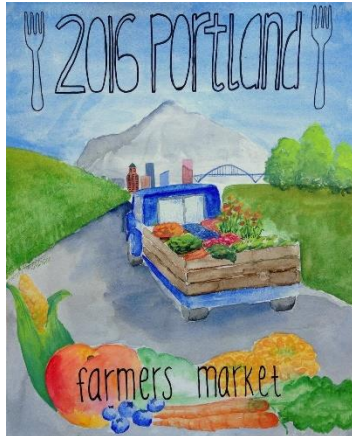


2015-16

June



Sophomore Audrey Jenkins Wins the Portland Farmers Market Bag Contest!

Sophomore Audrey Jenkins was one of the three finalists in The Portland Farmers Market Reusable Bag Design Contest, winning the grand prize on June 4th. Senior Taylor Bergstrom's design received the People's Choice Award. Audrey will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and her design will be printed on hundreds of canvas bags to be distributed at this season's Portland Farmers Markets.

Wilson Students Win Engineering Award!

Noah Koontz, Jacob Makuch and Ben Carleton won 3rd place in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) High School Photovoltaics Design Competition. The students designed a Solar Powered Beach Chair with built-in media center. Awesome job!

2016 Valedictorians

Alaina Benschung

Celeste Brown
Estee Emlen
Calvin Gagliano
Chase Howard
Brooklynn Loiselle
Emily Lutz
Jackson Miller (Highest Weighted Grade Point Average)
Elizabeth Nguyen
Sabine Pigg
Elle Sandifer
Mitchell Schenk
Guthrie Stafford
Michael Streinz

We Are Proud to Announce the Class of 2016 Will Attend the Following Schools in the Fall

Alfaisal University
Arizona State University
The University of Arizona
Boston University

Northeastern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon College of Art & Craft
Oregon Institute of Technology

California Baptist University	Oregon State University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Oregon State University, Cascades
Carleton College	University of Oregon
Central Oregon Community College	Pacific Lutheran University
Chapman University	Pacific Northwest College of Art
University of Colorado at Boulder	Pacific University
Colorado College	Portland Community College
Colorado State University	Portland State University
Corban University	University of Portland
Cornish College of the Arts	University of Puget Sound
Dartmouth College	Quest University Canada
DePaul University	Reed College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Santa Clara University
The Evergreen State College	Seattle Pacific University
George Fox University	Seattle University
Gonzaga University	Sierra Nevada College
Harvey Mudd College	College of the Siskiyous
Haverford College	Southern Oregon University
Lawrence University	Tulane University
Lewis & Clark College	University of Vermont
Linfield College	University of Washington
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Wellesley College
Montana State University, Bozeman	Wentworth Institute of Technology
The University of Montana, Missoula	Western Washington University
New York University	Willamette University
	Woodbury University

Wilson Scholarships, Class of 2016

Jodi Allen: University of Arizona Merit Scholarship.	Erin Magill: Ohio Wesleyan University Branch Rickey Scholarship.
Jacob Apenes: University of Portland Merit Scholarship.	Mikaela Mankowski: Western Washington University Western Achievement Award.
Nikolai Apenes: University of Portland Merit Scholarship.	Benjamin Markin: Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle Washington talent-based scholarship to study music composition.
Natasha Astrakhan: Health Care Career Scholarship from Kaiser Permanente, Linfield College grant and scholarship.	Elise May: Chapman University Chancellor's Scholarship and Chapman Grant.
Lesley Bahena-Patino: Ace Mentor Scholarship for students interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction management, and engineering.	Cassia McIntyre: University of Oregon Pathway Scholarship.*
Adelaide Beeman-White: University of Puget Sound President's Scholarship.	David Menashe: University of Oregon Harry Glickman Scholar Athlete Award, Summit Scholarship, and Oregon Jewish Community Foundation Scholarship.
Alaina Bensching: Santa Clara University Incentive Grant.	Sophie Merrill: 2016 Scholastic Gold Key Award for ceramic sculpture, Quest University Canada Scholarship.
Brenna Buckwalter: Linfield College Presidential Scholarship.	Carly Meyers: Gonzaga University Regent's Scholarship.
Gwyneth Bushman: Oregon College of Art and Craft President's Scholarship.	Mateo Minato: Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon Presidential Scholarship.
Liora Cahana: Evergreen State College Scholastic Achievement Award	Ian Morgan: Pacific Lutheran University Presidential Scholarship, Wilson Scholars Award.
Whitney Calvin: University of Oregon Summit Scholarship.	Aiden Nelson: Oregon State University Academic Achievement Award.
Nathan Couch: Pacific Lutheran University Academic Achievement Scholarship.	Colleen Murray: Lawrence University Grants and Scholarships.
Charlie Cowan: Oregon Promise Grant.	Alina Nussbaum: Pacific Lutheran University Scholarship and Merit Awards, St Luke Lutheran Church Benson Foundation Scholarship.
Ryleigh Crenshaw: Seattle Pacific University Athletic Scholarship (pole vault) and SPU Grant, Federal Pell Grant, and Federal SEOG Grant.	Chris Nussbaum: Pacific Lutheran University Scholarship and Merit Awards, St Luke Lutheran
Michael DeSimone: Seattle University Champion	

Scholarship.

Tariko Duarte: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Chancellor's Scholarship and University Grant.

Estee Emlen: Carleton College Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship, Rose Festival Scholarship.

Eddie Erickson: Sierra Nevada College athletic (lacrosse) and academic scholarships.

Lauren Gallison: University of Puget Sound President's Award.

Isabelle Garnand: University of Oregon scholarship, 2016 Gold Key for excellence in visual arts from the Oregon Art Education Association.

Kiana Gilzow: DePaul University Scholars Scholarship and DePaul Award.

