

Message from the Director of Development and Alumni Relations

RELATIONSHIPS!



Whether it is a 15-minute call to help a great-granddaughter locate her great-grandfather's graduation picture or talking to a community member

about the exciting renovations of the Kazmaier stadium, my role is all about making connections and building relationships. The amazing teamwork of the past two years has led to awe inspiring and substantial outcomes for the community, families and students who attend Maumee City Schools and live in Maumee.

- The rallying of \$1.3M to upgrade Kazmaier Stadium
- \$40,000 supporting STEAM through the Maumee High School Learning Commons/MakerSpace renovations
- The donation of the beautiful Panther Pride Quilt from alumni Julie Parrott '67 which is to be raffled off in support of the Performing Arts Center

Don't you agree that these numbers speak volumes to the commitment and pride our MHS alumni and community made this past year?

STOP BY!

Please don't be a stranger! We want your homecomings to be full of hospitality. Would you like a tour of MHS? I would be

glad to give you a tour and the free conversation that goes with it!

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

Lastly, please consider supporting the work of the Panther Pride Foundation. Without your support, the identified opportunities to enhance MHS might be delayed. If collectively a monthly donation is made through a convenient online process, the needs would be taken care of in a quick fashion. Visit www.pantherpridefoundation.org to see how you can easily support the foundation through our website.

Thank you for being a loyal purple and gold alumni.

Best,

Sarah Otis, MHS '78
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Atlanta spine surgeon and Maumee High School alumnus James L. Chappuis, M.D., F.A.C.S., ('73) came to Maumee on August 15 for the re-dedication of

Richard Kazmaier stadium and made remarks to the 500-plus people in attendance.

Dr. Chappuis is a major donor to the stadium renewal project and says his gift was made to thank and memorialize his mother, Sarah M. Chappuis.

"One of the things my mom said to me before she died in 1997 was, 'Don't forget where you came from,'" says Dr. Chappuis. "And, that is one of the reasons I'm here today."

These are some of Dr. Chappuis' remarks at the re-dedication ceremony:

"Sarah was born July 11, 1918, one of 13 children, the oldest daughter of Sicilian immigrants – my grandparents. Sarah

Dr. Chappuis Makes Two Large Gifts to Kazmaier Stadium Renewal Project

wasn't able to finish high school. Back then in the '20s, she was sent out to work to help feed the family. She was a very bright lady who never had an opportunity to graduate from high school. But, she gave me the chance she never had.

In the late 1940s, Sarah got married and started working. By the mid-1950s she had me. Then, by the '60s and '70s, she was a divorced single mom, and it was rare to be from a broken home back then.

One of the many great things Maumee City Schools did for me was to give me a place to go, to be around other people who helped me get through the really tough times. We were on welfare for a short period of time. My mom had no skills, but she went out and got a job as a waitress. She started at a truck stop and then worked at Toledo Country Club where she remained as head waitress until she retired in 1992.

I want to share some of the characteristics about my mom that made her great. These are three things I want people to remember when they pass through this arch.

RESOLVE. Meaning I will. I will get a job, I will get off welfare, I will give my son the chance I never had.

PERSEVERANCE. It's the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you have already done. Mom never gave up. She loved her job and did her best every day and she made me proud.

HUMILITY. No matter how successful we get, we have to stay humble. Because if we stay humble we are still teachable. When we lose humility, we lose the ability to learn. When we lose the ability to learn we lose the ability to grow.

The two projects funded by Dr. Chappuis are the Sarah M. Chappuis Memorial Plaza

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Success for the 2017/2018 Year

First Annual Campaign Appeal

25 donors; \$1,775.00 funds raised

Kazmaier Stadium Renewal Project

650 donors raising \$1.5 M (funds, in-kind, donated time and staff contributions)



First Annual

#GivingTuesdayNWO Campaign

\$900.00 raised online

Connecting to Alumni

6 e-newsletters; 5 reunions; 3 tours of Maumee High School Campus for class reunions

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Director of Development and Alumni Relations

Dr. Chappuis

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and the James L. Chappuis, MD, FACS, Alumni Center.

