



MAHOMET-SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL

# The Legacy

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## Mahomet-Seymour Alumni Association Founded

As an entity of the [Mahomet-Seymour Education Foundation \(http://tiny.cc/msef\)](http://tiny.cc/msef), the Mahomet-Seymour Alumni Association (MSAA) was created in October, 2014. "The idea of an alumni association started with a few foundation members discussing how Mahomet-Seymour was one of the few area schools that did not have an alumni hall of fame", said foundation member and '01 alumnus Derek Halfar. Those discussions morphed into creating an alumni association. "We wanted to create an alumni association so that alumni could stay connected with the school community. We thought it would be great if a class organizer or coach wanted to have a reunion, information could be easily sent to that select group of alumni." said foundation member, Tom Porter. Building a secure website and alumni database was a priority of the Mahomet-Seymour Alumni Association. Over the past year, the MSAA worked with the Mahomet-Seymour School District and experienced webmaster, Jesse Marsh, to launch [www.msalumni.org](http://www.msalumni.org). Sign up to receive future newsletters, information on the alumni hall of fame process, reunions, and other alumni events. You can also follow us on [Facebook \(http://tiny.cc/msaaf\)](http://tiny.cc/msaaf).

## Mahomet-Seymour Ranked Top High School

The Chicago Sun-Times and U.S. News and World Report has ranked Mahomet-Seymour High School as one of the top high schools statewide and nationally. The Chicago Sun-Times ranked Mahomet-Seymour High School the 28<sup>th</sup> best high school in Illinois. Mahomet-Seymour High School is the smallest high school out of the top 50 and only one of two high schools south of I-80. Mahomet-Seymour is not new to the rankings having been a top 50 school the previous three years. For more information about how the rankings were tabulated, visit [the Chicago Sun-Times \(http://tiny.cc/cstrk\)](http://tiny.cc/cstrk)

Mahomet-Seymour High School was also ranked as one of the nation's best high schools by the U.S. News and World Report. Analyzing over 31,000 high schools in the United States, Mahomet-Seymour High School ranked 1,688. There were 72 schools in the state of Illinois that were nationally ranked and only 4 south of I-80. For more information about the methodology behind the rankings, visit [U.S News and World Report \(http://tiny.cc/usnrankings\)](http://tiny.cc/usnrankings).



### Bulldog TV

Find out about the ability to watch MSHS Bulldog events from your own home (pg. 2)

### MSHS Fall Activity Review

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## Watch Bulldog Events Live From Home with Bulldog TV

Bulldog TV was originally created in 2013 to stream varsity sporting events at Mahomet-Seymour High School. Students from Nic DiFilippo's (Class of '99) multimedia class broadcast, produce, and edit the events. Bulldog TV has been expanding by offering live streaming of graduation, the academic award ceremony, Veterans Day Assemblies, and other activities in the school district. It is a great way to keep in touch with what the MSHS Community is doing. Keep up-to-date on when events stream on the Bulldog TV [Facebook \(http://tiny.cc/fbbtnv\)](http://tiny.cc/fbbtnv) and at their [official site \(http://tiny.cc/msbtv\)](http://tiny.cc/msbtv). Provided by: Nic DiFilippo

## Mahomet-Seymour High School Fall Activity Review

**Football:** Our season started pretty rough with a lop-sided, home loss against Mount Zion 34-60. The boys bounced back with a good win over Eureka. We then strung together a series of conference wins beating Olympia, Pontiac, Illinois Valley Central, and Prairie Central. This set-up a show down for the conference championship at Normal U-High. It was a great high school football game, but the Bulldogs lost in overtime 21-20 when we came up short after going for 2 and the win. The team bounced back with victories at Bloomington Central Catholic and finished the regular season with an overtime victory at Effingham. The Bulldogs qualified for the 5A playoffs and we won our first 5A football playoff game with a 27-7 victory over Washington. Our season ended with a 23-35 loss to Morris in the 2nd round. The Bulldogs finished 8-3 and 6-1 in the Corn Belt Conference. Provided by: Keith Pogue



**Marching Band:** The 192 member Marching Bulldogs had another memorable season in 2014! With a field show entitled "Femme Fatale", which included music from the opera "Carmen", Romeo and Juliet, Robin



Hood, and Medea's Dance of Vengeance, the band took Large Class Grand Champion honors at the Eastern Illinois University Panther Marching Band Competition, 2nd place overall (Marion Catholic was 1st) at the Lincoln Way Marching Band Festival, and 6th place in Class 2A at the Bands of America Super-Regional in Indianapolis. In 2015, the Marching Bulldogs will, for the 4th time, travel to Phoenix, Arizona to perform in the Fiesta Bowl Parade. Provided by: Michael Stevens

**Boys Cross Country:** The boys' team was blessed to have a strong season. They won 5 of the 6 invitationals that they competed in (only getting beat by the team ranked 4th in the nation). They went on to win the conference, regional, and sectional meets. The boys ended their season by winning the runner-up trophy at the state meet. Their final record was 207-2. This was the first time in our program's 45 year history that we won a state trophy. Alex Keeble tied our school record with a time of 14:41 for 3 miles. Mark Johnson established the record in 1974 on the same course. We could not have done it without the alumni setting high standards each year to pave the way for our current team's success. For more information on M-S Boys Cross Country, view their [official webpage \(http://tiny.cc/msxct\)](http://tiny.cc/msxct). Provided by: Neal Garrsion

**Girls Golf:** We had another very successful season on the course. We finished with an 8-6, 9-hole match record. The girls won the Blue Ridge Invite, Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Livingston County Invite, and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Champaign County Tournament. Our greatest team accomplishment was every girl improved both their 9-hole and 18-hole average from last season. The girls put forth a strong team effort and won the regional title at Lake of the Woods. We drew one of the most competitive sectionals in the state at Ironhorse in Tuscola. The girls battled through some tough weather conditions and finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place as a team, just missing another trip to the state tournament. Emily

Trolia qualified for IHSA state and finished 16<sup>th</sup>. She missed all-state honors by just 4 strokes. Provided by: Matt Mills

**Choir:** The MSHS Choirs, under the direction of Jill Rinkel and assistant director, Nicole Kuglich have had a very busy first semester. Eleven students were selected to participate in the Millikin Vocal Festival at Millikin University in September. ILMEA District #3 auditions were held on Columbus Day and 27 students were selected to the ILMEA District #3 Festival Chorus. Marissa Vogelsang and Griffin Megeff were honored with the distinction of being 'first in room'. Griffin Megeff was also selected to audition to sing the National Anthem at IHSA state tournament games in Peoria next semester. From the District Chorus, 8 juniors/seniors were selected to the All-State Honors' Choirs and 5 juniors/seniors were selected to the All-State Choir. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Chorus students presented their Fall Concert featuring Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Treble Choir, Madrigals, and Men's Chorus. Please join us for our next Band and Chorus concert on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.



The Mahomet-Seymour High School Madrigal Singers continued a tradition in the Community of Mahomet by presenting the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual "Madrigal Dinner," performances depicting a Christmas celebration in a castle setting during the Renaissance. Elaborate decorations, ornate costumes of the period, humor, and beautiful music combine to provide a very entertaining evening to start the Christmas season! Provided by: Jill Rinkel