



2017 - 2018

Report by the Numbers

WILDCAT

FOUNDATION



In 2019, I will complete my six years of service on the Wildcat Foundation's Board of Directors; my second year as Board President. As a parent, corporate attorney, and community resident I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the Mechanicsburg Area School District (MASD) in this support capacity and am pleased to present to you the Wildcat Foundation's, **2017-'18 Report by the Numbers.**

With volunteer and donor support and engagement, I have been witness to the many good works accomplished by the Foundation: Continued growth to our endowment with investments that now total **\$515,383**; special event and annual support that allowed us to distribute **\$54,772** in grant funding during the 2017-'18 academic year; and continued investments made by the Mechanicsburg Club provided the Foundation the opportunity to recognize our 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th scholarship recipients. Since 2008 we have awarded \$96,000 in scholarship support from this endowment with a principal of **\$430,366**. And in early 2018, we embarked upon our most aggressive effort in our 20 year history: a 2.5 million dollar capital campaign for improvements and enhancements at John H. Frederick Field, Memorial Park Stadium.

It has been a tremendous pleasure and honor to serve the Foundation, and by extension, our MASD community. I am certain that, with your help and support, the Wildcat Foundation will continue to play a pivotal role in strengthening our schools and community.

John F. Duggan, Esq.
President of the Board, The Wildcat Foundation

Financial Report by the Numbers*

Total Assets: **\$1,008,076**

Support & Revenue: **\$111,954**

Expenses: **\$86,679**

Net Assets (June 30, 2017):
\$997,846

Temporarily Restricted Net
Assets: **\$18,081**

**These numbers reflect a six month audit,
January 1, 2017-June 30, 2017, as the
Foundation transitioned to a June 30-
July 1 fiscal year.*



Scholarship recipients: Maddie Bright,
Sam Teru, Sage Maguire, Michala Geraty

20 Years!

Upon the recommendation of the School Board of Directors, The Wildcat Foundation began in February, 1998 *“to enhance the educational, cultural, social and athletic development of the students of the Mechanicsburg Area School District.”*

Today, our core services are unchanged, and our mission has changed little and leads us *“to strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness, and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District (MASD)”*.

Our goals are to provide funding and support for innovative programs and projects not within the district’s traditional budget or curriculum. Funds raised through general donations, memorial contributions, endowment interest and special events to include Community Day, an annual golf outing, and Wildcat Night, and those contributed through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, are later distributed through an annual competitive grant process. Teachers, advisors, clubs, and organizations may apply for funds; a committee of the board reviews all applications and recommends support. The committee strives to fund projects that have the greatest impact on District teachers, instructors, coaches, and their students.



In the beginning



Later



Today



Teeing up on Hole in One



Wildcat Night keynote, Bobby Warshaw and Dr. Mark Leidy



Enjoying a game of Heads & Tails at Wildcat Night

21 Members

Foundation by-laws allow for 21 volunteer board members. For the first time in our 20 year history, the Foundation began our 2017-’18 fiscal year at full capacity. Board members are community leaders, parents with students enrolled in MASD, Mechanicsburg Area High School (MASH) alumni, MASD administration, and concerned residents.



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A Message from the MASD Superintendent



Dr. Mark K. Leidy,
Superintendent

The 2017-'18 academic year provided opportunity for numerous student accomplishments. As a learning community, planning for MASD on the Move was a primary focus. Implementation of those plans will continue into the next several years as we work to provide our students with the best possible education and opportunities for growth.

2018 Academic Buildings:

- Kindergarten Academy @ Filbert Street supports all kindergarten students
- Four Elementary Schools: Students in grades first through third are educated at Northside, Shepherdstown, Upper Allen and Broad Street community schools
- Elmwood Academy serves all students grades 4 and 5
- Mechanicsburg Middle School serves all students grades 6-8
- Mechanicsburg Area High School serves all students grades 9-12

These changes were only considered with the needs and welfare of our students at the forefront. A strong investment in our children is a hallmark tradition of the Mechanicsburg area that pays valuable dividends for both our students and the community.

The Wildcat Foundation and the Mechanicsburg Area School District partner to bolster and improve opportunities for our children. Despite the fiscal realities of a public school system, our educational team's innovative ideas flourish due to the Foundation's investment in student and teacher programs and projects. The grant program, scholarships for students, support of community activities, and athletic facilities are just a few examples of the positive impact of this extraordinary organization. The continued strength of our proud partnership is dependent upon your investment. Together, we will inspire our students to create a brighter future.

MASD by the Numbers

2017-'18 Enrollment: 4220

- Conservative estimates predict an average 3.8% annual enrollment increase through 2022, with projected enrollment to exceed 5,500 by 2027

2018 Graduates: 277

- 83% with educational plans for their future (2 or 4-year college, trade school or military service)

Nearly 10% of juniors and seniors participate in dual enrollment programs, obtaining college credits from HACC, Messiah College and/or Harrisburg University while simultaneously completing high school graduation requirements

Student-Teacher Ratio = 15:1

2018 Niche Best Schools Ranking, of 497 schools ranked in PA. (www.niche.com)

- 31st Safest
- 41st Best Teachers
- 49th Best District

MASD's Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Proficiency Results

- English, Language, Arts: 75.08% (state average: 61.2%)
- Math: 58.09% (state average: 42.6%)
- Science: 73.54% (state average: 63.7%)

2017-'18 MASD Operating Budget: \$65,460,000

Foundation Investors and Donors

- o 12 donors contributed \$2,596 through United Ways, Federated and other Workplace Giving Campaigns
- o \$97,454 net revenue from special events (2nd Wildcat Night, 8th Annual Golf Outing, Community Day)
- o \$6,937 in miscellaneous, unsolicited contributions
- o 9 businesses invested \$49,500 through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program.

