



Wilson Spotlight

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SENIOR SPENT SUMMER EXPLORING COMPLEX SYSTEMS

This past summer, **Connor Ward**, Wilson senior, secured an internship with Thetus Corporation, a Portland-based technology company that helps people research, document, visualize, and model the behavior of complex systems. Connor was introduced to Thetus when he attended a "hackathon" in May. During his internship, he researched and compiled data on the sustainability portfolios and profiles of energy companies. By doing so, he was able to provide his employer with more detailed information which could then be incorporated into its analysis models. Connor enjoyed working with such an innovative company and learning to work with their cutting edge software. Well done Connor, and congratulations to his parents, **Tina and Jay Ward**.

WILSON STUDENTS' WRITING RECOGNIZED

Nicholas Diaz-Hui's poem is being published in the 2011-12 Writers in the Schools (WITS) Anthology, *Que hay un Fuego / There is a Fire*. In fact, the title of the anthology comes from his poem.

According to Mel Wells (Program Coordinator), a total of 10 students from Wilson will be published: **Nick Diaz-Hui, Sage McCormick, Elissa Gonzales, Kyle Finch, Serena Johnson, Shade Baldwin-Standard, Cecelia Crimmins, Ally Ion, Zack Swafford, and Sally Loughney**.

Writers in the Schools (WITS) is a program of [Literary Arts](http://www.literary-arts.org) and hires local, professional writers to teach creative writing residencies in classrooms in Portland's public high schools and several alternative schools. The print anthology is a collection of the best student work created during these residencies. WITS also provides professional development for teachers, visits by world-famous authors, and books, tickets, and transportation for high school groups to attend Portland Arts & Lectures. Visit the WITS website at: www.literary-arts.org/wits and their blog at: www.witspdx.com.

Nick Diaz-Hui will be reading his poem at the WITS Fundraiser Luncheon at Bluehour on October 16. Nick and other published Wilson students may also be reading on December 4 at the Anthology Launch Party at Powell's Books on Burnside. "It is a wonderful thing to see bilingualism celebrated in our public schools," states Nick's mother, **Marti Diaz**. "Our home is a bilingual place, but so is our country. I am very proud of our son Nicholas, it will bring great pride to me to hear my son read his poem in Spanish. Estoy muy orgullosa de ti hijo. Tu madre."

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. Send details to Linda Doyle at: Lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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WILSON PTA MEETING TONIGHT, September 24, 2012

Tonight is the first Wilson PTA meeting of the 2012/2013 School year. The meeting will be held in the Wilson School Library and will run from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. At tonight's meeting we will approve the Standing Rules and the annual budget, have a speaker to discuss the School Bond which is scheduled to be on the ballot in November, and Brian Chatard - the new principal - will discuss his vision and plans for Wilson. We really hope to see you there! Coffee and cookies will be served. Thank you, Dina Temkin, Wilson PTA President

EVER WONDER HOW LINDSEY VONN AND BODIE MILLER TO BE OLYMPIANS?

With practice, coaching and race experience!

If you're a skier with a passion for fun, please join the 2012 Wilson Ski Team for these two important sessions:

Tuesday, Oct 9, 7:00: Informational Meeting at Wilson

Tuesday, Oct 23, 7:00: Registration at Wilson

Parent Contact: Tina Ward (503) 245-0464

Become a better skier while learning to race in the process. Dryland training starts in November. Have fun with your friends on the snow! We Offer:

- Expert, experienced coaching to improve skills.
- Righteous teammates who will help and challenge you
- On hill training mid-week after school at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl during the season--Ski Bus included.
- Saturday races against 3-Rivers League opponents
- On-line monitoring of race results
- December Training weekend at White Pass Ski Resort in Washington.
- Racing begins in January and goes through the first of March.
- Seven regular season races occur on Saturdays.
- State Championships held the first of March each year.

Click here for all the details:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/2012SKI_SeasonOutreach.pdf.

