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## MSD Auto Shop in Need of Updates!

When Van Brewer began teaching the Auto Shop class at MSD in 2001, the first thing he did was offer three classes per semester instead of the one class that had previously been offered. He soon had the program going full blast with some very eager students. From the beginning the shop was in need of a complete reorganization, and Van spent many hours during the evening knocking down walls, painting, and setting up a detailing / wash bay area.

With a yearly budget of \$1,200, there has been very little opportunity to purchase the equipment needed to sustain the shop and keep up with the times. Most of the budget money goes towards the purchase of small hand tools. Larger power tools cost a minimum of \$200 to \$300, and would quickly use up the yearly budget. Vehicles are sometimes donated to the class, and they are able to bring in a little extra money by reselling some of those vehicles.

Over the years, many of the tools and equipment have worn out and desperately need to be replaced. The wheel alignment machine does not function, the sand blasting cabinet is nearly useless since age has dulled the plastic covering, making it difficult to see through, and the attached gloves are completely worn out. The blasting gun needs a new part, the paint booth is dark and does not ventilate to its full capacity. A new truck lift is needed to support heavy duty vehicles.

At the top of Van's "wish list" is a new tire changer. That's an item he considers a priority for the shop. After a little prodding from the MSD Foundation, we got Mr. Brewer to add a few more items to his "wish list." Those items include a full mechanics standing tool chest with locks, paint cleaner booth, paint mixing



Van Brewer (teacher) explains how the students learn by making repairs to vehicles in the Auto Shop. Much of the equipment used in the class is outdated, non-existent, or in need of repair.

machine, spray gun, tram gauge, heat gun, Unibody frame and Unibody pulling system, slide hammer, Morgan Knocker for dent pulling, buffer with buffing pads, R-134 recycle/recharge AC machine, heat lamps, pressure washer, Schumacher Battery Charger, Hustler Stick, Saber Light Stand, Dynazip Air Tool Versa Kit, Bumper Tree, 10-ton Porto-Jack set, Suregrip Pry Bar Set, 500 lb capacity workstand, air chisel set, plastic riveter, 1/2" drive 12 pt socket set, hardware cabinets, and other items.

Thanks to this class, at least five students have been able to acquire positions in the local working area. One of Van's biggest dreams is to set up another class for mechanical repairs and certification requirements. An Engine Diagnostic Machine would be a good way to get started. Again, the equipment and tools would be very expensive and Mr. Brewer would need to receive additional training. But he knows it would be well worth it and could lead to even more of his students joining the work force.

## 5th Annual MSDF Golf Tournament Nets Over \$37,000!

It is September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, early morning at the beautiful **Hollow Creek Golf Club** in Middletown, Maryland. Everyone is concerned about the weather forecast, which predicts heavy rains, flooding, strong winds, and cool temperatures for the entire day. It certainly was not the forecast 147 golfers wanted to hear, not to mention the organizers and volunteers. But that prediction did nothing to dampen the spirits of everyone who came out to support the *MSD Foundation's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament*. Maybe it was due to tournament director Kriste Hartman's positive thinking, or maybe it was the prayers of many, but barely a drop fell throughout the day, and many thought it was a perfect golf day. Obviously, it was, if you calculate the success by the generosity of those who participated. A new record high of \$37,000+ was the net profit for the day, with all proceeds added to the MSD Foundation's fund to benefit the students of the Maryland School for the Deaf.

Presenting Sponsor, **Morgan-Keller Construction**, brought two teams of lively golfers to join in the fun. Platinum Sponsor **Maryland Relay** got there early and brought 150 raincoats to pass out. We're happy to say they weren't needed, but their generosity and thoughtfulness were certainly appreciated. **Frederick Precast Concrete**, another Platinum Sponsor, had so much fun in previous tournaments, they brought three teams of golfers. Other teams included Gold Sponsors **Frederick News-Post** and **Shockley Honda**, and Silver Sponsors **First United Bank & Trust**, **Bray & Scarff**, **The Lisa Higgins Foundation**, **With Regards**, and **Powered by Purple**.

After signing in and receiving their shirts and goodie bags, the golfers enjoyed breakfast in the



**MORGAN-KELLER  
CONSTRUCTION**



Morgan-Keller Construction participants included (l to r) Michael Mock, Milt Pajak, Tom Sloan, and Andy Woolard

club house before the 10 AM shotgun start. Hot food and cold beverages were available all day, with **Canal Bar and Grill** of Frederick providing awesome hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken sandwiches. Golfers participated in contests along the scenic course at Hollow Creek, including a Putting Contest, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Beat the Pro, and a Hole-in-One sponsored by **Mercedes-Benz of Hagerstown**. Although no one won the Mercedes, it was fun to watch some come close.