Henry Hakanson: Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon Presidential Scholarship.

Evan Hamilton: University of Portland scholarship.

Chase Howard: Creighton University Founders Scholarship, NCAA Division 1 Athletic Scholarship (Cross Country/Track), Multnomah Athletic Foundation.

Joe Loprinzi Scholarship, Multnomah Athletic Club Scholar Athlete Scholarship.

Steffen Jacobsen: Portland State University Honors College Athletic Scholarship (football).*

Sam Jones: Western States Scholarship to the University of Montana.

Will Kleweno: Arizona State University New American University Scholar Award.

Jamie Kresl: Pacific Lutheran University Academic Achievement Scholarship, Q Club Scholarship, Access Grant, ELCA Confirmand Grant, PLU PLUM Grant, and St. Lukes Lutheran Church Benson Scholarship.

Brooklynn Loiselle: University of Oregon Honors College Summit Scholarship.

Emily Lutz: Oregon State University Scholarship.

Church Benson Foundation Scholarship.

Isabella Olvera: Mt Hood Community College 2-year academic scholarship for basketball.

Paul Parodi: Oregon Institute of Technology Presidential Scholarship.

Sabine Pigg: Santa Clara University Johnson Scholars Program.*

Katy Piwonka: New York University Scholarship.

Atiya Rauf: University of Oregon Diversity Excellence Scholarship and Pathway Oregon.*

Eleanor Sandifer: University of Colorado, Boulder, BOLD scholarship to Honor's Engineering Program, American Red Cross Scholarship.

Sierra Sexton: University of Vermont Presidential Scholarship and Athletic Scholarship (swimming).*

Evan Shreeve: 2016 Grieg Lodge Academic Scholarship to attend Oregon State University.

Nick Slenning: Pacific University Honors Scholarship, Pacesetter Scholarship, Oregon Student Achievement Award.

Ian Sloan: WUE merit scholarship at Western Washington University.

Guthrie Stafford: Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon Summit Scholarship, Hasson Scholarship.

Claire Swearingen: WUE merit scholarship at Western Washington University.

Ben Turker: University of Colorado Boulder Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship.

Sara Trejo: Minnesota State University Moorhead College Athletic Scholarship (soccer).

Xavier Triplett: Linfield College Frances R Linfield merit Scholarship, Computer Science Scholarship.

Jack Williams: WUE merit scholarship at Montana State University.

Maris Yurdana: Loyola University Damen Scholarship to the Quinlan School of Business.

Austin Zvoloski: University of Oregon Pathway Oregon Scholarship.*

*full tuition

This list may not be complete; scholarship information submitted by students and parents for schools students plan to attend in the Fall.

May

Sabine Pigg to Attend Santa Clara University on Full Scholarship



Wilson Senior Sabine Pigg has been selected as a Johnson Scholar at Santa Clara University, which includes a full-ride scholarship, acceptance into the Honors College, and stipends for summer travel and experiential learning. Her plans include a major in chemistry with tentative plans to go to medical school and an interest in Doctors Without Borders.

Sabine is very excited about the transition to college. She looked at schools all over the country, but says that "California feels right, and there are lots of opportunities for internships and jobs in the area. At Santa Clara they're focused on service and community involvement. They look at the big picture and educating the whole person."

During her four years at Wilson, Sabine has been a very active member of the school community, serving as an Associated Student Body leader in student government, co-heading four fundraising committees and raising a total of over \$5,000 for the Community Transitional School for underprivileged children in Portland. In 2014, Sabine spent two months of her summer in Costa Rica, living with two different families, attending school, and learning to adapt to new linguistic and cultural environments. She also plays varsity tennis and soccer, competes for Wilson's Mock Trial team, founded the school badminton club, and is a chemistry and math tutor for middle and high school students.

What has her experience at Wilson been like? "Awesome," Sabine says. She chose Wilson over St. Mary's and says she is "so, so glad. I pushed myself more rather than having external forces. I had super-supportive dedicated teachers who love helping kids learn." Her advice to other students: "Always take the extra class, do the extra club, join the extra sport even if you're not sure you can do it. If it sounds interesting or inspiring, just try it. I've done something new every year and never regretted it."

Congratulations, Sabine, and the best of luck next year!

Congratulations to Lesley Bahena-Patino!

She was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship from the ACE Mentor Program. The ACE Mentor Program of Oregon is an after-school program that helps Portland metro-area high school students find their paths toward great careers in Architecture, Construction and Engineering.

Wilson Alum Alicia Evans Named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in Rowing

Alicia is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin. Read more [here](#). Great job, Alicia!

Congrats to WHS Lifeskills Teacher Ray Panagopoulos!

Ray was selected by the ARC as Teacher of the Year for his outstanding work with individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities!

Congratulations to the Class Officers for the 2017/2018 School Year

Sophomore Class	Junior Class	Senior Class
Zoe Bennett	Belle Brooks	Corey Bissonette
Ryan Bernstein	Molly Cohen	Sagan Ghim
Mia Bowles	Anna Kien	Simon Haats
Andrew Harker	Emily Kline	Jackie Hudson
Ava Reisman	Diego Millan	
Rebecca Shore	Kian Mitchell	
Amy Sloan		
Sara White		

Congratulations to Next Year's Peer Counselors

Paige Adrian	Lauren Jensen	Maddie Molloy
Brigid Behrens	Noah Koontz	James Reynolds
Abdiaziz Belel	Garrett Leeper	Jaden Salama
Maggie Beutler	Lexa Machinski	Rose Seamount
Lillia Diaz	Sammy Magruder	Quinland Thompson
Colin Herring	Hale McCullough	Kyle Woodland
Clay Hunter	Margot McGovern	
Gracie Jacobson	Ihsaan Mohamed	

Oregon State Track Meet; Wilson Boys Team Finishes 9th

We had 12 athletes qualify for the State Track Meet: Ryleigh Crenshaw, Alex White, Alex Slenning, Chase Howard, Caleb Seely, Kian Mitchell, Chris Butcher, Isaak Simpson, Ethan Holmgren, Jack Dixon, Collin Ruth and Max Lommen.

