



MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Friends of Mountain Ridge High School:

The Mountain Ridge Miners have only been around for ten years, but the community and history of the coal mining of Western Allegany County goes back much further. Coal mining has been a major part of our community since the birth of Frostburg, as we know it. Coal was found in our area before the 1800s, but it was only in the 1820s that coal began to gain commercial significance. Consequently, by the 1900s, Western Allegany County’s coal mining industry boomed, and among the nation’s largest producers of bituminous coal was Frostburg’s Consolidation Coal Company. It is only fitting that we honor that part of our heritage with a coal miner statue in front of our local high school. Miners were the main source advocating for education in Allegany County since before 1902. Our miners were the primary reason that we received Maryland’s State Normal School No. 2, what would later become Frostburg State University, the school many of our Mountain Ridge teachers attended.

Our goal as the Mountain Ridge Student Council is to purchase a bronze statue of a Miner to commemorate the mining background of our community. The statue will be placed near the main entrance to the school. A Mountain Ridge Miner Statue Fund has been created at the school. So, as the Student Council of Mountain Ridge High School, we are reaching out to our community who share the same passion for remembering the miner history. Your donations will help us to reach our goal of purchasing the bronze statue.



A GoFundMe Account has been set up at gofundme.com/mountain-ridge-high-school-miner-statue to make donations toward the statue fund or you may mail in your donations with the attached form.

Thank You,
Mountain Ridge Student Council

Mr. Danny Carter
Principal

Checks may be made payable to Mountain Ridge High School 100 Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick Lane Frostburg, MD 21532. Thank you from your Mountain Ridge Student Council.

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