

# Foundation News

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## *A Message from the Chair* by Katherine Henckler

The Morris Educational Foundation continues to reach out . . .

It has been a successful year for the Morris Educational Foundation. We continued to be led by our Mission Statement, and I would like you to take a moment to review it.

***It is the mission of the Morris Educational Foundation to generate and distribute financial and other resources to and for the Morris School District for enrichment programs and other projects aimed at enhancing the quality of education and educational opportunities for students in the district.***

We exist for the sole purpose of supporting the Morris School District. There are several ways we accomplish this purpose. Our most visible way is through our Grants Program. This past year we provided \$60,000 in grants. This figure continues to increase thanks to the innovative and creative grant requests that we receive from administrators, teachers and even a student (in Spring 2006). We also administer scholarship programs for our graduating seniors at MHS. This year, we are supporting the efforts of the Turf Committee, a group of community members dedicated to making a turf football field at Morristown High School become a reality.

Our Marketing Committee, headed by trustee Paul Hughes, is devising ways to increase our visibility in the community to better serve the Morris School District. Our trustees, who serve as school liaisons, are reaching out to the schools to foster an understanding of who we are among staff and parent organizations.

How can we continue to do all of this? We meet our goals through year-round fund-raising, and you can help! We are striving for increased participation through our *Staff Campaign*. We are reaching out to more district families, asking them to become *Friends of the MEF*. We are reminding our school community of the accomplishments of our staff and suggesting that more families support them through our *Teacher Tribute Program*. And, finally, we are interested in reaching out to local businesses and corporations asking for their support. If you have any leads or contacts, we would be more than happy to follow up!

## A Climate of Excellence

A recent and significant trend in grants endorsed by the Morris Educational Foundation is the promotion of ongoing communication, interaction and trust within the entire school community (staff, students and parents) in support of a positive learning environment. This initiative is not only being instituted on a large scale by two schools, Alexander Hamilton and Frelinghuysen, but it is integral to programs and events at all of our schools. Building character, leadership, fellowship and cooperation is infused in cultural arts residencies, reading and writing workshops, model businesses, social studies and more. You can observe this trend in grants approved in May–September of this year, highlighted on page 5 of this newsletter. See also a history of MEF grants at [www.morriedfoundation.org](http://www.morriedfoundation.org).

At Alexander Hamilton School, *Mine for the Gold* was established in 2003 with a \$5,000 grant from the MEF. In 2006, a second grant for \$4,450 moved them forward into the next phase. See page 2 for details.

Thanks to a \$2,500 grant from the Foundation, the Frelinghuysen Middle School Seed Committee continues to build a “best practices” middle school. See page 2 for details.

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Mrs. Pat Pietersen, Mrs. Sharon Royal, Mrs. Ellen Merwin and Mrs. Jill Duff share ideas at the AH Coffeehouse. For article, see page 2.

## A Climate of Excellence (See page 1 for introduction)

### Mine for the Gold in Everyone

by Andrew Williams, Principal of Alexander Hamilton School

The Alexander Hamilton School intention, **Mine for the Gold in Everyone**, was established with the support of the MEF (\$5,000 grant in November 2003) and the help of a large body of our community members via surveys and meetings over the course of 18 months in 2004 and 2005 with the intention of creating leadership capacity within our school. With the support of Susan Mazza at InnerSite, the school Leadership Team designed community dialogue sessions to set our school on course to create a common vision for our school.

In 2006, we entered another phase of **Mine for the Gold in Everyone** with another grant from MEF for \$4,450. We delved into our Guiding Principles and centered on: **Generate and maintain supportive, collaborate relationships**. By engaging the staff, parents and students on how to expand our mindset, we increased our skills and altered our culture in this arena. Some of the resulting accomplishments include:

- Implementation of the Schools Attuned Program
- Productive teaching teams
- A growing positive environment at Alexander Hamilton
- Openness to new ideas
- Café style dialogue sessions with parents

Based on the feedback given to the AH Leadership Team from staff, community surveys and the Communication Café we have begun to expand our focus and lend our attention to another of our Guiding Principles: **Create a Community of Life Long Learners: We recognize that opportunities for learning are continual. We seek opportunities that promote each of us, as teacher and student.**

In early September 2006, we asked, “What does it mean for us to become a learning organization?” By considering that we have room to grow, we are inventing the culture and practices for truly being a “school that learns.” Such is another example of how we continue to bring new life to **Mine for the Gold in Everyone**.

