

# 2017-18

## June

### **Way To Go WHS Astronomy Club!**

Eighteen Wilson High School Astronomy Club members won five of the seven Young Astronomer Awards from the Rose City Astronomers. The winners will be honored at the Rose City Astronomers General Meeting on Monday, June 18, 7:30-9:00pm, OMSI auditorium. The students and their mentors all put in extraordinary effort and long hours on their projects. Find more details at [www.rosecityastronomers.net](http://www.rosecityastronomers.net).

**Tali Emlen and Diana Herrera**, "Calculating the Distance to Star Cluster M52, Telescopic Spectroscopy, Pine Mt., Oregon"

**Molly Cohen, Diana Herrera, Kaden Flick, Hannah Weinstein, Craig Weeks, Anna Kien, Stella Burlingame, Alec Sautter, Sarah Pfeiffer, Ruby Minato** (the Wilson High School Astronomy Club), "The Big Eclipse Camp: Public Education Eclipse Gathering"

**Sofia Solares and Kate Kelly**, "The Vega Project, Part 1: Is Vega a Variable Star?"

**Quinn Brown**, "Tensegrity Telescope: Building a Portable Telescope"

**Mitchell Simmons**, "Computer Program to Predict Eclipses."

### **Seniors Earn Eagle**

Four Wilson Seniors earned the highest honor in Boy Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout. **Alex Duley, Reid Wiley, David Scheurer and Joe Fitzpatrick** started together as Tiger Cub Scouts in first grade and this year all four earned their Eagle ranks while seniors at Wilson High School. As part of Boy Scout Troop 1, they have experienced many high adventure outings together including rock climbing, rafting, canoeing, snow cave camping, snow shoeing, hiking, wilderness backpacking and more. Congratulations Alex, Reid, David and Joe for their perseverance, hard work, leadership and tenacity that led them to the rank of Eagle.

### **Wilson Theatre Awards, 2018**

And the award goes to . . .

Outstanding Contribution to Theatre: **Sofia Solares and Bryce Snyder**

Outstanding Lead Actors: **Rivkah Zigman and Nathaniel Nelson**

Outstanding Supporting Actors: **Clay McAllister and Jackson Wray**

Outstanding Ensemble Actors: **Virginia Esposito, Sophie Chappell, Maddie Limon, Zoe Maloney-Dunn**

Outstanding Crew Leads: **Sofia Solares and Annika Phillips**

Outstanding Crew Specialists: **Erin Hocraffer and Kate Kelly**

Outstanding Crew Members: **Ravi Cullop, Zoe Maloney-Dunn, Cassidy Stevenson, Sophia Burton, Emma Jeffcock**

Outstanding Community Support: **Kate Carson and Teri Price**

Outstanding Improv Team Actors: **Aidan Sivers-Boyce and Maxwell Finke**

Outstanding OneAct Direction: **Amy Rodgers and Aidan Sivers-Boyce**

Outstanding OneAct Actors: **Ella Carson and Julia Meyers**

Outstanding MicroPlay Writing: **Aidan Sivers-Boyce and Maxwell Finke**

State Showcase Audition Selectees, Solo Acting: **Bryce Snyder and Parker Callais**

# May

## Track & Field Results



Congratulations to **Alex Slenning**, Oregon 6A State Champion in 1500m. Alex also placed 2nd in the 3000m race. Congrats as well to our other state Track and Field podium winners: **Francesca Ierulli**, 6th in 1500m and 7th in 3000m, **Mason Lommen**, 7th in High Jump, and **Izzy Esler**, 6th in Javelin. Other state qualifiers were **Keating Hinkley**, Shot Put; **Ben Fowler**, Pole Vault; **Sam Duchow-Pressley**, 110/300m hurdles; **Briley Pull**, 200m; and **Avery Poulson**, 800m. Well done, Trojans!

### A Bang-Up End to the Season!

Wilson Unified Soccer had a huge day at the state tournament on May 12, winning the gold medal and the sportsmanship award. They won with class and were outstanding representatives of our community. Congratulations to all the players and Coaches Bradach and Holzmer!

### Wilson National Merit Scholarship Winners

Senior **Craig Weeks** has been selected to receive a National Merit \$2500 scholarship. Only about 7,500 students are awarded this honor, from an initial pool of 1.6 million students nationwide! Craig plans to study mechanical engineering at the Oregon State University Honors College next year, to continue running and to keep up with music. At Wilson, Craig plays trumpet in the band and runs cross country and track. His favorite classes have been computer science and Mr. Boly's English class.

Senior **Steven Peterson** has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship to Arizona State University, in Tempe, Arizona, through the National Merit Scholarship Competition. He will attend the Honors College and study computer systems engineering with plans to explore careers in computer engineering at a company like Intel, or possibly in cybersecurity. He looks forward to hiking and other outdoor activities in Tempe, and is excited to be near Phoenix and all the tech opportunities in that region.

Congratulations to Craig and Steven!

### April Trojan Student Athletes of the Month

**Reid Wiley** is an outstanding student and athlete, maintaining excellent grades while contributing to his community, exploring internships and playing sports. When asked to do something he graciously commits himself to the task and gives it 100%! He is driven, kind, conscientious and well deserving of recognition.

