



## Wilson Spotlight

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### WILSON STUDENTS IMPRESS AT SYSTEM DYNAMICS CONFERENCE

Wilson students made a big splash at the International System Dynamics Conference in Albuquerque in July 2009. To a standing-room-only crowd, **Marcus Robinson '09**, **James Ranney '09**, and **Joseph Kibe '07** presented the system dynamics models they had created while seniors at Wilson. Kudos go to Wilson's speech and debate coach, **Matt Compton**, whose speech instruction contributed to the students' very effective presentations. It was suggested that these students could teach other presenters at the conference a thing or two. In the afternoon, on Wednesday, July 29, there was also a K-12 poster session where students displayed models. **Henry Li '12** participated in the poster session, as did Marcus, James, and Joseph. The students, again, represented Wilson well as they successfully explained their models and fielded questions from engineers from Sandia, Argonne, and other National Labs, professors from MIT and many other universities, and business people from around the world. The student models presented were:

James Ranney '09: *What is the Impact of Introducing an Invasive Species Into an Ecosystem?*

Marcus Robinson '09: *How Much do Carbon Emissions Need to be Reduced in Order to Stop Global Warming?*

Henry Li '12: *The Transportation of Milk - How is it Impacting our Environment?*

Joseph Kibe '07: *Can automakers cope with the increasing demand for hybrid gasoline-electric vehicles?*

There is a nice write-up on the *isee* systems website about the Barry Richmond Scholarship that was presented to James and Marcus at the conference banquet at: <http://blog.iseesystems.com/news-announcements/2009-barry-richmond-scholarship-award/>. Other students' models, created in the Wilson System Dynamics Modeling course, were also displayed at the poster session. An engineer from Sandia National Labs asked for **Travis Mandel's '07** paper on 'Breaches in Airport Security' because his group at Sandia was building a similar model and it contained some of the same components found in Mandel's model. Other requests were made for modeling students' work.

*[Submitted by Diana Fisher, Wilson teacher - Advanced Math, Computer Programming, and System Dynamics Modeling]*

### WILSON SENIOR STUDIES JOURNALISM OVER SUMMER

**Katie Gourley**, senior, attended Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism this summer. She was among eighty high school juniors from all over the world who were chosen to discover, by immersion, what it means to be a journalist; the students are affectionately called "Cherubs." Admission to the program is competitive, and decisions are based on ability and merit. Katie lived in a dorm, attended classes day and night, and had assignments that took her all around the Chicago area developing and writing stories for various media. And her parents, **Cecily Gourley** and **Daniel Taylor**, are very proud of Katie and tell us that as a sideline to all else, her web page design was chosen for this year's Cherub Blog; check it out at: <http://www.medillcherubs.org/>. Katie is this year's WHS Statesman Editor-in-Chief and also writes the "High School Confidential" column for the Southwest Community Connection newspaper. She has been writing various things for the Connection over the last couple years. Read some of Katie's stories at: [http://www.swcommconnection.com/features/story.php?story\\_id=125113276512445200](http://www.swcommconnection.com/features/story.php?story_id=125113276512445200;); [http://www.swcommconnection.com/features/story.php?story\\_id=123541624677814100](http://www.swcommconnection.com/features/story.php?story_id=123541624677814100) and [http://www.swcommconnection.com/news/story.php?story\\_id=121735418923387100](http://www.swcommconnection.com/news/story.php?story_id=121735418923387100). Her first "High School Confidential" column is in the just released September issue. Congratulations, Katie!

### TWO JUNIORS AT HARVARD THIS SUMMER

**Sean Klein** and **Amy Lorber**, Juniors at Wilson High, took college classes at Harvard and lived on campus for 7 weeks this summer. Sean took Computer Programming and Amy took Astrobiology and they both took a Intro to US Government Class. They both got As in their classes. They worked hard but also had a great time in Boston and Cambridge. It was an amazing experience for them to take classes at Harvard and interact with students from across the US and from all over the world. *[Submitted by Elizabeth Klein]*

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**Colin Reese** from the **Class of 1996** may have taken a circuitous route after leaving Wilson, but he always had a sense of purpose. Today, Colin is a Research Scientist, but how did he do it? ... Portland Community College, University of Washington, then Stanford. Read more at: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/alumni-spotlight/c.reese.html>.

## DEDICATED SUPPORTERS CLEAN UP CAMPUS

On August 29 over 55 dedicated supporters of Wilson High School came to school for the 6th Community Care Day. Volunteers spent the morning getting the campus ready for the new school year. To read more and check out the photos, go to: <http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10597>.

Next steps: Our spring cleanup is Saturday, April 24 from 9-Noon and will include cleaning the outside campus, as well as more inside painting. And our ever-present and delicious BBQ.

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## REMINDERS ABOUT FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

To help ease the 1st day of school transition, here are some updates. Thank you for supporting Wilson High School. We are looking forward to working with you!

