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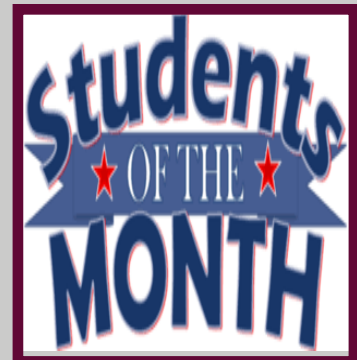
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Richey Says Farewell

Jalen Kennedy
Reporter

On the frontlines of safety there has been one man who stood the test of time and helped to provide top tier security for students, staff, and administration. That man is Mr. Richard Richey.

Richey was born in Dayton, Ohio, and he also grew up there.

He went to Jackson Primary Elementary School for grades one through three and was involved in all of the sports there.

He went to Jackson Elementary School for grades four through eight where he continued playing sports.

In high school, Richey went to Dayton Colonel White High School where he played basketball and baseball.

Richey then attended Findlay College where he continued playing basketball.

Richey's other work experiences before coming to Maple include working for Atlas Steel from 1975-1997 and the State Office Building from 1993-1997. He started here in August of 1997 as the head of security.

In his spare time, Richey loves to cook and train his grandson.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, he said he enjoys seeing the students grow up to be productive adults.



Mr. Richard Richey

What he finds most challenging is "dealing with negative people who judge our students, especially people who don't really know what's going on in our community. For example, Tameka Royal graduated from Cornell University and ran track, Richard Quinn went to North Carolina and went in the second round to the Denver Broncos in the 2009 NFL draft, Nick Cutner graduated from Cleveland State and trains baseball players at Triple Play, and Arnel Coleman owns Coleman Fitness Center in Warrensville".

Richey's plan after retirement includes giving guidance to his grandson so he can become

successful in whatever he wants to be and to be a "man's man".

When asked what he will miss, Richey responded, "I will miss the students as they start their freshman year and finish in their senior year."

One of his favorite moments over the years has been "seeing how Dr. Price changed the culture of the high school and how the students look at her as more than a principal. The students who have graduated come back and thank her. I also have liked working with Mr. Niamke. He has taught me a lot about being fair and consistent."

Richey also added that he wants to thank his security staff for being an awesome group. "Every day they're on the front line and always being scrutinized no matter how hard they worked the day before. This is a very talented group. Each one has their own individual strengths. Because of my staff, I have been able to be the best I can be. I have had other opportunities, but the one reason I stayed was because of my staff. The Maple Heights community, the administration and the board should be thankful and grateful for the Maple Heights security team. I would also like to thank Mr. Henry Rish who taught me a lot. He has been a mentor, and he let me know about myself when I may not have wanted to hear it. But he was always there to support me. I owe him a lot. Finally, without God nothing is possible. I owe everything to him."

Sutton To Leave Maple Heights

Jayla Turner
Editor-in-Chief

Community 2 Principal Mr. Chris Sutton will be leaving Maple at the end of this school year to become the principal of Waterloo High School and Middle School in Atwater, Ohio.

Sutton was born in Warwick, New York and he grew up in Kingston, New York.

He attended Zena Elementary before going to Miller Junior High where he played basketball and football and was a member of the band.

At Kingston High School, he continued playing football and basketball and was a member of National Honor Society.



Mr. Chris Sutton

Sutton attended college at the University of Buffalo and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a

concentration in Marketing.

His Master's degree and teaching certificate were earned in the area of Special Education from Notre Dame College.

Sutton also received his administrative degree from Cleveland State University.

Before coming to Maple, he worked at Hudson High School, Twinsburg Dodge Elementary for one year, and Cleveland Heights High School for five years as a Special Education teacher.

He started his administrative career at Euclid High School where he was an assistant principal for two years.

Maple Heights City Schools wishes a fond farewell and good luck to Sutton with his future endeavors!

Miklovic To Retire

Crystal Lewis
Reporter

Assistant Principal Mrs. Deanne Miklovic will be retiring on June 30.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio, and she grew up in Whitehouse, Ohio.