The next step on our journey at AH is to invent ways to expand that inquiry into the rest of our community, including parents, students, and other constituents who want to be part of the conversation, and to design our culture for the continued success of Alexander Hamilton School.



AH Principal,  
Andrew Williams

### Frelinghuysen works on building a “best practices” middle school

by Diane Miller,  
Frelinghuysen Seed Committee

The Frelinghuysen Middle School Seed Committee continues to make significant progress in building a “best practices” middle school as defined by the National Middle School Association and the Carnegie Corporation’s report on excellence in middle school education. Thanks to a \$2500 grant from the MEF and additional funding from the Frelinghuysen Home and School Association, the Seed Committee worked together for three days this past summer with Dr. George White and Ms. Lisa Kensler, both of Lehigh University’s Educational Leadership program. Dr. White and Ms. Kensler were instrumental in finalizing the committee’s work on two major initiatives for Frelinghuysen in the coming year. The first is the implementation of a House structure—a “school-within-a-school” organizational structure that facilitates closer and more meaningful relationships between students and staff. The second initiative is the implementation of a true democratic governance system for Frelinghuysen. This system will create three levels of democratic governance—at the school level, House level, and student level. All three levels will collaborate to improve decision-making and leadership. “We are very excited about the great strides we have taken and will continue to take in improving our school,” states Ethel Minchello, Principal at Frelinghuysen. “Funding from MEF has assisted us in getting the resources we need, when we need them. It has been a wonderful partner in our progression toward educational excellence for our students.”



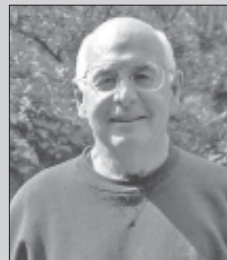
Frelinghuysen  
Principal,  
Ethel Minchello

### Resolving Conflict Creatively Program

A related school-wide initiative at Frelinghuysen is the character education program, **Resolving Conflict Creatively Program**, which MEF supported with grants in 2004 and 2005 totaling \$30,000. (See article in Winter 2005 of *Foundation News* newsletter located at [www.morrisedfoundation.org](http://www.morrisedfoundation.org).)

### Tribute to ALAN PAINTER

*How did we get to be so lucky?*



Alan Painter retired last June after serving as a trustee of the Morris Educational Foundation since 1998. Additionally, he stepped up as chair in 1999. Alan is an outstanding person who could easily write a book on community involvement, which includes serving on the Morristown Memorial Hospital Advisory Board, the board of the College of Saint Elizabeth and service to many other local and national nonprofit organizations. The MEF was fortunate to benefit from Alan’s expertise concerning many matters and his enthusiasm for the Morris School District. Alan is known as a persuasive fund-raiser, and we are lucky that he has agreed to continue to help with our Friends’ Campaign. Thank you, Alan, for your years of dedicated service!

**New to the work of the Morris Educational Foundation?  
Go to page 5 to see the creative and educationally  
enhancing projects of our wonderful teachers!**

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MEF@msdk12.net  
or go to our website at  
[www.MorrisEdFoundation.org](http://www.MorrisEdFoundation.org)

## New MEF Trustee, CLAIRE MACKIN

Claire Mackin moved to New Jersey eight years ago from St. Petersburg, Florida, where she was a commercial interior designer and space planner and where she had lived for 26 years. She has been involved at Woodland, Thomas Jefferson, and Frelinghuysen schools, serving as PTO co-president at TJ, as a member of the Seed Committee at the middle school, and as the newsletter editor at all three schools. Claire is an amateur photographer and artist, and a passionate gardener. In addition to the schools, she volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. She is the mother of one son, Dylan, and the stepmother of two boys, Connor and Jonathan. She lives with her husband Scott in Morris Township.

## MHS 3rd Annual Athletic Gallery of Honor

by David Perry,  
Alumni Association President

The Morristown Athletic Gallery of Honor\* will be holding its third annual induction ceremony at Morristown High School on Founders Day (137 years), Friday, December 9. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM in the auditorium, followed by a reception in the atrium. We invite families, friends, students and alums to be a part of this prestigious event.