THANK YOU

Thank you Wilson families for supporting the Wilson Booster Club with your pizza purchases on Back-to-School Night! The Booster Club raises funds to help clubs, sports and activities at Wilson. Other ways you can support Boosters - Become a member! Check out our Wilson merchandise! Purchase concessions at games! Volunteer! For more information, check our website

www.wilsonboosterclub.com.

TAKE A "SAMPLE" SAT FOR ONLY \$15, NOVEMBER 9

You will gain valuable experience for the real SAT tests. The questions presented are from the current tests, so the practice almost guarantees you'll improve your scores when you take them for real. Having taken this test under lower stress conditions, it will help you feel less stress when you take the real tests. No one will see your scores but you, you get your individual results within two weeks and college-bound advice as well! **Friday, November 9, 2012 - WILSON HS CAFETERIA** Check in starts at 10:45 AM, testing begins promptly at 11 AM, you should be finished by 3 PM (This is a teacher planning day, but we're still letting you sleep in!) **Deadline is Oct 24.**

Registrations forms are available in the office or click here for the registration forms:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/Wilson_Sample_SATACT-1.doc.

NOTE: A sample ACT test will be administered on February 1, 2013 in the same manner. Questions can be directed to Maureen at: reeniebl@comcast.net.

FIELD OF DREAMS

Wherever there has been space to play, the history of genuine athletic success has always been found on the level playing fields of the past and thanks to the donations and efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the Wilson community will seek to continue this historical precedent with the **Wilson Fields Improvement Project**. Click here to read more about this impressive and crucial project happening at Wilson right now:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/WilsonFieldsImprovementProjectPressReleasefinal.pdf>

BOOSTER CLUB BUILDS STRONGER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The Wilson Booster Club has many opportunities to become involved, meet new parents and help build a vibrant environment for Wilson High School. We can't do it without you, so please consider joining us. Membership forms are in the registration packet or check out our web page at:

www.wilsonboosterclub.com.

CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL HAT AND T-SHIRTS ON SALE

5A State Championship 2012 Baseball hats (\$20) and tee shirts (\$15) are available for purchase in the bookkeeper's office, room 120 at Wilson. Get 'em while they last!

CONCESSIONS/ WILSON MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE NOW

Concessions and Wilson Merchandise available at all levels of Football, Volleyball and Soccer games (those games played on the main field)! Come check out our new gear and show your Wilson spirit!

CHESS CLUB FIRST MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24

The Wilson Chess Club will have its first meeting of the year on Monday, September 24, at 3:30 in the Computer Lab, Room 143 and meet each school Monday through March. Whether you're experienced or don't know how to distinguish a rook from a knight, it doesn't matter -- all are invited to come learn, play, and compete in a club with a long history of success in state competitions. From blitz games against friends to longer, thoughtful tournament games against other schools, we will try it all, improving focus and logical thinking while enjoying this dynamic and complex game. Contact parent advisor Jeff Dobbins, sjdprods@yahoo.com, for more information.

DOUGH FOR DOLLARS, SEPTEMBER 25

Wilson Foundation and Hillsdale Pizzicato team up on September 25th! Pizzicato will donate 20% of all sales that day to our Foundation to fund additional teacher at Wilson – a great time to buy gift cards for the future or for your hungry teen, throw a pizza party, or simply enjoy a yummy dinner. ALL sales are included that day, so tell friends, neighbors, family to BUY BUY BUY! No flyer needed.

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP AT REED COLLEGE, SEPTEMBER 27

Reed College is offering a general college application workshop for high school students, **College 101**, to serve as an introduction to the process. We are inviting students and their parents to join us on **September 27** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm** in **Gray Campus Center rooms C and D** for an informative seminar on the basics of college, from application to arrival. The goal of College 101 is to help students find the best college fit, be able to apply to colleges most effectively, and to feel prepared once they're admitted. They will lead with a half hour presentation about financial aid, followed by a half hour about the college admission process, and will close with a discussion about college life, student involvement, and campus diversity.