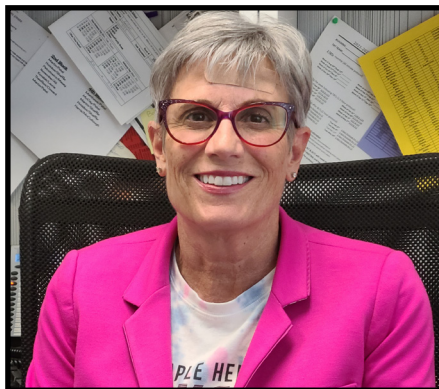
Miklovic went to Lowden Elementary School.

During her middle school years, she participated in the school plays.

For high school, she attended Anthony Wayne, and she was a part of the cross country and track teams.

Miklovic attended the University of Toledo, Cal State San Bernardino and Central Michigan University to receive her Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, a minor in health and a Masters in secondary school Administration.

Her work experience before coming to Maple includes teaching special



Mrs. Deanne Miklovic

education in Joshua Tree, California. She commented, "I couldn't find a PE job so I interviewed on the phone and moved to California with my schnauzer."

Miklovic is currently in her fifteenth year here as an assistant principal.

In her spare time, she likes to read and go out to eat.

"Talking and helping the students" is what she has enjoyed most about her job.

What Miklovic has found challenging was being patient and not responding inappropriately when anger was directed towards her when there were underlying issues.

Her plans after retiring are to take vacations during the school year, substitute teach, learn how to golf, read more, and volunteer at the Humane Society.

What she will miss the most about Maple Heights is "laughing and joking with the kids, the feeling of being appreciated by some, and helping others."

Her favorite moments working here include laughing with the different administrators and being on the sidelines when Maple won the State Football Championship.

According to Miklovic, "I will always consider myself a Mustang."

Seniors Near The End

The Details On the Final Events Are Here

Jayla Tyler
Editor-in-Chief

Seniors, this is it!! Your final month of high school is here.

Prom was just held last weekend, and the only events left on the agenda are exams, the senior cookout/Fun Day and graduation.

Senior exams will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18-19. First and second block exams will be held on the first day, with third and fourth block exams to be held the second day.

Next on the agenda is the Senior Fun

Day. This will be held on Friday, May 20, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the football stadium/courtyard area.

Food will consist of hamburgers, hot-dogs, chips, cookies, water and soda.

Inflatables, games and music will also be provided.

Seniors will pick up their caps and gowns, graduation tickets and yearbooks.

Don't miss out on the fun spending your last day with your entire class!

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 25, at the Wolstein Center in downtown Cleveland at 7:00 p.m.

Each student will receive 10 tickets for the event.

Graduation practice will be held on

May 25 also. Students will be bussed to the Wolstein at 9:00 a.m. for the practice. You must be at practice in order to walk the stage for graduation!

Students will also be bussed to the actual graduation ceremony with the bus leaving the high school at 5:30 p.m. Students will then be responsible for getting a ride home from the Wolstein Center after the ceremony.

Students, make sure you adhere to the dress code rules that were outlined to you.

A separate ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafetorium, for members of the track team who will be competing during the regular ceremony.

Farewell, Class of 2022 May Your Future Be Bright

Herald Staff

Wow! Time flies! Seniors, after 13 long years of hard work and effort, we have finally made it to the end!

It seems like yesterday when we entered the high school, intimidated by the huge halls and the new environment! We have anxiously waited for the day we could have seniority in the building. Well, those days are a memory; and, in a few days, our entire high school career will be over.

As we wish each other good luck, it is important to remember what we have learned throughout the years. Those lessons will only help us lead successful lives.

The biggest lesson we learned is perseverance. Since the majority of our high school memories are overshadowed by the Coronavirus pandemic, perseverance is what got us through! From the shutdown, to learning online remotely, to the cancellation of many of our activities, to the return and re-adjustment to school . . . we have learned a lot. There will probably never be another situation like the pandemic we will ever have to face in our lives. We should be proud that we pulled through and are here today.

We are all going off into the real world now. Whether you are going to college or starting a job, life is no longer about fun and games. We are adults and need to act as such. Our parents may not be around any more to save us!

Life may knock you down, especially if you don't have a plan. Set goals and dreams for your future now if you haven't already done so. Plan



your path so you can rely on that especially when faced with the hardships of life.

If you have not yet chosen your path, we encourage you to do so immediately. Choose your college, your job, your profession! Don't let such factors as lack of money, unsupportive parents/family, or other things discourage you from moving forward to reach your dreams. In the long run, nothing or no one else matters because you are the master of your own destiny.