Here are some results from the meet:

Collin Ruth: 2nd-place High Jump (6-6)

Alex Slenning: 5th-place 3000m (Alex broke the 32-year school record at 8:26.4, putting him on the all-time Oregon 3k list)

Caleb Seely: 4th 1500m (Caleb set a new school record at 3:54.05, putting him on the all-time Oregon 6A list)

Caleb Seely: 6th 800m (1:56.46)

Ryleigh Crenshaw: 5th Pole Vault (11-00, a new school record)

Wilson Students Row Their Way to Medals

Congratulations to sophomores Ben Sickler and Ben Urbach for their success in the final regatta of the year—the USRowing NW Regional Youth Championship, a three-day event at Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, WA. Rowing their first year as Novice Men for Lake Oswego Community Rowing (LOCR), the Bens received bronze medals for taking third place in their Quad (4-person) heat and after qualifying in a semi-final with a second-place status in an 8 (eight-person shell) went on to take bronze in the final. Both students advance to Varsity next season.

2016 PIL All-City Baseball and Softball Honors

Varsity Baseball

1st team: Sean Haxby, pitcher; Evan Shreeve, catcher; and Tommy Harvison, outfield

2nd team: Jackson Miller, infield

Honorable Mention: Noah Keough, infield; Cade Conklin, infield; and Alex Sabo, outfield

Fourteen Wilson Seniors Sign to Play Sports in College



Congratulations to them all as they spread the Trojan spirit! They are, from left to right: Eddie Erickson (Sierra Nevada College, Lacrosse), Michael Streinz (Harvey Mudd College, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Football), Xavier Triplett (Linfield College, Cross Country and Track), Ryleigh Crenshaw (Seattle Pacific University, Track and Field), Nick Slenning (Pacific University, Cross Country and Track), Chase Howard (Creighton University, Cross Country and

Track), Chris Nussbaum (Pacific Lutheran University, Cross Country and Track), Alina Nussbaum (Pacific Lutheran University, Cross Country and Tennis), Alexa Hinkley (Pacific University, Basketball), Makenna Clizer (Linfield College, Softball and Soccer), Katelyn Duilio (Lewis and Clark College, Softball), Maddy Tomastik (Wentworth Institute of Technology, Volleyball).

Not pictured: Emmett Burby (Ohio Wesleyan, Lacrosse and Football) and Bennett Feinstein-Smith (College of the Siskiyous, Football).

April

Verselandia Poetry Slam Results

Wilson Senior **Zoe Stuckless** competed in the fifth Annual Verselandia! Grand Slam competition on April 18th. Please congratulate her on her 4th-place tie! Twenty high-school students from PPS and other schools in Multnomah County performed their slam poetry onstage at the Newmark Theatre. The first slammer to perform in the second round, Zoe rose to the top as the contest became very tough.

ASB Election Results

The votes are in and a huge congratulations to our new ASB officers: **Maddy Conkle, Tali Emlen, Sophie Rubin,** and **Julia Taylor.** **Wesley Crawford** will be acting as ASB President and **Quinn Van Horne** will be acting as ASB Vice President. We had a wonderful pool of candidates this year and some exceptional speeches were given Friday. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Freshman Rides to State Championship Competition

Wilson Freshman **Alyssa Kline,** riding with the Lincoln High School Equestrian team, has qualified for the state championship in dressage, hunt seat, showmanship, Western equitation, and working pairs. The championship will be held in Redmond, Oregon, May 12-15. Congratulations, Alyssa, and good luck at State!

Speech and Debate Succeed at State

The Speech and Debate Team took 6th place in Class 6A at the OSAA State Tournament last weekend, finishing just two points behind the 5th-place team. Nearly every competitor made it to a quarterfinal or better. Congratulations to Aidan Sivers-Boyce (2nd place, Prose Reading), the team of Bryce Snyder and Hannah Borel (2nd place, Dual Interpretation), Fletcher Calcagno (7th place, Student Congress), Tosca Ruotolo (Finalist, Prose Reading), the team of Amy Rodgers and Moses Felberg (Finalists, Dual Interpretation), Andrew Foran (Semifinalist, Humorous Interpretation), Diana Herrera (Semifinalist, After Dinner Speaking), and the team of Michael Streinz and Benedicte Hamilton (Quarterfinalists, Public Forum Debate. Congratulations to the whole team for a great season.

Wilson Athletes of the Week, April 18-22

Boys Golf: **Atlas Asaro** shot a 74 in his last 18-hole event and has shot the lowest Wilson Score to date so far.

Girls Golf: As a freshman, **Jessica Ewton** has scored 34 and 39 nine points in her first two counting matches for the Trojans!

Model United Nations Awards

Members of Wilson's MUN won awards at the state conference held April 7 and 8 in Eugene: **Patrick Powers** and **Morgan Thiers** each won a Speaker's Award in their respective committees. Patrick won for best defender of his country and Morgan won for best consensus builder. Congratulations!

Wilson Students' Winning Concept

The Wilson PSU Innovation Team won the Strongest Concept Award at the April 9 PSU College of Engineering and Computer Science competition. This year's theme was "[Re]Fresh Our H2O." The Wilson team designed technological solutions to address problems facing humanity related to freshwater. All five of our team members will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend PSU Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science. A special thanks goes to Kate Morgan; her partnership and involvement with the Innovation Challenge has been essential to our team's involvement and success. Team members are **Aiden Nelson, Sam Behrens, Michael DeSimone, Sasha Leamy, and Jessica Peterson.**

March

Wilson Speakers Qualify at District Tournament—On to State!

