



## Wilson Spotlight

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### 2010 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS NAMED

Wilson is proud to announce our **five** Semifinalists in the **2010** National Merit Scholarship Competition. **Luke de Oliveira, Jenica Funk, Thomas Hollenberg, Zoe Palmer, Cameron Shishido**. More than 1.5 million juniors in over 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Program last year by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). The Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. Next step in the competition is to qualify as a Finalist. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition- including an outstanding academic record throughout high school and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist are also expected to participate in leadership in school and community activities. Our talented Wilson students have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million. Winners will be announced in April. Congratulations to our students and their dedicated parents, **R Percival de Oliveira and Holly Whittleton; Charles and Laurie Funk; Stanley Hollenberg and Molly Kellogg; Leanne Palmer; Nolan Shishido and Sarah Armitage**.

### STUDENTS JUMP IN WITH HEAD, HEART AND HANDS OVER THE SUMMER

This summer three Wilson students, **Oren Bulka** (junior), **Dylan Stokes** (senior), and **Fiona Dearth** (junior) volunteered with *Amigo de las Américas*. They traveled to Latin America and lived there for two months working with local communities creating positive change in underdeveloped areas. Oren and Fiona went to Paraguay. Dylan went to Nicaragua.

When **Oren** first started his involvement with *Amigo de las Américas*, he had no idea what was going to happen. "All I knew is that I wanted to change the world, to do something to make the world a better place. As the months of Amigos training passed, I became more excited for my upcoming volunteer experience. At first, I had to wait and see where Amigos was going to send me. It didn't matter - I just wanted to make a difference. Then, I was told that I would go to Paraguay for eight weeks! I read every book about Paraguay I could find! Throughout the summer, I saw how I could really change lives in so many different ways. I helped my host community build a playground, taught classes to younger students, and planted community gardens. Now the children in my host community have a safe environment to play in! I helped improve their lives! The difference I made is small, but it can inspire young leaders to cause more positive change in the years to come. Each year, *Amigo de las Américas* inspires young volunteers like myself. It gives confidence and strength to those involved. I spent two months of my summer living in Paraguay! There's no better way I could have spent my summer vacation!"

**Fiona** had a fabulous summer in Paraguay with the *Amigo de las Américas* program. She lived with a family in a small, rural community in San Pedro, north of the capital, Asuncion. During the summer, Fiona organized the local community to build fuel-efficient stoves, plant a community garden, teach school kids lessons on health and environmental stewardship and plant over one hundred trees. Of her summer experience Fiona says, "I loved living with my host family in a very welcoming traditional community. It was an awesome summer!" Her parents, Rosemary and Chris, were very impressed with the sustainable development philosophy and organization of Amigos. They would recommend it to any Wilson students seeking an international experience.

**Dylan** spent 6 weeks in Matagalpa, Nicaragua through the *Amigo de las Américas* program. "While in Nicaragua, I lived in a rural village called 'La Granja' just outside of Matagalpa with a family of 5 people. I collaborated with two partners from around the U.S. and together, with the community we built a community house. Though not our only project, it was the central focus. Some other projects included: teaching environmental topics to kids and teenagers, fundraising for our central project, painting a community mural, creating organic compost piles, organizing community trash pick ups, and using free time constructively, there is always something you can do! For me, it was the most amazing experience of my life, and I now have a clear idea of what I want to do with my life because of it. In addition, it proved to me that a group of a few dedicated individuals CAN make a huge impact on many peoples lives, in a short period of time. There is no greater feeling than knowing you have touched many peoples lives, and formed life-long friendships countries and cultures away."

## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**John Nelson '64** received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon in 1969 and a Master of Urban Design and Regional Planning from University of Edinburgh ('73), Scotland. John was in the Army Reserve and lived in the United Kingdom and Illinois from '71 to '77 and relocated back to Portland. John is a Board Member and Director of Planning Services at [Maul Foster Alongi, Inc.](#), and environmental science and engineering firm in Portland and Seattle. He is currently building a houseboat of his own design and will live at Sauvie Island. John adds, "A great place for a WWHS party!" He also enjoys downhill skiing, sailing, travel, reading, family and college football. When asked about influential teachers, John tells us that his most influential teacher was Mary Bunce, 8th grade at Bridlemile school. She was an artist married to Louis Bunce, and introduced John to art and music which led him to pursue a career in architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning. He also enjoyed trips to the art museum with Christina Whitlock. Words of wisdom for current Wilson students... "Go to the U of O! And avoid photo radar on BH Highway (I got caught last year)." He also believes that Hillsdale is not the same without Peterson's Ice Cream shop, Lynch's Market and Piggly Wiggly.