—James L. Chappuis, MD, FACS, has a passion for helping his patients recover from debilitating spinal disorders using the latest surgical technology. He is the Founder and Senior Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon of Spine Center Atlanta and Spine Center Savannah. Dr. Chappuis graduated summa cum laude from the University of Toledo with a degree in biology and then attended medical school at Medical College of Ohio. To read his full curriculum vitae, visit spinecenteratlanta.com/team/dr-chappuis.

November 27: #GivingTuesdayNWO

Please consider online giving to support the work at Maumee High School. This year's goal of \$4,000 is to be allocated to the Learning Commons/MakerSpace renovation project.



Message from the Chairman



George Chapman, MHS '65

Chairman
Panther Pride Foundation

As Chairman of the Panther Pride Foundation, I want to thank all of you for your commitment to our first priority project. As you can see from the pictures, the construction of Phase 1 at Kazmaier Stadium is completed.

The high school and its athletic facilities were selected for our first project as the most visible sign of what Maumee is – and what it will be. Yet, the Foundation is structured to be a permanent fixture in the community, raising funds to enhance all aspects of Maumee High School. As the athletic facilities are brought up to date, an increasing percentage of Foundation funds will be allocated to academics and the arts.

We view this stadium project as a way to build on Maumee's great reputation and to energize our community at the same time. We want to further engage our residents, and for that matter alumni, and elevate our community pride.

Again, we thank our alumni, as well as the Maumee community, for supporting this effort and demonstrating what we all know: Maumee is a great community that will be made even better by this ongoing campaign.

Please consider supporting the Foundation on an annual basis.

Message from the Superintendent



Todd Cramer

Superintendent
Maumee City Schools

It is an exciting time to be a member of the Panther family!

During this past summer, thanks to the support of the Panther Pride Foundation and our Board of Education, renovation and enhancement projects were completed at Chapman Field at Kazmaier Stadium and the Maumee High School Learning Commons (former library). These improvements will provide our students and community with 21st century learning spaces and performance facilities we can all be proud of. Thank you to those who were able to support these projects.

Thanks to the generous support of our voters this past May, our operating funds are stable. However, it is critical that we continue to pursue private donations to fund infrastructure, equipment and other improvement projects focused on arts, academics and athletics that are beyond the scope of district funds. Doing so allows us to be fiscally responsible with tax dollars while engaging the greater Maumee City Schools community in opportunities to support our future.

If you have not engaged with the Panther Pride Foundation and are looking for a way to become involved, or have already contributed to a project and would like to become more involved, please let us know.

Go Panthers!

Where Are They Now?



1940s – 1960s The Heilman Family

Coming together to support their alma mater is easy for the Heilman family. Having been raised in Maumee and all 12 siblings graduating from Maumee High School, it was easy to come together to make a Heilman Family contribution to the PPF priority project. Fran (Heilman) Anderson '50 is a Foundation board member and has been involved since its inception. The Heilman's were in school from 1943 – 1961, with several of the family marrying Panther Pride sweethearts. Their story of philanthropy was recently broadcast on WTOL Channel 11 in Toledo, Ohio.

1960s Alan '63 and Rosie '65 Fellhauer



"Rosie and I were raised and educated in Maumee. I graduated MHS in 1963 and Rosie (Faulkner) graduated MHS in 1965. Most of Rosie's family – mom, (MHS class of 1942),

sister, brother, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles – were Maumee High School graduates. Therefore, Rosie and I have chosen to participate in Panther Pride, because that is what we have in our blood. Maumee is home to us, and nothing can compare to supporting the roots that formed our lives. There was not any one particular person that formed our love for MHS, but a multitude of people like classmates, faculty, special school events, and of course the hallowed halls of the school. We have not lived in Maumee since 1969 or Ohio since 1976. Our dearest and closest friends, life-long friends are still our classmates from Maumee. We encourage all alumni to participate in this worthwhile payback for what we received at MHS."

1970s Ron Erdmann '73



Ron is a 1973 graduate of Maumee High School and attended Maumee Schools for 11 years, moving to Maumee when he was adopted by Maumee parents. He married

Judy in 1976 and has four sons ranging in age from 35 to 39. Judy and Ron have eight grandchildren with the oldest being just seven years old. He currently splits his time between Devils Lake in Manitou Beach, Michigan, and Sylvania, Ohio.