**Kendal Chatard** is a model student-athlete, an extremely disciplined student who is always in class, on-time, and who works diligently on all of her assignments, tests and essays. Kendal's strength both on and off the field is her consistency and reliability. You always know what you are going to get from Kendal and that she is going to get the job done no matter what and that the level of her work will be of the highest quality.

**Young, Gifted and Black Ceremony, 501 N. Dixon Street Wednesday, May 30, 5:30-7:30pm**

Parents, students, staff and community members are invited to attend this year's Young, Gifted and Black ceremony, recognizing the success of Black and African American students across PPS, including Wilson's own **Sincere Bartlett** and **Noreena McLeave!** The ceremony will include a full program including a keynote speaker, music, presentation of certificates, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Congratulations, Sincere and Noreena!

**Julia Taylor Wins Global Scholarship Award**

Congratulations to Julia, Wilson's student body president, for earning the prestigious and very competitive University of British Columbia's International Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship, which comes with admittance into an honors/leadership program and a four-year award of more than \$100,000. Great job!

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week**

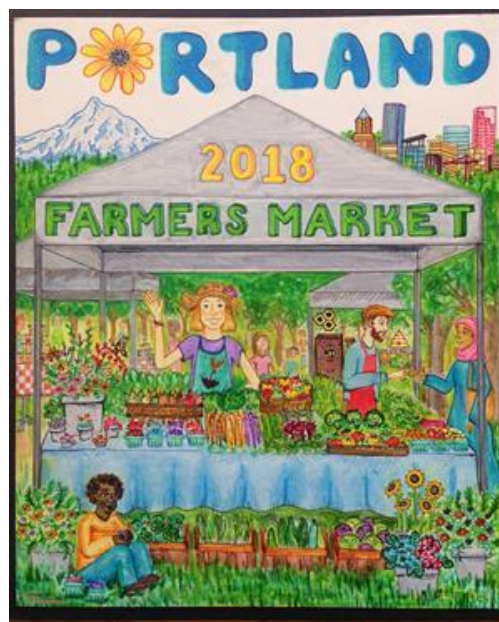
**Lucy Quinn**, Freshman Track: Lucy had an incredible week at the JV District Meet. To start the day, she won the 1500 and then ran the 800 and won, both personal best times. She then competed in the long jump and finished 4th on her final jump. She finished off the day running an incredible leg of the 4x400 to seal the race and help secure the team championship title.

**Kaden Leeper**, Sophomore Track: Kaden had an outstanding day at the JV District Meet winning both the Shot Put and the Discus competitions scoring 20 points and securing the Team Championship Title. Both throws were personal bests!

**Wilson Students Bag It!**



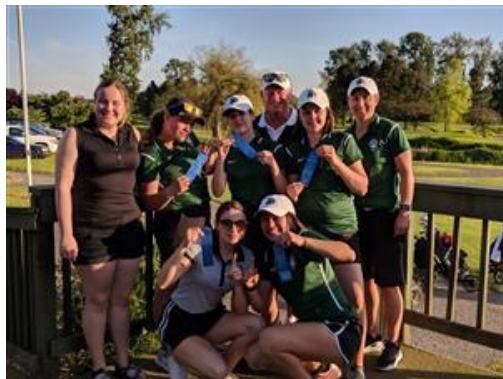
Trent Nesbitt



Chloe Unflat

Congratulations to Wilson art students **Trent Nesbitt** and **Chloe Unflat**! Trent and Chloe are finalists in the Portland Farmers Market Reusable Bag Design Contest. The winning design will be unveiled on Saturday, June 9, at the PSU Portland Farmers Market. The winning student will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and their design will be featured on thousands of reusable bags which will be distributed at the Portland Farmers Market. Second place will receive \$1,000, and third place \$500. Please congratulate Trent and Chloe, and if you can, come to the unveiling on June 9!

### Wilson Women Win PIL Golf



Wilson Women's Golf Team clinched their first 6A League Title on May 2 at Heron Lakes Golf Course! It is the first time that Wilson has beaten Lincoln for a league title since 1995. The Women's Golf Team marches on to the State Tournament May 14-15 at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis.

## **OSAA Academic All-State Top Ten Listings Are Out, And Wilson Scores!**

Winter Sports

**Cheer #1 in the state with the highest GPA!**

Wrestling #6

Women's Swimming #7

Spring Sports

**Band #1 in the state with the highest GPA!**

**Men's Track & Field #1 in the state with the highest GPA!**

Softball #3

Speech & Debate #5

Women's Track & Field #5

Women's Golf #6

Women's Tennis #7

Men's Golf #8

Men's Tennis #9

## **April**

### **State Music Competition Results**

Congratulations are in order for the Wilson Orchestra, small ensembles and soloists who performed so well at state competitions April 27 and 28. Wilson State Champions are:

**Fiona Dubay** and **Akseli Mende**, viola duet: 2nd place in the small strings ensemble category

**Fiona Dubay**: 4th place in the solo viola category

Way to go Wilson!