GIVE BLOOD, SEPTEMBER 28

On Friday, September 28th we're having our first blood drive of the year. Sign-ups are available in the office - remember that it's an Odd Block day! If you're 16 or under, you need a Parental Consent packet.

DESIGN AND WRITING CONTESTS, DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 28

What does Wilson mean to you? Design the front cover for the 2012-13 Wilson Student Directory - or - write a poem or short piece for the Directory. Winner of each contest will receive a \$40 gift card that can be used anywhere. Design Contest: Artwork must be original, in color or black and white. It can be a photo or photos, drawings, paintings or computer generated. Must fit on 8 ½ x 11 space and must include clearly somewhere the following language - "Wilson High School 2012-13 Student Directory" and "Sponsored by the Wilson PTA." Writing Contest: Writing must be original – no longer than 1 page 1-½ spaced. Submissions must be **received by 3:30 pm on Friday, September 28th**. Put the artwork/writing in the PTA box in the school office or email it to: karenrussell@mac.com. Questions? Contact Karen Russell at: karenrussell@mac.com, or 503-314-1303.

TAG NEWS, SURVEY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28

Dear Parents, In collaboration with the TAG Parent Advisory Council (TAGAC), the Office of Talented and Gifted want to learn more about your understanding and experiences of TAG services in PPS. In an effort to gain comprehensive insight from the diverse families that we serve, we will be conducting a series of activities for parent and student participation. Please click the link to take the survey: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/tag/7811.htm>. Survey available until September 28, 2012.

YOUNG LIFE, OCTOBER 1 @ 7:29pm. Follow us on twitter, facebook and instagram!

LIKE TO SKI? JOIN THE WILSON SKI TEAM! ... OCTOBER 9 meeting

Come learn about the Wilson ski team at an informational meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 9th in the Teachers Lounge at Wilson.

WILSON FOUNDATION'S HOUSE PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA! OCTOBER 13

On the evening of October 13th, multiple house parties will be held across the Wilson area. EVERYone is invited. Party hosts determine the format of their party (whether or not there's a theme, food and beverage selection, actual start/end time, etc.). Wilson Staff will be out in numbers – supporting the school and chatting with parents and other supporters. There is no admission fee, but these parties are fundraisers and all attendees are expected to make a contribution to the Foundation. Foundation funds are the only way to pay for additional certified teaching staff. Your donations will help us to reach our goal of increasing course offerings and decreasing class sizes. Your contribution is needed! RSVP to the recently-sent Evite or email wilsonhighschoolfoundation@gmail.com. We will match you up with a party of supporters with similar interests – whether your student's interests are tennis, drama, football, softball, choir, Speech and Debate...or any other of the wide variety of choices our students enjoy at Wilson. RSVP today!

PSAT/NMSQT Test at Wilson, OCTOBER 17

All sophomores will take the **PSAT/NMSQT** test on **Wednesday, October 17** at Wilson High. Oregon Dept. of Education provides this test, at no charge, to all sophomores. Each high school will administer it to their own students on this day. No pre-registration is needed for sophomores – this will happen in class. Juniors are encouraged to sign up to take the test as well for a chance to compete for the National Merit Scholarship. The cost is **\$20 for juniors** to take the test and you can sign up with our bookkeeper now through **October 3rd**. The cost is \$5 for students on Free & Reduced lunch. If other financial assistance is needed, please see Abby Menashe in the main office. All grades will have school that day starting at **8:15am**. There will be changes to the bell schedule that day which will be explained in advance. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is a national standardized assessment that measures various skills your students will need for higher education and careers after high school. It provides firsthand practice for the SAT® and gain access to college and career planning tools. It also gives juniors a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs. Additional information as well as listing of study sites for the exam are available in the main office. For more information, contact Abby Menashe x75203.

