



FOUNDATION NEWS

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Upcoming Events

**Race to the Future
Fundraising Effort
Aug 1 - Sept 21, 2021**

**Golden Devil Dog
Reunion Brunch
June 11, 2022
Special Guests
MHS Classes of
1970
1971
1972**

2021 RACE TO THE FUTURE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

As some of you know, last year’s Race to the Future fundraising campaign was cancelled due to pandemic precautions and hardships on businesses and individuals.

This year the School Foundation will be raising funds, however, we will forego holding an “event” based on increasing COVID-19 cases in our state.

The fundraising campaign will run August 1st through September 21, 2021 and we hope you will help us reach our goal. All donors will be recognized in the newspaper, on the radio, and on social media, unless requested otherwise.

This year’s Race to the Future funds will expand the robotics program to all students in grades 4-6 through a three-week rotation in the schedule. This will provide students with an opportunity to grow in the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) education and will better prepare them for opportunities that wait in the world

of STEM. Robotics increases creativity. Making this program available to all 4-6 grade students means 544 students will be afforded the opportunity to make connections to the math and literacy curriculum. Students will be able to connect what they are reading to a problem that they could then solve in robotics. The connections to math and science are also a benefit to introducing robotics. Students take what they learn about angles and graphs and apply it to the program that will communicate with their robot. It challenges students and prepares them for a future in STEM. Students will be learning skills that will serve them well in any field- critical thinking, problemsolving, perseverance, and working with a team.

The South Conway County Public School Foundation has set a goal of \$25,000 to aid the School District in making this project possible. We firmly believe that there is no investment more important to our community

than in our children and their education. Please take time to read the articles inside this newsletter to see a sampling of the exciting things our students are accomplishing!

We encourage you to send your support early, using the sponsorship form inside this newsletter. If you prefer to give online, that option is available on our website at www.sccpsf.org. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact us at 501-208-2826.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing commitment to the educational community in the South Conway County School District.



MHS STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL MERIT HONORS



Morrilton High School senior, Cade Halbrook, has been named a National Merit Scholar. Over 1.5 million students entered the 2021

of 7,500 students in the nation to earn the distinction of National Merit Scholar. Cade is the son of Shawn and Jennifer Halbrook. Grace Hendrix, who is also in the class of 2021, was named a National Merit Commended Scholar. Grace is the daughter of Ryan and Lora Hendrix. Both will attend Oklahoma State University in the fall of 2021.

National Merit program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screening of program entrants. Halbrook is one

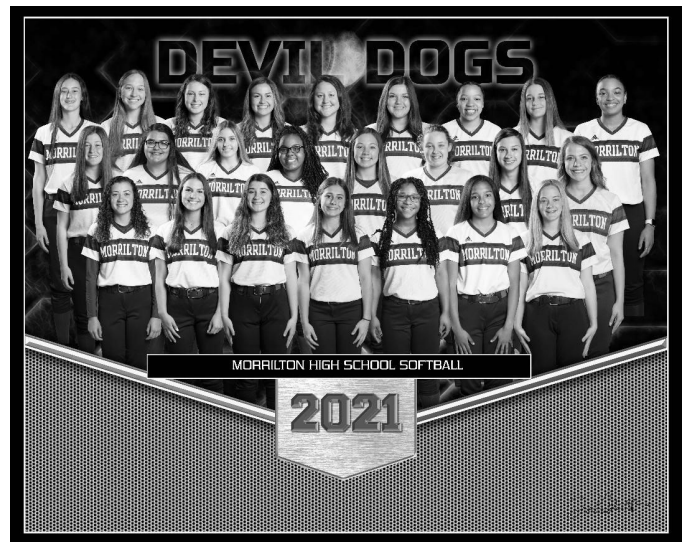
Coincidentally, Grace and Cade both scored a perfect 36 superscore on the ACT and will attend Oklahoma State University in the fall of 2021

MORRILTON ATHLETICS STEP UP FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Challenged by a pandemic, Morrilton schools had a busy and successful year in athletics. They hosted 4A State Basketball, Baseball and Softball tournaments and won 4A Conference Championships in Golf, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Softball and Baseball. They also won the 4A North Regional Tournament Championships in Girls and Boys Basketball and Softball. They were runner-up in the 4A State Tournament in Boys Basketball.

Of course, a big highlight was the win of the 4A Arkansas Softball Championship by defeating Pea Ridge. The softball coach, Jennifer Binnie-Poteete commented, "I don't have words for this – it is absolutely incredible. These girls have worked so hard since the AR Activities Association said we could practice. There is no other team that deserves this more than Morrilton softball right now." Devil Dog senior pitcher Makenna Keeton

was selected as the 4A State Softball Tournament MVP. She complimented the rest of the players on a true team effort.



CONCURRENT CREDIT: A CONWAY COUNTY OPPORTUNITY



Morrilton High School, along with other Conway County High Schools, participates in Conway County School Counts, a unique initiative that encourages quality, attendance, persistence, and goal setting in students from kindergarten through high school. Eligible high school juniors and seniors can earn tuition assistance to earn concurrent credits through the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.