### 2006 INDUCTEES

#### PLAYERS:

*David Carr 1951 Swimming*  
*Elaine Doherty 1990 Track*  
*Sonny Holt 1975 Football*  
*Stephanie Lacovara 1990 Tennis*  
*Stanley Perry 1925 Basketball*

#### COACH:

*John Barnicle Track, X-Country*

#### TEAM:

*Baseball 1968 State Champions*

#### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR:

*Ann Donnelly, Athletic Office*

\*The Gallery of Honor was partially funded by MEF at its inception in Spring 2004.

## It's Time for Turf! by Debbie Sontupe

The Team Up For Turf campaign is a community fund-raising effort for the renewal of Memorial Field located at Atno Avenue behind Morristown High School. The campaign goal is \$1 million and all funds collected will go to the installation of an artificial turf to be used for youth athletic programs and community events.

The Team Up for Turf Committee is pleased to announce that Jane Gottesman, a MHS graduate and co-curator of *The Game Face Collection*, has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairperson. In addition, the Committee is working in close partnership with the Morris Educational Foundation, Morristown Alumni, and the Morris School District. On October 14 at the MHS homecoming, Team Up For Turf kicked off, publicly inviting everyone to support the project.

- ❑ A turf field at MHS will allow other community fields to be renovated on a rotating basis by moving play to the turf field, resulting in improved field conditions throughout the community.
- ❑ By installing turf, this valuable community resource can be used by numerous high school and community-based youth sports programs and for special community events.
- ❑ In ever-growing numbers, kids are making the healthy choice to get outside and play! A turf field will help ensure they have a place to do so!
- ❑ Contributions to *Team Up For Turf* are 100% tax deductible.
- ❑ The existing field, now used solely for football, will become a multi-sport, multi-tasking, practice-and-game, good-to-go, girls and boys, can-do, rain-or-shine, PE-dream kind of place. And that's a fact!

With youth participation in organized sports on the rise, our kids need not only increased access to fields, but better field conditions. Artificial turf gives them both. So we are "teaming up", as a community, to give them what they deserve. Our community will have a field that provides: improved safety, ease of maintenance, year-round availability, improved appearance, increased community access, lower maintenance costs, and no geese!

For more information, visit [www.teamupforturf.com](http://www.teamupforturf.com). Every donor will be recognized and thanked by a grateful community. Naming opportunities are available.

## Princeton's Teachers As Scholars Summer Institute

by Diane McCormack

During ten summer days in 2006, four teachers from the Morris School District had the opportunity to participate in an interesting and engaging seminar, "Children's Narratives for Adults," as part of the Princeton Summer Institute program. Our instructor was U.C. Knoepfmacher. He is a professor of ancient and modern literature who teaches courses in 19th C. British Literature and Children's Literature. We discovered why he is one of the most popular professors in this department. He took us on a journey through the most "child friendly" texts from fairy tales to fables. Mr. Knoepfmacher addressed children's literature's adult origins, generational conflict and fables of loss and compensation. Using texts as well as films, he encouraged his 'students' participation and discussion from which came a stimulating and entertaining exchange of ideas. His insight and years of research on this subject allowed for in depth conversation. He welcomed new interpretation and connections and fostered the notion that we can always learn more. We can no longer look at a fairy tale without reflecting on this seminar and the 'real' origin of popular children's fairy tales and fables. Thank you to the Morris Educational Foundation for funding this wonderful adventure in professional education.

*Diane McCormack, Alfred Vail*  
*Rachel Jobe, Alfred Vail*  
*Patricia Roehrer, Alfred Vail*  
*Toni Hopcraft, Hillcrest*

## Morris School District Academy for Professional Development

by Sharon Rafanello

The MSD Academy for Professional Development under the auspices of the Community School opened its doors in January 2006 with 164 registrations for 18 courses taught by veteran district teachers. In 2006 spring and fall registrations continued to be strong with additional opportunities for substitute teachers and teaching assistants to participate. The Academy was designed to provide sustained staff development by utilizing and honoring the unique strengths of our teaching staff members. Teachers are able to collaboratively share curriculum ideas and pedagogy to enhance the art of teaching and learning and to dialogue about “best practices”.

