

Presidents honor 10 All-Ohioans in 2020-2021

Marion Harding had a historic year of success in 2020-2021. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, 10 Presidents earned All-Ohio honors, one of the highest totals in Marion Harding High School History!

Jayden Combs was the first individual state champion at Marion Harding as he captured the state bowling title this past March. Eli Cox also earned 1st Team All-Ohio honors in helping the bowling team to a 3rd Place finish at the Division I State Bowling Tournament.

Drake Cerny represented the wrestling program by finishing 8th in the Division I state tournament in the 120 lb. weight division in March!

The boys track team not only brought home the first league title since the 1980's, but also made an impact at the state level. Caden Morris was 1st team All-Ohio in the long jump (5th), and the 400m relay (3rd). His All-Ohio teammates on the relay team were Te'Sean Jefferson, Khalil Scott, and Kaeden Faggs!

Ariyah Douglas earned 2nd Team All-Ohio Division I honors in Girls Basketball, and Jacob Arndt was 3rd Team Division II in football!



A Big Thank You...

To all the athletes, coaches, parents, staff, athletic trainers, referees, and anyone who helped in making last year possible for our student-athletes!

The Covid-19 crisis was difficult to manage for everyone all year long. The Marion Harding Athletic Department wishes to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, patience and understanding that everyone exhibited throughout the school year to make athletics possible for our Presidents!

A special shout out to OhioHealth Head Athletic Trainer Tim Brown. His diligence, support and extra effort were crucial in assisting the athletic department and Marion Harding High School throughout the year.

A reminder that we are not yet completely through the crisis. We will continue to face challenges as we negotiate our way through this school year. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation!

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Presidents in the Community!

The difficulties of the past school year have been challenging for everyone this past year. This has not stopped the President athletic programs from serving Marion. President athletes, families and coaches have logged over 1200 community service hours and raised over \$40,000 for groups throughout the Marion community! .

The Presidents are off to a fast start and have already logged over 650 community service hours this summer and the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year!

Look for members of the President athletics family out helping Marion throughout the school year!

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Presidents represented by 13 athletes at state competitions in 2020-2021

The Presidents were represented by 13 athletes across 4 sports at OHSAA state competitions in 2020-2021. This is the most since the President baseball team reached the state final in 1984!

Gymnast Autumn Fitzgerald represented the Presidents at the state gymnastics competition on the Balance Beam!

Drake Cerny represented the Presidents in the 120# weight class at the state wrestling tourney and finished 8th!

The bowling team comprised of Jayden Combs, Eli Cox, Jordan Hensley, Caden Millisor, Gage Warren and Cam Rayner earned a 3rd place finish for the boys bowling team, the highest team finish since the 1997 wrestlers (also 3rd).

The boys track team sent Caden Morris to the Division I State Track meet in two events, the long jump and 400m relay. (5th/3rd) Te'Sean Jefferson, Khalil Scott, and Kaeden Faggs were the other members of the 400m relay team! (3rd)



Demetrius Ross is the new head football coach at Marion Harding High School.

Coach Ross is a native of Marion, having grown up here, leaving for the state of Washington in 1990 after his freshman year at Marion Harding.

He went on to star as a defensive back at Boise State in Idaho from 1998-2001.

Coach Ross concluded his first season at Marion Harding with a 7-3 regular season and an earned playoff berth for the first time since 2003!

Coach Ross was also named MOAC Coach of the Year at MOAC festivities last week!

Congratulations Coach on a terrific first season and your honors!

New Fall Coaches for 2021-2022.

We would like to welcome **Demetrius Ross (football) and Luiz Antonio Filho (girls soccer) to the President Family!**

2021 Varsity Football Schedule

August 14 H Whetstone (Scrimmage)