2012-13 STATEMENTS E-NEWLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Monday, October 15, 2012 → for November/December news

Monday, December 3, 2012 → for January/February news

Monday, January 28, 2013 → for February/March news

Monday, March 11, 2013 → for April/May news

Monday, May 6, 2013 → for June/July news

Monday, June 24, 2013 → for August/September news

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS

PURSE/BAG DONATIONS WANTED, DONATE TODAY!

The 3rd annual **IN THE BAG: benefit for the arts at Wilson** is just around the corner. We are collecting new, gently-used purses, bags, clutches, briefcases, messenger bags. Buy a new one, Ask a friend to donate, Clean out your closet. Also, do you have any connections with a celebrity that might donate a bag? Let us know. **Today, drop off at:**

Paloma Clothing → donate here, receive coupon for 20% off any one item,
one coupon per customer, good for two weeks after purse drop off

KeyBank Hillsdale

Switch Shoes & Clothing → drop your purses off and receive coupon for 20% off one item

Sip D'Vine Wineshop

UPS Hillsdale

Anne Bocci Boutique Multnomah

Wilson, Erica Meyer's office

Questions: Linda Doyle (Lsdoyle@earthlink.net) 503-539-7240
Jaci Evans (JLE184@comcast.net) 503-502-7612

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VOTE FOR RIEKE ES

Please vote in support of Rieke Elementary in the Live 95.5 L'il Critters Healthy Habits contest. This grant would help Rieke add equipment to the playground and possibly install a filtered water dispenser in the cafeteria. You can vote as many times per day as you have time for! Please spread the word! To vote visit: <http://www.live955.com/pages/school5k>. Even though the website says voting ends September 3, it is NOT over yet. Rieke is in 3rd place, so please VOTE.

SWNI Save the Date: WESTSIDE CANDIDATES FORUM, OCTOBER 16

Tuesday, October 16, 2012, Meet and greet the candidates at 6:30 pm, Forum 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219, (TriMet #44, #45). Residents are invited to meet the candidates for mayor (Charlie Hales and Jefferson Smith) and city commissioner position #1 (Amanda Fritz and Mary Nolan). The focus will be on westside neighborhood livability and prosperity issues. The moderator will be Dr. Richard Clucas, Professor of Political Science at Portland State University. The event is free and open to the general public. The event is being sponsored by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.; Neighbors West-Northwest; and Multnomah Neighborhood Association. For more information, contact: Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director. Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI). 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219. 503-823-4592. Email: sylvia@swni.org. Website: <http://www.swni.org>, <http://www.nwnw.org/>

JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Jackson Middle School's Ensemble Choir has been invited to a choral competition in New York this Spring. To help raise money for the trip we are partnering with Portland Center Stage. Attend one of the following plays and parents will receive \$5 off each adult ticket price: Sweeney Todd, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The SantaLand Diaries. In addition to your \$5 off, Portland Center Stage will donate \$10 to Ensemble for each adult ticket sold. Click here for the flyer:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/Jackson_Middle_School_Choir_Fundraiser.pdf

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES AT WILSON

Susan Kuznitsky, instructor, is offering After School Art Classes at Wilson. Classical Charcoal Drawing. Learn to draw like the masters. A classical approach to drawing. 8 week session \$160.00. Mondays October 1st - December 3rd, 3:30 - 5:30pm in Room 7. Class size is limited to 10. \$25.00 supply fee. To register contact Susan at: susankuznitsky@gmail.com or call: 503.519.8187. Click here for the flyer: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/ASAatWilson.pdf>.

LEARN SOCIAL DANCE AT MITTLEMAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Wilson students are invited to join the social dance classes at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Wilson students can take the dance classes at the special member rate of \$7. Regular rate for non-members is \$10. Classes are Wednesday evenings, starting October 3. Learn Club 2-step and Fusion Waltz. No Partner Required. Application and parental consent forms are on the community bulletin board across the hall from the office at the MJCC. Class size limited.

www.join-the-dance.com.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - All schedules subject to change. Check with coaches and the players.