In the superintendent’s letter to staff introducing the Academy, Dr. Thomas Ficara referenced author Linda Lamberts’s book, *Building Capacity in Our Schools*. “In order to institute real change in schools we must establish structures within districts that enable adults to capture the imagination of their colleagues, to negotiate change and to tackle the inevitable challenges and conflicts that arise from their work.” The Academy provides such a structure. We see teachers as leaders and lifelong learners. In support of this Academy, the Morris Education Foundation funded a \$3,000 professional library that will be housed in the MHS library. Books and videos targeting effective instructional strategies are available to all K–12 staff.

An Advisory Board comprised of current and retired teachers and district administrators oversees the Academy. Surveys were developed to identify staff interest in courses, to get feedback on courses taken, and to provide overall input and recommendations for how the Academy could best meet staff needs. We are hopeful that the Academy will continue its mission and expand its role as an educational think tank.



**MSD Academy Advisory Board:**  
(left to right) Mrs. Christine Hammerschmidt, Dr. Sandra Reid, Mrs. Nancy Helterman, Mrs. Teresa Brennan, Ms. Kathleen Bliven, Mrs. Sharon Rafanello, Mrs. Ann Rhines, Mrs. Patricia Reis, Mrs. Judith Rogan and Mrs. Jennifer Johnson.

**Not pictured:** Mrs. Susan Dammeyer, Mr. Doug Garatina, Mrs. Ethel Minchello, Mrs. Marcia Richardson, Mrs. Storm Rose and Mrs. Carol Tribus.

### Friends Campaign is Off and Running!

The Friends’ Campaign has been launched for the school year 2006–2007, and we hope you will join us. The campaign is the annual appeal and the major fund-raising component of the Morris Educational Foundation. All of the money raised is distributed to the Morris School District through grants that are awarded to teachers, administrators and even students! Last year we raised over \$36,000. Your contribution makes a positive impact on the educational experience of over 4,600 students in the Morris School District. Please send a tax-deductible donation with the attached form. Thank you for your much-needed support.



### Annual Friends’ Campaign

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P. O. Box 1224, Morristown, NJ 07962-1224

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\$50     \$100     \$250     \$500

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate matching gift form enclosed

I wish to make my contribution in the form of securities.

Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Please make checks payable to: Morris Educational Foundation)**

The following may have an interest in supporting the MEF.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Morris Educational Foundation Grants

In the 2005-6 school year, the Morris Educational Foundation funded grants totaling \$56,899 for projects aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for students in the Morris School District. MEF has also assisted in acquiring and administering grants and scholarships from outside sources. For the second year running, MEF provided \$2000 to each of the K-5 schools and \$1000 to Lafayette Learning Center to put towards Cultural Arts programs of their own choosing. In 2005-6 amazing programs were selected in dance, music, theatre, art, magic, the study of authors and writing, and activities which centered on the district wide commitment to character education. We continue to explore new venues for our funds. Keep those grant requests coming!

### The Outdoor Garden

**\$3,000 to Bill Cole, Normandy Park**

As an extension of the garden currently being cultivated in the inner courtyard of NP, a new outdoor classroom will be developed. Students will be able to sit, appreciate the natural beauty around them, learn from their teachers or older mentors. One of the most valuable objectives of this project is to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for character development.

### The Traveling Reader

**\$600 to Carolyn Green, Sussex Avenue**

ESL students will have a lending library of Walkman cassette tape recorders and books to use, both in the homeroom class and at home. This will enable students to have the opportunity to acquire English even when they are not in an ESL classroom.

### Cultural Arts

**\$2,000 each to AH, Hillcrest, NP, TJ, Woodland, AV, and Sussex. \$1,000 to LLC**

This is the second year of the MEF grant to all schools to be used for artists-in-residence and cultural arts activities only.

### Professional Development Lending Library

**\$3,000 to Susan Dammeyer, MSD Teaching Academy for Professional Development**

A library collection of professional material will be established for reading and viewing by the MSD staff. This will allow teachers to guide their own professional development. These titles support best teaching practices and the latest research into content areas and pedagogy.

