proud to provide these opportunities to young musicians.

However, with growth comes more costs. Among the needs are new marching band uniforms (sample seen at left!). The ones currently in use are 15 years old, and not only are they showing wear and tear, but there are too few to accommodate the continued growth of the band.

MCS has committed to pay

To help:

- **Sponsorships** (with advertising options) are available for the 2018 Marching Giants season. Email jhuff@marion.k12.in.us for more information.
- **Donations** can also be made through MHSAA. Call 765-506-7604 to make arrangements.

about half the cost of the new uniforms (\$25,000), the MHSAA has already helped raise \$6,200 for the cause, and other donors have also stepped up. But the program is still in need of about \$18,000.

This is a chance for alumni and other friends of the arts to make a real impact on the lives of young musicians today!



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Today Marion High School, tomorrow the world!

Thanks to a generous sponsorship by Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion High School students who stand out both academically and in their activities in and out of school are featured on banners that are displayed throughout the school building. These banners serve as recognition for the featured students, and inspiration for younger students as well. But they also serve another purpose: real-world work for our marketing / multi media students, who help with the design, and for our graphic arts students at Marion Regional Career Center, who printed the banners in the printshop at MRCC (housed within the Marion High School building. These banners are something the whole school can take GIANT pride in. And some of the students are second- or even third-generation Giants!

The tradition of excellence is alive and well at Marion High School!

JOSIAH HAMILTON



GIANTS
4.48 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

JROTC, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Mu Alpha Theta, Marksmanship Team

MAYLEN BOWEN



GIANTS
4.4 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

Jazz Band, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Pop Band, Mu Alpha Theta, Innovations Backup Band

KHABREYA COBB



GIANTS
4.43 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

Dance Team, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, M-Club

ALISSIA JONES



GIANTS
4.0 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

Tech, Spanish, Music Theory

CAMILLE CASE



GIANTS
4.6 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

Signature Dance, Dance Team, Spanish Honor Society, FCA, Campus Life, Mu Alpha Theta, Tennis, M-Club

ISAK LAGERKVIST



GIANTS
4.8 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

Soccer, M-Club, Spanish Honor Society, Jazz Band, Mu Alpha Theta

TAYLOR KITTS



GIANTS
4.63 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

First Team All NCC Soccer, First Team All District Soccer, Mu Alpha Theta, M-Club, Principal Advisory Council

CLAIRE HENDRICKS



GIANTS
4.55 GPA GIANT SUCCESS

Tennis, Cross Country, Soccer, Mu Alpha Theta, Senate, Jazz Band, FCA, Quiz Bowl, Campus Life, Claim Your Campus, Spanish Honor Society, M-Club, Science Academic Team

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TRISTAN GALEON



4.6 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Principal's Advisory Student Council,
Jazz Band, Quiz Bowl, Spell Bowl,
Math Super Bowl, Tennis,
Science Super Bowl,
Mu Alpha Theta

ELLA VERMILION



4.55 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Basketball, Soccer, 1st Team All NCC,
Mu Alpha Theta, M-Club, PSAC,
Campus Life, FCA

JAE LIN LINDSEY



4.07 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Concert Band, Marching Band,
Pep Band,
Mu Alpha Theta,
Campus Life,
M-Club

NIHAL NAGESH



4.4 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Super Bowl Academic Team
for Math and Science,
Quiz Bowl, Tennis,
Mu Alpha Theta,
Concert Band

PATRICK SPITZER



4.9 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Tennis,
Concert Band,
Mu Alpha Theta,
Math Academic Team,
Science Academic Team

CALEB SPITZER



4.73 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Tennis, Quiz Bowl, Jazz Band, Senate,
Mu Alpha Theta, Senate, Campus Life,
Science Academic Team, FCA,
Social Studies Academic Team,
Spell Bowl, Claim Your Campus

GARRETT SCHER



4.46 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
M-Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FCA,
Campus Life, Senate, Wrestling,
Soccer, Spanish Honor Society

CATHRYN RIGGS



4.43 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Soccer,
Tennis,
Mu Alpha Theta,
FCA, Innovations,
Campus Life

JACK WHITE



4.35 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Soccer, M-Club,
Spanish Honor Society,
Mu Alpha Theta,
Jazz Band,
Track and Field