Monday, September 24, 2012

Men's Soccer – JV2 HRV @ Wilson (Rieke) 4:15 **Early release-3:00**

Women's Soccer – JV2 HRV @ Wilson (Gabriel Park) 4:15 **Early release-3:00**

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Men's Soccer – JV Tigard @ Wilson (Gabriel Park) 4:15 **Early release-3:00**

Men's Soccer – Varsity Tigard @ Wilson (Stadium) 7:00

Volleyball - @ Roosevelt 5:00 / 6:30 (**No JV2 match**)

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Cross-Country - @ Pier park 4:00 **Early release-2:00 Bus-2:20**

Men's Soccer – JV2 vs. Franklin @ Marshall 4:15 **Early release-2:50**

Women's Soccer – JV2 vs. St. Mary's @ Buckman 4:15 **Early release-2:50**

Volleyball - @ Lincoln 5:00 / 5:00 / 6:30

Thursday, September 27, 2012

Football – Frosh Jefferson @ Wilson 4:00 **Early release-2:50**

Football – JV Franklin @ Wilson 6:00

Men's Soccer – JV @ Tualatin 4:00 **Early release-2:40**

Men's Soccer – Varsity @ Tualatin 7:00

Women's Soccer – JV Wilsonville @ Wilson (Gabriel Park) 4:15 **Early release-3:00**

Women's Soccer – Varsity Wilsonville @ Wilson (Rieke) 4:15 **Early release-3:00**

Friday, September 28, 2012

Football – Varsity @ Jefferson **6:00 Bus-4:00**

Saturday, September 29, 2012

Volleyball – Varsity @ Oregon City Tournament 8 am

Volleyball – JV @ Lakeridge Tournament 8 am

Women's Soccer Schedule:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/WilsonWomenSoccerV_JV_2012Schedule.pdf

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WHS Daily Bulletin Send to: wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE? Send the details to Linda Doyle at: Lsdoyle@earthlink.net

PTA SCRIP ORDERS, ORDER SCRIP NOW ...Get your Scrip order in ... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at: <mailto:schulte@easystreet.net> or call 503-244-5072.

SCRIP

Thinking of buying holiday or thank you gifts for your employees or clients? Then think scrip. Scrip is an easy way to support Wilson PTA that doesn't cost you anything extra--simply purchase gift cards for Fred Meyer, Kaady Car Wash, or many other local vendors. Orders are collected every Monday. Go to: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/931.htm> for order forms.

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ALUMNI NEWS ... Wilson High School official alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com>

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

WILSON GRADUATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN MILITARY

To add your name and information to the archive of Wilson Military Graduates, click on this link: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/Military.html>.

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

PHONE # Wilson 503-916-5280 . Attendance 503-916-5294

Note: PPS Athletic hotline is no longer in service. The Wilson Main Office will have the information when games are changed.

WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURE <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

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

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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

For complete calendar listings, see official school calendar online at: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

Please note: schedules can change at the last minute. Always check with your student, or teacher/coach, or call the school to confirm.

SEPTEMBER 2012

24 PTA Meeting 7-8:30pm
25 Wilson Pizzicato Dough For Dollars fundraiser
28-29 Wilsinger/WAVE Retreat
28 Football @ Jefferson 7pm

OCTOBER

13 Wilson Foundation House Parties
15 deadline to submit article for Statements → for November/December news

NOVEMBER

9 Practice SAT, 11am
11 3rd annual IN THE BAG: BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS purse sale --- donate bags today!

DECEMBER

3 deadline to submit article for Statements → for January/February news

JANUARY

28 deadline to submit article for Statements → February/March 2013 news

FEBRUARY

1 Practice ACT 11am

MARCH

11 deadline to submit article for Statements → April/May 2013 news

APRIL

27 next Wilson campus spring clean up

MAY

6 deadline to submit article for Statements → June/July 2013 news

JUNE

12 Graduation 8pm Memorial Coliseum. Rehearsal 9am.
24 deadline to submit article for Statements → August/September 2013 news

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