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ON THE COVER

MSD junior Justin Wiener (285lb class) wins over Ronnie Hurne of Texas School for the Deaf in the championship match of the 2010 National Deaf Duals wrestling tournament. The win by Justin secured the championship for MSD.

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MSD's Master Plan Takes Next Steps

Shortly after completing and opening the new Elementary Complex on the Frederick Campus, the Maryland School for the Deaf initiated the next phase of the school's Facilities Master Plan.

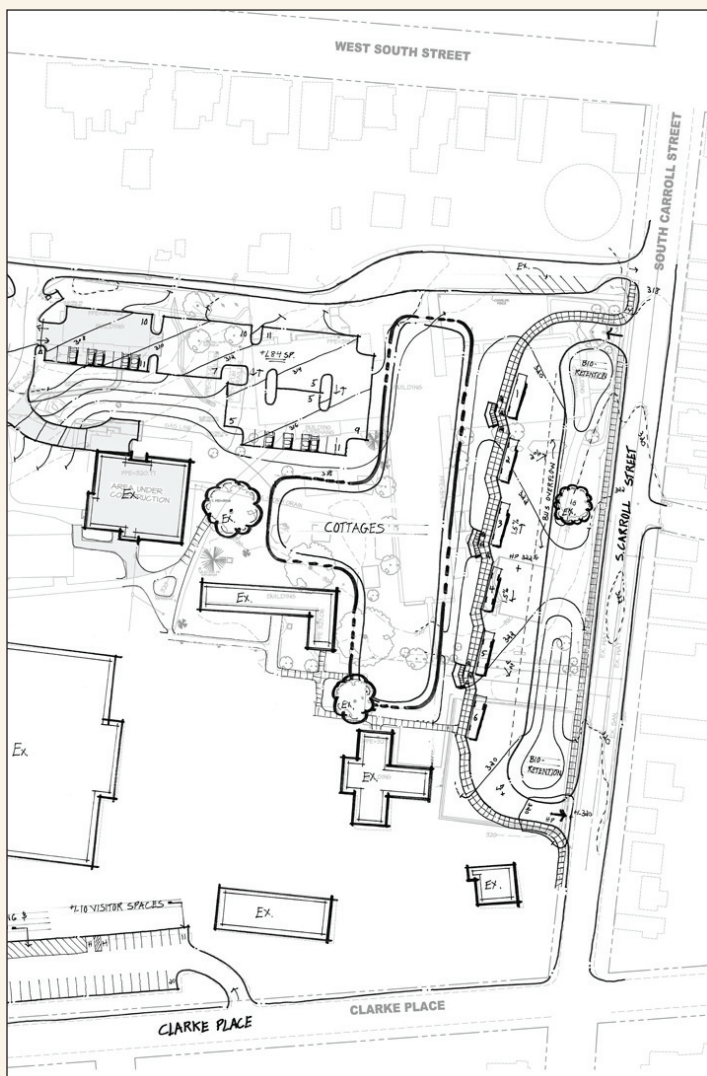
Soon after school began, equipment started to arrive for the demolition of Barry Hall. The High School Girls' Dormitory had served thousands of girls over a forty-six year period which began in 1964. The removal of this building was necessary in order to construct the new cafeteria in the same location.

The final designs of the new cafeteria are in place and construction is projected to begin as early as summer 2010. Once the cafeteria is completed and brought on-line, the entire Kent/McCanner complex will be demolished. This will begin the next phase of the Facilities Master Plan as a bus loop which is now in the design phases. This loop

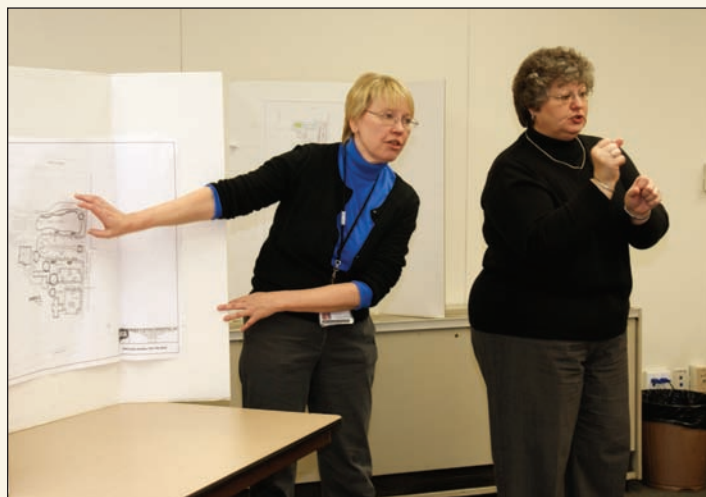
will be located parallel to South Carroll Street between Hessian Alley and Shockley House. This will relieve the extreme congestion that buses and cars are currently experiencing on Clarke Place. This demolition will also create space for cottage-style dormitories in the future, if needed.

March 2010 also saw the beginning of the demolition of the old Power Plant/Laundry building which dated back to 1954. Several years ago all the buildings on the Frederick Campus were installed with decentralized, individual heating and hot water which rendered this facility unnecessary. Laundry services were outsourced many years ago and the space has been used for storage. The building will be razed in order to make room for a faculty and staff parking lot.

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One of several different possible plans for the Carroll Street Bus Loop.



Chief Operating Officer of MSD, Suzanne Schwertman, discusses one of the many concept plans developed for the Carroll Street Bus Loop at a parent meeting on March 6th. At right, Charlene Anderson interprets.



Preliminary ground work begins before the demolition of the old Heating Plant, left, and Barry Hall, right.

Demolitions

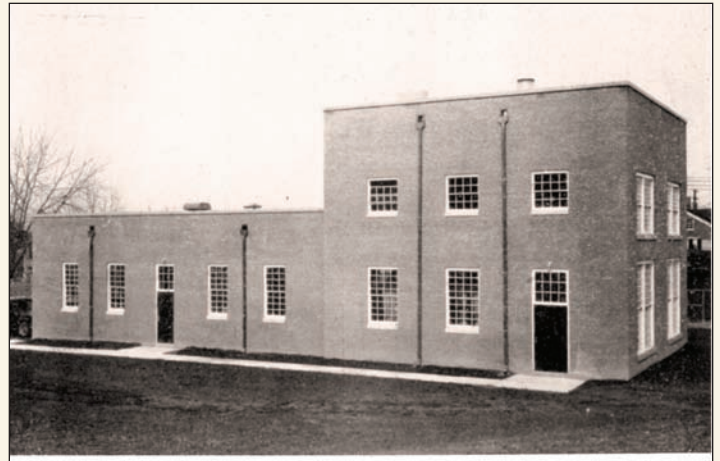
Barry Hall



NEW GIRLS' DORMITORY

From the December 1964 issue of *The Maryland Bulletin*

Heating Plant/Laundry



Maryland State School for the Deaf
New Heating Plant and Laundry

From the January 1955 issue of *The Maryland Bulletin*



Signs and date bricks from the Power Plant (above) and Barry Hall (left) are in safe keeping in the Bjorlee Museum.



Demolition of Barry Hall in progress



The two giant boilers that used to supply the main block buildings with heat became exposed when west half of power plant came down.

Final Designs of the New Cafeteria



Architect's drawing of the inside and outside of the new cafeteria building. To be located on the current site of Barry Hall, construction is scheduled to be completed during the 2010-2011 school year.

Water Vault and Line Replaced



Heavy equipment used to unearth water line blocks entrance to Bjorlee Parking Lot.



Water vault is gently lowered into position.



MSD's New Website Launched

MSD's new website, which includes a video introduction by Superintendent James E. Tucker, was launched on Friday, March 19, 2010. It contains many new features and functions to enhance its ease of accessibility.

Many other additions are at various stages of planning and will be released as they are completed.

The site was created by Alex Simmons, MSD webmaster.



IDEA Redefined...

The reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) law is now at the horizon. Sometime later in 2010 or next year, the United States Congress will review IDEA and all proposed amendments to the law.

Once again, the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD), Council of Schools for the Blind (COSB), as well as many other organizations serving children and youth with disabilities, will lobby lawmakers in hopes to change or strengthen parts of IDEA to benefit their respective constituencies.

Unfortunately, one of the cornerstones of IDEA is the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) provision: *"To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities... should be educated with children who are not disabled, and... special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment should occur only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily."*

Although IDEA has enabled several millions of children and youth with disabilities receive quality educational programs and services since its inception in 1975, the LRE provision continues to be grossly misapplied to many deaf and hard of hearing students across the country.