LEVI HOFFMAN



4.43 GPA GIANT SUCCESS
Rifle Marksmanship, JROTC

34th annual MHS-Florida reunion

By Dr. Pierre J. Fisher
Class of 1949
Retiring reunion president

Seventy-five Marionites gathered for a reunion at Duff's Original Buffet restaurant in Bradenton, Fla., on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

The first Marion High School-Florida Reunion was held at Stacey's Buffet in Largo, Florida on March 1, 1984. It was organized by Charlie Kilgore (retired Marion Postmaster) and Laverne Bradford (the first MHS Easter Queen - 1934). It was promoted, for many years, by Bill Fowler of WBAT who was widely known for many years as the "Voice of the Giants."

The event was moved to Duff's in Bradenton in March 2011, when the Largo buffet was closed. The annual event has always been held on the first Thursday in March.

The emcee this year was Jerry Shull (MHS class 1962). Carmen Lindsay Ramsey led the enthusiastic group in singing the chorus of Back Home Again in Indiana, The Marion High School Fight Song and God Bless America.

The group took a break for a great buffet lunch that offered a large variety of country style cooking plus Mexican and Italian dishes. One could finish their meal with a choice of many scrumptious desserts.

Dr. Pierre J. Fisher, retiring president and member of the MHS Class of 1949, opened the afternoon plenary session with a few welcoming and historical remarks.

John Earnest (MHS Class of 1962) presented a video produced by Mark Fauser for the Marion High School Alumni Association, featuring great things that are happening in the Marion Community Schools system and promoting the MHSAA's Giant Dreams Endowment Funds for Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

All alumni are invited to join the tax exempt 501(c)3 association with an annual \$25.00 membership fee. Contributions can be made to Marion High



Dr. P.J. Fisher and Ed Deering



Myrtle James and Carol Retherford



John Campbell and Charlie Pack



Pat and Bob Breedlove



Juanita Cambell and Nancy Ray



Ben and Sherie Dobson



Carol Walton Fisher and Jim Fisher

School Alumni Association, P. O. Box 448, Marion, IN 46952

First-time attendees were introduced and the mic was passed around the room so everybody had a chance to talk.

Next year's reunion will be on March 7, 2017.



Janice Evans and Suzie Shoemaker

Giant Dreams Endowments update

As of early March, the Giant Dreams Endowments were just over \$207,000.

This is a wonderful accomplishment that reflects the generosity and hard work of many, many community members here and alumni near and far. These funds, held at the Community Foundation of Grant County, will help Marion Community Schools each year in perpetuity.

Already, these funds have provided needed materials for academics, arts, and athletics programs, making a real difference in the lives of today's



Giants.

>> To find out how you can help Giants today and long into the future, visit GiveToGrant.org/GiantDreams or email mfauser@indy.rr.com for more information.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Greetings Giant Nation!

Your Alumni Association is continuing to do so many great things. Our efforts to raise money keep yielding results, which has allowed us to invest dollars right back into current and future Giants at Marion High School. Our academic, artistic, and athletic programs are growing and thriving from your contributions, so let's keep working ahead toward the many areas in need. In the meantime, though, let's be reminded of and celebrate our good work:



- Marion High School Hall of Distinction
- Giants Athletics Hall of Fame
- Giant Arts in the Park & Auction (mark your calendar for Sept. 6!)
- Giant Night in Lights Golf Outing (mark your calendar for July 5!)

In addition, donations have made an impact on programs such as MHS art department, soccer teams, JROTC, band, wrestling, football, library, and so much more! Your dollars DO make a difference. Please consider joining and giving to MHSAA *today!* See Page 6 of this newsletter for more information on how to join. And please share with your friends and family.