### **Wilson Team 7776 Loose Screws - 1st PPS FTC Robotics Team to Compete at the World Championship**

Wilson Robotics Team 7776 Loose Screws competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship last week in Houston, TX. They finished with a 6-3 record at the championship placing them 23rd in a field of 64 teams from around the world. In the 11-year history of the program, they are the first PPS team to qualify for the FTC World Championship. Their season kicked-off September 9, 2017, and through a series of elimination tournaments they qualified for the FTC World Championship (the "Olympics" of high school robotics competitions). Over the past four years, with the support of volunteer coaches and mentors, team members taught themselves to program in Java, use Autodesk Inventor to design their robot in CAD, document their design process in their award-winning engineering notebook using ShareLaTeX and give presentations of their work to a panel of judges at each competition.

Congratulations Team 7776 Loose Screws: **Captain Alissa Bergquist, Scott Bremmer, Benjamin Carleton, Sean Harrington, Noah Koontz, Tomas Lemoine, Jake Makuch, Taylor May Moorhouse, Rispa Vranka Wafula**; and volunteer coaches Scott Koontz and Brian Carleton.

Congratulations to seniors **Alissa Bergquist** (Captain), **Benjamin Carleton, Noah Koontz, Thomas Lemoine**, and **Jake Makuch** for completing four years on a Wilson Robotics team, and **Sean Harrington** for completing three years on the team.

### **Wilson Speakers Shine at State Tournament**

Members of the Speech and Debate Team were successful last weekend at the OSAA State Tournament at

Western Oregon University in Monmouth. Almost all entries made it to the final round, including two speakers from Wilson in the After Dinner Speaking finals performing in front of hundreds of competitors, coaches and officials. Congratulations to our winners, finalists, and semi-finalists: **Ari Lohr** (1st Student Congress), **Diego Millan** (2nd Dramatic Interpretation, Semi-finalist in Dual Interpretation with **Bryce Snyder**), **Fletcher Calcagno** (3rd Radio Commentary, Finalist Oratory), **Tosca Ruotolo** (3rd After Dinner Speaking), **Wolf Morgan-Steiner** (finalist After Dinner Speaking), and **Moses Felberg** (Finalist Impromptu). **Moses** was also recognized among a small group of competitors from schools statewide for qualifying for the State Tournament all four years of his high school career.

Eight students from Wilson will be competing in June at the National Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The team will be holding practices and working with competitors getting a jump on preparation for next year; if you are interested in joining the fun drop by room 213 Wednesday or Thursday afternoons at 3:30 for more information.

### **Chess Club goes to the State Championship in Seaside!**

Six members of the Wilson Chess Team travelled to Seaside April 14-15 to compete in the 13th Annual Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation State Championship. There were 338 contenders from all over Oregon, and all six Wilson players qualified to play in the Platinum Elite section, the top high school section—what a fantastic achievement!

**River Bednark, 12th grade**

**Jake Winkler, 11th grade**

**Josh Bromley, 10th grade**

**Sinan Grehan, 10th grade**

**Chris Ng, 10th grade**

**Michael Schuff, 9th grade**

Congratulations to Chris Ng, who placed 9th in the state among high school contenders and brought home an Honorable Mention trophy. Jake Winkler placed 16th bringing home a plus score medal for winning half his games. River Bednark was close behind, placing 18th, followed by Sinan Grehan in 23rd place, Josh Bromley in 25th place and Michael Schuff in 28th place. Congratulations to all these Elite chess players!

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week**

**Thomas Berg:** Thomas is an incredible leader. He has founded the Students of Color in Action Association (SOCAA) Club this year and has been instrumental in bringing racial equity to the forefront of conversations among his peers. In class, he is a standout student, engaging with learning, advocating for himself and his peers, and treating everyone with respect and dignity. Most importantly, Thomas is not just a student-athlete his a social justice advocate too.

**Katie Reunert:** Katie Reunert is one of the hardest working and also one of the kindest students. She is the epitome of a student/athlete/person who is adept at finding the proper balance between pursuing her education, playing sports, and being a good friend and family member.