This program has been very helpful in encouraging students to achieve post secondary degrees, licenses and certificates that help with our workforce and economy. This year, School Counts students earned 507 credit hours in the fall and 419 credit hours in the spring for a total of 926 hours 2020-2021. There were also seven students who earned certificates or associate degrees while still in high school. This opportunity gives students confidence and a big jump start on higher education.

DEVIL DOG GOLDEN REUNION BRUNCH TO RETURN IN 2022

“Fifty is usually nifty” but, alas, for obvious Covid-related reasons, it wasn’t very nifty again this year. Since the Golden Reunion Brunch did not take place in 2020 or 2021, the event in 2022 will honor the classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972. The brunch is for those alumni who have graduated at least 50 years ago, as well as staff, friends and other guests.

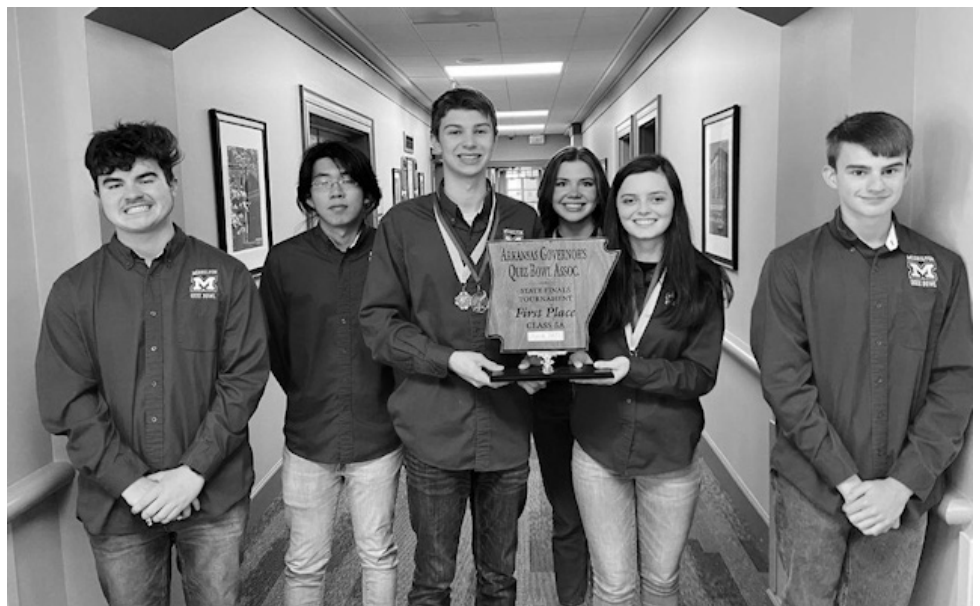
Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, June 11, 2022!**

The event will be held at the beautiful Devil Dog Arena. The venue is especially appropriate given the basketball court is named for legendary Coach John Widner, who began coaching at MHS in 1970.

For further information, please contact Mary Ann Mathews at 214-662-9777 or Anita Huett at 501-354-4321.

MHS WINS ARKANSAS STATE QUIZ BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP

The State Championships just keep piling up at Morrilton High School. Congratulations are in order for Morrilton High School who won the Arkansas 5A State Quiz Bowl Championship. Team members are left to right: Grahl Pruitt, Daniel Zheng, Jaxon Brown, Emmarie Wilson, Grace Hendrix and Will Mobley. The quiz bowl is coached by Mr. Brad Parks.



SCCSD - THRIVING IN THE FACE OF A PANDEMIC

Beginning in March 2020, when faced with a pandemic no one could have predicted, the South Conway County School District staff chose to thrive and to demonstrate

what the District’s purpose truly means, “To Love, To Serve, To Care.” The SCCSD repeatedly stepped up to maximize safety, learning, and achievement for all scholars during the pandemic.

From providing meals to families, providing online instruction and chromebooks, disinfecting, sanitizing, mask wearing, monitoring for symptoms, and quarantining when necessary, the district continued to provide for our students.

Mr. Halbrook, SCCSD Superintendent, stated “I have never been more proud of our staff than during this 20-21 school year. Each and every staff member stepped up to fulfill whatever need arose and they did it with hearts full of love and care for our scholars.”



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H.B. WHITE AUDITORIUM RECEIVED UPDATES

The H.B. White Auditorium has recently undergone a much needed remodel. New seating was installed. The auditorium is utilized for various school and community events. Pictured below is a portion of the new seating installed and a photo of Mr. Shawn Halbrook, Superintendent giving Rep. Rick Beck a sneak peek of the project. Rep. Beck expressed his appreciation for fine arts as a key component of a well-rounded education.



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- 9/10 Dogs vs Wynne
- 10/1 Dogs vs Pea Ridge
- 10/15 Dogs vs Akna
- 10/29 Dogs vs Vilonia
- 11/5 Dogs vs Clarksville

**2021 Home
Football Games**

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