Class of 2022, it is important that you leave Maple with your head held high and with confidence that you will be successful. By doing this, you will be that much closer to the sky, where there are no limits.

Class of 2022 . . . There is great honor in that title! When you walk across the stage, walk with confidence because this is YOUR year, OUR year; and, we all, as individuals and as a whole, have earned every right to be proud of what we have accomplished. Make your families proud. We have earned these diplomas through the best and the worst times conquering many obstacles and knocking down every barrier for 13 long years.

Upon graduating, soak in the moment and make it a memory that will last a lifetime. This is truly one of the most important days of your life! There is no feeling like the feeling of success.

Take everything with you: your experiences, lessons, friendships, and memories. Whether you liked school or not, you have probably made many cherished friends and you certainly have made memories to last a lifetime.

Stay in touch with your friends. Too many times after high school people lose track of each other! Use social media to stay in touch. Go to your class reunions, if there are any. Don't let distance effect the good friendships you have made over the years!

To the underclassmen, we advise you to also create goals and follow the path you need to attain those goals. One day soon, you will be in our shoes ready to walk out the door. Enjoy your years left here because, before you know it, you will be entering the real world too. Be wise! Make healthy decisions!

To the teachers, administrators, and staff, we thank you for all you have done for us. You have truly cared and been there to support us, especially through the hard times of the past few years. We appreciate you!

Finally, seniors, don't forget where you got your start. The city of Maple Heights and the high school will always be your home!

Teacher Profiles

Pekar Enjoys Those Aha Moments

DaJhonna Hudson
Reporter

The first May teacher feature is on science teacher Ms. Erin Pekar.

Pekar was born and grew up in Fostoria, Ohio.

She attended Holmes Elementary School and was involved in the Girl Scouts and ballet.

She then attended Fostoria Middle School. During her middle school years, she was involved in band, cheerleading and ballet.

The high school Pekar attended was Fostoria High School and she participated in band, cheerleading, ballet, and tennis.

She attended Ohio State University for a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Pekar currently is attending Miami University for a graduate degree.



Ms. Erin Pekar

Before coming to Maple, she taught Biology and Physics at Centro Escolar Piccaho in Mexico in 2012. She then taught at New Day Academy in Cleveland, Ohio, from 2012-2014.

Pekar currently teaches Biology and

Computer Science.

She is the co-advisor for the STEM Club and is a co-advisor for the junior class.

During her spare time, she likes to read, hike, and take flamenco dance class.

What Pekar enjoys most about her job is that she gets to watch the students have an “aha” moment.

The most challenging part about her job is not having enough time in the day.

Pekar’s future plan is to finish her Masters degree.

Her favorite movie is **The Office**.

Pekar’s favorite food is seafood and she really doesn’t have a least favorite food.

Her favorite color is teal, her favorite season is spring, and her favorite month is June.

Pekar loves Christmas and her best memory is getting smiley-faced cookies from her local bakery.

Her favorite quote is “there is nothing more precious than laughter,” by Frida Kahlo.

Moeller Makes His Mark

Rojae Hamilton
Reporter

The second teacher feature is on Science teacher Mr. Kevin Moeller.

Moeller was born in Anchorage, Alaska. He grew up in Rocky River, Ohio.

He went to Alpenglow Elementary and was involved in soccer and ice skating.

Next, he attended Rocky River Middle School where he was involved in soccer and band.

At Rocky River High School, Moeller participated in soccer, Marching Band/ Jazz Band, the LGBT+ Club, Model UN, and the Environmental Club.

Moeller received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition with a minor in Chemistry from Case Western Reserve University. He received his teaching license from Cleveland State University.

Moeller’s graduate degree consists of a Masters in Biology Education from Miami University.

While in college, he participated in student government and the Greek life, and he took trips abroad to Belize and Thailand.

Other teaching experiences before Maple included student teaching at Max Hayes High School in 2014 and teaching Chemistry and



Mr. Kevin Moeller

Biology at Cleveland Heights High School from 2015-2016.

Other work experiences Moeller had was working for McDonald’s in 2013, the Cleveland Botanical Garden in 2014, and the Winterhurst ice skating rink in 2014.

He is currently teaching Chemistry and Environmental Science, but he has also previously taught Anatomy, Physical Science, Biology, and other science electives.

Moeller also currently is the advisor for the LGBT+ Club.

