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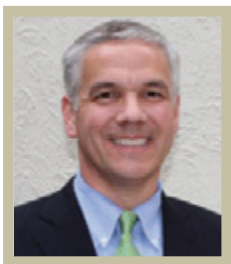
OHSF CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD

The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation has transformed students' lives through athletics, the arts, extracurricular clubs, and excellence in education. Because of your support, the Foundation is making a positive impact on the lives of our students.

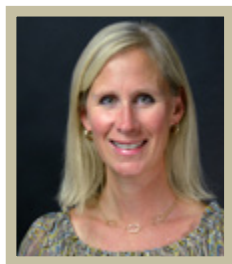
This year, we have seen the establishment of the **Mindel Family Athletic Fund** and the **Irene A. Aubin Student Assistance Fund**, to join our other named funds: The **STEM Fund**, the **Eleanor Seifried Fund for the Performing Arts**, and the **Talmage Family Fund**. These funds provide the vehicle for the Foundation to make a lasting impact on our students. 2018 Graduate Will Rand, who was impacted by Foundation grants to Agora and the Choraliers, noted, "We are forever grateful for those that raised us up to be more than we could ever dream of becoming."

As we look ahead, the Foundation will continue to grow in the impact it is making on our school and its commitment to students' success. A commitment to the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation is a commitment to an institution that continues to prove its value and impact — keeping Ottawa Hills among the most premier school districts in the nation.

Thank you for your commitment to Ottawa Hills Schools.



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the attached giving envelope.

OHHS Partners with LOCAL BUSINESSES to Offer New Class

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION IS
ONE OF THE MANY NEW COURSES OFFERED TO STUDENTS.

Ottawa Hills partnered with local businesses Owens-Illinois, Welltower, Hylant, ProMedica Physicians Cardiology, Great Lakes Marketing, and the Coast Guard to provide real-world experiences for OH seniors. The course is a project-based learning experience personalized to each student, incorporating business education and technical communication skills for early workplace awareness and success. Senior Abby Hauck notes about her experience with Welltower, "The lessons I learned the past few months are lessons that I would have never learned otherwise. I am confident that I am more than prepared to embark on my professional journey in and after college." Students made on-site visits to our partners to explore career paths, industry issues, and post-secondary education and growth possibilities. The course was a huge success and will continue to be part of OHHS's curricular offerings.



REPRESENTATIVES FROM WELLTOWER WITH SENIORS (L TO R) LAUREN STEVENS, ANNALIESE ERICKSON, AND ABBY HAUCK.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM OWENS-ILLINOIS WITH STUDENTS JACK YARK, TIMOTHY REITER, ALEX SAUL, NOLAN FREEMAN, AND BRIETA DIESSEN.



LARRY & DEBBY MINDEL GIVE BACK TO OH ATHLETICS

The newly established Mindel Family Athletic Fund provides resources to enrich the lives of student-athletes as they strive to be champions in the classroom and in athletic competition. Athletics at Ottawa Hills promotes character traits of personal development and success later in life. This epitomizes the experience of Larry Mindel ('55) at Ottawa Hills. "I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for athletics," he explained. "It was my lifesaver."

A basketball and football player while at OHHS, Larry was a self-described mediocre student, not finding his niche in the classroom as he did on the field and court. "I learned about having confidence and the importance of team from being an athlete," Larry stated. And, it was from the guidance of football coach Jocko Parsons and the gentle demeanor of basketball coach Wayne Stuart where Larry got an education outside of the classroom. He added, "I learned a great deal from the different approaches my coaches took when dealing with me and the athletes."

After graduating from OHHS, Larry attended the University of Michigan where he found his love for academics and majored in English Literature. After graduating in 1959, he moved to New York to work for his dad at an instant coffee manufacturing company. At age 21, Larry's father sent him to California to manage a difficult business situation. He had been given three months to turn things around and prove himself, and he did just that. "The key to success," Larry stated, "is really, really, really hard work, attention to detail, and great customer service."

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Larry would take these strategies, and the gene of entrepreneurship from his father with him in his future endeavors. One such

opportunity included owning one of the oldest and most respected coffee roasting companies on the West Coast and two restaurant companies, one of which, Il Fornaio, went public in 1987. His restaurants spanned the entire West Coast and Nevada.