- 1. Make-Up Registration:** If you did not make it to August registration, please come to make up registration between 7:45-10am on Sept 8th. You will start the process in the cafeteria, receiving your packet and student ID card. You will then proceed to the bookkeeper to pay for supplies, and finally the textbook room for books.
- 2. All Students:** You must pick up a **new Schedule (COLOR)** on the first day of school. We will begin passing out Freshman schedules at 7:45AM right outside of the Auditorium Foyer. ALL upper classmen can pick up their schedules starting at 9:00AM in the main hallway (these will be alpha by grade). **This new color schedule is your ticket into class.** If you do not pick up the new color schedule, your teacher will send you to the main hallway to pick up the fresh schedule.
- 3. Locker Information:** We had problems with the junior class lockers. When juniors pick up their fresh schedules, the new locker and combo will be on the fresh COLOR schedule. For those of you (other than juniors) that had locker issues, we will have students, parents and a campus monitor available on Tuesday morning to help. Many of the issues are user error, so please feel free to ask for help. Just ask that you are patient while we work out the kinks.
- 4. Lifetouch** will be here to replace ID cards on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. After Sept. 8th, we will not have the ability to replace cards until mid- October.
- 5. Show your Wilson Spirit---** This Friday, Sept. 4th at 7:30PM is the **1st home football game.**
- 6. Parking:** In the registration packets, you will find the student parking permit request form. Please fill out this form and send back to the school (main office) the first week of school. We will be assigning permits to seniors and then raffling off all remaining permits to juniors. The main parking lot is for juniors and seniors only. Sophomores may use the Mary Rieke parking lot or street parking. Parents, please remind students to not park in staff, custodial or visitor parking.
- 7. Volunteering--** To help with the 1st days of school, we are looking for parents to help us with the following needs. Contact Erica Meyers [emeyers@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:emeyers@pps.k12.or.us), if you are available to help out with these needs.
  - Help with passing out schedules Tuesday, Sept. 8th (7:30-8:30 AM shift or 8:30-10:30 AM shift, or both).
  - Help sorting out returned registration packet materials (1 week of school Tuesday-Friday)

## 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: 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/8, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6.

## SEEKING INTERNS FOR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

The Southwest Community Connection, Southwest Portland's neighborhood newspaper since 1994, is **seeking interns for the 2009-2010 school year.** Interns will be expected to write approximately one article per month (sometimes none, sometimes two), but may be required to rewrite that article until it is acceptable. Eligible candidates will be good communicators (on and off the page), respectful of deadlines and skilled enough to shoot pictures at their own events. Responsible young adults who are interested in print journalism should send a resume and a cover letter to Shasta Kearns Moore (Editor, The Southwest Community Connection) at: [skearns@commnewspapers.com](mailto:skearns@commnewspapers.com). In return for your hard work you will receive experience, clips and one-on-one advice. This is an unpaid internship and so far does not give school credit. The **deadline to submit your application is 8 a.m. on Sept. 28.** All applicants will receive a response.

### WHAT DID YOUR STUDENT DO THIS 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. Let us know what they did this summer, we'd love to share it in the next Spotlight. Send details to Linda Doyle at [lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lsdoyle@earthlink.net).

### 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 will 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. 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. 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 [SteveRudolph@eaton.com](mailto:SteveRudolph@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.

### 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/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](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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### CHALK ART FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for the Chalk Art Festival on 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! Celebrates 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>.

### FOOD FRONT IN HILLSDALE CELEBRATES 1ST BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Come celebrate Food Front's first year in Hillsdale on Sunday, September 13 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Join them for free hot dogs, music and fun!

### 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](mailto:jlauzzana@gmail.com). This event is produced by Primal Digital, LLC, [www.primaldigital.com](http://www.primaldigital.com).

## THE LOVE YOUR VEGGIES™ GRANT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The makers of Hidden Valley® Salad Dressings are now accepting applications for the 2009-10 Love Your Veggies™ grant program to help schools execute innovative programs that will increase the access to, and consumption of, fresh fruits and vegetables in the lunchroom. Each grant award will support an elementary school in developing a program offering fresh vegetables and fruits lasting through the 2010-11 school year. Each school grant will consist of \$10,000 in direct funding.\* Grant awards will be based on proposals that demonstrate need, innovation, greatest likelihood of sustainable impact on the students they are serving, and potential for community involvement. Funding must be spent on any of the following: • Fresh produce (vegetables and fruits); • A vegetable station (such as a dedicated salad bar); • Kitchen equipment (primary usage must relate to proposed program); • Program staffing (cafeteria personnel, lunchroom staff, etc.); • Nutrition education supplies; • Food Safety Training. Proposals must be submitted by Nov. 6, 2009. Learn more at: [http://www.loveyourveggies.com/school\\_grants.php](http://www.loveyourveggies.com/school_grants.php).

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## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

All schedules subject to change!

Monday, September 7, 2009

No contests

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Men's Soccer JV @ Lakeridge 4:30 Early release-2:40 Bus-3:00

Men's Soccer Varsity @ Lakeridge 7:00 Bus-5:30

Women's Soccer JV/V @ Sherwood 5:00 Early release-3:10 Bus-3:30

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Men's Soccer JV2 @ Riverdale 4:15 Early release-3:00 No bus

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Football Frosh Barlow @ Wilson 4:00 Early release- 2:50

Football JV @ Barlow 4:00 Early release-1:55 Bus-2:15

Women's Soccer JV Tualatin @ Rieke 4:00 Early release-3:00

Women's Soccer Varsity Tualatin @ Wilson 6:00

Friday, September 11, 2009

Football Varsity Barlow @ Wilson 7:00

Men's Soccer JV @ McKay 3:00 Early release / Bus-TBA

Men's Soccer Varsity @ McKay 4:00 Early release / Bus-TBA

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

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

Sept. 4 Madison @ Wilson 7:30

Sept. 11 Barlow @ Wilson 7:00

Sept. 18 Wilson @ West Linn 7:00

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

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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](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

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  
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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