Thousands of deaf and hard of hearing children today have educational interpreters in the classrooms. For me, this is not the optimal way to acquire a language, learn academics, and grow into social beings. Hearing children, even with other disabilities, have full access to the language environment around them. With deaf children,

interpreters cannot possibly interpret everything in the school environment. So, by the virtue of having interpreters, the deaf child is denied full access to information and ultimately a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

Perhaps the greatest fallacy of LRE is the assumption that a deaf child will learn more if he or she is sitting next to a non-deaf or hearing child. Is playing with other hearing children supposed to be better, too?

All children, including deaf and hard of hearing children, need to belong to a school community as full fledged members. Humans are socio-communal beings and thrive in a community where there is a shared language and culture. All students need to freely interact with all the members of the school community, not with just one person (a sign language interpreter) all day long, 180 days a year.

What exactly is a "regular classroom"? Is this classroom only found in local neighborhood schools? The Maryland School for the Deaf is a state funded public school and offers a K-12 public school curriculum including Advanced Placement classes to high school students. All MSD students participate in Maryland School Assessments and High School Assessments, and have performed higher than statewide public school scores. Legal definitions aside, MSD classrooms are definitely "regular classrooms."

The strength in our program and services is that all MSD students have language access to the public school curriculum. That is, they learn from MSD teachers who provide all students full, direct, and clear access to classroom material day in and day out. English instruction is reinforced by American Sign Language instruction, and vice versa.

I realize that to redefine the LRE provision specifically for deaf and hard of hearing students would be akin to scaling

Mt. Everest for the Deaf Education field. Special education advocates have told me that "to try to rewrite LRE would be to open Pandora's Box. So, it is best left alone..." Deaf and hard of hearing students represent less than one percent of the special education population so our collective Deaf Education voices are often drowned out by other larger special interest groups.

CEASD in collaboration with other national and local deaf organizations will need to canvass thousands of stories of deaf and hard of hearing children who are isolated in local neighborhood schools and floundering academically. We also need to collect data that show deaf and hard of hearing children (who acquire American Sign Language and English at home and then attend schools where teachers provide access to public school curriculum in ASL and English) perform better on statewide assessments than other children who acquire language late, or do not have full language access to a school curriculum. Ultimately, we will need to propose new LRE language for deaf and hard of hearing students, and communicate this effectively to the White House and the United States Congress.

For me, the purpose of education is the mastery of all academic subjects, full development of cognitive and social skills, and understanding of civic life. This cannot be achieved if a child depends on an educational interpreter all day, 180 days a year. Every child needs to be able to interact freely and directly with his or her peers, teachers, and the members of the school community.

LRE must be redefined for deaf and hard of hearing students. It is time for our lawmakers to rewrite the law so the law will fit the needs of deaf and hard of hearing students. For too long, deaf and hard of hearing children have been twisted around to fit the current law.

We have no time to lose.

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Centerstage's Young Playwright Festival Returns to Columbia



UNDERSTANDING BACK ROW (L-R) Brandon Garrett, Briana Pendles, Jasmin Wilson, Eduardo Tejada, Ryan Carr, Carroll Barnes, Eddie Foy, Jorge Aguilar **MIDDLE** Kehosha Foster, Miles Scotto, Jiang McConville, Paula Hare, Nick Hernandez, Samantha Ivon, Jessica Roach, Kayla Jarvis **BOTTOM** Austin Hackney, Mone't Clark, Kyesha West, Keja Miller, Alan Sullivan, Heather Stanley

Bravo! Bravo! For a second year the middle school students at the Columbia Campus have been named winners of Centerstage's Young Playwrights Festival. This competition recognizes the work of aspiring young playwrights from all over Maryland and from over 250 entries and selects five original plays to be performed at Centerstage in Baltimore. In the past Centerstage has hired professional actors to perform the original plays, but this year they requested that Columbia's middle school students perform their own play at the festival. This was an unprecedented honor. Last year the MSD students decided to write a new ending to *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Their piece was entitled "The Revenge of Ichabod Crane" and their work wowed the Centerstage judges. This year Mr. Oran Sandel, artist-in-residence from Centerstage, returned to help the students create something new. Instead of re-writing someone else's story, Mr. Sandel asked the young actors to take a big risk and tell their own story. The results were amazing. Through a series of workshops and rehearsals that lasted a total of twelve weeks, the young actors put together a play called "Understanding." Under the direction of Stella Antonio-Conley (drama teacher at Columbia) and with the support of John Gibson (ASL teacher at Columbia) and the entire middle school staff, the story explains the challenges of a deaf student attending public school and the relief felt when finally finding a "home" at the Maryland School for the Deaf. All people seek to be understood and, as the original script reads, "...here they find it!"

After all that hard work, the students, who have since named their group The Deaf Orioles Theatre Company, performed their play for the Columbia Campus Community. The feedback was tremendous. Many of the audience members reported they were very much moved. They felt they could really relate to the actors' journey from loneliness and isolation to understanding and acceptance. The company members were equally as affected by the emotional experience. Many stated that they felt their confidence had grown, and they believed in themselves as playwrights and actors. Eighth grader Mone't Clark said, "It was so exciting to express myself on stage and inspire the audience. I can't believe my performance made people cry!" Eighth grader Brandon Garrett said, "This is my second year working with Centerstage. I feel like I have grown so much as an actor. Last year I felt awkward on stage, but this year my performance was smooth."

Upon receiving the exciting decision, Stella made the announcement to the company. There were many hugs, cheers, and tears exchanged. Principal John Snavlin joined the celebration and congratulated the students on one of the highest honors any Columbia student has ever received. As a great ending to this long journey, The Deaf Orioles Theatre Company will perform at the 2010 Young Playwrights Festival on May 3rd at Centerstage.

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MSD's Special Olympians

This winter saw the return of Special Olympics for MSD students. Twenty-eight high school students from MSD have been enthusiastically involved with Special Olympics of Frederick County. Fifteen students signed up for basketball and participated in their first tournament on March 6th at St. James Academy, just south of Hagerstown, Maryland. Numerous 3v3 and 5v5 basketball teams from five counties in Maryland were involved the tournament. The spectators were inspired by the support the players gave each other. During the awards ceremony at the end of the tournament, MSD students beamed with pride as they received their Special Olympics medals. MSD's Special Olympians once again demonstrated their basketball skills in the State Tournament in March of this year in Prince Georges County.

during the spring season. Soccer is on hand for the fall, and the students are hoping to participate in skiing and floor hockey next winter.

—Susan Kaplan, Special Olympics Coordinator, susan.kaplan@msd.edu



SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

MIDDLE (L-R) MSD students—Danielle Harris, Shanta Hicks, Chantaye Green, Aleasha Harrington, DeAngalo Jones, Lauren Simmons, Darika Williams FRONT Coach Russ Koenig, MSD employee (left). Unidentified individuals are members of other teams

MSD's Special Olympians will not be idle once basketball season is over. They will have a full schedule by competing in duck pin bowling and softball

Special Visitors at Columbia Campus

On November 4, 2009, MSD-Columbia Campus had the pleasure of hosting two very special visitors: former MSD Superintendent David M. Denton and his lovely wife, Peggy. Denton last visited the campus 17 years ago; much too long for a man who was one of the key people in the establishment and very existence of the Columbia Campus. Just one year after becoming Superintendent of MSD, Dr. Denton presented a bill to the General Assembly of Maryland which proposed the creation of a branch campus of the Maryland School for the Deaf.

Many staff that knew Dr. Denton as the Superintendent who have long since retired, but many employees have not. During his visit, it seemed as if he knew everyone. Most of the time the Dentons couldn't walk more than ten feet down a hall before another familiar face came along – followed by handshakes, smiles, hugs, and story after story of some past interaction. Everyone was remembered as if they had just seen each other last week. Dr. Denton seemed



Dr. David M. Denton and his wife Peggy at Columbia Campus

especially pleased to greet former students who are now staff members at the Columbia Campus. They were treated as long lost friends. Sadly, the morning wasn't long enough for Dr. Denton to see everyone.

Welcome home, David Denton!

—John Snavlin, Principal, CC, john.snavlin@msd.edu

MSD Foundation Sponsors New Equipment

Director of Physical Education Scott Morrison received a grant from the MSD Foundation for a climbing wall for the new Elementary gym at the Frederick Campus. The students love their new wall and wish to relay their appreciation to the Foundation for their generosity. Special recognition goes to PE teacher Jerry Mabashov and elementary school principal Mary Lynn Lally, who were both instrumental in selecting the proper wall for the ages of the students.

Girls' high school softball coach Mathis Hediger also applied for a grant from the Foundation for a new outfield softball fence for the field, and he is thrilled to announce the Foundation also supported this request. This field serves players from all departments of MSD and everyone loves the new look. Thank you, MSD Foundation!