32 Grants. \$54,772 Dollars!

Annually, MASD staff, faculty, advisors, and coaches are invited to submit grant applications. True to our mission, since 2002, the Wildcat Foundation has distributed grant funds utilized by the MASD community "to strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness, and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District (MASD)" through the provision of mini-grants.

Our first grant distribution in 2002 totaled \$23,750. In the 2017-'18 academic year, the Foundation **awarded 32 grants totaling \$54,772 in support.**



Our Mission: To the strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District.

Funded Grants

2016	\$46,798.00
2015	\$47,147.00
2014	\$26,381.00
2013	\$22,100.00
2012	\$39,888.00
2011	\$41,525.00
2010	\$36,000.00
2009	\$38,235.00
2008	\$58,680.00
2007	\$68,098.00
2006	\$39,128.00
2005	\$40,017.00
2004	\$40,243.00
2003	\$25,318.00
2002	\$23,750.00

2017 Grants Totaling 40,843.94!
(Plus \$13,928 in Committed EITC Funds)

Strengthening MASD Educational Programs

2nd Grade Classrooms, Flexible Seating	\$1,931.12
3rd Grade Learning Aides	\$2,500.00
6th Grade Learning Support	\$200.00
6th Grade Reading	\$1,000.00
Crusaders Team, Headphones	\$300.00
Elementary Reading	\$8,035.00
Family and Consumer Sciences	\$1,695.04
Elementary Intro to Robotics	\$2,620.00
Elementary Library and English Language Development Program	\$290.12
Mech/Tig Area Parks and Rec. Project Enrichment (Operation Wildcat)	\$500.00
MMS Reading	\$550.00
MASH Social Studies	\$4,000.00
MMS Technology Education	\$2,500.00
MASH Technology Student Assoc.	\$1,000.00
Elementary After School Program Transport	\$3,312.21
Phonics Phones	\$189.00

Strengthening MASD Cultural Programs

Anime Club	\$500.00
MMS Band	\$1,500.00
MMS Friends of Rachel Group	\$1,000.00
MMS General Music	\$925.00
MASH GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance)	\$1,000.00
MASD Indoor Guard, grades 4-12	\$1,000.00

Strengthening MASD Wellness Programs

MMS Health Services	\$500.00
Kindergarten Academy	\$1,076.45

Strengthening MASD Athletic Programs

MASD Athletic Dept., Murals	\$750.00
MASH Boys Volleyball	\$500.00
MASH Girls Volleyball Booster Club	\$500.00
MASH Lacrosse Booster Club, Varsity & JV Boys, Varsity Girls	\$450.00
MASH Swimming & Diving Teams	\$500.00

Additional Support Provided by the Wildcat Foundation

- In partnership with The Mechanicsburg Club, the Wildcat Foundation has awarded 23 college scholarships totaling \$80,000.
- The Wildcat Foundation provided funds for capital projects including the MASD Trails & Trees Environmental Center and the turf field at John H. Frederick Memorial Stadium.
- Many and varied sponsorships, underwriting, and ad support to both community and school organizations.

The Wildcat Foundation thanks our generous community of supporters! Established in 1998 to the strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District, the Wildcat Foundation is only as strong as our supporting community. For more information, or to make your tax deductible contribution to the Wildcat Foundation, visit www.wildcatfoundation.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @WildcatFdn. Call 717-691-4505 to learn how you can make an impact, or email hlauler@mbgsd.org.



2.5 Million

The Foundation kicked off the Fiscal Year by exploring the feasibility of a capital campaign to improve and enhance facilities at the John H. Frederick Field at Memorial Stadium.

In consultation with fundraising counsel, study among board leadership and members at large, and with a lead gift from the Rich Lichtel Fund, in February 2018, the Foundation made a soft announcement of the Building the Future Together, capital campaign.

To learn more, or to support this exciting project, please visit www.wildcatfoundation.org/campaign



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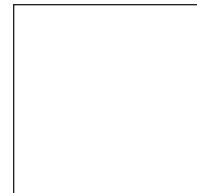
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Save the date for The Wildcat Foundation's **3rd Annual Wildcat Night - An Evening in the Spotlight.**

Please join us at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg on **2.22.19.**

The evening will include:

- Keynote Address by Prisca Chase DeRosa, 1999 MASH Alumna
 - Buffet Dinner/Cash Bar
 - Silent Auction
 - Heads & Tails Game
 - DJ & Dancing
 - Step & Repeat Photo Opportunity with Lifetouch
- AND**
- \$10,000.00 Jackpot Drawing...
 - Just 200 raffle tickets sold at \$100 each. Get yours in advance by contacting the Foundation.
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See you on February 22, 2019!