



Wilson Spotlight

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WILSON SINGER TAKES 3RD PLACE IN 2009 TEEN IDOL

The 2009 Teen Idol final competition was held June 13 at the Northwest Children's Theater. Twelve finalists competed. The judges for the competition included Ron Nevison, Hollywood record producer and engineer; Andy Gilbert, talent agent and president of Pacific Talent; Louanne Moldovan, Hollywood director and actress; and Tahoe Jackson, singer and songwriter. Throughout the competition, **Madison Shanley, a sophomore at Wilson High School**, competed against 350 other contestants. Madison took 3rd place in the final competition. 1st - Gabriella Quintero, Reynolds High School. 2nd - Aubrey Cleland, Jesuit High School. 3rd - Madison Shanley, Wilson High School. 4th - Aline Orozco, Arts & Communication Magnet Academy. 5th - Emily Snedden, Cleveland High School. Congratulations to Madison!

WILSON TEACHER ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT BAKER & SPICE

Please make sure to stop by Baker & Spice in Hillsdale to check out Susan Kennedy Parker's (Wilson art teacher) artwork. The art show at Baker & Spice is up until September 20.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Gabriel Leif Bellman graduated from Wilson in 1991. He was awarded a Bachelor's degree from University of Southern California's (USC) Film School ('95), a Master's from New York University ('99), and a law degree from U. C. Hastings ('05). Gabriel has been a high-school teacher, MTV producer, umbrella salesman, restaurant host, dishwasher, lumber feeder, assembly liner, slam poet, warehouse stacker, SOMA magazine correspondent, opera composer at Juilliard, and groundskeeper. He has worked construction (Mexico); lived abroad (Spain, Ireland); and devoted extensive time to traveling (Europe, North Africa, the United States, Middle East, and Caribbean). He directed a film about traveling with the circus in Ireland (Duffy's Irish Circus), and has done work with female prisoners in California. The founder of the [Frozen Film Festival](#) (and Music Festival), Mr. Bellman moved from NYC to San Francisco, [where he practices law](#), writing, and filmmaking. One of the underrated 3 point shooters of his generation, winning the Los Angeles City hoops championship in 1995, he is now a free agent in the NBA, though he would prefer to sign with a title contender. Gabriel did improv at Wilson and won "Best Improv" for his efforts. His prom date, Jenn Dees '91, was elected Queen of Rosaria, for which he still is awaiting some kind of jeweled crown. Preferably at least 10 pounds of solid gold, although silver would be kinda cool if it were surrounded with many, many diamonds. He especially remembers his teachers at Wilson fostering his creativity and just generally being cool. Words of wisdom from Gabriel for current Wilson students: "You can do anything you want to do in life, if you don't mind spending time at it. On the other hand, time is limited. Don't think anything in the world is out of reach. The planet is full of people exactly like you, worrying that other people are definitely smarter, faster, more attractive, gonna get that job, school, live in Paris, etc. Flexibility is key. Go after what you want, but don't think that you need to go after it a certain way. Stay flexible and enjoy the ride. The fun part is the journey, and life will bend you in directions you don't foresee. That's a good thing. But learn how to type."

1964 GRAD VISITS HIS OLD SCHOOL

After attending his 45th reunion this summer at O'Connors Restaurant in Multnomah (owned by **Steve Arel '67**), **John Richard '64** wanted to see what Wilson looked like again after many, many years. John tells us that he was very pleased to note that old Wilson High looks MUCH better than in 2004 when he last visited it after attending the 40th reunion. "On Monday, August 10th I was able to tour the old school due to the kindness of a lady working in the admin office. The new pool was built in the same place the old one was, which caused me to remember P.E. class and the many pool sessions we had," states John. "The curtains were clean and the hallways were buffed and shiny once again. The mold on the concrete bench area near the front door had been cleaned away, and the missing or cracked bricks from the front of the main building had been repaired. Wonderful! Ms. Brent deserves some Kudos! One of my first stops was the stage in the auditorium. It was weird but one look out from center stage, into the seating of the auditorium, and a long buried portion of my memory recognized it instantly. The last time I stood on that stage looking out, I was 17 and worried I would forget my "lines" for the play. This time I was astounded that 45 years had passed! I was the lead in my Senior Class play. The production was "Rebel without a Cause" and trying to play the role immortalized by James Dean was intimidating. Especially since I wasn't even a blonde! However Mr. Lowell Slick our wonderful drama teacher helped me to make it through the play. The stage crew was composed of wonderful and very competent kids also, some of whom I met again at the 45th reunion. My "leading lady" was Ms. **Sandy Cochran '67**, then and now a very beautiful lady. It was a privilege to have been a part of that play and I remember it like it was yesterday (almost). Truly our school and the kids who attended it then, and now, are wonderful people." **John Richard, Class of 64**