### Digital Microscope for Biology Classes

**\$1,790 to Jill Magidson, MHS**

The biology students will now have the opportunity to see microscopic samples clearly on an overhead screen. The shared use of this digital microscope will enable all students to see the samples about which their teacher is speaking.

### Frelinghuysen Seed Committee Summer Initiative

**\$2,500 to Ethel Minchello**

The Frelinghuysen Middle School Seed Committee is devoted to researching and creating a climate of excellence in FMS. A one-day workshop with Dr. George White, middle school consultant, will take place in order to review Seed progress and guide in the continuing development of the Seed objectives for 2006-2007.

### How to Deal with Difficult Children

**\$500 to Dorelly Lozaw, Hillcrest School**

This workshop is comprised of four sessions. It will provide an opportunity for parents to learn strategies for dealing with difficult/defiant children. Meetings will be held in English and in Spanish.

### "Character Counts" Rewards Program

**\$1,100 to Karen Thompson, TJ**

Money awarded by this grant will be used to purchase color coded wrist bands that will be distributed to students. These bands will reinforce the six core ethical values (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship) that establish the foundation of the TJ Character Education Program. Via the use of these bands, students will remember and internalize the six pillars. Their "Character Counts" program is a way of helping the students become "T.R.R.F.C.C." members of society.

### I Have a Dream: The Life and Times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**\$900 to Cristina Frazzano, TJ**

The students will attend a performance at the Community Theater. The impact of Dr. King is chronicled on stage in a compelling dramatization of his life and times. This program will tie into the Character Education initiative at the school.

### Tropical Fruit Tasting

**\$300 to Dorelly Lozaw, Hillcrest School**

This project is designed to expose students to the fruits and vegetables of the Caribbean. Students will prepare, taste, learn about their origins, and learn about the health benefits of eating them. In addition, they will use math skills as well as geography knowledge while studying.

### Take a Hike with a Good Book

**\$1,000 to Patti Spiegel, Hillcrest School**

Multi-book Read-At-Home Backpacks will be purchased with English and Spanish books. This will offer young readers the opportunity to practice reading at home with their parents.

### The Life and Times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**\$300 to Bevinn Herrmann, NP**

This is the same grant that was given to Thomas Jefferson School. The students will attend a performance at the Community Theatre.

### The Character Coin Bank at Hillcrest

**\$1,090 to Barbara Arnold, Hillcrest School**

The goal of this project is to observe students performing good deeds so as to change any negative behavioral patterns that currently exist. Teachers and other staff members will receive a bag of coins. These coins will be awarded for acts of kindness, personal improvement in the academic domain, and positive social interaction among students. The children will deposit their coins in a bank. They will receive deposit slips, bank books, and withdrawal slips. The First Morris Bank will provide the banking necessities.

### The OrganWise Guys/Take 10! School Intervention Project

**\$2,000 to Anthony Lahey, Sussex Avenue**

The OrganWise4 Guys/TAKE 10! Year-round program will provide an experiential educational outreach to the fifth grade students of the Sussex Avenue School that will promote the wellness and well-being of children with a focus on childhood obesity. To prevent child and adolescent obesity, healthful behaviors must be introduced, modeled, and reinforced early in childhood. This award-winning program deals with these issues.

### African Americans of Character

**\$1,500 to Suzanne Grossman, Woodland School**

This grant is for books on African Americans of character that will be part of a school wide project during Black History Month. A storyteller will visit the school at a kickoff assembly. Then students will create research reports related to an African American of character. This project complements the Morris School District commitment to character education and diversity. The library of books will be available to any other school in the district.

### Cite Right @ Your Library Site

**\$300 to Debra Gottsleben-DeLaney, MHS**

This grant will allow the District to subscribe to "Noodletools.com". This program is a comprehensive MLA and APA style bibliography creator with a fully integrated note-taking component. The program takes students through steps to help them decide which type of source they are using and then asks for information which is used to create the citation.

Want to know how to help fund exciting grants for MSD students?

Support the

**TEACHER TRIBUTE PROGRAM**

by filling out and sending in the form on page 8 of this newsletter!

Honor one of MSD's exceptional staff members and, at the same

time, enhance the quality of

education in the

Morris School District.

