



**Marshfield High School**  
**Class of 1954**  
***“Beyond the Box”***  
**Excellence in Teaching Grants**  
**Celebrates with \$25,000 in Grants**

The Marshfield High School Alumni Fund through the Marshfield Area Community Foundation is proud to announce \$4940 in new grant awards for 2014 and reaching a new milestone: They have now given back over \$25,000 to the Marshfield Schools. The fund is valued at \$60,000 and continues to grow with community support.

The **Marshfield High School Alumni Fund** was set up by graduates from Marshfield High School’s class of 1954. Dick and Carol Seehafer, two of the people who helped established this fund, said when the Class of 1954 were attending their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion they discovered that a very high percentage of the class had gone to college, or had prepared themselves for successful careers. They felt they owed much of their success to the superb instruction and encouragement they received while at Marshfield High School. They wanted to give back to the school that had given them such a good start, setting up a fund that would award grants to teachers at Marshfield High School. The grant program was designed to enhance and reward innovative teaching, learning, and special motivational activities at the high school and middle school levels. This year marks the class of 1954s 60<sup>th</sup> reunion! And what a fabulous achievement this fund has provided!

The fund has given 27 grants for about \$25,000 over the past ten years. The fund has sponsored a very diverse range of projects. It has supported students receiving poetry instruction and inspiration from a American Players Theatre guest speaker, equipment for the Physics Lab to study car collisions and structural design, the purchase of graphing calculators for the chemistry laboratory, a landscaping project for the area around the Marshfield High School Sign, a grant to help the Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary construct an outdoor science classroom, and even CPR and basic first aid for middle school students. Wow, how fortunate we are to have caring individuals like this group! They realized what a good education they received and wanted to give back to the school in such a way that the students of MHS would benefit.

This year the fund has funded five very exciting projects. James Bokern, the Advanced Placement (AP) US History teacher at MHS, and William Zuiker, the AP English Language teacher at MHS were awarded \$1332 in funding to help improve student performance on the AP US history and AP English Language exams. David Jordan in the automotive Technology area was awarded \$1500 for a camera and two monitors to electronically display and record the demonstrations he performs in the automotive lab, to enable students to better see what he is doing. Clare Knodle was awarded \$500 for supplies to allow geometry students to apply the concepts they’ve learned to a hands on tetrahedral kite project. Loretta Veers received \$700 in funding to pilot a project to aid students with ADD and ADHD to better concentrate. Robyn Schuller at the Marshfield

Middle School was awarded \$910 to help students with cognitive disabilities learn to be more functional members of our community by providing materials to learn work type experiences. What great teachers, and a great way to enhance learning!

The fund advisors continue to reach out to other graduating classes to join the MHS Alumni Fund. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, please contact the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.



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Giving*

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