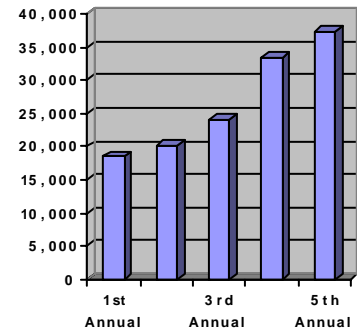
At the end of the 18 holes, golfers were again invited into the club house to enjoy a deli style buffet while receiving awards for the three top teams. A 50-50 raffle, door prizes, and other awards kept the crowd excited throughout the event.



Let the games begin!!

### Golf Tournament Net Income

In 5 years, MSDF has earned  
over **\$134,000!!**



Following the awards presentation, auctioneer **Robert Wilson** got things off to a roaring start with the live auction, which included a 40" flat panel Samsung LCD HDTV donated by **Best Buy**, and airline tickets donated by **Air Tran** and **Southwest Airlines**. The silent auction contained over 100 items donated by businesses in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New York, and was a huge success. Special thanks also go to **Sign Language Associates**, **Airport View Signs**, **FrederickDj.com**, and photographers **Bill Millios** and **Christopher Vigliotti**, who donated their services to help make this event a success.

What will next year bring? I don't know yet, but mark your calendar for September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 'cause I'm certain it will be another fun, exciting, glorious day for golfing! For more information pertaining to the 6<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament, please contact Kriste at [Kriste.Hartman@msd.edu](mailto:Kriste.Hartman@msd.edu) or (V) 240-409-9462.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**September 18th, 2009**

**6th Annual Golf Tournament**

## MSDF donates eight iMacs to the Career and Technology Department

The Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) Career and Technology Education (CTE) program has been offering a Digital Photography course to High School students for the past three years. This course meets one of the Fine Arts requirements required by the Maryland Department of Education. MSD was ahead of its time by offering it two years before the Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) added it to their Curriculum this year. Ms. Lorraine Stoltz, the Digital Photography Teacher, was one of the contributors in developing the FCPS Digital Photography Curriculum.



Teacher Lorraine Stoltz assists Nerville Nde and Noah Coakley

Students taking this course learned to expand the realm of their abstract skills by understanding the nature of photography in a technological format. Students first learn the basics of using a digital camera, and then they learn how to use the Adobe Photoshop software that is designed for Digital Photography and exploring the diverse elements involved. Once they acquire the skills of how the camera functions and using the software, they will then learn and understand the more advanced concepts of using the digital camera and its imaging techniques with an emphasis on creative solutions. Deaf and hard of

hearing students are, for the most part, visual and kinesthetic learners so digital photography gives them the opportunity to practice visual literacy via individual and group activities to stimulate inquiry, creativity and strengthen their critical thinking skills.



Computer Graphics students Jessica Valente and Tyler Dilks

The Apple's iMac computer and its features are considered one of the best tools for using Digital Photography, since their software is designed for computer graphics and other relevant features. Students who learn these skills also take Computer Graphics and Web Design as one of the FCPS requirements. With their skills and knowledge they can seek employment in diverse sectors such as the Advertising and Marketing Industries, Forensic Science, and Printing Shops.

The CTE program strives to keep up with the demands of technology but has not always found the funding to do so. Last year, Best Buy donated three iMacs, and this year, the Maryland School for the Deaf Foundation (MSDF), provided funding for eight new iMacs for Ms. Stoltz's classroom.

With the provision of these iMacs, it allows each student to work on their assignments and projects since the classes are high in demand. When the students showed up for Ms. Stoltz's class last August, they were thrilled to see all the new iMacs since they competed to use the three iMacs from the previous year. They immediately started designing, editing, painting, and creating images that they had taken or downloaded. Some of our students were found to have hidden talents and may continue in this field for a future career. The students are very motivated and creative, and have pride in their work. It is wonderful to see our students gain self-confidence! Furthermore, students love to display their work in the annual Photo Contest each spring—please come and see their work of art!

Many thanks go to the MSD Foundation for their contribution and making this possible for all of our students.

Lorraine J. Stoltz, Digital Photography Teacher



Students Corinna Hill and Lusan Kamara

**3rd Annual Dash for Deaf Education 5K Run/Walk**

**Saturday, April 18, 2009 at MSD — Check website for further details ([www.MSD-Foundation.org](http://www.MSD-Foundation.org))**

## Academic Bowl, the “Varsity Sport of Mind”

From which novel written by Pearl S. Buck would you find this story's opening words, “It was Wang Lung's marriage day”?