## MEF Scholarships Awarded in June 2006

### ART SCHOLARSHIP

*Alexandra Karamallis* received the first MEF Art Scholarship in the amount of \$3000 at the Senior Awards Night on June 14. Alexandra was one of several students to submit original artwork as part of the application process. Alexandra is attending Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, Rhode Island. Founded in 1877, it offers outstanding



**Alexandra Karamallis, winner of the MEF Art Scholarship.**

programs for artists and designers. The scholarship was made possible by Dr. Thomas Ficarra, Morris School District Superintendent of Schools, who hosted a conference for superintendents. The proceeds of the conference were donated to the MEF and used to fund the scholarship. Congratulations, Alexandra!

### JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP

*Sarah Knapp* was awarded the John T. Cunningham Scholarship in the amount of \$1250. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who is proficient in written, spoken or broadcast communications. In addition to Sarah's outstanding academic record, she was captain of the very competitive Morristown High School Forensic Team. This fall, Sarah is attending Emory University.



**Sara Knapp, winner of the John T. Cunningham Scholarship.**

MEF is able to provide this scholarship as a result of profits derived from Mr. Cunningham's book about Morristown High School, *Youth's Bright Years: An American High School*. This dedicated alumnus (Class of 1932) has been named Mr. New Jersey for his widely published book about our state and is exceedingly proud to have his name linked with this opportunity to encourage an aspiring student in the broad field of communications.

### WONG FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Wong Scholarship was initiated by Robert Wong, MHS Class of 1967 in memory of his parents. It is awarded annually for four years at \$4,000 per year, renewable based on good academic standing.

The seventh annual 2006 Wong Family Scholarship was awarded on June 14, 2006 to *Laura Palmaro*, a young lady who, despite considerable obstacles, excelled in both



**Laura Palmaro, winner of the Wong Family Scholarship.**

academics and extracurricular activities at MHS. She is now attending Georgetown University. Laura has an affinity for music, studying and achieving high levels of competence in both violin and piano. She also excelled in her studies and was a leader in volunteer activities, including the Student Movement Against Cancer, the Key Club and a program for children with developmental disabilities, Peak Potential. She was on the varsity field hockey squad her junior and senior years and ran winter track. All of these accomplishments are the more remarkable when put in the context of her struggle since age ten to overcome a loss of vision that would understandably stop most adults. Indeed, Laura is legally blind and has been forced to make many adjustments in her life, none of which have stopped her from reaching for lofty goals. We will hear more great things about this fine young woman in the future.

### RUTH MARANTZ COHEN AWARD

The Ruth Marantz Cohen Award honors a former French teacher at Morristown High School who loved teaching and everything French and felt excellence should be rewarded. A cash award of \$100, which is available through a fund established by Mrs. Cohen's friends and relatives, is given annually to a senior who has displayed great enthusiasm and outstanding work in the study of the French language. This year, the Foreign Language Department selected *Christine Bariahtaris* to receive the French Award. Christine now attends Boston University, from which she has received an academic scholarship.