### **Wilson Speakers Qualify for National Tournament**

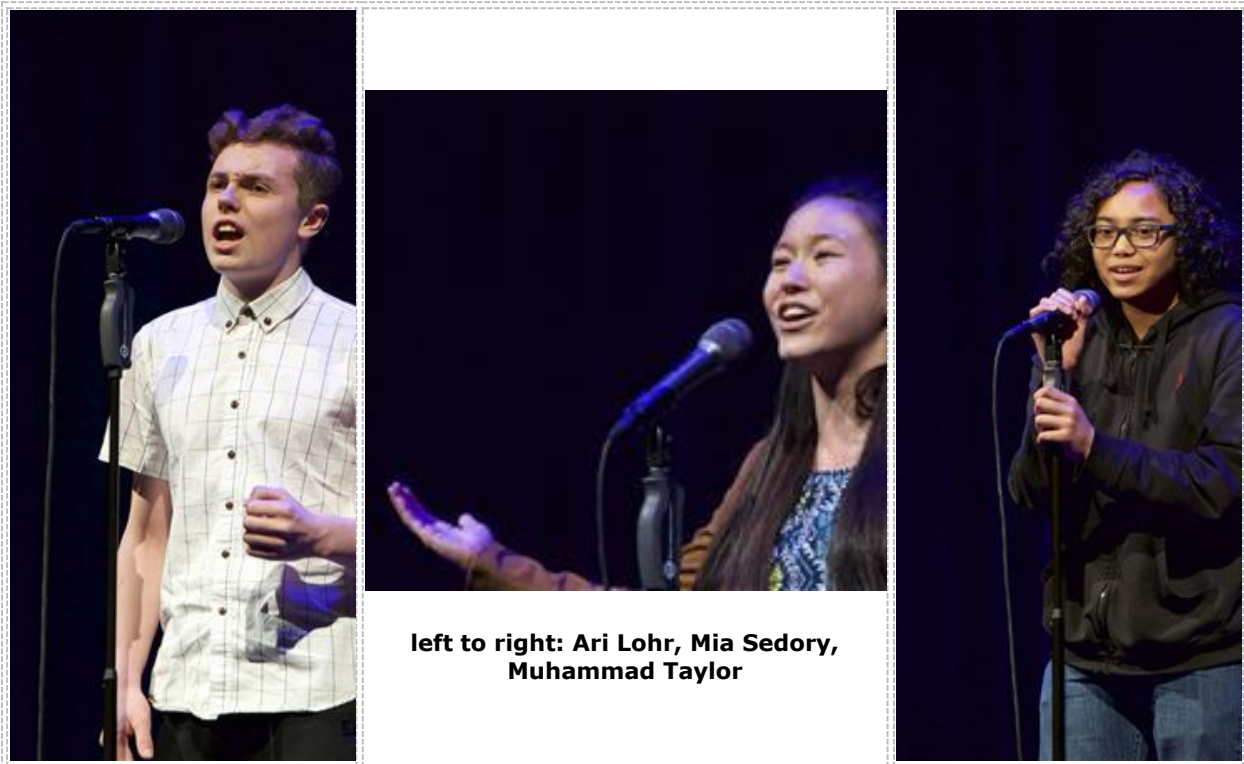
A record eight members of the Wilson Speech and Debate Team have qualified for the National Speech and Debate Association's National Tournament. They placed in their events at the North Oregon qualifying tournaments, held March 22-24 and April 14. Wilson placed 2nd among teams at the March event and won the team award on April 14. Congratulations to our qualifiers: **Wolf Morgan-Steiner** (Dramatic Interpretation), **Andrew Foran** (Humorous Interpretation), **Fletcher Calcagno** (Original Oratory), **Moses Felberg** (International Extemporaneous), **Ari Lohr**, **Tosca Ruotolo**, **Elijah Moon** (all in Congressional Debate), and **Bryce Snyder** (Worlds Debate). They will compete at the National Tournament June 17-22 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

State qualifiers will compete April 21-22 at the OSAA State Tournament at Western Oregon University in Monmouth: **Wolf Morgan-Steiner**, **Tosca Ruotolo** (both in After Dinner Speaking), **Fletcher Calcagno** (Original Oratory and Radio Commentary), **Moses Felberg** (Impromptu), **Andrew Foran** (Poetry Reading), **Diego Millan** (Dramatic Interpretation) **Bryce Snyder** (partnered with Diego Millan in Dual Interpretation and with Moses Felberg in Public Forum Debate) and **Ari Lohr** (Student Congress).

There are many ways to enjoy competing in speech and debate—interpretation events (like acting), original speeches to persuade, inform and entertain, and traditional academic debate. Drop by room 213 after school Wednesdays or Thursdays through spring and we'll show you how the Speech and Debate Team can help you with your interests (and college admissions). The team is already starting to think about and prepare for the 2018-19 season. Come join us!

### **Wilson Poetry Slam Winners**

The winners and alternate will be treated to an super -fancy evening at the Schnitz sponsored by Wieden+Kennedy and Literary Arts, including dinner and orchestra tickets to Verslandia, our citywide youth poetry slam. The winners will also compete at Verslandia and share their poetry from the stage of the Schnitz.



**left to right: Ari Lohr, Mia Sedory,  
Muhammad Taylor**

1st place: **Ari Lohr**  
2nd place: **Mia Sedory**  
Alternate: **Muhammad Taylor**



### **Code Champions**

Freshmen Michael Schuff and Oliver Flood have won first place at Caitlin Gabel's coding competition. Way to code!

## **March**

### **Student-Athletes of the Week**

**Keating Hinkley**, Wilson Track: Wilson's track coaches say Keating is their go-to guy, always willing to demonstrate drills, help younger athletes integrate into the program, and stay late to help the coaches. Keating is showing huge improvements this year hitting a new PR in the shot with a throw of 43'5".

**Chloe Unflat**, Wilson Track: According to the coaching staff, Chloe is one of the most energetic and positive influences in the program. She always puts the team before herself and is a natural leader that other athletes look up to. Chloe is also looking at a successful track season setting a new PR of 9'3" in the Pole Vault.

### **Wilson Students' Art on Display at Portland Art Museum Through April 21**

Congratulations to Wilson art students **Chloe Unflat**, **Eden Bell-Wilkins**, and **Sage Finnell** whose art will be included in The Heart of Portland K-12 PPS Art Show. The opening reception is on Wednesday, April 11, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Mark Building, Kridel Grand Ballroom at 1119 SW Park Avenue, Portland.