Wilson hosted the PIL District Tournament this past weekend to qualify students for the State Tournament at Western Oregon University in Monmouth April 21-23. The Wilson team finished 2nd in individual event team sweepstakes and 3rd overall, and we will be taking our largest group of qualifiers to State since Wilson won the 5A title in 2009!

Congratulations to the qualifiers and alternates! Both top-two finishers PIL Dual Interpretations are from Wilson: Bryce Snyder and Hannah Borel (1st) and Amy Rodgers and Moses Felberg (2nd). Andrew Foran took 2nd in Humorous Interpretation and Adelaide Beeman-White took 3rd in Dramatic Interpretation, where Hannah Borel took 4th to be the State Alternate. In Prose Reading, Tosca Ruotolo took 1st place and Aidan Sivers-Boyce took 3rd. Diana Herrera took 2nd place in After Dinner Speaking. Amy Sloan was State Alternate with a 4th-place finish in Radio Commentary, and Michael Streinz was State Alternate in Extemporaneous Speaking (3rd place) and Impromptu (4th).

In Public Forum Debate, Michael Streinz and Benedicte Hamilton will compete at State based on Alternate Qualification in earlier tournaments throughout the year. In Parliamentary Debate, a team of first-year debaters, Bryce Snyder and William Sweek, went all the way to round four before being eliminated one step shy of the final.

Congratulations to the whole team for an amazing season, and good luck to our State Qualifiers!

Solo/Ensemble Festival District Competition Results

Congratulations to the Wilson Choral and Orchestral Music Department on a weekend filled with victorious talent and no less than four first-place wins!

State qualifiers:

Zoé De Boucherville-Dickson, Soprano: 1st Place

Maggie Conroy, Alto: 1st Place

Daniel Nyounai Herrera, Baritone: 1st Place
Wilson Advanced Vocal Ensemble: 1st Place
Alexandria Cameron Pizzo, Soprano: 2nd Alternate
Morgan Penk, Bass: 1st Alternate
Amelia Jamond, Violin: 4th Alternate
Riley Waugh, Violin: 3rd Alternate
Rowan McIntosh, Trombone: 1st alternate
Finn Henell, Trombone

Other Wilson competitors earning strong scores were Shelby Rosenfeld (Soprano) and Andrea Stone (Soprano).

Wilson Teachers Bartlo and Nohner Win Award

Chris Bartlo and Nick Nohner have won the Allen Distinguished Educators award, which comes with a \$25,000 prize. The contest rewards innovative education programs in engineering and was awarded to our Wilson teachers for their Computer Science and Math Modeling courses. Wilson offers four years of computer science, the only four-year program in the Portland area. Read more from the Oregonian [here](#). Congratulations Mr. Bartlo and Mr. Nohner!

February

Wilson Chess Team Takes Second Place in State Tournament

After five grueling rounds of chess against the top teams in the state—with several games lasting until the final seconds of the two-hour-per-game time controls—Wilson High School's chess team walked away from the Oregon High School Chess Team Association State Championship with second place overall in the state as well as second place in the 6A school classification.

Each member of the team made critical contributions to victories throughout the two-day event, held at Junction City High School on February 26-27. Jake Winkler, Nathan Jewell, Riley Waugh, River Bednark, and Arya Naghdi all helped accumulate wins for the team. Nathan, Riley, and Arya all also received 6A classification "top board" awards for their individual performances during the event.

This weekend's success comes on top of a successful season-long performance by the combined Wilson and Gray teams at the Portland Area League High School team tournament, which took place in twelve rounds—one a week—throughout the winter. In that event, which draws teams from throughout the metro area, Wilson's B team won second place in their division's round robin, while the A team won first place in the preliminary Swiss section of the event. In addition to the above players, Wilson students Evan Hamilton, Sophie Balthazaar, and Alex Duley, and Gray player Sophia Stedman, all helped the teams to victory. In addition to the team awards at the Portland league, players Nathan Jewell, Riley Waugh, River Bednark, Evan Hamilton, Arya Naghdi, and Ryuu Joy received individual board awards, while Chris Ng won an award for extra games played.

Wilson's 2016 Rose Court

Atiya Rauf
Estee Emlen
Ishara Handagala
Stacy Andrews

Wilson is proud to announce the selection of our 2016 Rose Court. Each of the nominees will deliver a speech at the Rose Festival Assembly on March 9, followed by a vote of our student body to select our Rose Princess. The results of the vote will be announced on March 17.

Wilson Robotics Team Makes Division Finals at State Championship

Wilson Robotics Team #7776, the Loose Screws, were division finalists at the First Tech Challenge State Championship held February 20 and 21 at Benson Polytechnic High School. The two days of competition included presentations to judges and on the field matches. After a fierce day of competition on Sunday, Wilson's team was honored to be selected as an alliance partner for the division finals—joining No.1-ranked Occam's Razor (Hood River HS) and Syntax Error (WA County 4-H). In a best of 2 out of 3, they made it to the third round before losing to the alliance led by world-championship winners Batteries in Black (WA County 4-H). The Loose Screws achieved their highest score of the season in their final match, breaking the 400-point barrier. What a way to end the season! The Loose Screws are led by Team Captain Sam Johnson (Junior) and includes: Thomas Lemoine (Sophomore), Noah Koontz (Sophomore), Benjamin Carleton (Sophomore), Duffy Martin (Sophomore), Sean Harrington (Sophomore), Elliott Chimienti (Sophomore), and Reid Amato (Sophomore). Each team member was awarded a "Division Finalist" medal. Way to go Wilson

Wilson Student Art Selected for Juried Exhibition at Oregon College of Art and Craft

The exhibition runs February 25 until March 10.