Though he lives thousands of miles from Ohio, the ties with his classmates and OHHS remain strong. Larry and his wife, Debby, are hosting the 63rd reunion of his high school class of 1955 this summer. "I'm proud to be a 'Green Arrow,' and thankful I was able to participate in sports at Ottawa Hills," Larry explained. "It taught me how to treat people, to be a leader, and the importance of putting in effort. And, it's my pleasure to give something back to the school that has taught me so much both in and out of the classroom."

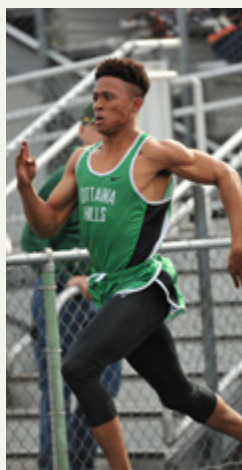
THE MINDEL FAMILY IN HAWAII



TOP-NOTCH Efforts Propel Teams to State TOURNAMENTS

Track

Junior Michael Nichols qualified for the state tournament in the 100 and 200 meter dash. He ran the 200 meter dash in 22.31, shattering the record held since 2009 for the Toledo Area Athletic Conference (TAAC). Freshman Gabe Robinson qualified for the state in the 800, finishing 10th overall in a school record time of 1:58.57. Junior Eliot Cummings qualified for the state track meet in the long jump, making the podium with an 8th place finish. OHHS coach Rachel Wanner was named TAAC Coach of the Year.



Boys Soccer

The soccer team ended the season 20-1-2 and secured their 13th consecutive TACC title. The team played against the Knights of Cincinnati Summit County Country Day in a fierce battle for the state championship title but fell short with a 0-1 loss with a goal late in the second half.



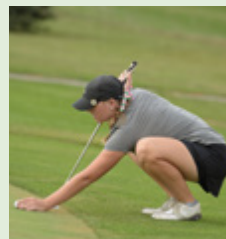
Boys Lacrosse

For the first time ever, and just the second year, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has recognized lacrosse as a varsity sport, the boys lacrosse team competed in the state finals this past June. They played hard and fell short to Columbus St. Francis DeSales to take state runner-up honors.



Boys & Girls Golf

Ottawa Hills golfers competed at the OHSA state tournament this past fall. The boys team finished 10th in the state. Caroline Dayton competed individually at Ohio State's Scarlet course, finishing 24th overall.



Boys Tennis

The Green Bears had an excellent tennis season, making it to the Elite 8 of the state team tournament and winning the OH invitational, a long-standing tournament hosted by Ottawa Hills High School. Freshman Matthew McGee went on to compete individually in the OHSA state tournament in May at the Lindner Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio.



Boys Baseball

The baseball team was named TAAC Co-Champions and made it to the Elite 8 in the state tournament.



DONATE TO THE MINDEL FAMILY ATHLETIC FUND

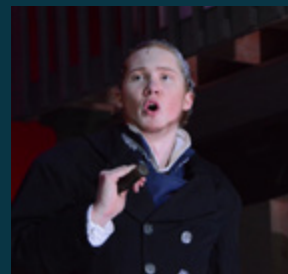
See Page 4 for more information on the newly named athletic fund, which will provide necessary resources to help OHLS students succeed in the classroom and on the athletic field.

STUDENTS MESMERIZE IN

Les Mis



The rich tradition of excellent theater performances at Ottawa Hills Schools continued as students showed their many talents in *Les Misérables*.



Bravo to the 84 dedicated students in grades 6-12 who made up the cast and crew! Under the guidance of Darrin Broadway and Donna Wipfli and with the unwavering assistance of numerous parent volunteers, *Les Mis* delighted audiences with striking set design, beautifully crafted costumes, and powerful performances. The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation was proud to be a presenting sponsor of this production.

Ottawa Hills Quiz Bowl WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

For the eighth year in a row, the Ottawa Hills High School Quiz Bowl team competed in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments championships held in Chicago in April. The team of Steven Randall, Will Koury, Mazin Omer, and Daniel Liu capped an incredible season, claiming the national championship in the 'Very Small School' division and runner-up in the 'Small School' division. Mazin Omer received the tournament's all-star award. OHHS's team of Santi Garcia-Mata, Rahul Bais, Urvish Patel, Sami Assi, and Hank Griffin had a great run in the tournament, but just missed out on the playoffs and finished well in the top half of the nation. Congratulations to all for a job well done!