It is more than just who presses the buzzer first; it is also about how much they know. The Academic Bowl has long been considered a varsity sport of mind. It goes without saying that being on an Academic Bowl team is no honeymoon. Nevertheless, being on the team is a tremendous honor. Rules stipulate that each team may have no more than five members. Members of the team were carefully selected as they had to go through a daunting series of tests. With two veterans returning on the team, the team had to undergo a rebuilding of sorts with three new members. Seniors Allison Weiner and Andrea Amati being the veterans, the team chemistry was going to be different than last year. The new additions to the team were senior Kevin Berrigan and freshmen Christy Hediger and Todd Bonheyo. The combustion of the team chemistry this year was beyond belief for there was no need for any ice-breaking or team-building activities!



L to R: Gwena West, MSDF Program Coordinator, A.J. Weiner, Patrick Rosenburg, and Marisa Shockley, MSDF President

Right after Thanksgiving, the team came together and began their journey, practicing during lunch time on a daily basis and after school in the evening twice a week. They aimed to be ready for the regional tournament at West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind during the first weekend in March. It is with much thanks to



Students studying for Academic Bowl

the MSD Foundation that the team was able to go on a retreat to Deep Creek Lake, MD where they spent three full days, snowed in, practicing and having a grand time. Driving there was, on the other hand, a whole other story.

After the retreat, the team was ready more than ever. Maryland School for the Deaf managed to capture its long overdue victory in the regional finals. Weiner, being the only team member that has played every year in high school, was our secret weapon. Not only did she help the team bring home the glory; she was also picked as the Most Outstanding Player during the regional tournament. With MSD's victory over Woodson High School (Fairfax, VA), MSD captured its second regional championship in four years.

The top two teams from each region went to the National Championships the final weekend in April.

With five regions in the nation, the top ten schools (a mixture of both mainstream and deaf schools) from all over the nation met to play for the National Championships. It was a long arduous weekend for all of the players. Each school played 9 matches and MSD tied with Indiana School for the Deaf for the round robin competition.

With determination, MSD opened the first round with red-hot buzzer-clicking. We were leading at the end of the first round and the victory did at the moment seem attainable, but Indiana managed to take the lead at the end of the second round.

At the end, Indiana prevailed, defeating MSD by seven points, 45-38. Weiner once again dominated match after match and was again voted as the Most Outstanding Player at the Nationals. Despite the loss, the MSD Academic Bowl team performed like a true champion. It's been a great year for the Maryland School for the Deaf and it is with confidence that they will come back again next year, but they will have to get busy filling in those three seniors.

Article contributed by: Patrick Rosenburg and Christopher Kaftan

\*buzzing-in\* The answer for the question above? The Good Earth



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## Columbia Students Enjoy Camp Manidokan

Deaf Camps, Inc. would like to thank the MSD Foundation for its support! Sixty-five campers and 30 volunteer counselors participated in Deaf and American Sign Language Camp from August 3-8, 2008 at our new location at Manidokan Outdoor Ministry Center in Knoxville, MD. With nearly 450 acres of woodlands and fields, Manidokan provided a beautiful natural setting in which campers experienced trail hikes, teambuilding activities on the ropes courses, river rafting and canoeing, wall climbing, and more. A highlight of the week was a hike into nearby Harper's Ferry, West Virginia to enjoy this lovely historical town. Campers enjoyed swimming

every day, and fun activities led by the wonderful Manidokan staff each night: a Wacky Olympics (featuring human bowling and human whac-a-mole games), a luau, "Manidokan gladiator" challenges, and a talent show featuring our campers. The general consensus was: best year of camp ever!

Deaf Camps, Inc. is a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to providing fun, safe, communication-rich camps that promote the physical, spiritual, and social development of Deaf/hard of hearing children and children learning American Sign Language. For more information, see [www.deafcampsinc.org](http://www.deafcampsinc.org).

Article contributed by:

Kathy MacMillan



Campers Zachary Foote (front) and Joey Hoffman enjoy some time on the water

## Unity Church in Frederick Donates Over \$1700 to LBE



Pauline Cilladi (left) of Unity Church in Frederick presented a check to the Maryland School for the Deaf. Accepting the check on behalf of MSD is teacher Bonnie VanBuskirk (right), The Unity Church members participate in an Enrichment Giving Program, which raises funds for a variety of needs. The first 10% of all monies received for the program are given to organizations whose work blesses others.

The donation was made possible thanks to a grant request submitted by Kriste Hartman.

The money was designated for the LBE Department and was used to purchase books and other educational materials.