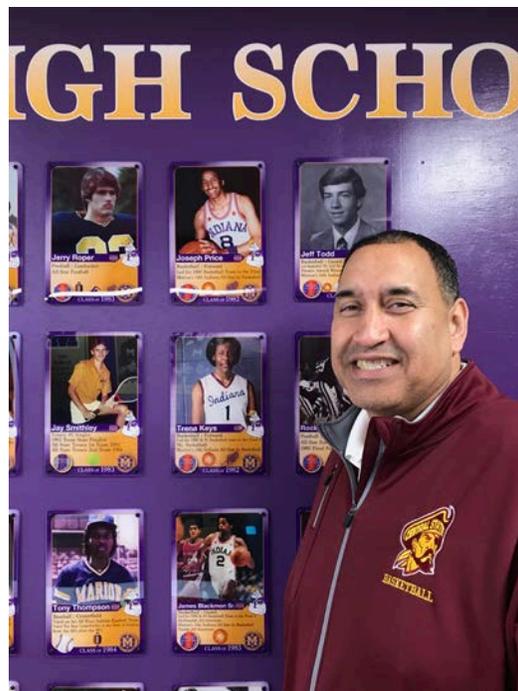
Thank you, and Happy Spring!
#GFND

— Lori Hurst Eltzroth
(Class of 1989)

It's good to be home:

Joseph Price, Marion High School Class of 1982 and Indiana All-Star, came back home for a Marion Giants basketball game and took a look at the new Marion Giants Athletics Hall of Fame. He was touched that he and his brother were both honored and recognized for their great achievements both in high school and in college.

The Giants Athletics Hall of Fame, at the south end of Bill Green Arena, is open at all home games and during school hours. If you'd like to arrange a special tour, call the Marion High School Alumni Association at 765-506-7604!



Memories:

The MHS Giants tennis team from 1977-78 came in from around the country to surprise, honor, and celebrate their beloved high school tennis coach, Bill Beekman! From left are: Rusty Gorman, Courtney Gorman, Bill Beekman, Roger Hughes, Peter Snow, Jeff Todd, Matt Dubuque and Rick Hiatt.

Send us your pics!

Are you getting together with fellow Giants for a reunion or another event? Send your snapshots our way and include names and other relevant info and we'll consider for publication! Email info@MHSalum.com.

New MHSAA membership options now available!

The Marion High School Alumni Association has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support Giants today and long into the future. We have distributed money for many projects and programs at all grade levels within Marion Community Schools, and we have built the Giant Dreams Endowments to more than

\$200,000, a level which already allows us to distribute grants.

NOW is the time for alumni and friends of the Marion Giants to get step up and involved!

To continue to provide these gifts to support outstanding opportunities, we have instituted new levels of yearly membership. (Those who were already

members are lifetime members, but we ask that *all* members consider yearly gifts.

Membership options are:

- **Annual basic:** \$25 (non-alumni = "Giant Supporters)
- **Annual Purple:** \$50
- **Annual Gold:** \$100
- **Annual GFND:** \$250
- **Annual Giant:** \$500

All members are recognized in the quarterly newsletter, and those who donate at levels above basic will be noted. (You can also purchase a memorial membership for alumni who have passed on.)

To become a member or renew, visit www.MHSalum.com/membership.

MHSAA members:

Class of 1935: Joseph Davis
 Class of 1936: Harold Witcoff
 Class of 1937: James Wilson
 Class of 1938: Richard Simons
 Class of 1940: Margie Vice
 Class of 1942: Edmund Casey
 Class of 1943: Jeanne Michos
 Class of 1947: Clark Beck, Dick Weagley
 Class of 1948: Nancy Teeters
 Class of 1949: George Dixon, Pierre Fisher, Robert Shirar
 Class of 1950: Carol Fisher, Jane Kohlmorgen
 Class of 1951: Frank Fisher, Alene Sloan, Kenneth Sloan
 Class of 1952: Jim Sutter
 Class of 1953: Robert Scott
 Class of 1954: Al Harker, Wynston Lynn
 Class of 1955: Oatess Archey, Jerry Jones, Myrtle Pulley Jones
 Class of 1956: John Browne III, Janice Evans, Frank Faunce, Bill Hanley, Doris Jesch, Karen Tucker, Von Tucker, Morris Underwood, Susan Brock Williams, Nelson Young
 Class of 1957: Bob Daugherty, Steve Moorehead, Peggy (Walton) Pace, Dick Persinger, Don Tillman
 Class of 1958: Art Faulkner, James Moritz
 Class of 1959: Carol (Plummer) Hamilton, Maggie (Decker) Osborn, Phillip Smith
 Class of 1960: Deanna Bergsma, Mark Boatwright, George Bragg, Avery Chandler, Mike Conroy, William Dennis, Bernard Diamond, Charles Esarey, Roselyn Farley, David Fosnough, Mary Gough, Richard Green, Larry Haines, Sandra Haynes, Gloria Heinemann, Jim Hughes, John Jacob, Jane Keene, Alice Kreissler, Bettieann Liddle, Michael Maidenberg, Kay Miller, Frances Pack, Marsha Pence, John Smith, Nancy Ray, Janet Tenhula, James Thorne, Rosilyn Vyhnaek, Carole (Knotts) Wandrei, Thomas

Members: Update your profile

Log on at www.MHSalum.com and share your graduating class and other information. The directory is viewable only by members.