WILSON STUDENTS EXCEL OVER THE SUMMER

This past summer Wilson students took advantage of various summer internships, competitions, and explorations to discover their passions and strengths. These opportunities give our students inspiration as they make plans for college, a career, and build a resume for the future. What did your student do this summer? Let us know, we'd love to share it in the next Spotlight. Please send details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Wilson would like to remind everyone that Registration is happening August 25-27. Please check the school's website for details at: www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us. Included on the website is the photo order form and fee sheet. Please bring the photo form with you to registration, as well as a check, cash or credit card for supply fees. If you have any questions about Registration, please contact Erica Meyers at emeyers@pps.k12.or.us. We are looking forward to your arrival for Registration and the upcoming school year. We want to make sure that registration goes as smooth as possible. Please plan for the following:

- * Visit <http://www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/> on the front page of the school's website. It has information about costs and contributions (these are supply, activity, and athletic fees), Lifetouch picture forms, and information about dates and times for registration.
- * Lifetouch has asked that if you plan to buy picture packets by credit card, you must visit mylifetouch.com to get a payment code-- otherwise makes checks payable to Lifetouch (the picture forms are on our website)
- * Parking on Registration Day will be busy--plan accordingly. If the parking lot is full, you can park on Vermont, at Rieke ES, or in the neighborhood.
- * All Wilson High School Students will be receiving a free bus pass. This pass will be on the Student ID card--this means it is critical that your student(s) come to the August Registration or Make-Up Registration on September 8. We will not have an ID card machine back in the building until October.
- * If you have a club, sport or activity that you would like to promote at Registration, please email Erica Meyers at emeyers@pps.k12.or.us. We can get you set up with a booth.

COMMUNITY CARE DAY/CAMPUS CLEANUP, AUGUST 29

Help get Wilson ready for a new school year! Join parents, teachers, students, alumni, and community volunteers in enhancing and beautifying the WHS grounds. We look forward to seeing you here!! Thanks for the support.

When: August 29th 9:00-1:00PM with a BBQ at noon

Where: Please meet at the Vermont entrance to the school at 9:00am

What to bring: Gloves and garden tools (shovels, edger, hoe etc.), sunscreen, hat

COME SUPPORT TROJAN FOOTBALL - WATERMELON BOWL, AUGUST 29

The Watermelon Bowl is a fund-raising event for the Trojan Football Program - both Youth and High School. The Youth will host their Jamboree in the morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. The High School teams will have their Scrimmage beginning between 3-4 p.m. We will have a BBQ Chicken Dinner available as well as other concessions. Tickets for the BBQ Chicken Dinner are \$10 and are available through Football players or by contacting us at: trojantdc@hotmail.com. Trojan apparel will be available to show your school and community spirit. Working hard this year to gain support for our Football program within the Wilson community! See you at the Watermelon Bowl!

ATTENTION WILSON BAND PARENTS

We are looking for a few parents who could come in during the evening Band Camp sessions (probably next week) to help take measurements of our students to help get them fit into their band uniforms this year. If you would be able to help with this, please contact Nancy Biskey at: nbiskey@msn.com as soon as possible. We will also need some people who would be willing to help put hems in the uniforms. Again, if you are interested, please contact Nancy Biskey at nbiskey@msn.com. Thanks for all your help and let's help the kids get this year off to a great start!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES @ WILSON HS

- * Make Up Registration, September 8 (1st day of school) 7:45-11:45am: We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help students with pictures, ID card, packets, fees and books.