—Scott Morrison, Director of Physical Education, Summer Camps, Fields and Facilities, FC, scott.morrison@msd.edu



LEFT Physical Education instructors, Jerry Mabashov and Laura Lohmeyer assist Ciara Luttrell and Citrine Lummer as they experience the new elementary school climbing wall in Pre- Kindergarten-Kindergarten class.



RIGHT A new outfield softball fence for the field, thanks to the MSD Foundation

Middle School Students Volunteer to Read Aloud to Elementary Students

This spring, Middle School students jumped at the opportunity to read a variety of books aloud to elementary students. On several occasions, the volunteers read a variety of books aloud to students in grades pre-kindergarten up to fifth grade. One group read short stories about Haiti. Student volunteers later commented on this enriching experience:

“It was fun, and it sure brought back memories of us being in elementary last year! We enjoyed going back to elementary and reading stories aloud.”

David Bahan and Maverick Obermiller, 6th graders

“We enjoyed reading aloud to these young elementary students and would love to do it again! It was a wonder-

ful experience watching their facial expressions!”

Hasan Manzoor and Alexa Paulay-Simmons, 7th graders

“This experience brought back memories of our early elementary days

having people come to read aloud to us, and it was nice to be a role model and read aloud to these students. We felt good doing this for them and seeing them excited.”

Zachary Bridgett and Sierra McConville, 8th graders



(L-R) Emily DeSimone, Christy Zendarski, Rex Shephard, Maverick Obermiller, Monique Johnson, Alexa Paulay-Simmons, Billy Millios

Getting Together to Give

For the second year in a row staff, students, PTCA members, and volunteers from the community came together to honor the true meaning of the holiday season – giving. As was done last year, the staff dedicated funds toward gifts for the needy rather than buying a gift for a co-worker. Instead, the donation “bought” a chance to say a few kind words about that co-worker which was compiled into a small booklet later given out to all who donated. Funds were also raised from a special “jeans” day dedicated for this cause.

Over \$900 was then given to the dorm staff who in turn took students shopping to buy gifts for others. This year there was a specific list of ages and needs, so it was a little more challenging seeking just the right gift for a specific aged boy or girl. The students did an awesome job. With the money that was left over, gift certificates from local food stores were purchased to add to the gift giving. In all, gifts were purchased for twenty-five children.

But more work needed to be done. A big party was held where students wrapped presents and decorated gift bags. As an added bonus, each student made a special card that was given to Ms. Bernice Hoeper, who for years has sent holiday cards to deaf adults all over the country. These deaf adults usually do not have a chance to spend time with their families and likely spend the holidays alone. Needless to say, the cards were truly works of art and greatly appreciated.



HARD AT WORK (L-R) Brandon Seaton, kindergartner and Samantha Ivon, sixth grader

The next day a few of the students were selected to deliver the gifts to the Methodist church. For their efforts, the students received a nice tour of the church and a history lesson of how and why the church began. All of the students were surprised and impressed when they learned that the church had over two hundred members, most of whom are deaf, and that the services are all in sign language. Of course, they also received the priceless gift of knowing they had done a good thing and made a huge difference for several families they will never even meet.

—John Snavlin, Principal, CC, john.snavlin@msd.edu



A Historic Snow Fall

New Elementary building at Frederick begins to dig itself out from under an historic one week accumulation of over three feet of snow. Photo taken by Katrina Mansfield, wife of Eric Mansfield, MSD faculty member and a deaf pilot, while on a family fly over. Their two children, Zandis and Matilde, are in the Family Education Department located in this building.

The Deaf School in Haiti after the Earthquake

On March 4, 2010, the Jr. Black Deaf Advocates (Jr. BDA) coordinated a presentation entitled “The Deaf Community in Haiti” in celebration of Black History Month at MSD, Frederick Campus. The speakers for this presentation included MSD teacher aide Yolette Cohen, Eve Mitton, and Juan-Carlos Reinbold, all graduates of the Institut Montfort in Haiti.

Ms. Cohen started the presentation by showing photographs of the Institut Montfort, the school for the deaf and deaf-blind located in Haiti, before and after the January 12th earthquake. Ms. Cohen then showed pictures of various other places in Haiti devastated by the earthquake such as collapsed buildings, a makeshift hospital used for many of the injured, and the St. Vincent’s Center for Handicapped Children. Mr. Reinbold stated in a recent Gallaudet University interview, “Several students at the St. Vincent’s Center for Handicapped Children lost their lives.” He further noted that, although there were “no major injuries” of students and faculty of the Institut Montfort, the building was ruined. All photographs in the power point presentation were taken by Mr. Reinbold and members of the mission team (which included Mr. Juan Carlos-Reinbold, Florence Marc, Charles Emmanuel Jacquard, and Mike Friess) during a recent trip to Haiti.

Eve Mitton talked about being the first student to attend the Institut Montfort which now serves over six hundred deaf and deaf-blind students in Port-au-Prince. In the 1950’s Ms. Mitton became a private pupil of Sister Agnes Marie, an American nun. She stated that, by age ten or eleven, she had suggested to the nun that deaf students needed their own school. Soon after, Sister Marie established a new school for the deaf in one room of St. Joseph’s University. As the student body began to grow, they relocated into a larger building which became known as the Institut Montfort.

Yolette Cohen attended the Institut Montfort while growing up in Haiti. She shared her experiences attending the deaf school and talked about the friends and family that remain there.

Mr. Reinbold grew up in Port-au-Prince. After attending the Institut Montfort, he came to the United States to attend Gallaudet University where he now works. He continues to have strong ties with friends and family in Haiti. He and the other speakers who are “Friends of Montfort” have been very active in fundraising efforts and providing updates and information to various audiences in the surrounding area about the earthquake in Haiti and its affect on the Deaf Community. MSD applaud their efforts.

—Lisa Smith, Jr. BDA Sponsor, FC, lisa.smith@msd.edu



BACK Penelope Miller, Everd Morales, Lauren Simmons, Chetana Senadhira, Alice Jones, Yolette Cohen, Juan Reinbold, Eve Mitton, Lisa Smith, Jourdan Carrington, Ronnie Taylor **FRONT** Rhyshem Bagley, Cahlah Chapman, Vanishe Buchanan, Darika Williams, Harmony Brunson, Shanta Hicks, Noah Coakley, Kevin Sumpter

The 12th Annual

Mr. & Miss Deaf Teen America Pageant 2010

Deaf Teen America Pageant Coordinator Janice Randall was delighted when she learned that the 12th Annual Mr. and Miss Deaf Teen America Pageant would be held at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick on March 10 – 14, 2010. The contestants were about to share an unforgettable journey to the stars as they prepared to travel on a “Moonlight Mystery.” They spent hours preparing and traveled hundreds of miles.

Pageant Day finally arrived, but it was all happening too fast. Master and Mistress of Ceremonies Roy Barron and Michelle Mansfield-Hom presented the various elements of the pageant as they invited each couple to the stage. The contestants had to complete in several areas: the opening act, State Spirit, Platform Presentation, Talent, Formal Wear, and then their onstage interview.

The DTA pageant was a great success because of the all the wonderful people helping Ms. Randall: MSD Principal Lisa Houck, Chief Operating Officer David Gardner, Program Book Coordinator Larry Newman, committee members, judges, and other crew members. Ms. Randall would like to give a big hand wave to those who helped and gave their time to the pageant. She thanks them enthusiastically for making time and having the patience to work with her throughout the days leading up to and during the pageant.

Ms. Randall strongly encourages MSD students to participate in future pageants.

—Janice Randall, Pageant Coordinator, janice.randall

DTA 2010 WINNERS

Mr./Miss Deaf Teen America 2010

Indiana School for the Deaf

1st runner up

Maryland School for the Deaf

2nd runner up

Illinois School for the Deaf

3rd runner up

Louisiana School for the Deaf

Best State Spirit

Maryland School for the Deaf

Best Platform Presentation

Indiana School for the Deaf

Best Talent - (Tie)

Indiana School for the Deaf

Louisiana School for the Deaf

Best Formal Wear

Indiana School for the Deaf

Mr. Congeniality

Indiana School for the Deaf

Miss Congeniality

Illinois School for the Deaf

Baker Dorm Olympics

The dorm staff at Columbia Campus hosted an event focusing on the Winter Olympics to teach the students how the athletes compete in various sports. Jason Johnson and Jeff Blanco were in charge of running the event.

