

# WHS Staff Appreciation

## 2019/2020



The 2019/2020 school year was full of changes. However, one thing that remained the same was WHS staff's commitment to students. Students were asked to comment on how WHS staff made an impact this school year. Below are a few of the comments.

### Shawn Sussman, Senior

"I very much appreciated the assistance, support, and relationships built with Ms. Files, Mr. Nolan, Ms. Van horn, Mr. Hristic, and Ms. Wolff."

### Selah Monsef, Sophomore

"Nurse Shaleem & Ms. Lanzas are really good people, because even when they are doing their jobs at school, they find time to be kind and social with students."

### Anonymous, Senior

"Mr. Sahler is a really good teacher. He puts by far the most effort into his job."

### Anonymous, Sophomore

"Mr. Bartlo is the best teacher I've ever had. I absolutely vibe with him. Computer science was by far the class I learned the most in this year."

### Ryan Booth, Senior

"Thanks to Mr. Nolan for always helping out the Lax team with making sure we always have a place to practice and play."

### Josephine Newgard, Senior

"My counselor, Danny Bradach, helped me with difficult transitions back into the learning environment. He supported me and offered advice during difficult times. Not all counselors feel the need to make a personal connection with their students, but he did with me and it was very comforting."

### Sarah Woods, Sophomore

"Mr. Hunter is an awesome teacher who's always looking out for his students. He incorporates little things into the schedule to give students breaks while still learning more whether it's about the topic or about fellow classmates. I really enjoy how he has the students work to get to know each other because for some classes there are students you don't know even halfway through the school year."

### Alena Ordaz, Senior

"I love every single one of the people in the building and they are all wonderful."

### Jace Smith, Senior

"Thank you to everyone who works at Wilson and doing their best to stay positive through all that's going on."

### Sundus Ahmed, Junior

"The nurse at WHS has not been just a nurse to students, but also a support system. Her door was always open for anyone looking for someone to advise them, someone to express their feelings and thoughts to on things that were worrying them, and most importantly someone that was willing to listen to them. I am grateful to have met someone as compassionate as her."



## What is your favorite high school memory?

- First soccer game of freshman year.
- Winter Formal 2018.
- Camping with Mr. Olsen on the wilderness trip.
- Sports games with my friends.
- Senior night football game. Even though we lost it was still awesome to play one final game with my brothers/ teammates and also my coaches.
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- Last summer, a few weeks before school started, the cross country team had a retreat in Tillamook. We slept in greenhouses, went for a scavenger hunt in a corn maze, swam in a river, watched movies, participated in games, and so much more. And we ran A LOT. Over the course of 3 days, I believe most of us ran around 35 miles. I'd never been so sore in my life, but it was such an amazing experience.
- Performing and getting 2nd in state for choir.
- Probably the smith rock trip with Mr. Olsen's class, or traveling to California with my cheer team freshman year.
- Watching our Varsity Women's Tennis #1 doubles team win their semifinals match to make it to State.
- It's difficult to remember much about school with what's happening right now. I remember really enjoying the student store and its events, though.
- The relationships I have built with my teachers and all of the incredible moments in classes. The Smith Rock trip for wilderness first aid was incredible and I will remember the experience forever. The mink dissection in anatomy was so fascinating and such a unique experience I feel so lucky to have had. The city-wide poetry slam I got to attend twice was amazing and something I will never forget. Holding fire (methane bubbles) in chemistry was so much fun. The respiration lab I did in AP bio this year was fascinating and such an incredible learning opportunity. Feminist Union club meetings were inspiring and I got to meet some of the most amazing people.
- Camping with Mr. Olsen on the wilderness trip.
- Senior year West Side Story. The varsity volleyball game at home against Lincoln high school. It was the best volleyball game with the rivalry seeming to be at movie height. It made me proud to be a part of Wilson high to have a student body so invested in our game.
- Playing lacrosse with all my amazing friends and teammates these past four years.