- * Main Office Support and Attendance Office Support: this commitment is one morning or afternoon shift per week.

If you are available and/or would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact emeyers@pps.k12.or.us. Wilson is very fortunate to have such an amazing and giving community. Thank you!

END OF SCHOOL YEAR SCRIP ORDERS

Get your Scrip order in... There is an order on September 1. If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at schulte@easystreet.net at 503-244-5072.

PIL HALL OF FAME GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 21

Steve Rudolph '75 (member of the PIL Hall of Fame Board of Directors) would like everyone to know about the upcoming Fall Fundraising event - the 2009 PIL Hall of Fame Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, September 21, at Broadmoor Golf Club in Portland, Oregon. The tournament is now dedicated to the memory of Mel Krause, one of the founders of the event. Your participation in this and future events will continue to provide educational and athletic opportunities for deserving student-athletes in the 10 Portland Interscholastic League High Schools. The event is open to anyone that wants to play. This is an excellent way to enjoy a fun day of golf, meet old and new friends and support a worthwhile cause. On the day of tournament, activities will start with a box lunch. The scramble format will begin at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. All participants and contributors will receive a registration gift acknowledging their support and participation. A post-event awards dinner will recognize all the winners and sponsors. A popular event will be the short oral auction and raffle that will include golf packages, sports memorabilia and other nice prizes. Afterwards, a buffet dinner will be available. "PIL athletics allowed me the opportunity to properly channel my energies in high school resulting in an athletic scholarship that would never have otherwise been possible," states Steve. "Today many kids are hard pressed to pay participation fees, secure proper clothing and equipment, and find the time to participate. It is our goal to financially support those kids where possible and recognize their achievements. Please find it in your heart to support and recognize the PIL athletes by playing in the tournament, making an individual donation of any amount, becoming a major sponsor or donating items for the auction." Please pass this email on to all those you feel have the ability and the desire to help the PIL Hall of Fame achieve their goal our student athletes. If you have any questions or would like to be Steve's partner in the golf tournament, contact Steve Rudolph at (503) 449-0438 (cell) or StevellRudolph@eaton.com (email). Reserve your spot now to guarantee a place in the 2009 event. (Go to Entry Form at <http://pilhalloffame.org/events/golf.shtml>). They anticipate a full field.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD CHALK ARTISTS

The Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC) is once again sponsoring the Chalk Art Festival on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Hillsdale Farmers Market. We need chalk artists to add their artwork to the sidewalk. We are especially looking for 3D chalk artists. To volunteer, please contact Linda Doyle (WAAC Board member) at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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2009-2010 STATEMENTS ARTICLE DEADLINES

If you would like to have news articles included in the Statements, below are the due dates.

<u>News articles due</u>	<u>E-Mail/mailling dates</u>
Monday, September 21, 2009 for Oct/Nov news	October 12, 2009
Monday, November 16, 2009 for Dec/Jan news	December 7, 2009
Monday, January 11, 2010 for Feb/Mar news	February 1, 2010
Monday, February 22, 2010 for April/May news	March 15, 2010
Monday, April 19, 2010 for June/July news	May 3, 2010
Monday, June 21, 2010 for summer/back-to school	July 12, 2010

WHS DAILY BULLETIN If you don't already receive the Daily e-Bulletin, contact Sara Mattheisen at: smatthei@pps.k12.or.us.

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT? Send the details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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WILSON CLUSTER CHALK ART FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Hillsdale Farmers Market, sidewalk in front of Rieke Elementary School from 10am to 2pm. It is FREE. All ages/abilities welcome! Supports arts programs at Wilson HS, Robert Gray MS, Jackson MS, Hayhurst School, Capitol Hill ES, Rieke ES, Markham ES, Stephenson ES, Maplewood ES. Click here to learn more: <http://www.wilsonarts.org/chalk-art/chalk.htm>.