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## **COOKIES NEEDED**

We're providing cookies for Back-to-School Night this coming Tuesday, September 22. We still need LOTS of store-bought cookies to feed the hungry crowds who will be there. We could have as many as 1500-2000 people there, so we need a lot. If everyone can bring a few packs of cookies, we'll have enough. Please drop the cookies off at the main office as soon as possible, no later than Tuesday morning. And please make sure they're clearly marked for Back-to-School Night. Thank you again for all your help! [Mopsy Ballard and Kathy Phillips, PTA Hospitality Co-Chairs]

## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 22**

Tuesday, September 22 is Wilson High School's Back-to-School Night. This is your opportunity to: Support the Booster's Pizza Dinner Fund-raiser; Have counselors answer your questions; and Experience a "mini" version of your students day and hear from their teachers. Student pictures will be available for pick-up in the Auditorium Foyer Pizza Dinner Fundraiser (Front Patio/Vermont Side) 5:30 pm. Q & A with Counselors 6:00 – 6:30 pm. General Welcome by Sue Brent, PTA, Booster & Grad Night 6:30 – 6:50 pm. Classroom "mini-day" starts at 7:00 pm.

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS LEADERS FOR THIS YEAR, SEPTEMBER 23**

Please come to a meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at lunch in room 224.

## **WILSON PTA ALL-SCHOOL AUCTION, KICK-OFF MEETING SEPTEMBER 30**

The Wilson PTA All-School **Auction** will be held this year on **April 10** at the **MAC**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very special Wilson event which will benefit all Wilson activities, including the arts, athletics, music, academic programs, clubs, club sports and others. The auction committee needs your help! Please come to our **kick-off meeting Wednesday, September 30** at the **Wilson faculty lounge (near main office)** at **7:00pm**. At this first meeting we will be discussing the allocation of funds from this year's auction and the timeline for auction activities throughout the year. We welcome your ideas and energy. Questions or ideas? Please contact auction co-chairs Chris Dearth or Lisa Massinger ([wauktion@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:wauktion@pps.k12.or.us)).

## **INSIDE SCOOP ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT HILLSDALE LIBRARY, OCTOBER 6**

Feel uncertain and stressed out about what to put on your college application? Do you want to know what colleges are looking for in their applicants? Do you want to know how to find and best apply for scholarships? This workshop presents the 10 most useful tips to produce the best application you can. Learn about developing your emotional Intelligence, the best study methods for the SAT, and picking compelling essay topics. Free tickets for seating will be available at the reference desk 30 minutes prior to the program. Tuesday, October 6, 4-5:30pm, Hillsdale Library.

## **WILSON LIBRARY - TUTORING**

The Wilson Library will be offering tutoring in most subject areas after school every day. We also will offer extended library hours on Mondays and Wednesdays - staying open until 4:30 p.m. The library will open every morning at 7:30 a.m. except on Wednesdays, when it will open at 8:30 a.m. We will have tutors available on Wednesday mornings as well.

## **WILSON WRITING CENTER**

The library also will have the Wilson Writing Center open during block periods or by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## **TEEN LOUNGE & HOMEWORK CENTER IS OPEN, HILLSDALE LIBRARY**

Use library computers, get homework help, or just do your homework and listen to music. For teens in grade 6-12. Thursdays beginning September 17, 2:30-5:30pm, Hillsdale Library.

## ENJOY DINNER AND SUPPORT FOOTBALL

Stop by Casa Colima Mexican Restaurant (6319 SW Capital Hwy. 503-892-9944) in Hillsdale on Varsity Football Game night, before or after the game. Mention you are a Trojan and 20% of your bill will be donated to Trojan Football. Varsity Game nights: 9/25, 10/8, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6.

## ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PARENTS

Please help us make the 2010 PTA Grad Night Party a memorable celebration! This event only happens with parent involvement. We have many positions to fill. Graduation is on June 9, 2010 so mark your calendars and come help make it a great night for our seniors! The kickoff meeting was September 14 @ 7:00 pm in the WHS faculty lounge. **Future meetings will be held the SECOND MONDAY of each month.** If you have any questions, contact Debi Corah [corahs@live.com](mailto:corahs@live.com) 503-244-6608, Kim Kilhefner Juaire [kim\\_k\\_juaire@msn.com](mailto:kim_k_juaire@msn.com) 503-697-4236.

## PTA SCRIP ORDERS

Get your Scrip order in... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at [schulte@easystreet.net](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net) at 503-244-5072.

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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/mailing dates</u>
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](mailto:smatthei@pps.k12.or.us).

**HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT?** Send the details to Linda Doyle at [lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lsdoyle@earthlink.net).