## MSD Foundation Funded \$30,000 in Projects

The MSD Foundation provided \$30,000 for scholarships, awards, sports and leadership camps and educational needs during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The money supported a variety of initiatives, including the following:

Annual Honors & Awards Program	Camp Mark Seven	Junior Nat'l Association of the Deaf
Youth Leadership Camp	Reading Rally	Academic Bowl
Deaf & ASL Camp	Nat'l Leadership & Literacy Camp	Space Camp
iMAC computers	Laura Struthers Scholarship	Leadership Training Conference
Educational materials for LBE	Computer Software	Items for Shockley House
Sports Camps	Items for Auto Shop Class	Dynavox Communication Device

## MSD Students Enjoy Space Camp '08



Cody Simmons learned how to eject from a jet.



Darrius Doe gets familiar with a simulator.



Dalton Kramer took a nap astronaut-style.



Mia Goldberg and Kali Doubledee inspected a Navy jet fighter plane.

Thanks to the generosity of the MSD Foundation, nine Middle School students were able to participate in Space Camp. The Foundation was able to provide a total of \$4,500.00 toward the cost of the tuition for the one week camp. MSD has been sending students to educational, leadership, and sports camps for many years, and this was one of the largest groups to benefit from the opportunity.

Students participated in the Aviation Challenge portion of the camp. They learned aerial combat skills in real Navy flight simulators and outdoor survival skills in the event of a crash. They spent time in G-Force, which teaches the feelings of take-off and landing. They learned a lot about team-work and problem solving. "Adapt-Improvise-Overcome" was their motto. Additionally, the students learned about the history of both Naval Aviation and the Space Program. When the rare chance for rest did happen, they slept in a simulated space station called the Habitat.

Each future astronaut looks forward to the opportunity to return to space camp as a senior camper and attend the Advanced Space Academy. (Article contributed by Cameron Overs)

## National Leadership & Literacy Camp

The MSDF helped fund the tuition for brother and sister Cody and Alexa Paulay-Simmons to attend the two-week National Leadership & Literacy Camp at Camp Lakodia in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Alexa (shown in top picture) writes: "I felt it was worth going to NLLC. I learned a lot about leadership. We also did writing activities, went on a scavenger hunt, had a mini-Olympics, camped out, had a bonfire, went to a water park. One thing that stuck to my mind is NLLC's quote: "YES YOU CAN, YES WE CAN!!"

Cody (shown in bottom picture, with his dorm counselor) writes: "Some role model people lectured like Frank Turk, Gary Olsen, Greg Gunderson, and Chef Jeff Perri. They lectured to teach us how to be a good leader but they told us we already are a good leader and we came there to be a better leader."



Dear MSD Foundation,

I hope you liked seeing the Shockley House. I was surprised to have four visitors.

Thank you for helping us get money for the Shockley House.

*Markeis Dobbins*

Thank you for the money that you gave to me. I will use it for college.. I was surprised that I got this award. I will go to Rochester Institute of Technology this fall. I plan to study criminal justice.

Thank you again,  
Robert Harris

Dear Members,

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$500 toward the Space Camp trip. It has greatly helped our family afford this tremendous educational opportunity. I will learn so much!

With much gratitude,  
Kali Doubledee

Dear MSD Foundation members,

We wanted to take the time to thank you all for your generosity and support. With your help, a student at MSD is able to communicate with those he is familiar with and not (familiar with), to be able to pass on his wants and needs.

His entire demeanor has changed to a much more positive side.

Thank you all so much!

Sincerely,  
Susan ReVeal-Ottone

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to MSD Foundation for generous \$500 donation to help send me to National Association for the Deaf's Youth Leadership Camp at Stayton, Oregon last month. I have benefited a lot from this experience and gained the confidence I need to be a better leader for myself and for others to follow too.

Again, many thanks!

*Danielle Berrigan*



I am Kyle Blakely, grade 8<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to going to Ocean City Beach where we go every summer and being HS student this fall.

I was surprised and honored to get Outstanding MS student award.

I want to say Thank you very much to get an award with \$50 cash. I think \$50 will be toward my savings.

Thanks again.

Kyle Blakely

It was an honor to receive the special award, Yvette Benton Memorial. I want to thank you for the money I got. Have a good summer.

Sincerely,  
Liv Polzin

To MSD Foundation Members,

...You are making a difference in the lives of some very special students. Again, I cannot thank you enough for your help in getting these funds for the Shockley House.

*Bonnie Van Buskirk*

I personally want to say thank you to MSDF for the iMAC computers. It is the third week now, our classes love iMAC and are learning the Mac features.

Lorraine Stoltz

I wanted to say heartfelt thanks for selecting me to be the recipient of the MSD Foundation Outstanding Student in High School and giving me the generous award of fifty dollars. I was really surprised and feel truly honored to be recognized.

Once again, thanks! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
Chenae Laldee

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