Congratulations to Madison Moorhouse, Isabelle Garnand, Catherine Lehman, Rylee Hilligoss, Sophie Merrill, Emma Carey, Alaina Bensching, Ivy Doxtader, Breonna Keller-Robbins, Gwyneth Bushman, Idit Cahana, Elsa Douglass, Andy Freeland, Celeste Brown, Zander Robinson, and Leo Gallatin.

The Loose Screws Advance to State Robotics Competition

Wilson Robotics Team The Loose Screws won First Place Winning Alliance at the Super Qualifier Tournament in Hillsboro on February 14. During the final elimination rounds The Loose Screws, together with its alliance partner Batteries in Black, set a new Oregon record for the highest score for this year's challenge. The Loose Screws is led by Captain Sam Johnson (Junior). As the first-place alliance from this tournament, The Loose Screws advance to compete in the Oregon FTC State Championship on February 27 and 28 at Benson High School.

Wrestlers Wrap it Up for Wilson

Congratulations to our PIL Wrestling Champs, Heavy Weight Markus Downs and #195 Steffen Jacobsen; they will be going to State along with Louie Rubenstein who took 3rd in #160. Wilson had a great showing overall:

Chase Howard 5th in #152
Jack Williams 4th in #152
Cameron Tindell 4th in #106
Noland Motes 6th in #132
Hunter Brooks 4th in #220

Congratulations to Wilson Cheer on Their Second-Place Finish at State!



Emlen Sisters Earn Honors

Senior Estee Emlen has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, which officially puts her in the running for scholarships sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in 2016. Scholarships will be announced in March. The Oregon Jewish Museum & Center for Holocaust Education has selected Sophomore Tali Emlen to participate in their Teen Leadership Council for 2016-17. Tali was selected due to her demonstrated commitment to social justice for teens and her vision for community-building. Congratulations Emlen Family!

Congratulations, Alexis Firpo!

Wilson Art student Alexis Firpo has been awarded a \$48,000 scholarship to Pacific Northwest College of Art for her senior art portfolio from Scholastic Art Awards. Great job, Alexis!

Wilson Athletes of the Week, February 8-12

Each week we feature players whose performance over the past several days stands out. This week we're proud of:

Steffen Jacobsen, Wrestling: Steffen won 1st place in his weight class at the Oregon City Tournament and 2nd place at the prestigious Hood River Tournament over the last two weekends.

Alexis Scaramone, JV Swimming: Alexis swam excellent races in the 50 fly and the 100 free at the JV Districts for Swimming last Friday.

Wilson Hosts Regional Acting Competition

Wilson High School hosted the Oregon Thespians Northwest Regional Acting Competition on February 6 and 7, bringing together roughly 500 theatre students from across northwest Oregon.

Beyond hosting, which was a phenomenal experience in itself, members of WHS' SouthWest StageWorks theatre company and the WHS Advanced Acting class competed in several categories alongside some of the top theatre schools in the state. Six students earned Regional Finalist recognition, meaning their scores placed in the top 20% of performers in the region: Noreena McCleave (10) and Julia Taylor (10) in Duet Comic-Novice; Zoe Stuckless (12) and Aidan Sivers-Boyce (10) in Duet Comic-Experienced; and Owen Ward (10), Wolf Morgan-Steiner (10), Julia Taylor (10), and Zoe Stuckless (10) in Solo Acting-Experienced. Furthermore, Sydney Roll (12) and Guthrie Stafford (12) qualified as State Showcase Qualifiers, allowing them entry into the Oregon Thespians State Showcase Auditions in Salem on March 31st.

The weekend also marked the debut of the student microplay festival "Shut Up! You Can't Tell Me What To Do. You're Not My Real Dad!" conceived and directed by Zoe Stuckless and Gwyneth Bushman, featuring the writing of Mattie Richardson (12), Olivia Balkam (12), Molly Girsch (11), Bekah Philbrick (9), Zoe Stuckless (12), Cassia McIntyre (12), Sofia Vilches (11), Sydney Roll (12), Elliott Braxton (12), Clementine Hage (9), and Guthrie Stafford (12). Rounding out the playbill were performances by Wilson writers Sidney Roll, Elliott Braxton, Guthrie Stafford, as well as Raven Wilson (9), Parker Callais (9), Amy Rodgers (10), and Elijah Moon (10).

Skiers at Wilson? Snow Way!

Freshman Wilson Ski Team varsity racer Haley Anderson won second place as an individual in Giant Slalom and Slalom in the Three Rivers League (TRL), qualifying her for the State Ski Racing Championships at Mt. Ashland in March. Haley is currently ranked 5th out of 45 in the league.

Wilson's boys team, Alex Duley (Sophomore), Mitchell Simmons (Sophomore), and Matthew Hickey (Sophomore) is currently ranked 7th out of 8th in the TRL going into the final race on February 20th at Mt. Hood Skibowl. Good luck, skiers!

The Wilson High School Ski Team is a fun extracurricular activity for all, no matter the level of skiing ability. For more information, contact Wilson Head Coach Melinda Borgens (borgensm@gmail.com) or see the team website at <http://www.wilsonskiteam.org/>.

Speech and Debate Success at Linfield

Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6, at the Singletary Invitational at Linfield College in McMinnville, the Speech and Debate Team placed in a number of events. Congratulations to Diana Herrera, who took 2nd place in After Dinner Speaking and secured Alternative Qualification to the State Championships by Proven Excellence. Other winners were Hannah Borel, 2nd place Humorous Interpretation, Helen Fick, 2nd place Novice Prose and 3rd place Novice Impromptu. On the debate side, the Novice Parliamentary Debate team of Fletcher Calcagno and William Sweek took 2nd place, as well as 3rd (William) and 4th (Fletcher) place individual speaker awards. The team's next tournament is Saturday, February 13, at Mt. Hood Community College.