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## WILSON YOUTH BASKETBALL - REGISTER NOW

Wilson Youth Basketball (grades 4 through 8) is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 basketball season. We have programs for both boys and girls. Go to [www.wilsonyouthbasketball.com](http://www.wilsonyouthbasketball.com) to register and to learn more about our program. Janine Blatt, Wilson Youth Basketball Association President

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## WILSON BAND PERFORMANCES/CONCERTS

Home Football Games where Pep Band is playing:

- Friday, Sept. 25, vs. Sunset
- Friday, Oct. 16, vs. Lincoln
- Friday, Oct. 23, Homecoming vs. Benson

Concerts & Other Activities: (all at Wilson unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Fall Concert
- Tuesday, Jan. 12: Winter Concert
- Wednesday, April 14: Pre-Festival Concert
- Thursday, April 15: PIL Festival (not at Wilson)
- Tuesday, May 25: Spring Concert

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## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

All schedules subject to change!

Friday, October 2 Powder Puff Game. Participation forms are available in Room 121, along with practice schedule.

Monday, September 21, 2009

- Men's Soccer Varsity Beaverton @ Wilson Stadium 4:15
- Men's Soccer JV Beaverton @ Rieke 4:15
- Men's Soccer JV2 @ Tigard (Cook Park) 4:00 Early release 2:10 Bus 2:30
- Women's Soccer Varsity @ Barlow H.S. 7:00 Early release 2:10 Bus 2:30
- Women's Soccer JV @ Barlow H.S. 4:00 Early release 2:10 Bus 2:30
- Women's Soccer JV2 Riverdale @ Gabriel Park 4:15

## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

No contests

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Women's Soccer JV2 @ Camas (Doc Harris Stadium) 6:00 Bus 4:00

Men's Soccer JV2 Wilsonville @ Gabriel Park 4:15

Cross-Country @ Hood River H.S. 4:00 Early release 1:10 Bus 1:30

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Women's Soccer Varsity St. Mary's @ Wilson Stadium 7:00

Women's Soccer JV St. Mary's @ Rieke 4:15

Football JV @ Sunset 4:30 Early release 2:40 Bus 3:00

Football Frosh Sunset @ Wilson 4:00

Volleyball @ Marshall 5:00 / 6:30 Bus 3:45

Friday, September 25, 2009

Football Varsity Sunset @ Wilson 7:00

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Volleyball Varsity @ Tigard H.S. Tourney 8:00 am

Volleyball JV @ West Linn H.S. Tourney 8:00 am

Volleyball JV2 @ David Douglas H.S. Tourney 8:00 am

Women's Varsity Soccer, PIL League -- Wilson VS:

Lincoln 9/29 7:30 PM at Lincoln

Grant 10/7 4:15 PM at Rieke

Franklin 10/13 7:00 PM at Franklin

Lincoln 10/15 7:00 PM at Wilson

Cleveland 10/20 7:00 PM at Cleveland

Grant 10/27 4:15 PM at Grant

Franklin 10/29 4:15 PM at Rieke

JV Women's Soccer schedule:

Sep 29 Wilson JV vs Lincoln 4:15PM (Gabriel)

Oct 7 Wilson JV vs. Grant 4:15PM (Gabriel)

Oct 15 Wilson JV vs. Lincoln 4:15PM (Rieke)

Oct 20 Wilson JV @ Cleveland 4:15PM (Woodstock)

Oct 27 Wilson JV @ Grant 4:15PM (Rose City)

Varsity Football Schedule 2009 Season. JV and Freshman schedules see [www.TrojanTouchdownclub.org](http://www.TrojanTouchdownclub.org).

Sept. 25 Sunset @ Wilson 7:00

Oct. 8 Wilson v Grant @ Lincoln 5:00

Oct 16 Lincoln @ Wilson 7:00

Oct 23 Benson @ Wilson 7:00

Oct 30 Wilson @ Jefferson 7:00

Cheerleading Competitions

Feb 13 - Varsity Cheer State Competition (place, time TBA)

Feb 14 - Junior Varsity Cheer State Competition (place, time TBA)

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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](mailto:Linda.Doyle).

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

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**WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURE** [www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us](http://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](http://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

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

21-22 Auditions for the fall play, The Children's Hour  
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 PTA 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  
20 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser all day  
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 PTA 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 PTA 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 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm  
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 PTA 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 PTA 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 PTA 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 PTA Auction @ MAC  
10 ACT testing  
12 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm  
13 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser, all day  
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 PTA 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 Trojanatics 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

9 PTA Grad Night Party

12 ACT testing

15 Last Day of School

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