During his spare time, he likes to hike, play video games, watch old movies, and garden.

What Moeller enjoys most about his job is “the relationships I can build with staff and the students in my classroom”.

The part Moeller finds the most challenging is “finding a work/life balance in any job can be difficult, but especially in teaching”.

Moeller’s future plan is to have kids.

His favorite movies are **Everything Everywhere All at Once** and **Do the Right Thing**.

His favorite song is “Wildflowers” by **Tom Petty**, and his favorite musical artist is **Frank Ocean**.

Moeller likes to eat Thai food, but he dislikes olives.

Moeller likes the color green, the fall, September, and New Year’s Eve.

He considers himself a “Jack- of-all trades, but a master of none”.

His one wish is for young people to be safe and grow up in an environment where they are accepted.

His best memory is sledding with his siblings while growing up in Alaska, and his favorite vacation destination is Thailand.

Moeller’s idol is his partner.

His favorite quote is “I can’t afford to hate people. I don’t have that kind of time”.

The information he would like to share for this story is “the LGBT + Club just got started this year and I’m really proud of the students running it. They’ve created a tight-knit community that is so supportive of one another, and they did it in just a few months.”

Student Profiles

Young Doesn't Hold Back

Herald Staff

The May female student profile is on senior Adenike Young.

She was born in Garfield Heights, Ohio, but was raised in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

She attended Shadow Rock Elementary in Georgia where she mainly participated in tutoring.

Young then attended Maple's own Milkovich Middle School, and there she sang in the choir.

Here at the high school, she has participated in the Drama Club, National Honor Society, and Excellence of a Pearl.

Young's favorite classes are African American History and Algebra 2, while her least favorite class is ACT Prep.

She is currently unemployed; and, in her spare time, she likes to dance.

Her future plans are to attend college and become a teacher and a dance therapist.

What she most likes about the high school is that classes are set up to help ensure future careers of students, but she strongly dislikes her classmates' attitudes.



Senior Adenike Young

She will most miss some of her teachers from school upon graduating.

The advice she gives to freshmen is "to explore different opportunities given to you because it can really impact you later in life".

Her favorite movie is **The First Time** and her favorite TV shows include **A Series of Unfortunate Events**, **Chewing Gum**, **Insecure** and a common favorite **Law and Order SVU**.

She loves a wide range of cultural

foods like African, South Korean, and Ethiopian foods and dislikes coleslaw, chitlins, and American-based Chinese food.

Her favorite color is lilac and her talents are having self-control, listening skills, acting and braiding hair.

Her one wish would be to have inner peace with herself.

Young's favorite month is July and she enjoys the summer.

Her favorite holiday would be her birthday, and her best memory is going to Florida for her tenth birthday.

Young's favorite vacation destination is New York, and she doesn't have a specific idol but says it would be someone who is self-aware and good with handling business.

Her favorite quote is from **SZA's** song "Garden": "I don't have to treat you mean. I just stay out of your way. That's the way you work that one."

Young would also like to share that from moving around a lot over time, she feels that she has held herself back in most situations from truly being her free self, mainly in school. She recommends not doing that because it only sets you back and allows opportunities to pass you up.

The Latest On Johnson

Herald Staff

The male student profile for the month of May is on senior DeQuan Johnson.

He was born on July 28, 2004, in Cleveland, Ohio.

He went to JFK and Barack Obama Elementary Schools in Maple Heights.

He then moved on to Milkovich Middle School.

Here, at the high school, he ran track his freshman year and is a part of the Media Arts Career Technology program.

As a member of Business Professionals of America, his Video Broadcasting team placed first regionally and competed at States in Columbus, Ohio, in March.

His favorite class is math, while his least favorite is English.



Senior DeQuan Johnson

In his spare time, he hangs out with friends.

When asked what he likes most about the high school, he responded, "I like the teachers because I get along with them."

What he dislikes is "all of the annoying people here, especially the freshmen."

His favorite movies are **The Karate Kid** (2010) and the **Deadpool** movies.

Johnson loves watching **Adventure Time** and **Criminal Minds** on TV.

His favorite song is "The Way Life Goes" by **Lil Uzi Vert** and his favorite artist is **Juice Wrld**.

Johnson likes to eat "anything that has meat in it" but dislikes carrots.

He likes the color black, the summer, Halloween, and July.

His one wish is to be successful in life.