Wilson Student's Sculpture Chosen for National Exhibition



The Warrior, by Senior Isabelle Garnand, has been selected from among 1344 entries for inclusion in this year's Annual National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition in Kansas City held during the annual NECA conference. Congratulations, Isabelle!

Wilson's Steffen Jacobsen Signs to Play Football at PSU



Next year Steffen will continue to hit the turf in green and white, but the Trojan logo will be replaced with a Viking as he joins the football team at Portland State University to play strong safety. The PSU Vikings are building on a great year in 2015, which ended with a 9-3 record and their first trip to the playoffs since 2000. PSU's coach, Bruce Barnum says: "Steffen will hit you. He is aggressive and fast, and can make up for mistakes with his athleticism. He is really the foundation of what we want on our football team."

It was a long and stressful decision-making process to choose PSU over Air Force, who also pursued Steffen and made him a tempting offer. But in the end PSU won out when Steffen visited the campus to meet the players and coaches, and

felt the team would be a great match for him. After visiting the PSU campus he wasn't concerned about staying so close to home: "I was surprised, PSU felt like a whole new place and not too much like home."

Steffen started playing football in 4th grade. He participates in several sports, including wrestling, but by sophomore year in high school he decided to focus on football, and from that point on worked hard to reach his goals.

Steffen has had a great football career at Wilson, making the varsity team sophomore year, being named Team Captain senior year, making 107 tackles this year, as well as earning a spot on the All-PIL Team. Junior year he played strong safety, but senior year he has played middle linebacker, because he's bigger than a lot of other high school players. At PSU, where Steffen says everyone will be big, he'll be playing strong safety again.

The full scholarship offered by PSU will be put to good use as Steffen pursues studies in finance and possibly sports nutrition or another physically oriented subject. His advice to Wilson students: "it's the biggest cliché in the world, but the most important advice is to work hard. My genetics have been a huge gift because my dad is tall, but it's still all about hard work. My ultimate goal is to make it to the NFL, so I will have to work even harder in college than I did in high school."

Wilson High School wishes Steffen the best of luck as he pursues his goals at the next level!

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January

Wilson Speakers Take Prizes At McMinnville

Members of the Speech and Debate Team competed at McMinnville High School and brought home several awards. Congratulations to our winners and finalists: Tosca Ruotolo (1st place Prose Reading in her first tournament in senior division), Andrew Foran (2nd place Humorous Interpretation), Fletcher Calcagno (3rd place Prose Reading in his first tournament in senior division), Wolf Morgan-Steiner (finalist, After Dinner Speaking), Diana Herrera (finalist, After Dinner Speaking), and Hannah Borel (finalist, POI). The team returns to McMinnville this Friday and Saturday for the Singletary Invitational at Linfield College.

Portland Metro Scholastic Art Awards 2016

Wilson art students were honored with 2 Gold Key Senior Portfolios, 1 Silver Key Senior Portfolio, 2 Honorable Mention Senior Portfolios, 19 Individual Gold Keys, 15 Individual Silver Keys, and 32 Honorable Mention awards. Portland Metro Scholastic Art Awards is a regional awards program honoring students in grades 7-12 from Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. Gold key award winners move on to the national-level Scholastic Art Awards. Just under 5,000 artworks were submitted to Portland Metro Scholastic Art Awards this year.

Gold Key Portfolio and Individual Gold Key artwork will be on display at Pacific Northwest College of Art's new location at 511 NW Broadway from January 31-February 26. A reception for all artists, family, friends,

teachers, and administrators will be held on Thursday, February 4, 4-7:00 pm. Congratulations to our Awardees:

- Gold Key Senior Portfolios: **Idit Cahana, Zander Robinson**
- Silver Key Senior Portfolio: **Hayden Wallace**
- Honorable Mention Senior Portfolio: **Pauline Grabski, Grace Dills**
- Individual Gold Keys: **Idit Cahana**, four Gold Keys in Painting; **Zander Robinson**, four Gold Keys in Digital Art; **Alexis Firpo**, three Gold Keys in Drawing; **Eric Roe**, three Gold Keys in Painting; **Pauline Grabski**, one Gold Key in Painting; **Elle Bremmer**, one Gold Key in Photography; **Allie Rosenfield**, one Gold Key in Photography; **Isabelle Garnand**, one Gold Key in Sculpture; **Sophia Merrill**, one Gold Key in Sculpture.
- Individual Silver Keys: **Gwyneth Bushman**, one Silver Key in Jewelry; **Emma Butenhoff**, one Silver Key in Drawing; **Idit Cahana**, two Silver Keys in Painting; **Eric Roe**, one Silver Key in Painting; **L Gallatin**, one Silver Key in Printmaking and one Silver Key in Digital Art; **Zander Robinson**, two Silver Keys in Digital Art; **Zayba Afshar**, one Silver Key in Photography; **Sophie Balthazaar**, one Silver Key in Photography; **Alaina Bensching**, one Silver Key in Photography; **Emma Carey**, one Silver Key in Photography; **Quinland Thompson**, one Silver Key in Photography; **Brittney Tomko**, one Silver Key in Photography.
- Individual Honorable Mentions: **Celeste Brown**, Honorable Mention in Painting; **Elsa Douglass**, Honorable Mention in Painting; **Emma Fale-Olsen**, Honorable Mention in Drawing; **Malie Finstad**, Honorable Mention in Painting; **Eric Roe**, two Honorable Mentions in Painting and one in Printmaking; **Shalyly Stanton**, Honorable Mention in Printmaking; **Scout Burgett**, Honorable Mention in Printmaking; **Nathan Rutledge-Gorman**, Honorable Mention in Sculpture; **Elle Bremmer**, four Honorable Mentions in Photography; **Cameron Brentlinger**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Gena Bruce**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Christian Cho**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Michael DeSimone**, two Honorable Mentions in Photography; **John Elliot**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Genevieve Fletcher**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Asia Gates**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Addison Houck**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Jesse Maack**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Maddie Molloy**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Sara Pardy**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Katharine Piwonka**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Jillian Rencher**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Sophie Rubin**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Quinland Thompson**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Minhtam Tran**, Honorable Mention in Photography; **Austin Zyvolski**, Honorable Mention in Photography.