### **Student-Athletes of the Week**

**Maya Goines**, Softball: According to Coach Walmer, Maya had a great Spring trip with the squad. She was a super-positive presence and performed under pressure. She batted .467 with a .600 slugging percentage while knocking in 6 RBI's.

**Petie Wogan**, Baseball: While in Arizona, Petie had 7 hits in 15 at-bats, including a triple, 3 RBI's, 3 Runs Scored, and swiped 3 bases. Petie is a super-positive player on the team and is one of the most coachable kids in the program.

### **Wilson Robotics Team Advances to World Championship!**



Wilson Team 7776 Loose Screws will compete in the first World Championship in Houston, TX, in April. They competed at the Western U.S. Regional Championship in Spokane, WA, where they progressed to the semifinals and advanced to the World Championship on the CONTROL Award for "for the use of sensors and software enhanced functionality" and robot performance. The season started with over 5,900 teams from 40 countries; 128 of these teams advance to the World Championship. Their performance at Regionals places



Loose Screws 17th in the World!

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### **2018 Wilson Rose Festival Princess**



Congratulations to Wilson Senior Anna Kien, Wilson High School 2018 Rose Princess. Also, congratulations to her parents, Tung Kien and Chau Nguyen, for raising such an awesome young lady!

### **February Trojan Student-Athletes of the Month: Lizzie Scriven and Charley Carey**

Two outstanding student-athletes who go out of their way to embody the Wilson Way!

### **Multnomah Athletic Club Scholarship Winner**

Tristan Kryl is the Wilson winner of this year's Multnomah Athletic Scholarship. He has been awarded a \$1500 college scholarship and a two-year membership to the Multnomah Athletic Club. Way to go Tristan!

### **Three-Ball Scholarship Winners**

The Women's Basketball program would like to congratulate both **Noreena McCleave** and **Madaly Moore** for being chosen as this year's co-recipients of the Three-Ball Scholarship. Having two winners is a first for the program, however the selection committee felt strongly that both young ladies had impressive resumes and were deserving candidates. Way to go!

### **Wilson Alums Are Pitch Perfect**

PSU's a Capella group, The Green Note, is headed to the intercollegiate a cappella championship semifinals on March 31 at the Elsinore Theater in Salem. This is the real-life Pitch Perfect! Wilson alumni members of the Green Note are: **Daniel Nyounai-Herrera, Kendall Berry, Kyle Turner, Maggie Conroy, Alden Girsch, Natti Ratanavetin.** The director is alumna **Brooke Rencher**, arrangers are alumni **Ethan Conroy** and **Austin Mahar.**

### **2018 Rose Court**



**L to R: Alex Morgan, Lizzet Garcia Garcia, and Anna Kien**

### **Two Wilson Students Win Awards at Leadership Conference**

On Friday, March 2, two of our students won awards at the Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference: Lisseth Barrios placed second in the art competition to design the t-shirt for the conference; Lizzet Garcia-Garcia was selected to be a member of the Leadership Board for the conference as a whole. The conference is attended by about 2,000 students from throughout the state of Oregon. Great work Lisseth and Lizzet!

### **Speech and Debate Team Succeeds Throughout Winter**

Speech and Debate capped off a very successful winter season at Oregon City High School. Wilson has been in the top five at every tournament since winter break at tournaments ranging from 25-45 schools from up to four western states. In January, the team took 2nd place in Sweepstakes (team awards) at Pacific University, 3rd place at Lewis and Clark College, 2nd place at McMinnville High School (1½ points behind the home team winner and 60 points ahead of 3rd place), 4th place at Linfield College, and 5th place at the University of Oregon. A small group of debaters represented us at Lincoln High School's Rose City Round Robin and Public Forum; debaters **Nathaniel Nelson** and **Ethan Eisner** made quarter finals in a very difficult "pod" of round robin teams. At Oregon City, Wilson was again a top performer. Congratulations to the winners: **Fletcher Calcagno** (1st Oratory, 1st Radio Commentary), **Wolf Morgan-Steiner** (1st Humorous Interpretation), **Helen Fick** (1st After Dinner Speaking), **Ari Lohr** (1st Student Congress), **Ethan Eisner** (2nd Impromptu), **Moses Felberg** (3rd Radio Commentary), the Parliamentary Debate team of **Chester Mantel** and **Aidan Snodgrass-Ward** (3rd), **Amy Sloan** (4th Radio Commentary), **Andrew Foran** (4th Poetry Reading, 5th Humorous Interpretation), and **Zoe Carver** (6th Humorous Interpretation).

The team competes again in two weeks at the PIL District Tournament, where competitors will attempt to qualify for the State Tournament in April.

### **Chess Club Wraps up Team Competition—Individual Championships Next!**

The Wilson Chess Club has played its final of 12 weekly games in the Portland Area League competition, with the Varsity team finishing fourth overall. The Varsity team was led by **Sinan Grehan** (sophomore) and included **River Bednark** (senior), **Josh Bromley** (sophomore), **Chris Ng** (sophomore) and **Michael Schuff** (freshman). The Junior Varsity team included Wilson players **Ryuu Joy** (freshman) and supporting players from RGMS, **Carter Lykins** (6th grade) and **Thomas Schuff** (7th grade). Strong individual performances from Josh Bromley and River Bednark will be honored at the Awards Ceremony this Wednesday—strong work!