The event began with Jason explaining the meaning of each color of the Olympic rings and the history of how it all started. The students carried the “torch” while marching to the gym from the dorm. Upon their arrival, they saw that several activities had been set up: bobsledding, downhill skiing, and ice hockey. Students and staff participated together in all three events. Everyone later agreed that the bobsledding was their favorite. Before the evening ended, there was a ceremony at the dorm to honor all the students for their participation, sportsmanship, and cooperation with

each student receiving a colorful medal. Also, based on their combined three-event performance, three students were chosen for the gold, silver, and bronze medals, as follows: **Gold**, Brandon Garrett; **Silver**, Dakai Bryant; **Bronze**, Tamia Harris.

Afterwards, the students shared a cake made by Jason and Jeff—white with the Olympic rings on it and the words “Winter Olympics.” One of the students, Lillian Reinhardt, liked the cake so much that she licked the icing off her fingers!

Supervisor Kevin Sanderlin said, “I appreci-

ate Jeff and Jason for taking over this event. It was nice seeing all the kids enjoying themselves and learning something new like the colors of the Olympic rings. Watching the staff encourage and help students reach the finish line was a bonus. Overall, it was two thumbs up!”

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—Shannon Smith, Student Life Counselor, CC, shannon.smith@msd.edu



Jason Johnson, student life counselor (right) awards the bronze medal to Tamia Harris, fifth grader.



Mr. and Miss MSD, Skye Dreumont and Seth Washington (left) perform in their State Spirit costumes. At right, Michelle Mansfield-Hom and Roy Barron function magnificently as mistress and mister of ceremonies.



JUDGES (L-R) Janis Cole, Jon Kovacs and Monique Holt



2009-2010 Mr. and Miss DTA, Dan Mabashov and Corinna Hill (MSD) are passing their crowns to the new 2010-2011 Mr. & Miss DTA, Sean Berdy and TraciAnn Hoglind (Indiana School for the Deaf).



Mr. & Miss MSD, Seth Washington and Skye Dreumont won 1st Runner Up



Jeb Willoughby and Isabella Natalie (Illinois), Derion Savoie and Destiny Adams (Louisiana), Lukas Morkevicius and Tanea Brown (Model Secondary School for the Deaf), Louis J. Morrone III and Megan Eighmey (Western Pennsylvania), James Ivey and Kia Smith (South Carolina), Seth Washington and Skye Dreumont (Maryland), Sean Berdy and TraciAnn Hoglind (Indiana), Corinna Hill and Dan Mabashov (Mr. & Miss DTA 2009-2010)

Our Experience at the 12th Deaf Teen America Pageant

Seth Washington and I were thrilled to be selected as Mr. and Miss Maryland School for the Deaf. This meant that we would compete in the upcoming Mr. and Miss Deaf Teen America Pageant. We socialized with six other deaf schools: Illinois School for the Deaf (Jeb Willoughby and Isabella Natalie), Indiana School for the Deaf (Sean Berdy and TraciAnn Hoglind), Louisiana School for the Deaf (Derion Savoie and Destiny Adams), Model Secondary School for the Deaf (Lukas Morkevicius and Tanea Brown), South Carolina School for the Deaf (James Ivey and Kia Smith), and

Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (Louis J. Morrone III and Megan Eighmey). The 2009-2010 Mr. and Miss DTA, Dan Mabashov and Corinna Hill, joined us during the week.

On Wednesday night after everyone had arrived, we had dinner and a social night at Checkers. We played a couple ice-breaker games and chatted for the rest of the night. On Thursday we had rehearsals during the day; then, to cool off from a long day in the auditorium, we went swimming. Friday was the last day before the pageant. We had a short rehearsal in the morning then went to Terrace Lanes for bowling. We

were supposed to walk downtown after bowling, but foul weather forced us to drive to the Francis Scott Key Mall instead. Upon returning, we had a dress rehearsal and then a social night. Saturday was the day of the pageant. All of us were nervous and anxious to get it over with.

We enjoyed the pageant so much that we would do it again if we were given the chance. We would like to thank everyone that helped us and cheered us on, especially our families and sponsors.

—Skye Dreumont, Junior

Middle School Junior Student Body Government

MSD's Middle School Junior Student Body Government (Jr. SBG)'s goal is to make this school a better place by making changes, proposing new ideas, or revising some old rules. Class representatives recently selected by Jr. SBG are to represent their grade at Jr. SBG meetings. They must first find out what their classmates want to happen in middle school and then return to Jr. SBG meetings to report on these grade-level issues. Jr. SBG works hard to try to make positive things happen.

One example was when some girls had the idea of putting blank posters on the walls of some of the stalls in the girls' restroom with some markers to encourage girls write positive comments or quotations or ask for some advice. Jr. SBG made the idea happen, and it was a big hit. Jr. SBG also recently set up a decorating committee. Students who volunteer for the decorating committee get to decorate the halls of the middle school related to monthly holidays or special events. Jr. SBG also hosted

some parties and events in connection with the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) Program like a Halloween party and a winter field day. A dance is planned soon—its theme is top secret!

Jr. SBG wants to give back to the community, too, not just focus on

Middle School. The group is thinking of sponsoring some activities related to Earth Day in April for elementary students! Be on the lookout for more information in the next issue of THE MARYLAND BULLETIN!

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—Jehanne McCullough,
President, 8th grader



WEEKLY LUNCH MEETINGS—Clockwise starting with Jake Grindstaff, Jad Gore, Jake Bonheyo, Lance Brewer, Christy Zendarski, Sierra McConville, Advisors Terri M. Dietz and Kimberly Rogers, Austin Latin, Chaz Seremeth, Jehanne McCullough, Bailey Moers and Corey Rosko

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Head cheerleading coach Janice Randall and assistant coach Nikki Nowalski were very proud of the MSD varsity cheerleaders who cheered the boys' varsity basketball team through a tremendous season. This devoted group consisted of juniors Skye Dreumont, Nicole Gleicher, Chelsea Morris, Courtney Rideout, and Audrey Robinson, and sophomores Kaliah Doe and Ivana Genievsky. Not only did MSD cheerleaders pep it up and cheer with great spirit but they also did a great job of signing the national anthem during varsity boys' and girls' games. All eyes were fixed on the cheerleaders as they moved gracefully and with cohesiveness through this song.

Clerc Classic X

Six varsity squad members (Kaliah Doe, Skye Dreumont, Ivana Genievsky, Nicole Gleicher, Chelsea Morris, and Audrey Robinson) were selected to represent MSD at the California School for the Deaf, Fremont, during the Clerc Classic X basketball tournament and cheerleading competition in January. The team members displayed great creative dances as well as chants and cheers. Skye Dreumont was selected as an all-star.

Central States Schools for the Deaf (CSSD)

The same six varsity members also represented MSD at the cheerleading competition at the Indiana School for the

Deaf in Indianapolis. Everyone was thrilled because MSD won first place with Nicole Gleicher and Chelsea Morris being selected as all-stars.

2010 Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Tournament

Another exciting highlight of the season was that MSD's varsity cheerleading squad came in first place in the ESDAA tournament—the third such win under Coach Randall. Maryland School for the Deaf won the Most Creative Movement (dance) award; the Individual Cheer Award went to Nicole Gleicher with Audrey Robinson selected to the all-stars.

The cheerleaders dedicated long hours to daily practice, working hard to make up their unusual creative movements, sidelines, and the two cheers they would use at tournaments. Coach Randall would like to recognize spotters Emre Sen and Malik Morris and drummer Shaina Steingieser for their assistance. She would also like to thank her assistant coach, Nikki Nowalski, for her assistance and support as well as the staff, parents, families, and fans that cheered with MSD cheerleaders at each game and three competitions.

—Janice Randall, Head Coach, FC, janice.randall@msd.edu



Top (L-R) Coach Janice Randall and Assistant Coach Nikki Nowalski **Middle** Ivana Genievsky, Chelsea Morris, Skye Dreumont, Courtney Rideout **Bottom** Kaliah Doe and Nicole Gleicher

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Maryland School for the Deaf (Frederick) won the national deaf prep championship this season. The girls' varsity basketball team ended their season riding a 15-game winning streak, and went 9-1 against all deaf opponents faced this season. The team dominated in four of the six tournaments they played in, and finished with a 19-4 record.

With a new coaching staff in place at the start of the season, it took time for the team to learn a new system and to develop chemistry but the team eventually came together in time to create a memorable season. With four losses early in the season to respected teams, all of which were winnable games (the losses were for just a combined 18 points), the team found its groove to go on their 15-game win streak.

Maryland traveled to Fremont, California mid-January for the 10th National Deaf Prep Clerc Classic tournament. Maryland opened the elite tournament with a 74-6 win over North Star of Minnesota. Maryland Girls knocked the Indiana School for the Deaf out of championship contention with a 52-30 semi-finals win. For the fourth time in the last four years, Maryland found themselves in the championship game – determined to finish with a win for the first time in four years. Maryland led the entire game against the host team California School for the Deaf, Fremont and the difficult home crowd, winning the championship with a

48-34 victory. Shayna Rose Unger was voted Most Valuable Player of the tournament for her tenacious defense and leadership. Tandy Lewis and Claire Tucker were selected to the all-tournament team.