Elementary Students Raise Money to *FIGHT CANCER* with Relay Recess

Under the leadership of the Ottawa Hills Elementary School Student Council, OHES students held a recess on May 14 to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. As part of the day's events, students hosted a luncheon for survivors and caregivers. They also attended sessions on nutrition, exercise, sun safety, and tobacco prevention. We are pleased to announce that students raised more than \$5,200 for the fight against cancer.



CONGRATULATIONS *Class of 2018!*

WHERE GRADUATES WILL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE IN 2018

Vincenzo Adduci	The University of Kentucky	Rameez Mahmood	Miami University
Saleh Ahmed	Case Western Reserve University	Sulmon Mahmood	Miami University
John Aiken	The Ohio State University - ATI	Enna McBride	Tufts University
Zakary Armstrong	The Ohio State University	Madysen McCabe	Wright State University
Fiona Arnold	The Ohio State University	Ben McCullough-Campbell	The University of Cincinnati
Ismael Assi	University of Michigan	Claire McLean	The Ohio State University
Rahul Bais	Case Western Reserve University	Emma McMurray	The Ohio State University
Jack Bassett	The Ohio State University	Ann Mintun	University of Michigan
Peter Boice	The Ohio State University	Margaret Mitchell	University of Denver
Isabella Brandstatter	Miami University	Ella Musher-Eizenman	Kenyon College
Aidan Byrne	University of Cincinnati	Carol Nassif	The University of Toledo
Caelan Carter	Western Carolina University	Kara Nowakowski	Miami University
Charles Cassis	Xavier University	Bridget O'Neal	Hillsdale College
Brieta Diesen	University of South Carolina	Hannah Overmeyer	The University of Toledo
Jan Durst	Case Western Reserve University	Urvish Patel	Case Western Reserve University
Addie Eichbauer	University of Cincinnati	William Rand	St. Olaf College
Alexander Eichbauer	University of South Carolina	Steven Randall	Purdue University
Annaliese Erickson	Western Michigan University	Timothy Reiter	The Ohio State University
Mary Findley	University of Central Florida	Annika Richards	The Ohio State University
Nolan Freeman	The University of Toledo	Ethan Riepenhoff	The Ohio State University
Joseph French	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	Nathan Robinson	Columbia State Community College
Eliana Frost	The University of Toledo	David Rodriguez	University of Southern California
Frank Fuhrman	DePaul University	Christian Sandelin	Belmont University
Santiago Garcia-Mata	The Ohio State University	Adam Sari	The University of Toledo
Josephine Harter	Northwestern University	Alexander Saul	Rollins College
Alizeh Hasan	The University of Toledo	Madison Saul	The University of Toledo
Rachael Haselhuhn	University of Dayton	Evann Scharer	Eastern Michigan University
Abigail Hauck	University of South Carolina	Tatiana Shaheen	The Ohio State University
Bennet Hecklinger	The Ohio State University	Matthew Sherman	Xavier University
Weston Hecklinger	Bowling Green State University	Adam Simon	San Diego State University
Michael Helgren	The Ohio State University	Kirathi Sindhwani	University of Michigan
Adrienne Johnson	Grand Valley State University	Justine Steven	The University of Toronto
Randall Johnson	Duke University	Lauren Stevens	Miami University
Scott Keaffaber	The University of Toledo	Darsh'ai Thomas	The University of Toledo
Heewon Kim	The Ohio State University	William Tunis	Elon University
Nader Kodeih	Valencia College	Karthika Varier	The University of Toledo
Rebecca Kona-Stanciu	The Ohio State University	Samantha Webne	Ohio University
Tessa Koury	Ohio University	Benjamin Werner	The Ohio State University
William Koury	The University of Oklahoma	Jack Werner	University of South Carolina
Mason Langenderfer	The Ohio State University	Elizabeth Westmeyer	University of Colorado at Boulder
Caroline Lathrop	George Washington University	Jonathan Yark	Northeastern University



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GRADUATES ADRIENNE JOHNSON, KIRA SINDHWANI,
ADAM SIMON AND MATT SHERMAN

Glimpse of the Class of 2018

100% 84 **graduating seniors**
with 100% graduation rate

156 **Scholarships** valued at
more than \$10,406,000

5 National Merit Comended
Scholars

4 National Merit **Finalists**

10 Students receiving **summa
cum laude** recognition

56 **Recipients** of an Ohio
Honor's Diploma

51 **Recipients** of the
Presidential Award

30 **Members** of the National
Honor Society

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