The Varsity and JV teams travelled to Eugene, Oregon for the Oregon High School Chess Team Association state championship March 3-4. Although tough competition prevented them from bringing home a trophy, they fared well, finishing in the top half of all teams. Josh Bromley was again honored for strong individual performance—Kudos!

Chess Club continues in Room 19 on Mondays at 3:30, and now focuses on preparing for the individual state championship held in Seaside in April.

### **Book Battle Results**

**Madyson Day, Izabella Hunt, Lucy Nelson, and Ethan Satterstein** did a great job representing Wilson High School at the Oregon Battle of the Books Regional Competition at Canby High School. They won one battle and tied one battle. Unfortunately, they did not earn enough points to advance to the semi-finals. But, they displayed excellent sportsmanship, had fun, and read a total of 19 books as a team!

### **Musicians Going to State**

The results of the District I Solo/Ensemble competition held at Wilson on Saturday, March 3, are impressive! The following Soloists and Ensemble groups all qualified for State Competition. Congratulations are in order!

#### **WHS Chamber Orchestra**

**Fiona Dubay**, viola

**Fiona Dubay, Akseli Mende**, viola duet

**Gabriel Colasurdo, Morgan Thiers**, violin duet

**Annia Hedlund**, soprano voice

**Annia Hedlund, Adia Jones, Maia Uili**, women's vocal trio

## **February**

### **Women in Tech Awards**

Three Wilson students were among the awardees recognized by The National Center for Women in Technology in the Regional Aspirations Award competition. Congratulations to:

**Zoe Bennett** (junior)

**Jordan Schuster** (senior)

**Lily Stoll** (Honorable Mention) (sophomore)

### **Senior Noreena McCleave is the Winner of Portland's August Wilson Monologue Competition**

According to Wilson staff member Sarabeth Leitch, "Noreena rocked the stage at the Newmark Theater with a performance as Memphis from August Wilson's *Two Trains Running*, set during the 1960s. Her comedic piece was a standout amongst thirteen other stunning monologues, and it earned her both a cash award and an all-expenses paid trip to New York City for a chance to compete on Broadway for the National Finals."

"Noreena and the other high school performers worked with local actors and directors on August Wilson's plays to learn about the American experience from the African-American viewpoint. The purpose of the project is to change the racial ecology of Portland through the arts, and Noreena represented Wilson (the high school and the playwright) well with her integrity, her energy, and her talent."

"Give Noreena a standing ovation when you see her because not only is she a standout performer, scholar, leader and athlete here at the school, she is inspiring people all across the city."

### **A Great Season for Wilson Robotics!**

Three Wilson Robotics teams competed over the weekend of February 24 at the Oregon FTC Robotics State Championship. Congratulations to Teams 9231 Big Bots (finishing 15th) and 10565 System Online (finishing 13th) for a great season and to Team 7776 Loose Screws, who captained a Division Winning Alliance. Their alliance took second place overall in the State competition. In addition, they received first place for the Think Award for their Engineering Notebook. They advance to the Western U.S. Regional Championship in Spokane on March 8-11, where they will compete against the top teams in the Western U.S. for a spot at the World Championship.

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### **Congratulations to Wilson High School Story Slammers!**

**Xiu Janz, Muhammed Taylor, Indigo Paris, Vivien Weinstein, Madaly More, and Marina McClain** competed at the first annual Wilson High School *Truth be Told Story Slam*. They each told an amazing, original and true five-minute story on the theme of trouble. Wilson's first-place winner **Vivien Weinstein** will compete against slammers from other high schools at the Truth be Told Interscholastic Story Slam on Thursday, March 1, 7 pm, Franklin High School Library.

1st Place: **Vivien Weinstein**

2nd Place: **Madaly More**

3rd Place: **Marina McClain**

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week**

Sophomore **Kailin Gilzow**, Women's Basketball: Kailin is one of the toughest competitors in the Women's Basketball Program. She has a great attitude, gives maximum effort, and is one of leaders in the Wilson Athletic Leadership Council. She battled it out in both games vs Roosevelt and Franklin.

Junior **Jake Winkler**, Men's Basketball: Jake has been a consummate teammate all year long. He has given maximum effort each and every game, been a leader in the locker room, and held a 4.0 GPA all year long.