The team traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Central States Schools for the Deaf (CSSD) tournament. Maryland played the Michigan School for the Deaf in the first round game, and won 83-11. In the semi-finals, the team beat the Colorado School for the Deaf 77-37. The championship game saw a rematch with the Indiana School for the Deaf, but a 43-point rout over Indiana left no questions as Maryland brought home another major tournament championship. Tandy Lewis, Claire Tucker, and Augusta Seremeth were all selected to the all-tournament team.

The season concluded with the Eastern Schools for the Deaf (ESDAA) tournament at the New Jersey School for the Deaf. The Maryland came to ESDAA with a game plan and the mindset to beat The Learning Center (TLC) as they were also a contending team for the national championship honors this year. The team cruised to an easy 71-8 victory over the American School for the Deaf (CT). In the semi-finals, Maryland played Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and won 71-15. The championship game was personal for the players, as they had lost to The Learning Center the previous year and needed this win to secure the team of the year honors. Quickly building a 20-0 lead and ending their run with a 50-23 win, Maryland

VARSIITY



Top (L-R) Raquel Grindstaff, Janna Oshman, Assistant Coach Jerry Mabashov, Head Coach Amy Mowl, Assistant Coach Tamara Majocho, Augusta Seremeth, Tarja Lewis, Mia Goldberg **Front** Manager Christy Hediger, Claire Tucker, Tandy Lewis, Shayna Rose Unger, Trista Taylor, Nadasha Harvey, Manager Kevina Kerchner

made sure who was the better team even though they were playing against an undefeated team in TLC. Shayna Rose Unger nabbed her second Most Valuable Player award. Claire Tucker and Augusta Seremeth were named to the all-tournament team.

The season was successful on both sides of the ball with MSD scoring a total of 1,292 points (56.1 per game) while allowing only 720 points (31.3 per game). The team shot an impressive 41 percent from the field. Team play and an all-around game were evident with a team average of 15.4 assists, 21.4 steals, and 39.8 rebounds per game.

Frederick News Post

Honorable Mention

Claire Tucker
Tandy Lewis
Shayna Rose Unger

Frederick Gazette

Second Team

Claire Tucker
Honorable Mention
Tandy Lewis

National Deaf Interscholastic Athletics Association (NDIAA)

National Champion
Maryland

Player of the Year

Tandy Lewis

First Team

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Tandy Lewis

Senior Tandy Lewis had an outstanding all-around performance during her senior year, averaging 15.7 points, 11 rebounds, 4.1 steals, and 2.6 assists per game. She became the sixth female player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark. The Frederick News Post recognized Tandy as Athlete of the Week in January, and she has been selected to play in the Frederick City-County All-Star and USADB East-West All-Star games.

Senior Shayna Rose, a defensive-minded point guard, has led her team on both ends of the floor throughout the entire season. She may have broken the school record with 14 assists in a game. She led the team in assists and steals, averaging 5.4 assists and 4.3 steals per game on top of her 5.2 points average. Shayna Rose has also been selected to play in the Frederick City-County All-Star and USADB East-West All-Star games.

Junior Claire Tucker proved to be unstoppable as she had an explosive year offensively. Claire maintained an average of 17.2 points, 2.4 assists, 3.5 steals, and 2.9 rebounds throughout the season. She had a career high 34 points in a game, a few baskets short of breaking the school record, against Hancock High School late in the season.

Both Tandy and Claire have been selected to represent the United States overseas this summer at the Under-21 World Deaf Basketball Games in Lublin, Poland.

Seniors Shayna Rose Unger, Tandy Lewis, Trista Taylor, and Kevina Kerchner will be sorely missed. The team wholeheartedly thanks the MSD Community for the tremendous support throughout the season.

—Amy Mowl, Head Coach, FC, amy.mowl@msd.edu

JUNIOR VARSITY



Top (L-R) Head Coach Jerry Mabashov, Manager Danielle Harris, Mia Goldberg, Lauren Goldberg, Tarja Lewis, Nadasha Harvey, Manager Vanishe Buchanan, Assistant Coach Tamara Majocho **Front** Raquel Grindstaff, Corbin Register, Kevina Kerchner

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

The Maryland School for the Deaf basketball team started the season with a lot of uncertainty. MSD lost three outstanding seniors to graduation from last year's team that finished with 16 wins and 12 losses. The team this year was very young with no seniors. However, the coaching staff knew that the team had a lot of potential; the challenge would be to replace the scoring of the departed seniors.

The Orioles got off to a good start by winning the New Life Tournament, beating tournament favorite Loudon County by 10 points and winning the championship game against Mt. Airy Christian Academy 54 to 33.

MSD started the new year by winning the Oriole Classic (January 8 and 9), beating Queen Anne 63 to 54 in the championship game.

After the Oriole Classic, the team flew to California to participate in the highly prestigious Clerc Classic Basketball Tournament. In the first game, MSD played against the California School for the Deaf at Riverside. Going into the fourth quarter, the Orioles were losing by three points but the team raised their intensity on defense and outscored Riverside 12 to 0. In the semifinal, MSD beat a very talented Texas School for the Deaf squad 47 to 39. In the championship game, the Orioles played against the Indiana School for the Deaf. It was a great opportunity for payback as last year MSD lost in the championship game to Indiana by 19 points

after trailing by only 4 points at halftime. MSD beat ISD 45 to 44 to claim the Clerc Classic Championship title.

Two weeks later, MSD went to Indianapolis, Indiana to participate in the Central States Schools for the Deaf (C.S.S.D) basketball tournament. During the first two games, the team beat the Michigan School for the Deaf and Illinois School for the Deaf. In the championship game, MSD played the Indiana School for the Deaf. ISD came out really hot, leading by 14 points in the 3rd quarter, before the Orioles, led by Todd Bonheyo, finally woke up and changed the momentum of the game. However, ISD made a deep three-point shot at the buzzer to force the game into overtime. The teams traded baskets in overtime until Todd Bonheyo hit a winning shot from the free throw line with 1.6 seconds left to claim the C.S.S.D. title.

In February, MSD went to Pittsburgh to participate in the E.S.D.A.A. tournament which they won for the eighth consecutive time. The Orioles beat a hardnosed team from Massachusetts, the Learning Center, by two points and then beat the Lexington School for the Deaf in the championship game 61 to 37.

The Maryland School for the Deaf boys' basketball finished the season with 23 wins (second most wins in MSD history) and 5 losses. The Orioles also broke a school record of winning five tournaments in one year. MSD went undefeated against deaf schools this year with 12 wins and won three deaf schools basketball tournaments (Clerc Classic,

VARSIITY



Top (L-R) Malik Morris, Ethan Kramer, Todd Rewolinski, James Steingieser, Jesse Steingieser, Myles Goldberg, Eric Setzer, DeAndre Gaskins, Cody Paulay-Simmons **Front** Micah Traurig, Todd Bonheyo, Assistant Coach Mike Kent, Head Coach James DeStefano, Assistant Coach Peter Badavas, Shawn Harrington, Manager Emre Sen

CSSD Tournament, and ESDAA Tournament). The team also broke the school record for the lowest points allowed per game, an average of 40.2 points per game, which broke the one-year-old record for 44.4 points per game. The MSD varsity boys' team was named the 2010 deaf prep basketball national champions by both Deafdigest.com and National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA).

Todd Bonheyo had an outstanding season, leading the team in three statistical categories with 16.2 points per game, 5.0 assists per game, and 2.3 steals per game. He was selected the Most Valuable Player four times and made the all-tournament team at CSSD (where an MVP award is not given).

Shawn Harrington was one of the key factors of the team's successful season. He led the team in three statistical categories with 11.3 rebounds per game, 2.8 blocks per game and 2.3 steals per game. He was the 2nd leading scorer on the team with 11.2 points per game. He broke the school's record of most rebounds (316) and most blocks (77) in one season. He also made all tournament team at five tournaments.

Jesse Steingieser was our 2nd leading rebounder with 6.2 rebounds per game. Jesse played very well against the Lexington School for the Deaf in the ESDAA championship game where he hit 3 out of 3 from the three point area. Jesse was selected to be on the all tournament team three times (at the Clerc Classic, CSSD, and the ESDAA tournaments).

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James Steingieser was our 4th leading scorer on the team with 8.4 per game. He also was our 3rd leading rebounder with 4.9 rebounds per game. James was selected to all tournament teams twice (at the New Life basketball tournament and Orioles Classic).