THE HILLSDALE MICROCINEMA, SEPTEMBER 15

On Tuesday, September 15 from 7-9:30pm, The Hillsdale MicroCinema at the Watershed Building (6388 SW Capitol Hwy (corner of Bertha) will be hosting "Youth Perspectives in the Media", with a partial screening of two local films nearing completion. The filmmakers will be present for discussion. (1) "Play Again", a documentary exploring a culture where children spend more time in front of screens than out in nature. (2) "The Escape of Middle C", an animated/live action film about a kid from another planet who can only be healed through music but his own father has made music illegal. \$5 suggested donation. "Play Again" is mainly a family film - and the content of the film uses visuals that teenagers see on a daily basis, recommended parental guidance for children under 10. For more information call, Julian Lauzzana at (503) 626-8740 or email: jlauzzana@gmail.com. This event is produced by Primal Digital, LLC, www.primaldigital.com.

HILLSDALE ART, CRAFT AND DESSERT AUCTION, SEPTEMBER 19

Hillsdale Community Church, UCC, is holding a Hillsdale Art, Craft and Dessert Auction on Saturday, September 19 @ 6:30 pm. Featuring arts and crafts for ALL BUDGETS from local wood-carvers, photographers, painters, knitters and more... A great time to get a head start on your HOLIDAY SHOPPING. Silent and live auction. Enjoy delicious hand-crafted desserts. Entry is FREE. Hillsdale Community Church UCC, 6948 SW Capitol Hwy in Portland, Midway between Multnomah and Hillsdale. For more information call 503-246-5474. All ages welcome. Child care available. Auction benefits the Pipes and Pipes Project of Hillsdale Community Church United Church of Christ.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Wilson High School Official Alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.htm>.

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS

To find out about upcoming Class Reunions go to: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions.htm>.

POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS - Send the details to [Linda Doyle](#).

PPS ATHLETIC WEBSITE Daily WHS Sports Schedules at <http://www.pilathletics.com/>

PHONE NUMBERS Wilson High School 503-916-5280 ... Attendance 503-916-5294 .. Athletic Hotline 503-916-3689

WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURE www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us

FACULTY/STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION - If you would like to contact faculty or staff at Wilson go to: www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WILSON

all dates are subject to change; **always check events for possible date/time changes**
check with your counselor to confirm time, location, requirements for SAT and ACT test dates

AUGUST 2009

25 Junior Registration

A-G @ 8-9 AM

H-M @ 9-10 AM

N-Z @ 10-11 AM

25 Senior Registration

A-G @ 12-1 PM

H-M @ 1-2 PM

N-Z @ 2-3 PM

26 Sophomore Registration

A-G @ 8-9:30 AM

H-M @ 9:30-11 AM

N-Z @ 1:00 to 2:30 PM

27 Freshman Registration

A-G @ 8-9:30 AM

H-M @ 9:30-11 AM

N-Z @ 1:00 to 2:30 PM

29 Community Care Day 9-Noon

SEPTEMBER 2009

3 Teacher Planning Day

4 School Closed

4 Football, Madison @ WHS 7:30pm

7 Labor Day School Closed

8 First Day of School

8:00-11am Make-up Registration

8:15-10am Freshman Orientation and Exchange Students Orientation

10:15-3:15 All Grades

8 Site Council 3:30pm

8 Booster Club 6:30pm

9 Full Day for ALL students

11 Football, Barlow @ WHS 7pm

11 Back to School Dance

12 ACT testing

13 Chalk Art Festival, Hillsdale Farmers Market 10am-2pm

14 Grad Night Planning 7pm

17 PTA meeting 7pm

18 Football, @ West Linn 7pm

18 October ACT registration deadline

21-22-23 Fall Play Auditions

22 Parent Pizza 6pm

22 Back-to-School Night 7pm

25 Football, Sunset @ Wilson 7pm

26 Men's Choir @ Willamette University

OCTOBER

1 November SAT Registration deadline
2 Powder Puff Football 7pm
6 Club Fair @ lunch
8 Football vs Grant @ Lincoln 5pm
9 Statewide In-service No School
10 SAT testing
12 Grad Night Planning 7pm
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Booster Club 6:30pm
13 College Info Night 7pm
14 PSAT for Sophomores
15 One Act Auditions
16 Football, Lincoln @ Wilson 7pm
19-23 Homecoming Week
20 Teenage Brain Presentation 7pm
21 Performing & Visual Arts College Fair @ PSU 7pm
23 Picture Make-up Day
23 Football, Benson @ Wilson 7pm
23 Homecoming Dance
24 ACT testing
25 National College Fair @ Convention Center
26 PPS College Symposium for Juniors @ Convention Center 9-12
27 Band Concert 7pm
29 Wilson Choirs Fall Concert 7pm
30 Business Career Pathways Fair
30 Football @ Franklin 7pm
30 December SAT Registration deadline