Johnson's best memory is his eighth birthday because it had a Spiderman theme.

He enjoys traveling to Miami, Florida, and his idol is his mom.

Johnson's favorite quote is "sometimes the best thing to do is nothing".

In the future, he will attend Cleveland State University and major in Forensic Science.

What he will miss most about Maple is "the people he met here."

The School Year in Review

Don Naysia Jones
News Editor

The school year started nine months ago and much has happened in the world since our opening day. From politics, to entertainment, to sports . . . just what events have shaped this school year? Seniors, here is a list of the memorable events that you can look back on when reminiscing about one of the most important years of your life!

-At least 43 people die as the remnants of Hurricane Ida hit the US Northeast with record rains, tornadoes and flooding with New York and New Jersey declaring a state of emergency.

-US President Joe Biden announces widespread COVID-19 vaccine mandates for federal workers, contractors and large employers affecting 100 million people.

-As of September 14, one in 500 Americans have died of COVID-19 as the nation's known death toll reaches 663,913.

-The US records the lowest level of people living in poverty since records began in 1967 (9.1% vs 11.8% in 2019), due to an increase in government aid.

-The popular Netflix drama **Squid Game** premieres created by Hwang Dong-hyuk.

-The body of travelogue blogger Gabby Petito is found at Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming.

-Pfizer announces they have developed a safe Covid-19 vaccine for five-11 year olds with a dose of one third strength.

-Kansas City Royals' Salvador Perez hits his 46th home run to break Hall of Famer Johnny Bench's MLB record for most in a season by a catcher in the Royals 7-2 win in Cleveland.

-McDonald's announces plans to "drastically" reduce plastic in its Happy Meals by 2025 (these meals make them one of largest toy distributors in the world).

-On October 4, a global outage of Facebook and its apps, including Instagram and WhatsApp, occurred for six hours.

-Tom Brady becomes the first quarterback in NFL history to record 600 touchdown passes.

-NASA scientists think they have detected the first planet outside our galaxy in Whirlpool Galaxy (M51), 28 million light-years away.

-Baseball World Series: Atlanta Braves win their fourth title in franchise history by beating the Houston Astros 7-0 in Game 6 at Minute Maid Park. MVP: Braves outfielder Jorge Soler.

-Eight people are crushed to death and 13 hospitalized in a crowd surge during a **Travis Scott**

performance at Astroworld Festival in Houston, Texas.

-On November 8, the US reopens its borders to vaccinated non-US citizens after more than 18 months, lifting restrictions imposed because of COVID-19.

-One hundred and five year old Julia Hawkins sets the world record as the first woman and the first American her age to run the 100 meters in the Louisiana Senior Olympic Games.

-Actor **Paul Rudd** is named People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive.

-An LA judge rules to end **Britney Spears'** conservatorship, which had controlled almost all aspects of her life for 14 years.

-The longest partial lunar eclipse is recorded since 1440, lasting 3 hours, 28 minutes and 23 seconds.

-A US judge exonerates two men for the killing of Malcolm X in 1965, saying they were "wrongly convicted".

-The 87th Heisman Trophy Award winner is Bryce Young, Alabama.

-Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, is named Time's Person of the Year.

-On December 14, the American Covid-19 death toll passes 800,000, with more deaths recorded in 2021 than 2020.

-Steph Curry makes his 2,974th three-point shot to pass Ray Allen as the NBA's greatest career 3-point shooter.

-Apple becomes the first US company to be worth \$3 trillion in value, after tripling its price in under four years.

-Toyota becomes the first foreign automaker to top US sales, beating GM in 2021, partly due to supply issues.

-The first successful transplant of a pig's heart into a human occurs when a genetically-modified pig's heart is inserted into a 53-year-old man in Baltimore, Maryland.

-The College Football National Championship is won by Georgia who beat Alabama, 33-18.

-5G cellphone service launches in the US with airlines claiming it could interfere with airplane technologies.

-US President Joe Biden pledges to nominate an African American woman to the Supreme Court.

-At age 44, Tom Brady, regarded as the greatest NFL quarterback of all time, announces his retirement after a 22-year career and a record seven Super Bowl titles with the New England Patriots and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The retirement only lasts for 40 days.

-The XXIV Olympic Winter Games opens in Beijing, China.