Coach DeStefano would like to recognize the hard work of the managers, Micah Traurig and Emre Sen.

The successful season was helped by two outstanding assistant coaches, Peter Badavas and Michael Kent. Coach DeStefano would like to recognize their hardworking efforts during the season.

—James DeStefano, Head Coach, FC

Frederick News Post

Honorable Mention

Todd Bonheyo
Shawn Harrington
Jesse Steingieser
James Steingieser

Frederick Gazette

First Team

Todd Bonheyo
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Jesse Steingieser

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First Team
Todd Bonheyo



Top (L-R) Coach Mike Kent, Andrew Biskupiak, Evan Kurth, DanJohn Kerchner, Tyler Lewis, Malik Morris, Derek Cerasoli, Manager Emre Sen **Front** Ethan Sonnenstrahl, Austin Cerasoli, Darrius Doe, Cody Paulay-Simmons

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WRESTLING

The MSD varsity wrestling team finished the season with a winning record 19 wins and 3 losses that included winning three wrestling tournament championships. The Orioles winning tradition is back! MSD grapplers broke the school record with 19 wins (the old record was 18) and captured first place for the first time in National Deaf Prep Duals Wrestling Tournament history.

Last December, MSD grapplers managed to beat St. James, a powerhouse wrestling team, at the Holloway Invitational Wrestling Tournament. MSD won first place with 155 points while St. James had 153 points. MSD coaches could hardly believe the team had won! MSD team captains Maxwell Latin and Gregg McConville, Jr., did a great job imploring wrestlers not to give up, keep their heads up, and display good sportsmanship which helped win the tournament.

In January MSD hosted the 6th Annual National Deaf Prep Duals Wrestling Tournament; six schools for the deaf participated: American School for the Deaf, California (Fremont) School for the Deaf, Indiana School for the Deaf, Maryland School for the Deaf, Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and Texas School for the Deaf. On the first day of round robin competition, MSD won all their matches except the one against Texas, which meant the Orioles were seeded

number two and Texas number one for the championship dual meet. Also, on the first day of action, Justin Wiener hurt his knee in his last match of the day, and head coach Chris VonGarrel decided not to wrestle him against Indiana in the semi-finals on Saturday. In the championship match, Justin had to wrestle against a huge TSD wrestler. He kept him in control until the second period when he pinned him. Justin Wiener and Michael DeVito were heroes in the final match against the TSD wrestling team as MSD beat Texas 44 to 34 to win the championship! First place medals went to Nick McCain., Zachary Israel, Chris Sharp, and Justin Wiener.

At the Mid-Atlantic Wrestling League (MAWL) tournament, MSD grapplers competed against eight teams (Covenant Life, Edmund Burke, Heights, Hyde, Massanutten Military Academy, McLean, Model, and St. Anselm's). MSD had won the league title going undefeated in all eight matches. At the tournament, MSD did not do well in the morning but came back in the afternoon and picked up significant points that helped the Orioles to win the MAWL tournament with 131.5 points while second-place Heights had 129.5 points.

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TOP (L-R) Coach Chris vonGarrel, Assistant Coach Tim Taylor, Everd Morales, Maurice Marshall, Chris Sharp, Maxwell Latin, Justin Wiener, Noah Coakley, Sagar Patel, Mark Cross, Manager Rhyssem Bagley, Assistant Coach Jeff White **MIDDLE** Taran Taylor, Kyle Tharpe, Zachary Israel, Michael DeVito, Neville Bama Nde, Asher Kirschbaum **FRONT** Marquise Pleasant, Nick McClain, Gregg McConville, Jr, Shane Brewer, Zack Barron, Nick Remsburg **NOT PICTURED** Assistant Coach Eric Woods

MSD HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DEAF PREP DUALS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

On the weekend of January 22-23, 2010, six deaf schools participated in the Sixth Annual National Deaf Prep Duals Wrestling Tournament at Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick: Maryland School for the Deaf, Model Secondary School for the Deaf (Washington, DC), Indiana School for the Deaf, American School for the Deaf (Hartford, CT), California School for the Deaf-Fremont, and Texas School for the Deaf.

On the first day of the tournament, Maryland grapplers wrestled and won three out of four rounds. The scores were 63 - 18 over ASD, 60 - 24 over ISD, 58-12 over CSD-F, and a loss of 45 - 34 to TSD. On Saturday, MSD won the last round over MSSD with the score of 51 - 21. With the loss to Texas School for the Deaf in the round robin, they were seeded #2 in the championship bracket while Texas was seeded #1.

In a close match, MSD beat Indiana School for the Deaf in the semi-final round by 42 - 36. Then, in a thrilling championship match with Texas School for the Deaf that had the gym hopping and fans on the edge of their seats, the match was not decided until Justin Wiener (heavyweight) pinned

his opponent in the first period. The final score was 44 - 34 and Maryland School for the Deaf won the National Deaf Prep Duals Wrestling Tournament for the first time.

The MSD weight class champions for the tournament were Nick McCain (130), Zachary Israel (189), Chris Sharp (215), and Justin Wiener (285). Congratulations to Head Coach Chris VonGarrel and his assistant coaches, Jeff White, Eric Woods, and Tim Taylor for their excellent job of coaching and the tough task of walking the championship award a short distance from the gym to MSD's trophy case.

Last of all, tournament chairperson Jerry Mabashov and assistant chairperson Vicki Kitsembel would like to convey their appreciation to the committee for their outstanding job in making the tournament a success! The whole committee also wishes to thank Gallaudet University and Purple for their sponsorship of this event which covered awards, t-shirts for all, program books, and refreshments in the coaches' den.

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—Jerry Mabashov, Chairperson,
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To a man, the MSD team felt great to win a "Triple Crown"; the coaches felt the MSD grapplers completely met their goals.

Head coach Chris VonGarrel would like to convey that assistant coaches Jeff White, Eric Woods, and Tim Taylor did a fantastic job teaching the wrestlers

about teamwork and sportsmanship.

MSD coaches bid a fond farewell to two seniors, Maxwell Latin and Nick Rensburg; they will remember what a great year they were a part of!

—Chris vonGarrel, Coach, FC,
christopher.vongarrel@msd.edu

MAWL Tournament results

MSD TEAM

119 lbs – **Marquise Pleasant**... Second place
130 lbs – **Nick McClain**..... Second place
135 lbs – **Zack Barron**..... Third place
145 lbs – **Gregg McConville, Jr** ... Third place
152 lbs – **Maxwell Latin** Second Place
160 lbs – **Michael DeVito**..... Second place
215 lbs – **Zachary Israel** Second place
287 lbs – **Justin Wiener** First Place

MAWL TOURNAMENT TEAM SCORING

1. **MSD**..... 131
2. **Heights** 129.5
3. **Model** 125.5
4. **Covenant Life** 123.5
5. **St. Anselm's**..... 123
6. **Hyde**..... 66
7. **McLean**..... 54
8. **Edmund Burke** 49
9. **MMA**..... 40

Frederick News Post

Honorable Mention

130—Nick McClain
140—Gregg McConville, Jr
189—Zachary Israel
285—Justin Wiener

Frederick Gazette

Honorable Mention

285—Justin Wiener

National Deaf Interscholastic Athletics Association (NDIAA)

First Team

130—Nick McClain
189—Zachary Israel
285—Justin Wiener

Second Team

103—Sagar Patel
119—Marquise Pleasant
145—Gregg McConville, Jr.
215—Chris Sharp

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL-CC

Back (L-R) Tamia Harris, Jasmin Wilson, Briana Pendles, Mone't Clark Middle Head Coach Andrew Francis, Haley Rhyanes, Keja Miller, Madison Givens, Paula Hare, Assistant Coach Karen Whittaker Front Sara Young, Lai'Yonea Branch, Samantha Ivon, Dana Brooks



MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL-CC



Back (L-R) Assistant Coach Stephen Covington, Ryan Carr, Brandon Garrett, Eduardo Tejada, Head Coach Clarence Taylor Middle Carroll Barnes, Alan Sullivan, Jaylon Wilson, Max Olson, Austin Hackney Front Jiang McConville, Kendre White, Sebastian Velata, Hakeem Schiller, Nick Hernandez

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS-FC

(L-R) Head Coach Jarlene Villalobos, Jehanne McCullough, Christy Zendarski, Brittney Little, Assistant Coach Patty Kowalski



MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL-FC



Top (L-R) Assistant Coach Rex Moers, Tarik Wallace, Jad Gore, Cody Moers, Lance Brewer, Head Coach Cliff Geffen
Bottom Zachary Bridgett, Jake Bonheyo, Jake Grindstaff, Corey Rosko