## Most Memorable Teacher/Teachers at Wilson High School. What makes them memorable to you?

- Mr. Minato, Mr. Loveless, Ms. Diamond. All were teachers that I not only enjoyed as instructors but also as people.
- Mr. Miller. He is a really awesome drama teacher and he gives every student such inspiration.
- Mr. Walmer. Best teacher in the school.
- Camping with Mr. Olsen on the wilderness trip.
- Mr. Loveless, Mrs. Diamond, Mr. Trezise. There are no nicer teachers than these three. No one cares more about the subjects that they teach than these three. When I had no place to be, I always went to one of their classrooms. They are all welcoming, kind, and hilarious.
- Ms. Durham is the most memorable teacher of mine. She has a distinct teaching style; her class was fun as well as educational. She made everything, even learning grammar interesting. I still see her as a mentor even though she's no longer my teacher.
- Mr. Carlson, as his TA for 2 years we got to hang out a lot and it was awesome to have him as an awesome photography teacher.
- I had Ms. Brown for freshman year physics and she's just incredible. I would look forward to 4th period every day because I knew she would joke around with me and the other students while doing our activities. She was always very flexible and understanding and really cared about all of her students. Even though I'm not in her class anymore, I feel like we still have a connection because she says hi to me whenever I see her. Ms. Brown even came to a cross country meet once to cheer us on!
- Mrs. Murer - she loves and supports her students so much and is the craziest teacher I've had by far. She cares about choir deeply and makes sure every day is eventful and fun.
- Mr. Stremming was memorable to me because he always pushed our knowledge to be found outside of the classroom as well as finding it in our normal textbooks. One assignment in particular he had us accomplish was studying a particular cult during a cult/religious psychology unit. A couple of my classmates and I went to a Church of Scientology and interviewed a member there. We were really pushed to view a perspective that was different from our own even if it wasn't something we didn't necessarily agree with. I really liked his class because I got to grow while learning in a fun and friendly environment. He helped me with my work but a really amazing thing he did was take that extra step towards learning what refinement means. He was an amazing teacher!
- Mr. Olsen— he always puts his students first, and makes sure what you're learning is always applicable in the real world. He teaches the class based on what the students want to learn, not what he wants the students to learn.
- Ms. LeMier, always puts students first. She has always not only been a teacher for students, but someone you can go talk to if you ever needed anything. She is an outstanding teacher that makes sure students are getting the most out of her class.
- Mr. Haddon, despite my lack of effort on class work in his anatomy class, Mr. Haddon gave me much leeway and allowed me to learn at my own pace. After having him for the past 3 years, Mr. Haddon was another support system for me on my darkest days and always found a way to lighten them and keep the class light and fun.
- Keith Higbee, Tony Petraglia, Aaron Olsen, and Michael Potter. These four teachers helped get me through some of the hardest times in my life. They were understanding and cooperative with any questions I had or work that I needed help with. They created a comfortable environment that made me feel special and like I had purpose in the classroom. They are all incredible teachers and props to them for everything they do.