-The Los Angeles Rams beat the Cincinnati Ben-

gals, 23-20, in Super Bowl LVI. MVP: Cooper Kupp, LA Rams, WR.

-The megadrought, affecting the American Southwest, is now considered the worst for 1,200 years according to scientists.

-The Super Bowl LVI halftime show features hip hop legends **Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Kendrick Lamar, Mary J. Blige, Eminem** and **50 Cent**.

-At the NBA All-Star Game at Rocket Mortgage Field House Arena in Cleveland, Team LeBron beats Team Durant, 163-160. MVP: Stephen Curry (50 points, record 16 x 3s).

-As of March 7, the global death toll from Covid-19 passes six million according to Johns Hopkins figures, with 57% of the world's population fully vaccinated.

-President Joe Biden announces the US is banning Russian oil imports with the UK phasing out imports by the end of the year.

-Reigning NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers agrees to remain with the Green Bay Packers in a reported four-year, \$200 million deal that would make him the highest paid player in NFL history.

-On March 10, after a 99-day lockout, Major League Baseball and the MLB Players Association reach a new collective bargaining agreement. The MLB teams are set to play a full 162-game season.

-LeBron James moves past Karl Malone (36,909) into second on the NBA's all-time scoring list.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leads (38,387).

-On February 24, Russia invades the Ukraine.

-Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signs a so called "Don't Say Gay" bill limiting LGBTQ classroom instruction.

-At the 64th Grammy Awards: **Jon Batiste** wins Album of the Year and **Olivia Rodrigo** wins three awards including Best New Artist and Best Song for "Leave the Door Open".

-Elon Musk buys 9.2% of Twitter stock, making him the company's largest shareholder.

-The US Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences bans **Will Smith** from attending the Oscars for ten years after he slaps host **Chris Rock** on stage during the 2022 ceremony.

-The first all-private space flight, Axiom-1, launches to the International Space Station.

-On April 12, the global COVID 19 known cases passes 500 million, with 5.1 billion (66%) having received at least one vaccine shot.

-The Coachella Valley Music Festival returns after a two-year hiatus with **Harry Styles** as the headlining act on opening night in front of 100,000.

-US inflation hits 8.5%, the highest since 1981, driven by a rise in gas prices, rent and food

-Twitter announces a deal to sell itself to Elon Musk for \$44 billion.

Sprinters Lead The Way

Dequan Johnson
Entertainment Editor

The track team, at press time, was off to a great start with a record of 3-0.

The team defeated Lorain, Warrensville and Cleveland Heights, besides placing in a variety of different positions in the relay and invitational meets.

Senior Beautiful Corleon is Maple's top sprinter in the 100m, the 200m, and the 400m and is the anchor for the 4x100m relay.

Junior Destiny Goss is one of the top 400m and 200m runners. She posted the second best times of 1:01 in the 400m and 27.00 in the 200m.

Junior Cassidy Clements is in the top two of the 100m runners and is the second leg in the 4x100m relay. She ran a 13.03 this season in the 100m.

Sophomore Jamya Gaines is the young one of the core. Gaines is the top hurdler on the team and ran a 49.55 in the 300m hurdles this

year.

Senior Myanna Sims is the most improved senior. She runs third leg in the 4x100m relay and has posted a time of 28.01 in the 200m this year.

Senior Virnter Crews is the top 100m and 200m sprinter and the anchor of the 4x100m relay. Crews ran a 10.92 in the 100m and a 22.53 in the 200m.

Junior Malachi Collier is the top hurdler and long jumper. Collier ran a 14.33 in the 100m hurdles this season and jumped 22'11". He is the current record holder with a jump of 24'3" last season.

Senior Andres Cummings-Byrd is "Mr. do it all". Cummings-Byrd is a 300m hurdler but can complete in any event. He ran a 41.11 in the 300m hurdles this season.

Senior Nushawn Grant is a senior leader. Grant is the first leg of the 4x100m relay and has helped the throwers by becoming the second best in both the shot and discus.

Senior Dan Reynolds is the other se-

nior leader. Reynolds is the third leg of the 4x100m relay and runs the 200m. He posted a time of 22.89 in the 200m.

Senior Donaze Gibson is the top high jumper. Gibson cleared 6' and won several meets this season.

According to Coach Corwyn Collier, "The season has been one of my best seasons so far as a head coach. The team is small but full of talent with a young core to build around. The future looks bright for the underclassmen as they gain experience from the upperclassmen."