MIDDLE SCHOOL JV BOYS BASKETBALL-FC

Back (L-R) Head Coach Rex Moers, Assistant Coach Cliff Geffen
Front Kratt Brown, Tristan Hower, Chaz Seremeth, Carey Ballard, Brett Sonnenstrahl, Bailey Moers, Joseph Hoffman, Billy Millios



MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL-FC



Top (L-R) Assistant Coach Ursa Rewolinski, Tayla Newman, Jaqqie Boese, Carolyn Wiley, Emily DeSimone, Head Coach Jeff Lewis
Front Tessa Lewis, Emily Tudor, Kristen Ames, Sierra McConville, Monique Johnson, Alexa Paulay-Simmons

UNDER 12 BOYS BASKETBALL-FC



Back (L-R) Head Coach Jimmy Gore, Maverick Obermiller, Austin Latin, Davy Bahan, Jake Bortoletto Front Quincy Johnson, Egan Seremeth, Blake Brewer, Rex Shephard, Zeke Martinez

UNDER 10 GIRLS BASKETBALL-FC

Back (L-R) Head Coach Tom Luttrell, Brigitta Luttrell, Meghan Luebehusen, Cassidy Perry, Rajena Guettler, Assistant Coach Jenny Perry Front Row Marisa Montoya, Rose Viola Shephard, Freya Seremeth, Lily DeSimone Not pictured Crystal Hirsch



UNDER 10 BOYS BASKETBALL-FC



Back (L-R) Assistant Coach Robert Lewis, Head Coach Jason Dietz Middle Assistant Coach Johnny Adamson, Jazob Monroe-Caldwell, Connor Switenky, Brady Perry, Maguire Hause Front Austin Adamson, Payne Frankowiak, Rory Lewis, Rory Dietz, Celso Martinez



George William
Collins, '55



Frederick Lee
Schmidt, '63



Thomas
D'Antoni, '70



Joshua
Feldman, '05



Frank Robert
Bryan

1955—George William Collins, 73, of Berlin, MD, died on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. George was better known as Bill. The graveside service was held at New Hope Cemetery in Willards.

1963—Frederick Lee Schmidt, of Gwynn Oak, MD, passed away on January 30, 2010, of natural causes. He was the beloved husband of Lori Kay Schmidt. Donations may be made to assist with funeral expenses. You may mail donations to the attention of David A. Gurganious at 672 E. Old Mill Road, PMB #173, Millersville, MD, 21108.

1970—Thomas D'Antoni, 58, died at the Temple Terrace Hospice in Florida on November 25, 2009. He was the son of John D'Antoni, who survives him and Molly D'Antoni who predeceased him. He worked for the Baltimore City Police Department printing office for 16 years before moving to Florida. He was a football standout in his school days and loved bowling. In addition to his father, he is survived by daughters Allison Liddle and Tracy Dowell and

siblings along with grandchildren.

2005—Joshua Feldman has won the Rakow writing award for the fourth year in a row this year and was awarded first place for the MacDougall award last year at Gallaudet University where he is currently a senior majoring in English. Joshua has also published a story in a magazine and an online magazine as well. During his four years at Gallaudet University, he has been a writer for Buff and Blue and was the managing editor and the editor-in-chief last year. Upon graduation this May, he plans on relocating to New York City to become a freelance writer. He will also write his own short stories during his free time. Be on the lookout for his creative writing articles. MSD wishes its fellow alumnus a lot of success and recognition.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Frank Robert Bryan passed away in his sleep on Wednesday, December 8, 2009, after a courageous four-year battle against leukemia. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Nancy J. Bryan, and children: son,

Keith Bryan and his wife Carol Ann; daughter, Faith Wyatt and her husband, Michael; and a precious granddaughter, Christinia Wyatt. He also leaves behind his sister, Virginia Hix and her husband, Carol. Frank worked in deaf education for 40 years: as an educator at the Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick Campus, principal of the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School in Washington, D.C., campus director for the Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia Campus, and superintendent of the Eastern N.C. School for the Deaf. He retired in 2000 as the superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled in Hampton. Memorial donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity Gloucester/Mathews, P.O. Box 1833, Merrifield, VA, 22116 or First Presbyterian Church Educational Fund.

Boyd Yates, Jr., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, in Huntsville, Alabama. His wife, Margaret, taught Social Studies at Maryland School for the Deaf and they were often seen traveling with the New

Era Club during their time at MSD. Mr. Yates served in the United States Navy on the USS Filimore and was honorably discharged in November, 1945. He lived in Frederick, MD, for many years on his farm. He was preceded in death by his brother "Sonny" and is survived by brothers Tom and Donald Yates and sisters Rosalind Clack and Alice Eyler. He will rest in peace beside his beloved wife, Margaret.

Delores Sittig Devilbiss, 96, of Frederick, MD, passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of the late William Sittig and Catherine Conrad Sittig and the widow of John Austin Devilbiss. She and her family moved to Frederick in 1918 and attended Frederick High School. Upon graduation, she married her husband, John, and worked as a receptionist and secretary for the Maryland School for the Deaf in the 1930's and 1940's during Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee's time as Superintendent. Ms Devilbiss later worked for Frederick County Public Schools until she retired in 1984. She was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick. **MB**

The Steiner Building, Steiner Family Members and MSD Board of Visitors (BOV)

(This is the second of a three part series on the history of building names on the Columbia Campus)

As with the Baker Building, the Steiner Building on the Columbia Campus offers another example of a building being named in honor of several generations of the same family who made contributions to MSD. The first member of the Steiner family moved into the Frederick County area sometime prior to 1736. Jacob Steiner began what has become a long and rich history which still persists throughout Frederick County. The relationship of the Steiner family with the Maryland School for the Deaf Board of Visitors began some four generations later in 1881.

The first family member documented to have been on the property that would become the Maryland School for the Deaf was Stephen Steiner who at the age of fourteen was too young to be in the local militia during the Revolutionary War and was, therefore, assigned as a guard in the Hessian Barracks. More than likely his father, Captain John Steiner, also visited the Barracks as he was a captain during the Revolutionary War. After the War in 1788 another ancestor, Mary Steiner, married Abraham Faw, the man charged eleven years earlier by the Maryland General Assembly to build the Barracks at Frederick Town.



Dr. Bernard C. Steiner



Dr. Roland C. Steiner

Lewis Henry Steiner, MD (1827-1892) more than likely was also at the Hessian Barracks during the Civil War as he was the Chief Inspector for the United States Sanitary Commission, Army of the Potomac. After the war he became a member of the MSD Board of Visitors in 1881 and remained on the Board until 1892. His brother-in-law, Fairfax Schley, MD, also became a member of the Board of Visitors during the school's first year, 1868-1869.

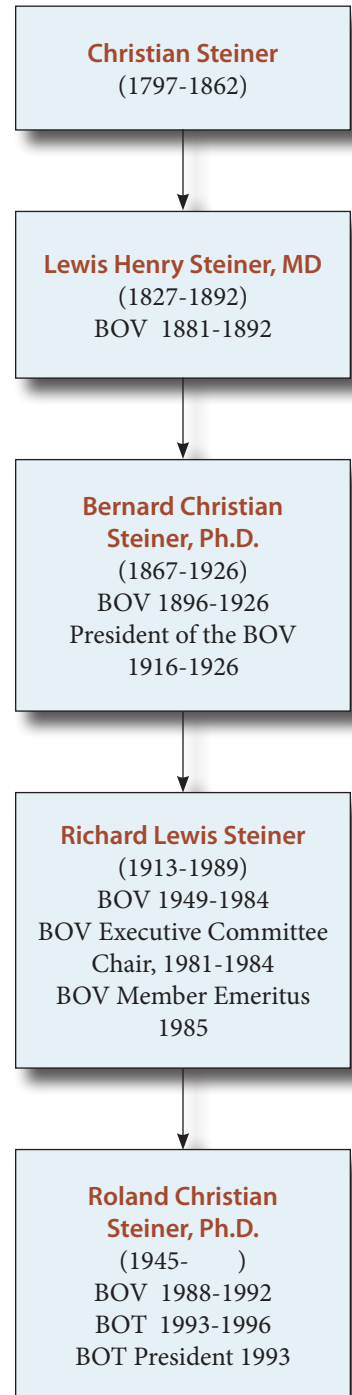
Dr. Schley's son, Steiner Schley, followed his father on the Board of Visitors and served with his first cousin who was Lewis Henry Steiner's son, Bernard Christian Steiner, PhD. Dr. Bernard Steiner

joined the Board in 1896, serving as President of the Board of Visitors from 1916 to 1926.