Wilson Robotics Earns Victory and Honors at the Inter-League Championship

Wilson had great showing at the FIRST Tech Challenge Beaverton/Portland Inter-League Championship held in Hillsboro on Saturday, January 16. Three teams competed at the event: Team #7776: *The Loose Screws*, led by team captain Sam Johnson (Junior); Team #9231: *Big Bots*, led by team captain Damion Lance (Junior); and an all-rookie squad, Team #10565: *Bemusement Park*, led by team captain Jaren Friesen (Freshman). All three Wilson teams were selected to compete in the final elimination matches. Team #7776 together with its alliance partners competed to the end and won the league championship.

Teams #7776 and #9231 were both nominated for the Motivate Award. Team #7776 was also nominated for two achievement awards for their robot design. As a member of the 1st Place Winning Alliance and recipient of the PTC Design Award, Team #7776 advances to compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge Oregon Super-Qualifier Tournament on February 13th or 14th in Hillsboro.

Congratulations to the Wilson Constitution Team Students!

With a strong showing in the We The People regional competition, Wilson was one of six schools to qualify for the state finals being held on Saturday, January 16th, at the Mark Hatfield Federal Courthouse in downtown Portland. The winner will represent the state of Oregon at the We The People national competition in Washington D.C. this spring.

Speech and Debate Wins Team Award

The Speech and Debate Team competed last weekend at Pacific University in Forest Grove and took home 2nd place in the team Quality Sweepstakes awards. Of the 15 team members competing, 11 made the finals in at least one event. Congratulations to Tosca Ruotolo (1st Junior Prose), the Public Forum debate team of Michael Streinz and Benedicte Hamilton (2nd place), Amy Sloan (2nd Junior Radio), Benedicte Hamilton (3rd Expository), Hannah Borel (3rd Programmed Oral Interpretation), Diana Herrera (3rd After Dinner Speaking), Fletcher Calcagno (3rd Junior Prose), Madeline Mapes (3rd Junior Radio), Michael Streinz (4th Extemporaneous), Anna Kien (5th Radio), Helen Fick (6th Junior Prose and semifinalist Junior Impromptu), and Jaren Friesen (who finished 7th in the preliminary competitions in Junior Radio). The team competes again at Lewis and Clark College Friday and Saturday, January 15 and 16.

November

Fall Sports Wrap Up, New Season Begins

Fall sports have come to a close and winter sports (basketball, wrestling, swimming) have now begun.

Wilson All-City Players, Fall Sports:

Football

Honorable Mention: Ben Turker, Jake Moser, Gustavo Herrera, Bennett Smith, Jack Dixon, Evan Charlone

Second Team – Offense: Michael Streinz

Second Team – Defense: Sam Katter

First Team Offense: Riley Tindell, Eddie Erickson, Emmett Burby, Graycen Kennedy

First Team Defense: Sean Haxby, Steffen Jacobsen

PIL Offensive Player of the Year (and leading rusher in the state): Riley Tindell

Volleyball (PIL champs)

Second Team: Madeline Tomastik, Breonna Keller-Robbins

First Team: Jodi Allen, Lindsay Lang, Jane Woodward, India Jones

Girls Soccer

Honorable Mention: Jamie Kresl, Eva Vlassopoulos, Talulah Beisel, Nikki Hogan

Second Team: Mackenna Clizer

First Team: Sara Trejo

Boys Soccer

Honorable Mention: Tyson Horn, Sam Nathanson, Max Lommen

Second Team: David Menashe

First Team: Alec Dunkeld

Cross Country State Qualifiers

Boys (3rd in state for 6A!): Kian Mitchell, Caleb Seeley, Alex Slenning, Nick Slenning, Chris Nussbaum, Sam Behrens, Chase Howard

Girls: Grace Heizer

Wilson Athletes' Average GPA by Sport

Football: 3.1

Volleyball: 3.3

Boys Cross Country: 3.4

Boys Soccer: 3.4 (8th in state)

Girls Soccer: 3.74 (6th in state)

Girls Cross Country 3.93 (3rd in state)

Fall Scholar-Athletes

160 (students in a fall sport who achieved a 3.5 GPA or better for Quarter 1).

The Speech and Debate Team takes home prizes at Glencoe High School in Hillsboro

Congratulations to Andrew Foran (1st place, Humorous Interpretation), the Duo Interpretation team of Hannah Borel and Bryce Snyder (2nd place), Benedicte Hamilton (2nd place, Expository), Aidan Sivers-Boyce (Finalist, Prose Reading), and Helen Fick (Finalist, Impromptu—in her first competition outside the Novice category).

Two Wilson Athletes Win Scholarships, Sign Letters of Intent for College



Rachel Koch (left), Athletic Director Mike Easton (center), Sierra Sexton (right)

Wilson senior **Sierra Sexton** will swim next year for the University of Vermont, where she has received a full-ride scholarship. UV is a NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Team.

The first time she visited UV, Sierra says she just loved it—the school was gorgeous, the coach was nice, and it seemed like a great place. On later visits she was able to meet the other swimmers, and felt at home right away. Eventually she narrowed her choices down to three colleges, but was already in love with Vermont. She realizes how important it is for the two pieces, academic and athletic, to fit together and feels that UV has it all.