NOVEMBER

6 Teacher Planning Day No School
6 Football @ Jefferson 7pm
6 December ACT Registration deadline
7 SAT testing
9 Grad Night Planning 7pm
10 Site Council 3:30pm
10 Booster Club 6:30pm
11 Veteran's Day No School
13-14 Fall Play 7pm
15 Fall Play 2pm
17 Fall Sports Awards 7pm
19-20-21 Fall Play 7pm
21 Wilsingers @ Schnitzer 7pm
23 Conferences 5-8:30pm
24 No School, conferences 8:15-Noon, 1-4pm, 5-8:30pm
25 No School
26 Thanksgiving
27 No School

DECEMBER

4 Wilson Choirs @ Grotto 8pm
5 SAT testing
8 Site Council 3:30pm
8 Booster Club 6:30pm
8 Financial Aid Night 7pm
10-11 One Acts Performances
12 ACT testing
14-15-16 Winter Play Auditions
14 Grad Night Planning 7pm
15 January SAT registration deadline
17 Winter Choir Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
21-Jan 1 Winter Break

JANUARY 2010

4 School resumes
5 February ACT registration deadline
11 Grad Night Planning 7pm

JANUARY 2010 CONTINUED

12 Site Council 3:30pm
12 Booster Club 6:30pm
12 Band Concert 7pm
16-17 Wilson 24 for 8th Graders
18 MLK Jr Day, No School
23 SAT testing
27 PTA meeting 7pm
30 Winter Formal

FEBRUARY

1 Teacher Planning Day No School
4 March SAT registration deadline
4 8th Grade Family Night 7pm
6 SAT testing
8 Grad Night Planning 7pm
9 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Booster Club 6:30pm
15 President's Day No School
19-20 Winter Play 7pm
21 Winter Play 2pm
25-26-27 Winter Play 7pm
26 Career Pathways Fair
27 PIL Choir Solo Ensemble

MARCH

5 April ACT registration deadline
6 PIL Band Instrumental @ Grant
8-9-10 Spring Play auditions
8 Grad Night Planning 7pm
9 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Booster Club 6:30pm
12 Spring Dance
13 SAT testing
15 Annual Art Exhibit @ Baker & Spice opens
16 Winter Sports Awards 7pm
18 Choral-O-City
19 Improv Marathon
22-26 Spring Break

APRIL

8-9-10 MUN Conference
9 Teacher Planning Day No School
9-10 Drama Trip to Ashland
10 Auction @ MAC
10 ACT testing
12 Grad Night Planning 7pm
13 PIL Choral Festival @ Cleveland
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Booster Club 6:30pm
14 Band Concert 7pm
24 Spring Clean-up 9-Noon
24 Culture Night
25 Baseball Pancake Breakfast
28 ACT testing for Juniors
29 June SAT registration deadline

MAY

1 SAT testing
3-4-5-6-7 AP testing
7 June ACT registration deadline
7 Prom
8 6A State Choir Festival @ George Fox University
10-11-12-13-14 AP testing
10 Grad Night Planning 7pm
11 Site Council 3:30pm
11 Booster Club 6:30pm
14-15 Spring Play 7pm
16 Spring Play 2pm
20-21-22 Spring Play
25 Band Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
25 PTA 7pm
27-28 Trojanantics 7pm
31 Memorial Day No School

JUNE 2010

3 Senior Awards Assembly, Senior BBQ

4 Troscars

5 SAT testing

8 Site Council 3:30pm

9 Graduation rehearsal 9am

9 Graduation Memorial Coliseum 8pm

12 ACT testing

15 Last Day of School

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