## Most Memorable Teacher/Teachers at Wilson High School. What makes them memorable to you?

- Mr. Nohner. I had him for two years in a row (and I'll have him again next year!). He's taught some of the most fun math classes I've experienced.
- Mrs. Whatmore: You have gone above and beyond the expectations of a teacher. I have been so lucky to have known you for all four years of my high school life. You have helped me through some of the hardest points in my life and have been one of the best support systems I have ever had. You help inspire a passion for learning and a want to continue to do better. You are the kind of teacher who truly goes above and beyond for her students and I couldn't be more grateful for all of your help, support, advice, and kindness.
- Mr. MacDicken. The first class I had with you was freshman biology class and it fueled my love for science. Your classes were so different and engaging I fell in love with the subject. You went above and beyond to make your classes meaningful and interesting. You are so supportive and so helpful I don't know if I would've truly ever continued in science had I not had your class. I was so fortunate to have you as my AP Bio teacher this year and I have learned so much. You are such a supportive and fun teacher who really impacted my high school experience and what I want to do with my life. In your class, I always got the impression that the education meant so much more than the grade. You were always happy to sit down and talk through any confusions I had about the material as well as the thousands of questions I always had no matter how simple or annoying they may have been. You are an amazing person who is incredibly supportive and one of the best teachers I have ever had.
- Mr. Loveless because of his excellent teaching and sense of humor.
- Ms. Kolesar or Coach K. She was always in a good mood and lifted everyone around her to be in such the same. I was a Teacher Assistant for her two years in a row as well as in her weight training class. Her smile could almost make your day!
- Profe Durham is a really memorable teacher. She teaches Spanish really well and is always looking to better improve her students Spanish by greeting and conversing with students in the hallway in Spanish. I hope I can have her as a teacher again someday.
- Ms. LeMier, Mr. Ray, Ms. Diamond and Ms. Jenkins they have all played a big part in my schooling and helping me when I need it. They have never given up on me and I am beyond thankful for each and every one of them.
- Mr. Olsen has been the most memorable teacher to me. He is super fun in the classroom and puts adventure into his teaching. I'll always remember how he combines his sarcasm with his support when it comes to communicating with his students. My best memory with Mr. Olsen was on his annual Smith Rock field trip with Wilderness/First Aid doing night scenarios.
- Ms. Satoorian is by far the most memorable teacher at Wilson High School. Her energy, her positivity and her dedication to not only teach, but be a support system for all the students at Wilson High is what makes her memorable. She is always going to great lengths to help her students succeed.



## The Teacher and/or Teachers at Wilson High School who have inspired or motivated you the most?

- Mr. Minato
- Mr Guthrie has inspired me to be a better forensic scientist even though my dream job doesn't necessarily require those skills.
- Mr. Walmer
- Mr. Carlson made me passionate about my photography and pushed me to create amazing work.
- Mrs. Diamond, Mr. Trezise, Ms. Kolesar
- Mr. Rabchuk motivates me to be a better student and person. He has so much knowledge, and his class pushes me to work harder. He acknowledges each individual student's needs, and works to help those that struggle. Whenever I missed school, Mr. Rabchuk helped me get back on track.
- Mr. Matthews because we share a lot of the same interests such as sports and history. He also always made me laugh in class.
- I have always been really inspired by Mr. Potter. One thing that sticks out to me is his devotion towards helping kids whenever they need. He rides his bike to school every day (regardless of weather!) and is there no later than 7:30. If you need help after school or even just want to chat, Mr. Potter will still be in his room. I also love how he wears a different tie to school every day. Thank you for everything you do.
- Mr. Minato - though I don't like physics, he has inspired me far beyond science and has taught me to love learning and question everything in the universe. He is one of the best teachers I've ever had, not because of the learning, but because of the passion and love he has for school and his students.
- Ms. Scott
- Keith Higbee and Aaron Olsen
- Mr. Nohner. He made me feel like I was capable of doing math, which has never been one of my strong suits. I will always keep his support in mind while I continue to struggle with mathematics.
- Mrs. Whatmore, Mr. MacDicken, Mr. Olsen, and Mr. Petraglia
- Mr. Carlson made me passionate about my photography and pushed me to create amazing work.
- Mr. Potter. Ever since I went into his classroom Junior year he always thought so so highly of me. He believed I was a very smart kid and always let me know. He kept pushing me in class all the time. He motivated me to try harder in my classes and live up to what he thought I could become. He told me I could be anything in life if I tried hard enough. I appreciate his support throughout my high school experience a lot. He even made sure to check on me when times got tough and helped me get through.
- Mr. Minato is definitely the best teacher I've ever had. He's a really fun teacher and is a really good teacher. He makes class so much fun with all of his jokes and all of his stories. He also makes lectures really short without depriving students of the necessary information which is really appreciated. I also really enjoy and appreciate how he teaches students through experiments/examples because it's really helpful.
- The teacher that helped me stay motivated the most, especially during my junior year, is Mr. Minato. His love for teaching and helping students really made my time in AP Physics 1 and junior year in general so much easier to get through. I knew I could count on him with anything because he cared about his students' well-being both mentally, emotionally, and physically. I am thankful that I was able to have him as a teacher.
- Ms. Mohammed has inspired me to be the best version of myself that I can be. She has always taken time out of her day to make sure that she was there to support and help us with whatever we needed whether it was club planning, homework help, emotional support, etc. Whenever I was feeling down at school I, like many other students, always found myself in her classroom and left feeling better than I did when I walked in.