**Christine Bariahtaris, winner of the Ruth Marantz Cohen Award.**

# The Morris Educational Foundation Teacher Tribute Program

## Spring 2006 Teacher Tribute Awardees

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Acevedo, Jose (MHS)                  | Feeny, Maria (Hillcrest)            | Lamb, Frances (Normandy Park)        | Rhines, Ann (AH-ret.)                |
| Allan, Theresa (Normandy Park)       | Ferriolo, Elizabeth (AH)            | Landers, Lori (Thomas Jefferson)     | Richards, Kim (Frelinghuysen)        |
| Allen, Christina (Frelinghuysen)     | Fior, Pamela (Alexander Hamilton)   | Langsdorf, Maria (Normandy Park)     | Robinsky, Denise (Thomas Jefferson)  |
| Andriola, Michael (Sussex)           | Flanagan, Kathleen (Woodland)       | LaSusa, Jessica (Hillcrest)          | Rochacewicz, Jill (Frelinghuysen)    |
| Arnette, Shani (Thomas Jefferson)    | Fletcher, Jonathan (MHS)            | Lavigne, George (MHS)                | Roehrer, Patricia (Alfred Vail)      |
| Babula, John (Thomas Jefferson)      | Fluck, Mark (Thomas Jefferson)      | Leavy, Phyllis (Hillcrest)           | Romano, Luann (Hillcrest)            |
| Back, Hae In (Thomas Jefferson)      | Flynn, Ashley (Frelinghuysen)       | Leeson, Janet (Frelinghuysen)        | Rome, Gail (LLC)                     |
| Belmonte, Joanne (MHS)               | Folmar, Leslye (Sussex)             | Lenat, Marilyn (Hillcrest)           | Rooney, Kevin (Frelinghuysen)        |
| Berrios, Marysol (Sussex)            | Foster, Jim (Normandy Park)         | Liguori, Mary (Frelinghuysen)        | Rosenberger, Kitty (LLC)             |
| Bitalla, Steve (Frelinghuysen)       | Fulgione, Andrew (Frelinghuysen)    | Limone, Gianna (Frelinghuysen)       | Rosso, Keith (Frelinghuysen)         |
| Boothby, Jim (MHS)                   | Fultz, Mary Ellen (Normandy Park)   | Liss, Tom (Frelinghuysen)            | Rosso, Nicole (Normandy Park)        |
| Bozza, Amy (Frelinghuysen)           | Furphey, John (MHS)                 | London, Karen (Frelinghuysen)        | Russell, Bob (Normandy Park)         |
| Brandli, Louise (Hillcrest-ret.)     | Gallagher, Pam (Normandy Park)      | Loreano, Melinda (TJ)                | Russo, Carolyn (Thomas Jefferson)    |
| Brigante, Marie (Hillcrest)          | Galvin, Jill (Woodland)             | Luberto, Mary Ellen (MHS)            | Russo, Michael (MHS)                 |
| Brown, Cassandra (AH)                | Gelegonya, Donna (MHS)              | Luchs, Robert (Hillcrest-ret.)       | Rutan, Douglas (MHS)                 |
| Brown, Jeff (Thomas Jefferson)       | George, Ann (Frelinghuysen)         | Magidson, Jill (MHS)                 | Sandonato, Ernest (MHS)              |
| Brown, Victoria (MHS)                | Giaier, Michelle (Normandy Park)    | Marcelliano, Leighann (NP)           | Schedner, Carla (Frelinghuysen)      |
| Brushac, Michael (MHS)               | Giasi, Dawn (Thomas Jefferson)      | Mattos, Patricia (MHS)               | Schmidt, Joe (Normandy Park)         |
| Buccino, Paul (MHS)                  | Gibson, Sandy (MHS)                 | McAndrew, Anita (Alfred Vail)        | Schranck, Thomas (AH)                |
| Burge, Jeff (Frelinghuysen)          | Gidich, David (Woodland)            | McClung, Alicia (Frelinghuysen)      | Schumacher, John (Frelinghuysen)     |
| Butler, Stephanie (Thomas Jefferson) | Gilman, Ariella (Normandy Park)     | McDonald, Sharon (Woodland)          | Shutem, Kitty (Hillcrest-ret.)       |
| Cahill, Jake (Hillcrest)             | Gilson, Wendy (Normandy Park)       | McGuire, Kathleen (MHS)              | Sitarik, Ken (MHS)                   |
| Camelotto, Lisa (Alexander Hamilton) | Glenn, Paul (Frelinghuysen)         | McMahan, Suzette (Woodland)          | Sjovall, Donna                       |
| Carroll, Debbie (Normandy Park)      | Gonsky, Larry (Frelinghuysen)       | McNamara, Patricia (Frelinghuysen)   | Skrod, Chrissie (Alexander Hamilton) |
| Casperson, Megan (LLC)               | Grobard, Cecilia (Frelinghuysen)    | McPeters, Steven (Woodland)          | Sjorall, Donna (Alexander Hamilton)  |
| Castello, Jennifer (Normandy Park)   | Grossman, Suzanne (Woodland)        | Melendez-Tate, Gladys (MHS)          | Smith, Cherie (Normandy Park)        |
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Contributions not only honor the teacher or staff member but are used to support the Foundation's grant programs. At the end of the 2005-6 school year, the Teacher Tribute Program received over **\$8,400** in contributions.

**The Holiday 2006 Teacher Tribute Program  
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**Your TRIBUTE will continue the success of the Foundation!**

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