When asked to comment on his expectations for the rest of the season, Collier, said, "On the men's side, I'm expecting to win the conference and qualify at least five boys to the State meet. On the ladies side, we will battle for top three in the conference and we are looking to take our 4x100m relay team to States."

Ten seniors will leave at the end of the season.

Mustang Runners Dominate

Veronica Johnson
Reporter

The track Athletes of the Month are senior Beautiful Corleon and junior Malachi Collier.

Corleon was born on September 13, 2004, in Cleveland, Ohio.

She attended Raymond Elementary School.



Senior Beautiful Corleon

While there, she won an award for gymnastics.

The middle school she attended was Milkovich Middle School where she was involved in choir.

Here, at the high school, track is her main activity. She also was a member of STEM Club and was a choir member.

She started running track her freshman year. The events she competes in include the 4x100m relay, the 200m dash, and the 400m dash.

Her fastest time the 200m dash is 25 seconds and her fastest time in the 400m dash is one minute.

As part of the 4x100m relay team, including senior Miyanna Sims-McClenton, junior Cassie

Clements, and sophomore Jamiyah Gaines, the fastest time this year was 53 seconds.

Her junior year, Corleon was named Most Valuable Player.

To prepare for a meet, she gets a lot of rest and eats healthy.

Her strength in track is the 400m dash, but her weakness is overthinking.

What she enjoys the most about track is that she can run with her friends. Corleon's least favorite part is when she finishes with bad times.

Corleon likes to skateboard in her free time. She also works at Antonio's Pizza in Solon.

In school, her favorite subject is math and her least favorite is Chemistry.

Corleon plans to attend college and major in Pre-Dentistry.

The advice she would give to her fellow athletes is "focus on yourself and don't compare yourself to others".

What she will miss the most upon graduation is her coach.

Collier was born on August 28, 2004, in Akron, Ohio.

He attended Chapel Hill Elementary School and was involved in football, baseball, and soccer.

At Kimpton Middle School, he ran track.

Here, at Maple, he has played football and run track and indoor track.

Collier started his track career at the age of seven with an AAU track team.

His main events are the hurdles and the long jump.



Junior Malachi Collier

His best time in the 110m hurdles is 14.2 and in the 300m hurdles is 39.39. In long jump, his best jump is 24'3".

Collier has won many awards over the years including various national placements in both events.

He made it to the indoor State track meet the past three years. His junior year he finished fourth in hurdles and first in long jump, and this year he placed first in long jump.

To prepare for a meet, he eats pasta and goes to sleep early.

His main strength is hurdling, while his weakness is distance. What Collier enjoys the most is the relay events, while he dislikes meets in cold weather.

In his spare time, he plays video games and hangs out with his friends.

Collier's favorite subject in school is Biology and his least favorite is math. He is also in the Robotics and Engineering Design Career Technology program at Shaker Heights.

Lady Mustangs Struggle

Ariya Powell
Reporter

The varsity softball team had a record at press time of 3-4-1.

Key players this season include seniors Dominique Richardson and Jazmyne Jones, junior Maliyah Anderson, and sophomore Brandianna Freeman.

Richardson is a pitcher for the Mustangs. At press time, she had a batting average of .400 and had ten RBIs with a .60 on-base percentage. In pitching, she also had 31 strikeouts.

Jones plays at the shortstop position. She had a batting average of .667 with 15 runs scored



and nine stolen bases.

At catcher is Anderson. Her batting average was a .545; and, at press time, she had two doubles with 14 RBIs.

Also at catcher is Freeman. She had a .550 batting average with eight runs

scored and 13 RBIs.

According to Coach Adam May, "Our team got off to a good start, but now we are struggling. Rain has caused us to miss most of our games. We have eight conference games left and we should win all eight of them."

May added that hitting and senior leadership are the team strengths, while they struggle with fielding.

When asked about his expectations for next season, May said, "We will have lots of returning players since there are only three players graduating. We should be a smart, experienced team."

Richardson Lives in The Moment

Ayana Hedrington
Reporter

The softball Athlete of the Month is senior Dominique Richardson.

She was born on October 31, 2003, in Cleveland, Ohio.

She attended Rockside Elementary School.

She then moved to Milkovich Middle School; and she participated in volleyball, softball, basketball and Destination Imagination.