## Who has been your advocate at Wilson High School and if you feel comfortable, what has this person done to support you?



- Mr. Loveless, Mr. Matthews
- Myself, because I strive to be an advocate for people who don't necessarily have one.
- Mr. Olsen has motivated and supported me in all aspects of life since I met him when I was a freshman.
- Mrs. Diamond. She always was there to talk when I needed someone to talk to, she always took time out of her day to answer my questions and provide help with whatever I needed help with.
- Mrs. Suehiro has been my advocate. API club is a safe space where I can share my culture without being judged.
- Mr. Kilpatrick-White aka K-Dub, you have no idea how many letters of recommendation this guy wrote for me. I even lost count. He has always been there for me both as a teacher and a coach.
- Mrs. Diamond. She always was there to talk when I needed someone to talk to, she always took time out of her day to answer my questions and provide help with whatever I needed help with.
- My counselor, Julie Fleming, has been my rock during my time at Wilson. I love when she greets me in the hallway, and you can talk to her about anything. Sometimes if I'm feeling anxious or super unmotivated in class, I go to her office and we talk for awhile.
- Mr. Miller - he has pushed me to do things I never thought I'd do before and has started me on my professional career in theatre. He cares about the theatre department and his students deeply and does all he can to make sure each student is supported in every capacity.
- Ms. Scott— after the death of a close friend, Ms. Scott was the first staff member/teacher to make sure I was okay, and to make sure that if I needed anything, she would always be there to talk with me. Ms. Scott would also talk to me about cheer, especially when I was most stressed. This doesn't sound like a big gesture, but her understanding of what I was most passionate about at the time, and being the only teacher that cared enough to talk to me about it was really supportive.
- Keith Higbee. Mr. Higbee knew the difficulties I had throughout high school and he helped me persevere through them and encourage me to keep pushing through. I owe him so much for how much he has taught me and how special he made me feel as a person when I felt the lowest about myself.
- I'm honestly fuzzy on her last name due to us always calling her by her first, but Alison, the yoga teacher, has definitely provided me (and many other students!!!) with lots of support. I always feel comfortable in her class and she allows me to do what I need to take care of myself, and offers tea and snacks during tutor times (or other times as well). I don't think I'll forget her when I graduate.
- Mrs. Whatmore, I passed out in your freshman English class. What followed this was almost a year of illness with no explanation as to what might be going on. This was really horrible time in my life, I lost a lot of friends and could only go to school part time. You were incredibly supportive through all of it. You were someone I could talk to and was so understanding. You really made a difference at that point in my life and I don't know what I would've done without your support. You have also been an amazing advocate for young women's rights in this school and have supported me and my friends through incidents of harassment at school. Your classroom will forever be my safe place and you are the most amazing and supportive advocate your students could ever have.
- Mr. Olsen has motivated and supported me in all aspects of life since I met him when I was a freshman.
- Mr. Higbee. He has always been there to listen to me through all my random trouble through the last couple of years of high school. Big or small problems he would treat with his full attention. He genuinely cares about his students and their well being. Higbee was always there if I really needed to talk to someone or just to take some time to collect myself in his classroom.