This father-son combination was also deeply involved in other aspects of education. Dr. Lewis Henry Steiner became the first Librarian for the Enoch Pratt Library (Pratt was also a member of the Board of Visitors, serving as President from 1877 until his death in 1896.) Bernard Christian followed in his father's footsteps by becoming the second Librarian at the Pratt Library.

Bernard Christian Steiner's son, Richard Lewis Steiner, (1913-1989) carried on the family tradition by serving on the Board of Visitors from 1949 through 1984. During this time he was the Executive Committee Chair from 1981-1984 and was honored in 1985 by being named Board of Visitors Member, Emeritus.

The final member of this four-generation service to the Maryland School for the Deaf is Roland Christian Steiner, PhD. He shares with very few people the distinction of having served on the both the Board of Visitors and its replacement, the Board of Trustees. Dr. Steiner began his service on the Board of Visitors in 1988 and served until its closure by act of the Maryland General Assembly in 1992. He was then reappointed by the Governor to the new Board of Trustees in 1992 and served until 1996, including a term as its first President in 1993.





The Steiner House, built in two sections in 1807 and 1817, is a classic of early 19th Century design and construction. This front door, frame with stain glass, and steps are original. The house is now a museum and located at the corner of South Jefferson and West Patrick Streets in Frederick.



An enclosed breezeway between the two wings of the Steiner Building connects all services needed for instruction of the elementary-age students at the Columbia Campus.

At their January 19, 1989, meeting, the Board of Visitors approved the naming of the Steiner Building in honor of what would become 115 years of continuous service to the Maryland School for the Deaf. The Steiner Building at Columbia was formally dedicated on November 3, 1989. (See THE MARYLAND BULLETIN issue Vol. CX, No. 2, Winter 1989/1990.)

Several key historic Frederick sites from the Steiner legacy still exist today,

and in January 2009 the Bjarlee Museum coordinated a visit for the current Steiner Family. They toured the Hessian Barracks, the Steiner House (built by Dr. Roland Steiner's great-great-great-great Uncle Stephen); and Schifferstadt which was owned by three generations of Steiners, two of whom served on the Board of Visitors.

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Dr. Roland Steiner, center. To his right: wife Heather; son Christian with his wife Catherine; daughters Rebecca and Laura. To his left: sister Carol Steiner and her son, Ben Beckman's family, wife Alison Day and toddler Anders Day Beckman.

MSD Foundation Hosts 6th Annual Golf Tournament

On September 18, 2009, the beautiful Hollow Creek Golf Club in Middletown, Maryland, was the scene of the annual Maryland School for the Deaf Foundation's Golf Tournament. With its challenging 18-hole golf course nestled in rolling hills, the scenic course offered a day of fun for players of all ability levels. The 6th Annual Golf Tournament brought out many seasoned players as well as a few beginners. The level of skill did not really matter as everyone was there to have fun and support the Maryland School for the Deaf. The event earned a net profit of over \$22,000 with all proceeds going to the MSD Foundation's fund to benefit the students of the Maryland School for the Deaf.

Platinum Sponsor for the tournament was Maryland Relay. They brought two teams of golfers to join in the fun and provided golf ball caddies to include in each of the golfers' goodie bags. Silver Sponsors included First United Bank & Trust, Bray & Scarff, Shockley Honda, Morgan-Keller Construction, Best Buy, With Regards, and Canal Bar and Grill, who also brought along lots of enthusiastic golfers to enjoy the event.

The golfers arrived early and started lining up to receive their shirts and goodie bags. They then enjoyed breakfast in the club house before heading outside for a little practice before the 10 a.m. shotgun start. The Canal Bar and Grill of Frederick stayed busy grilling some awesome hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken sandwiches. Throughout the day, the golfers participated in contests along the course, including a Putting Contest, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Beat the Pro, and a \$10,000 Cash Hole-in-One sponsored by the Civitan

Club of Frederick. Although no one won the \$10,000, it certainly gave the participants a reason to show off their best golfing skills!

At the end of the 18 holes, golfers were again invited into the club house to enjoy a deli style buffet while receiving awards for the three top teams. A 50-50 raffle, door prizes, and golfing awards kept the crowd excited throughout the event. Auctioneer Dana Dudley got things off to a roaring start with the live auction, which included a 47" flat panel LCD HDTV donated by Best Buy and airline tickets donated by Air Tran and Southwest Airlines. The silent auction containing in excess of 60 items donated by businesses in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New York was a huge success. Special services were provided by Myra Foley (interpreter), Airport View Signs (banners and signs), Tyler Joyce (FrederickDj.com), and Bill Millios (photographer).

Each year, Dottie Rust's High School Special Needs class assists with

preparations for the golf tournament by folding, stuffing, sealing, and stamping hundreds of envelopes for mailing to potential donors and participants. They also place the promotional items into the goodie bags which are handed out to each of the golfers. These students provide an excellent service, and their efforts are a huge help in preparing for the tournament.

Next year's tournament will again be held at Hollow Creek Golf Club on Friday, September 24, 2010. It is hoped that there will be many golfers who look forward to participating. They can certainly anticipate a day filled with fun, food, competition, and prizes! For more information regarding to the 7th Annual Golf Tournament, please contact Gwena West by email at Gwena.MSDF@comcast.net or by phone at 240-394-0330 (voice). **MB**

—Gwena West, Program Coordinator, MSD Foundation, gwena.MSDF@comcast.net



Bill Myles (left) and Davin Phelps (right) have a great time at the MSD Foundation's 6th Annual Golf Tournament. Both have happily supported this event for several years.



By Corinna Hill, Senior

Melissa Pia Herzig, '93

“You never know what you can do until you try” is one of Melissa Herzig’s favorite quotations. Melissa was born in Silver Spring, Maryland, and is from a deaf family. Her parents, Bruce and Elaine Herzig, graduated from Fanwood—New York School for the Deaf—in 1963. Melissa went to MSD Columbia for two years then transferred to Kendall School at Gallaudet for two more years before returning to MSD Frederick where she spent ten years and was one of the twenty students who turned their tassels with Maryland School for the Deaf’s graduating class of 1993.

Melissa was an active student who was very involved with MSD. She ran track and she and her teammates were Track Champions for all four years. She remembers well playing volleyball under Ms. Lorraine Stoltz. Melissa skied down the slopes in the ski club, had a blast in science camp, and

went to New Orleans for the Jr. NAD Association convention. She was an all-around competitive student, not only excelling in extracurricular activities but succeeding during the school day as well. She credits Ms. Cathy Babb for encouraging her passion for writing; Ms. Nancy Swaiko, a dynamite teacher, for making her fall in love with books; and Ms. Charlene Anderson for introducing her to test tubes and a love for science. Last but not least, she thanks Ms. Bette Hicks for teaching her to appreciate poetry.

Most of all, Melissa thanks her parents for supporting her every step of the way. They are her role models: her father is a strong man who follows through with his promises, and her mother is generous and kind. Melissa hopes that she can someday be half the person her parents are.

After graduating from MSD, Melissa went to Gallaudet University where she earned her Bachelor’s degree in Biology. After Gallaudet, she was a volunteer teacher at the Belize School for the Deaf. After serving there, she moved to San Diego where she served the deaf community extensively. She was the treasurer for the ASL Teachers Association in San Diego for two years and then became a professional development chairperson for this same organization for a year and a half. She also worked at San Diego State University and the Salk Institute in their Laboratory of Language and Cognitive Neuroscience as a research assistant studying ASL. This is now her eighth year teach-

ing Deaf students at Chula Vista High School in California. There, she created an ASL curriculum which led to the school system’s acceptance of ASL as a foreign language. Melissa is also currently a supervisor for student teachers at the University of California, San Diego and a post-doctoral researcher for Carol Padden at the Center for Research in Language. Melissa has a Masters in Deaf Education and Doctor of Education degree in Teaching and Learning from the University of California, San Diego.

Melissa met Kary Krumdick at Gallaudet University, but they did not take notice of each other until after they graduated and worked together at the Belize School for the Deaf. There they began dating and have been happily together ever since. Kary and Melissa are proud parents of two adorable boys, Ethan and Marcus. Melissa enjoys nothing more than going out for a walk or biking with her sons in the beautiful San Diego weather.

Melissa has a few words of wisdom to share with current MSD students: “Try to enjoy as many experiences as possible at MSD! Participate in a new activity at least once—try a new sport, join a club, or be a part of the school’s play production. You lose nothing and only gain experience and memories. There’s no better place to find out what your interests are and to make mistakes than in high school.” Good advice from Melissa Herzig, one of MSD’s finest.



Melissa Pia Herzig
as senior in 1993



Melissa Herzig, Kary Krumdick and their children,
Marcus (7 months old) and Ethan (3 years old)

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