Ron graduated from the University of Toledo and holds a Bachelors of Science in Business. He has served on various boards and tasks forces connected with his business interests as well as community organizations both in Toledo and Columbus.

Ron has been in the real estate and mortgage lending area for over 40 years and has held various positions from Senior Vice President of Mortgage Lending at a large Regional Bank to Branch Manager and Partner of Benchmark Mortgage today.

Ron is an active supporter of Maumee Schools because of his desire to give back to the community that has given him a great opportunity for advancement in his life. He says that so many of the teachers and coaches at the High School level provided him with friendship, direction and goals to achieve. Playing football, running track at the stadium, and working with the basketball and baseball teams gave him very fond memories of his Maumee experience.

1980s Ann and Dennis Glowacki



"As parents of athletes, we understand the importance a stadium serves. Not only is the stadium a place for athletic events, it is also a place for the community to gather. We supported

this project because we believe the facility will be the pride of the community."

Ann has been teaching in Maumee for 26 years and is currently a second grade teacher at Fort Miami. Dennis is a medical device representative for Medtronic. Their

daughter, Bethany, and son, Cameron, are both currently following in their dad's footsteps by attending The Ohio State University.

1990s Jim Harding '96



"I am currently entering my 5th season at the University of Utah as the assistant head coach/offensive line coach for the football program under Coach Kyle Whittingham. Salt

Lake City has been a great place for my wife and me as we are raising two boys who are seven and five years old. We still make it back to Maumee at least once a year; typically in July. We felt compelled to contribute to this project because I truly believe a big reason why I am at where I am right now is because of the people that supported and pushed me in my time at Maumee. The coaches I had, not only in football but the other sports I played, helped make me into the man I am today. Maumee will always be home for me. I remember being in elementary school and junior high going to Maumee's game each Friday night with my Dad and thinking about playing in that stadium. So, to me it was a no-brainer to help in any way I could, and I am excited to get back this summer to see the progress!"

Donate today by using the enclosed envelope. Your contribution qualifies for a tax deduction. Please consult with your tax advisor.

Alumni Contribution: From Dina Stirn Groh '65 wrote an article, called "Dining Aloft," with a Pan Am colleague. The article was featured in *PAN AM Personal Tributes to a Global Aviation Pioneer* edited by Jeff Kriendler and Jamie Baldwin and is available through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Thanks for sharing Dina!



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Maumee: *The Athletic Hall of Fame, Hall
of Excellence and Contribution and
Distinguished Alumnus Induction and
Award Ceremony.* This year's inductees are:

Distinguished Alumnus Award

- Bryce G. Harbaugh '61
- Alan K. Fellhauer '63 & Rosie (Faulkner) Fellhauer '65
- Kevin L. Alexander, O.D., Ph.D. '69
- Sylvia (Saldana) Washburn '68

Athletic Hall of Fame

- Brett Boggs '03
- Kurt P. Olman '72 (1954 – 1984)

Hall of Excellence and Contribution

- Paul Muenzer (1932 – 2014)

MARCH 16, 2019

—Brandywine Country Club: **A CLASS ACT.**

A Panther Pride Foundation fundraising event. Visit pantherpridefoundation.org for more information.

We Need Your support

The support of MHS alumni to the Panther Pride Foundation is critical in this time of decreased state and federal funding for education. With your gift, we will continue the excellent programs that Maumee families expect and rely on.

The foundation is dedicated to providing resources for outstanding Academic, Arts and Athletic opportunities at Maumee High School. Gifts and contributions are vital to making these visions a reality.

Giving back to MHS is a charitable, tax-deductible contribution and can be easily facilitated on a monthly bank draft/ credit card contribution. Your monthly

contribution will provide a stable and sustainable revenue source for the facility and program opportunities that have been identified for today and into the future.

Please use the enclosed envelope to support the work of the foundation or visit www.pantherpridefoundation.org to make an online contribution.

Want more information about contributing real estate, stockholdings or making a bequest? Please feel free to contact:

- Bridget Holt, philanthropic services officer at the Toledo Community Foundation at bridget@toledocf.org or Sarah Otis at sotis@maumeeK12.org

