

# MCHS salutes perfect attendance students and sponsors

The number one soft skill that schools teach is attendance. Students who develop the commitment of showing up every day have better test scores and grades, retain material better, get more scholarships, and ultimately maintain satisfying careers. Three years ago, Marshall County High School developed a reward plan for all students who finish the year with perfect attendance—meaning no tardies, no check outs, and present all day every day that school is in session. This spring we were so excited to recognize Evan Weaver-Dalton for having (4) years of perfect attendance throughout high school. He received \$500. We were also excited to recognize students with (1) year of perfect attendance, with each receiving \$100. MCHS has been fortunate to work with community sponsors to fund our program: Judge Lee Bussart as a Gold Sponsor; Peggy Hubbard, David Jent Realty, and Berry Global as Silver Sponsors; and Scot Bush and Conner



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**Front Row:** Sonia Chavez, Karlee Erickson, Suniyah Thomas, Lauryn Amonette. **Back Row:** Samuel Martinez, Ethan Marsh, Lusvin Calderon Ayala, Darinel Lorenzo Martin, Ismael Juarez Ayala, Jainil Patel, Diya Patel, Cade Wiggins, Judge Lee Bussart, and Christian Wilson

**Evan Weaver-Dalton**

## Lt. Stephen Pate called to serve

NAVAL STATION MAYPORT, Fla. – Lt. Stephen Pate, a native of Lewisburg, Tennessee, is serving aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS The Sullivans (DDG 68).

Pate, a 2004 graduate of Marshall County High School, says he felt compelled to serve in the U.S. Navy.

“I felt like I was called to it,” said Pate. “I felt like it was a higher calling.”

Today, Pate serves as the ship’s chaplain responsible for taking care of the sailors on board the ship and helping them with any type of need that they have; from spiritual health to counseling. According to Navy officials, The Sullivans is named to honor five brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, who served together on the USS Juneau during

World War II. The Sullivan brothers: George, 28; Francis, 27; Joseph, 24; Madison, 23; and Albert, 20; lost their lives during the Battle of Guadalcanal on November 13, 1942. They were adamant about serving together in spite of the Navy wartime policy to separate family members. This was the greatest military loss by any one American family during World War II.

The Sullivans is currently undergoing a routine maintenance period after completing a seven-month global deployment where they participated in multinational operations and joint training exercises with international partners to foster positive relationships while ensuring freedom of navigation and maritime security.



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**Lt. Stephen Pate**



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