Here, at the high school, she has been involved in volleyball, softball and National Honor Society.

As a volleyball player, she played at the libero position. She was named Defensive Specialist of the Year and was First Team All LEL her senior season. Richardson was also a four-year letterman.

Besides playing for Maple, Richardson also played for AVC Acade-



Senior Dominique Richardson

my and Ignite Volleyball Club.

Richardson plays pitcher and third base for the softball team and is a four-year varsity letter winner. She is also currently a team captain.

There are many ways to prepare for a game, but she usually puts her air pods in and relaxes on the bus.

Her main strength in softball is "taking constructive criticism when needed from my coach".

As for her weakness, Richardson responded, "Getting in my head when I start to mess up."

She enjoys learning new pitches, but she dislikes conditioning before the games start.

Richardson's spare time activities include "chilling with her dog and friends". She also works at Topgolf.

In school, Richardson likes science and she dislikes math class.

Her favorite college sports team is the Ohio State Buckeye women's volleyball team.

Her future plans include attending the University of Cincinnati and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science.

Her advice to future athletes is "don't take any moment for granted. Time flies. Don't get discouraged. Just keep going."

Rainouts Cost Mustangs

Zaire Watkins
Reporter

The baseball team has had a rough season with multiple rainouts and close losses.

The Mustangs were close to defeating Bedford, with an 8-7 finish, Garfield Heights, with an 8-6 finish, and Kirtland with a 1-0 finish.

Key players this year include seniors Lee Scott, Bryshaun Haskin, and David Miller and freshmen TJ Lee and Marvin Wolfe.

Scott is a pitcher for the Mustangs. In 20 innings, he had 15 strikeouts with an ERA of 2.86.

Haskin plays in the outfield. He is a team leader and a leader in the



outfield. At press time he had an on-base percentage of .500 and had eight stolen bases.

Miller plays in the outfield. He had the leading batting average for the Mustangs with a .429 at press time. His slugging percentage was at .571 and his on base percentage was 1.127.

Lee plays at shortstop. He is the leader of the infield and lead the teams in runs scored at press time.

At pitcher and first base is Wolfe. He is a team leader in fielding with nine assists, and he is second on the team in innings pitched with 17.

When asked to comment on the season so far, Coach Lee Harris said, "Rain has cost us multiple games that we could have been very competitive."

As far as team strengths, Harris added, "We throw a lot of strikes and are doing a better job of putting the ball in play."

Team weaknesses include being young and inexperienced.

Harris expects the Mustangs to "finish strong vs. Shaw on senior night and during makeup games against Garfield, Richmond Heights, and Cornerstone Christian Academy.

The team will lose five seniors at the end of the season. "We will return seven starters and only one will be a senior next year so we have a lot to look forward to," said Harris.

Haskin Excels As a 3-Sport Athlete

Na'Hiya Daniels
Reporter

The baseball Athlete of the Month is senior Bryshaun Haskin.

He was born December 2, 2003, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Haskin attended Shoreview Elementary, Barack Obama, and Milkovich Middle School before coming to the high school.

In middle school, he was an Honor Roll student and he was also in National Honor Society. He also played football, basketball, and baseball in the eighth grade.

Here, at the high school, he has dedicated himself to basketball, football, and baseball for all four years. He has also continued in National Honor Society.

In football, he played wide receiver and cornerback for the Mustangs. In basketball, Haskin



Senior Bryshaun Haskin

played power forward/center.

In football, he won the Coach's Award his junior season, the Mr. Maple Heights Award this year, and was a three-year letterman.

Haskin was also a two-year letterman for the basketball team.

He has played varsity baseball the past four years in the outfield, is a three-year

letterman, and won Offensive Player of the Year his junior season. He currently plays at the centerfield position.

He prepares for games by getting his mind right because his mental health plays a big part in his sports history.

His main strength in this sport is catching and his main weakness is hitting.

The thing he enjoys most about sports is the stress relief they offer and what he enjoys the least is conditioning.

Haskin's spare time activity includes working out.

His favorite subjects are math and science, but his least favorite is English.

Currently, his favorite college sports team is the Alabama Crimson Tide football team.

His future plan includes majoring in Engineering at Grant Valley State University.

Some advice he would give his fellow future athletes is to "stay focused".

When asked what he will miss the most about baseball, Haskin responded, "the atmosphere and the competitiveness."