Westfall

Class of 1961: Michael Achor, Steve Carmach, Bert Ewer, Gail (Pearce) Gorrell, Dave Ivey, Rosen Richcreek, Jane (Baas) Sharon
 Class of 1962: Amy Anderson, John Anderson, Virginia Boatwright, Bill Bowman, Carolyn Brooks, Robert Burke, Judy Carmichael, Richard Conroy, Sue Cook, Sarah (Motsch) Cook, Leelia Cornell, Janet Davis, Wendell Detamore, John Earnest, Gayle Faunce, Judith (Long) Guerrero, Lloyd Herring, Joanna (Harris) Heshner, Marilyn (Carey) Hopkins, Suellen Huff, Sharron (Ackley) Jacks, Jean Jacob, David Joyce, Bonnie Lahr, Susan Long, Terry Long, Jill (Capen) Oswalt, Terry Porter, Joan (Armstrong) Purvis, Jack Robison, Steve Sharon, Jerry Shull, Sarah Smith, Susan Sutton, Nancy (Warran) Thorne, Bill Travis, Pat Travis, Sandy Van Hoose-Clevenger, Mary (Lowery) Warran-Thorne, Charles Young
 Class of 1963: Norma Achor, Darlene "Anna" (Holaday) Burke, Cheryl Detamore, Marcia (Godwin) Donnell, Pam (Zepperling) Hufford, Teddie Thomas Lee, Dave Liniger, Nancy Love, Richard Osburn, Catherine (Hadley) Reid, Dianne (Sector) Smith, Susie (Herrick) Vesey, Dee Dee (Harrigan) Wiecking
 Class of 1964: Judy (Achor) Agee, David Albertson, Berniece (Detamore) Andrews, Jim Arnold, Bill Beekman, Lee Ann (Babcock) Brown, Ruth (Sherman) Detamore-Reynolds, Joyce Eltzroth, Paul Esler, Connie (Patterson) Gill, Sandra Green, Evelyn (Giegler)

Grubb, Glen Hefner, Susie (Jackson) Herring, Tom Holloway, Jackie Hoss, Lee Maidenberg, Jack Marshall, Adrian Messer Jr., John Milford, Susan Nation-Ressler, George Rauch, Charlotte Real, Marshall Stewart, Becky Stubbs, William Thorne, Vicky (Denardo) Watts, Mary (Thomas) Young
 Class of 1965: Carole (Landis) Cardwell, Sharon Dunwoody, Rick Harris, Tracy (Mattingly) Kirk, Linda Kitts, Virginia (Mankin) Lake, Anthony Maidenberg, Linda Mark, Kathi Richey
 Class of 1966: Vee (Miller) Herrington, Phil Jenkins
 Class of 1967: Nancy Harris, Frank Ireland, David Marshall, Cheryl Wiggs
 Class of 1968: John Beineke, Charles Burns, John Marler
 Class of 1969: Arthur Hewitt, John Jarrett, Carol Murrell, David Murrell, Bill Perry, Joe Sutter, Dave Tippey
 Class of 1970: James Hodge, Jennifer Maidenberg, Steven Moritz, Carol Murphy, Susie Oyler, Twanna Scroggins, Avis Stewart, Judi Woodward
 Class of 1971: Bruce Baumbaugh, Eddie Lee Black, Philippa Culley, Linda Dreiman, Willadean (Cortwright) Duncan, Paula (Nahler) Jarvis, Daryl Johnson, Terry Johnson, Connie (McCuan) Kirsch, Jacquelyn Reed, David Siders, Kathy (Harris) Smith
 Class of 1972: Jay Duncan
 Class of 1973: David Fisher, Edward Joe Wallace, Cindy Wright, David Wright, Steve Wright
 Class of 1974: Mike Barney, Brian Landrum, James Luttrull Jr., Julie (Collins) Sherman
 Class of 1975: Robert Acord, Sally Barley, Patty Barney,

