



## Marshfield High School Class of 1954 Alumni Enhance Learning

The Marshfield Area Community Foundation has more than 100 funds, each with its own purpose and identity. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the Marshfield High School Alumni Fund. What is it? What has it done? How can you help?

The Marshfield High School Alumni Fund was set up by graduates from Marshfield High School's class of 1954. I talked to one of fund creators, Carol Seehafer about the fund and how it came to be. She told me the creators were attending their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion and discovered that a very high percentage of the class had gone to college, graduate school, and beyond. They felt they owed their success to the superb teaching and instruction 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 level.

The fund has given eleven grants for \$11,275 over the past six years (since the class's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion). The fund has sponsored a very diverse range of projects. It has supported students attending a live Beowulf production, equipment for the Physics Lab to study car collisions and structural design, the purchase of graphing calculators for the chemistry laboratory, a ceramic tile mural, a landscaping project for the area around the new Marshfield High School Sign, a new program to help incoming freshman to "Relate" to the High School, and last year a project was approved to help in the construction of an outdoor science classroom. Wow, how fortunate we are to have caring individuals like these fund creators. They realized what a good education they had received and wanted to give back to the school in such a way that the students of MHS would benefit!

The fund advisors have reached out to other graduating classes, to give back to MHS, for their great education, through this fund. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, please contact the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.



*Digging ponds on the site of the new outdoor classroom at Marshfield High School*



*MHS science teacher, John Bauer, helps students learn about structural design with equipment purchased with Alumni grant money.*



*Mr. Zerk's Agriculture class landscaped around the new sign at MHS, with the help of Schuster's Nursery.*



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