Sierra has been swimming for 8 years, four of those at Wilson. In addition, she swims for the Lacamas Headhunters, a year-round club team located in Camas, WA. Mia, Sierra's mom, says that while club teams are important because of the year-round training opportunities they offer, the high school swim team experience is just as important because of the team spirit and camaraderie they offer.

The combination of high school and club swimming (and hard work) is working for Sierra—in addition to earning a scholarship at a prestigious swimming school, Sierra has qualified for the upcoming Winter Nationals in Federal Way, Washington, where she could win a spot at the US Olympic Swim Team qualifying trials. Sierra's time for the 50 Free was 26.34 last year, and this year's qualifying time is 26.19.

What's after college for Sierra? Her current plan is to become an orthodontist, possibly attending dental school at OHSU.

Sierra has some advice for her Wilson peers, based on hard-won experience. First, she says, you may not have a dream or goal in front of you, but if you experience enough things, you will. Be willing to go out and experience new things that could very well affect what you do with the rest of your life. Second, Sierra says, "Attitude is everything!" You have to believe in yourself before anyone else will.

Wilson senior **Rachel Koch** will attend California Baptist University next year where she will receive an athletic scholarship to compete with the Cheer Team that has won the National Championship in their division each of the past three years.

Rachel is a great competitor and tumbler who found Cheer as a 4th-grader after having been in gymnastics since the age of 5. For several years she cheered with a traveling competitive team, then joined the Wilson Cheer Team as a freshman. She's been on the varsity cheer squad all four years, including in 2014 when they won the State Championship. This year, as a co-captain of the Cheer Team, she coaches Trojan Junior Cheer. Rachel has been to All-State every year, where this year she was just one of 20 out of 120 girls to qualify for the All-State Team.

Some of the tricks and stunts performed in cheer can be scary, and Rachel says sometimes learning new skills can be intimidating. Most of her fear has gone away by now, proving the value of the advice she has

for her fellow students. Rachel says she has learned "that you only get as much as you put in. If you want to play a sport in college you have to juggle things and work hard. Then you will succeed."

Rachel hopes to return to Portland for graduate school at OHSU to train for a career in health sciences, perhaps as a pathologist, dentist, or surgeon.

As a small child Rachel hoped she would someday cheer at the college level and compete in the national championships. She applied to other schools but really wanted to go to Cal Baptist, where the cheerleaders are well-rounded students who train and study together in a family-like atmosphere. It sounds like a perfect fit and looks like Rachel is well on her way to achieving her dream!

October

Cross Country State Meet Results

On Saturday, October 31, Wilson Cross Country took 3rd place at the State meet, marking the first time in over 30 years that Wilson has won a state at this meet! In addition to the team win, sophomore Alex Slenning finished 8th in a field of 140, qualifying for the Nike Border Class, an all-star meet to be held the first weekend of December at the Nike campus. Sophomore Grace Heizer placed in the top 25 at State, after winning her spot with a third-place finish at the District meet. Congratulations runners!

PIL District Championship, October 22, 2015

Last Wednesday the "Green Machine" that is Wilson Cross Country had a historic day of racing at the 2015 PIL District Championships.

The afternoon started off with our JV Lady Trojans finishing a strong 4th place. The lead pack of Trojans included Freshmen Annika Sunderstrom, Lizzie Reunert, Emma Halling, Junior Elsa Douglas, and Senior Natalie. The future is extremely bright for this group of up-and-comers!

The JV Boys placed 2nd in a very competitive JV division. The "Wolfpack" was led by Senior Xavier Triplett, juniors Elius Graff, Aidan Manley and freshman Caden "Kid" Samkuty, all finishing in the top 10.

However, the main events for the afternoon were in the Varsity divisions. At the district championships only the top three placing teams and top ten individuals qualify for the opportunity to compete at the state meet in Eugene, on October 31st.

The Varsity women's team (Grace Heizer, Isabelle Brooks, Ellie Stein, Iris Emmerick, Adarha Poasa and Aurora Emmons) ran their hearts out, yet finished in fourth place (by 3points) behind Lincoln, Grant and Franklin. However, sophomore Grace Heizer ran like the wind and finished 3rd overall, qualifying her for state as an individual and becoming a member of the 2015 PIL all-league team.

The big news of the day was in the Men's division. The Mighty Trojans (Alex Slenning, Nick Slenning, Kian Mitchell, Chris Nussbaum, Caleb Seely, Sam Barherns and Chase Howard) ran a perfect race and shocked their rivals by winning the district championship. This is the first outright district championship for Wilson XC since 1985 and qualifies the team for the state meet. Highlighting the day was sophomore super start and now district champ Alex Slenning who blew the field and won the race by 12 seconds. Junior power-house Caleb Seely made a huge move in the last 400 meters to finish in 2nd place. Alex, Caleb and senior Chase Howard all earned All-Conference honors. Now it's on to state!

Speech and Debate Starts With Success

The Wilson Speech and Debate Team started its season at Sam Barlow High School on Saturday, October 3, and the 14 members who represented the team had great early success, including three brand new speakers who made finals in their first tournament ever.

In debate, the Parliamentary Debate team of Adelaide Beeman-White and Moses Felberg took 3rd place. In individual events, Adelaide Beeman-White won 1st place in Dramatic Interpretation, and Eli Molloy, a freshman in his first time out, won 1st place in Novice Humorous Interpretation. Other finalists were Alex Cameron-Pizzo (Poetry); Diana Herrera (After Dinner Speaking); Tatum Bair (After Dinner Speaking); The Duo Interpretation teams of Moses Felberg and Amy Rodgers, and Hannah Borel and Bryce Snyder; and Jeran Friesen, who made finals in Novice Radio in his first-ever tournament.