### **2018 National Merit Scholarship Competition**

Congratulations to Wilson's finalists in the 2018 competition! These students have qualified to be considered for National Merit Scholarships:

**Clay Hunter**

**Steven Peterson**

**Craig Weeks**

### **Wilson Robotics Teams Advance to State Championship**

On February 11, three Wilson Robotics Teams competed against other teams from all over the state at FIRST Tech Challenge Tournaments. Team 7776 Loose Screws finished as the Finalist Alliance Captain and received the 2nd-place Inspire Award (best showing in all categories) and Think Award (best engineering notebook). Teams 9231 Big Bots and 10565 System Online advanced on their overall team rankings based on robot performance. The season started with over 200 teams across Oregon; the final 48 remaining teams

will compete at the state championship on February 24 and 25 at Liberty High School, Hillsboro, for a spot at the Western Regional Competition in Spokane. Congratulations to the teams:

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### **Student-Athletes of the Week**

Senior **Tristan Passemaard**, Unified Basketball: Tristan is a senior member of the Wilson Unified Trojans basketball team. He is a dedicated and enthusiastic player that always tries his hardest. He has worked very hard to improve his shooting, ball handling, and defensive skills this year. Tristan is a great teammate and demonstrates great sportsmanship at all times.

Sophomore **Greta Cannon**, Swimming: Greta is a positive influence on her teammates. She is a natural leader with the squad as well. She had PR's in both her events and helped lead the 200 Medley Relay Team to a 3rd place finish and is heading to state in two events. She has a bright future with the program.

## **January**

### **January Student-Athletes of the Month**



**Maia Uili** (Junior): Maia is an amazing young woman, who is respected and admired by both students and faculty at Wilson High School. She is deeply connected to her family and her culture and loves big family gatherings. Maia is involved in so many activities at Wilson and somehow manages to give 110% to everything she does. She has been a unifying and positive force this year in her role as an officer of the Asian Pacific Islander Club and as a member of Students of Color in Action Association. She is an outstanding wrestler, and her commitment to her team is exemplary as she continues to attend matches even though she can't compete due to some cracked ribs. She goes the extra mile academically and is willing to work hard to earn strong grades. And she has been known to extend her gratitude to teachers who go out of their way to help. Maia is a Peer Counselor and shares her kindness and positivity with everyone she meets. Maia sings in two of our choirs with a voice like an angel and can often be heard erupting into song in the middle of a school day! Maia is a student who we all can be very proud of and someone who sets an amazing example for all—she is lovely, kind, musical, respectful, hard-working, responsible, funny,

positive, and devoted to her family, friends, and to everything she does at Wilson High School. We are so proud to honor her with this recognition!



**Shaho Meman (Sophomore):** Shaho displayed high standards of sportsmanship and integrity during the wrestling season. He was a competitive athlete on the mat and was also an inspiration to fellow teammates. His work ethic, desire to improve his skills and commitment to the sport of wrestling was seen day in and day out. He was asked to compete in a match against an athlete from Aloha HS who had cerebral palsy. Shaho gave this student a match to remember, and ended up getting pinned by his opponent. The entire gym and all wrestling teams exploded in enthusiasm and appreciation for Shaho's display of sportsmanship.

#### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week**

Wrestling, **Cameron Tindell (Junior):** Cameron is pound for pound one of the toughest kids we have at Wilson High School. He made it all the way to the Championship Round at the Varsity District Wrestling Meet and ended up finishing 2nd and advancing to the State Meet.

Swimming, **Margaret Strecker (Sophomore):** Coach Wiggins says this has been a wonderful year for Margaret. She is an extremely hard worker in practice and has improved all season long. She is willing to swim every event and looking forward to a great season next year. She was 4th in the 100 Free with a PR, 2nd in the 50 Back with a PR, 2nd in the 200 Medley Relay, and 2nd in the 200 Free Relay.

#### **Two More Wilson Robotics Teams Advance**

Two Wilson robotics teams competed Saturday, January 27, in a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Qualifying Tournament. Both Wilson teams, along with Team 4097 from Tigard HS, joined forces in an alliance to battle it out in the semi-finals. The alliance placed 4th in the tournament.

Team 9231 (Big Bots) was the Captain for the 4th Place Alliance and received the Motivate Award advancing them to an Oregon Regional Competition in two weeks. Congratulations Big Bots: **Captain Rachel Weirnick, Reid Amato, Emily Carstairs, Elliott Chimienti, Aaron Cox, Madeleine Michael, Steven Peterson, Kara Van Horn** and **Annie Zwartjes**; coached by Audrey Sherman and Scott Haight.

Team 10565 (System Online) placed 3rd in the Think Award and 9th overall, also earning them a spot to advance to an Oregon Regional Competition. Congratulations System Online: **Captain Rachel Rodriguez, Joshua Bromley, Quinn Brown, Jasper Bushnell, Oliver Flood, Jaren Friesen, Spencer Hartzog, Kagan Lund, and Liana Murray**; coached by Jan Harrington and Johnny Rodriguez.

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week**

**Lauren Peterson**, Cheer: Lauren, a sophomore, has an awesome work ethic and constantly gives maximum effort in practice for the JV team and as an alternate for the Varsity squad. Lauren is also an active volunteer with the Wilson Youth Cheer Program. She demonstrates all the qualities of the ideal Wilson Cheerleader.

**Zach Candiani**, Men's Swimming: Zach is just a freshman, but he has been a tremendous swimmer for the program this year. He is a workhorse in practice and it has shown over the course of the season. Zach has the highest percentage of time dropped on the season. He was 2nd in the Free and 5th in the 50 Free this past Friday.