Michael Flynn

Class of 1976: Dave Colescott, Robbin Smith
 Class of 1977: Greg Keeton, Robert Butch Thomas
 Class of 1978: Cindy Futrell, David Kiley, William Wilds
 Class of 1979: Courtney Gorman, Kathy Landrum, CJ McAbee-Reher, Reggie Nevels
 Class of 1980: Mark Bilger, Julie Fauser, Robin Fouce, Cathy Moritz, Theresa Rouse
 Class of 1981: Lori Keeton, Todd Nukes, Kelly Snyder, Jill Williams
 Class of 1982: Gigi Harris, Jeff Harris, Janet Parmer, Wayne Seybold
 Class of 1983: Jeff Hutchens, Angie (Achor) Kelley, Stacy Sample, Sabrina Wilds
 Class of 1984: Ben Burnau, Kim (Seybold) Catron, Melissa (Bennet) Pogue, Kellie (Clevenger) Street
 Class of 1985: Geoff Eltzroth, Melvin Williams
 Class of 1986: Tammy Fagan, Latondra Newton
 Class of 1987: Jennifer (Kitts) Moore, Kari Persinger
 Class of 1988: Matt Bennet, Collin Bowen, Angela Dale, Kara Morley, Greg Taylor, Tracy Vonderbrink
 Class of 1989: Lori (Hurst) Eltzroth, Mark Hartman, Leslie (Achor) Hendricks, Ivory "Von" Jackson, Greg Kitts, Heather Kitts, James Kriegbaum, Joseph Kriegbaum, Tade Powell, Aaron Vermilion
 Class of 1991: Kasey Clevenger
 Class of 1992: Kellee Clevenger, Hollie Currie, Diane Janowicz, Ann Vermilion
 Class of 1993: Bradly Banks, Bobby Browder, Angela (Burroughs) Dalrymple
 Class of 1994: Kyle Kirby
 Class of 1995: Kyle Beal, Kristi Phillippe
 Class of 1997: TJ Dailey, Troy Jones, Meredith (Earnest) Miller
 Class of 1998: Josh Matchette
 Class of 1999: David Culley, Trent Dailey, Ryan Earnest,

Teneal Gardner

Class of 2000: Zach Randolph
 Class of 2001: Brandon Barrett, Ashley Braun, Kristin Marcuccilli, Brittany Pelz
 Class of 2003: Jonathan Perez
 Class of 2003: Bradley Norris
 Class of 2004: Kylie Jackson
 Class of 2005: Kyle Booher, Julie (Cline) Harmon, Shane Nevers
 Class of 2006: Rachel Polsley
 Class of 2007: Regan Reese
 Class of 2009: Hilary Harris
 Class of 2010: Nick Fauser
 Class of 2011: Luke Harris, Katie Landrum
 Class of 2012: Kiki Fauser
 Class of 2015: Hannah Lindsay
 Class of 2016: Austin Hendricks
 Class of 2017: David Anderson, Truman Bennet, Payton Blair, Anne Marie Conrad, Alexandra Durbin, Megan Griffin, Tim Leavell, Camille Wheels
 Class of 2018: Emily Lindsay
 Class of 2021: Jack Fauser
 No Year Noted: Shari Ashkar, Carl Bleke, Rory (Shivers) Brimm, William Campbell, William Carson, Thomas Cornell, Bernard Dreiman, Clayton Edwards, Sara Edwards, Nancy Faunce, Jim Gallagher Jr., Todd Graham, Marcia Guenin, Michelle Harris, Tim Harris, Brenda Horseman, Thomas Horseman, Mike Hurst, Kathleen Keller, Joyce King, Marc Lobdell, Eric Marley, Judy Michael, Themosticles Michos, Rebecca Moses, Susan Natoli, Ralph Pack, Daniel Patrick, Sarah (Arbaugh) Poehler, Rhonda Stewart, Dana Tucker, Christopher Wagner, Beverly Weagley, Tim Wentz, Lucinda Witt, Olivia Wright
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