August 20 @ Mount Vernon W 28-27

August 27 @ Mansfield Senior L 6-37

September 3 H v. Newark W 33-6

September 10 @Pleasant L 24-27

September 17 H v. Galion W 24-15

September 24 H v. Shelby L 12-38

October 1 at Mansfield Madison W 57-21

October 8 H v. River Valley W 56-40

October 15 at Clear Fork W 23-21

October 22 H v. Ontario W 42-21

Playoffs

At Uniontown Green – L 21-53

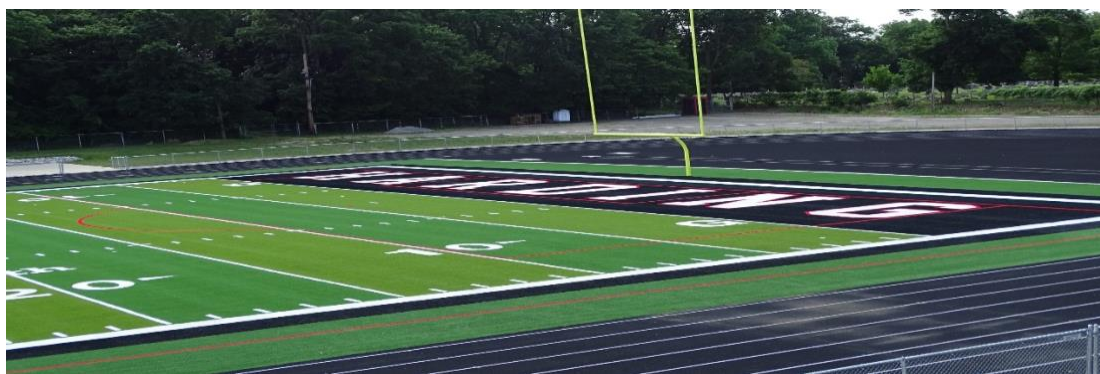
Luiz Antonio Filho is in his first year as varsity head girls soccer coach at Marion Harding.

Coach Antonio is a first year physical education teacher in the Marion City Schools at McKinley Elementary School.

Coach Antonio played collegiate soccer at Rio Grande College in Ohio, where he was part of a National Championship Squad.



“Taking over a new program...trust is important, and a process. Our motto this season is TTP; ‘Trust the Process’”



Summer/Fall Facility Improvements

We have been busy upgrading multiple athletic facilities this summer and fall both at Harding High School and Grant Middle School.

A great deal of work has been completed at the historic Harding Stadium. Built in 1935, it is celebrating its 86th year of service to the Marion City Schools and Marion Community.

This summer, all the electrical wires have been moved underground, new lights were installed, a new shot put area was created, and new pathways were constructed from the ticket gates.

We also completed the addition of a 5th tennis court to the Grant Tennis Facility. This project was completed with over 18,000 in community contributions, as well as over \$31,000 from the Harding Athletic Boosters! A court had been removed to make way for the expanded Grant cafeteria 18 years ago, so this addition makes the facility complete once again!

New fencing for the entire facility as well as a complete resurface of all five courts. The new fencing is 10' tall, 2 feet taller than the old fence.



In addition, the shot put competition area was relocated at the stadium. The area was moved to the southeast corner of the stadium. There will be a total of three new pads, one for competition and two for additional practice for the athletes.

Also, at Harding High School, we have installed drainage tile under the entire softball field and will soon have a new six foot outfield fence!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our new and improved facilities this school year!

Fahey Athletes of the Month!

Two Presidents have been honored already this school year with Fahey Athlete of the Month Honors. Each won the award for the month of September!

Taylor Iden, a junior on the girls soccer team earned the award by scoring 26 goals for the Prexy team prior to the end of September!

Payne Ratliff, a senior cross country runner for the Presidents, ran the 4th fastest personal record time of 16:16 at the District Meet at Darby.

Taylor and Payne are both also First Team MOAC honorees this fall.

Season Highlights

*Jacob Beaschler wins a 4 man playoff at sectional golf to qualify for the Central District Division I Golf Tournament, the first Harding golfer to do so in over 20 years!

*Taryn Simmers won four matches at the sectional tennis tournament including two seeded players to qualify for the Central District Division I Tennis Tournament! Harding qualified a girl for the fourth year in a row!

Payne Ratliff cruised to a 3rd place finish at the MOAC Cross Country Meet and then followed it up with a blazing 16:16 at Districts to qualify for Regionals!

First Team MOAC Honorees

Marion Harding had 13 First Team MOAC Honorees this fall, the most in one season in Harding History!

Football:

Rayshawn Turner Brady Wink

Kyrie Scott Kaden Hill

Jacob Arndt

Coch of the Year: Demetrius Ross

Girls Tennis

Taryn Simmers Ryleigh Tillman

Karli Harris Sofia Tinnerello

Cross Country

Payne Ratliff

Girls Soccer

Taylor Iden

Boys Soccer

Jordan Hensley

Golf

Jacob Beaschler



Cheerleaders Win Competition

The Cheerleaders traveled to Mansfield Senior High School on November 13 and came home as Champions of the event! Congratulations to the squad on the accomplishment and all their hard work!



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