### **2018 Scholastic Art Awards**

Wilson students won many, many awards this year. Individual Gold Keys and Gold Key Senior Portfolios will be on display at Pacific Northwest College of Art, 511 NW Broadway, from January 28-February 24. Opening Reception is at PNCA on Thursday, February 1, from 4-7:00pm; Awards Ceremony for all awardees is at 7:00pm on February 15 at Rolling Hill Auditorium 3550 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin. Free parking, no tickets required. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Athraa Alhayyak, Silver Key, Photography (two)  
Taylor Ardantz, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Susan Behrends, Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration  
Eden Bell-Wilkins, Silver Key, Photography  
Ryan Booth, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Virginia Boutwell, Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration, Silver Key, Painting  
Sophia Burton, Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration  
Greta Cannon, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Owen Carey, Silver Key, Painting  
Emily Carstairs, Honorable Mention, Photography (two)  
Avital Emlen, Honorable Mention, Painting (three)  
Georgia Feld-Denae, Honorable Mention, Painting (two)  
Sofia Fernandez, Honorable Mention, Photography (two)  
Sage Finnell, Gold Key, Photography, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Chella Foster-Flynn, Gold Key, Photography, Gold Key, Art Portfolio, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Max Goldstein, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Allison Grommes, Gold Key, Photography  
Julia Hamburger, Silver Key, Painting  
Anna Hansen, Honorable Mention, Painting (two)  
Alex Harris, Honorable Mention, Photography, Honorable Mention, Art Portfolio, Honorable Mention, Photography (two)  
Solomon Harris, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Elliott Jeffords, Honorable Mention, Painting  
Audrey Jenkins, Gold Key, Painting, Honorable Mention, Painting, Silver Key, Painting  
Morgan Jessing, Gold Key, Photography (two)  
Quinn Johnson, Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass, Silver Key, Sculpture  
Julia Johnston, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Kayla Klein-Wolf, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Amelia Levine, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Rachel McMinn, Gold Key, Photography  
Kitrick Miller, Silver Key, Photography  
Vivian Monteiro, Gold Key, Painting, Honorable Mention, Drawing and Illustration  
Hailee More, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Alex Morgan, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Trent Nesbitt, Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration, Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration  
Nicholas Olenich, Gold Key, Photography, Honorable Mention, Photography (five)  
Kaelyn Person, Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass  
Haylee Renne, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Rachel Rodriguez, Gold Key, Photography, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Rae Serrano, Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration  
Lindsey Smith, Honorable Mention, Photography (two)  
Isaac Soto, Gold Key, Drawing & Illustration, Gold Key, Comic Art



Annika Sundstrom, Gold Key, Photography (two), Honorable Mention, Photography (two), Silver Key, Photography  
Emily Thomas, Silver Key, Painting  
Chloe Unflat, Gold Key, Drawing & Illustration, Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration (two), Silver Key, Mixed Media  
M Wilder, Honorable Mention, Digital Art, Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration  
Katie Williams, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Henry Wilson, Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration  
Devyn Yocom, Honorable Mention, Photography  
Sadia Zaim, Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week**

Freshman **Lucy Quinn**, Women's Basketball: Lucy played two outstanding games on Tuesday against Roosevelt helping her team to victory in both the JV2 game and the JV game. Lucy plays with intensity, passion, and a love for the game. She is a consummate teammate who gets her team involved.

Sophomore **Henry Anderson**, Men's Basketball: Henry has been a leader for his team the entire season. He plays with grit, makes his teammates better, and has fun doing it—a great kid who is a great role model for our student-athlete population at Wilson High School.

### **Wilson Robotics Team Advances**

Two Wilson robotics teams competed Saturday, January 20, in a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Qualifying Tournament. Team 7776 (Loose Screws) finished second and received the highest award, the Inspire Award, and will advance to an Oregon Regional Competition in February. Additionally, **Rispa Vranka Wafula** was selected as a Semi-Finalist for the FIRST Dean's List Award. Congratulations Loose Screws: Captain **Alissa Bergquist, Scott Bremmer, Benjamin Carleton, Sean Harrington, Noah Koontz, Thomas Lemoine, Jake Makuch, Taylor May-Moorhouse, and Rispa Vranka Wafula**; Coached by Scott Koontz and Brian Carleton.

Team 11625 (Clockwork Robotics) had one of the most creative robots at the tournament and despite their late-night mechanical changes on Friday, their competitive season has ended. Clockwork Robotics: Captain **Devon Johnson, Erika Bahena, Genevieve Belgique, Finnegan McCarthy, Ori Friesen, John Nguyen, Duffy Martin, Sam Taylor, James Wheeler, and Karter Zwetschke**; Coached by Jed Lund and Art La Flamme. Congratulations to seniors **Duffy Martin**, completing four years on a Wilson Robotics team, and **James Wheeler** completing two years on the team.

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week**

Senior **Redly James**: Redly earned his first varsity wrestling win of the season on Wednesday night at Cleveland. He has been a team captain all season, shows dedication and commitment to the team and never makes excuses and gives his best effort at all times.

Junior **Taumaia Uili**: Maia has worked extremely hard in her first season participating in wrestling. She has improved in every aspect of the sport throughout the season. On Saturday, even though she was not wrestling due to injury, Maia traveled with the team to Southridge to help support and cheer on her fellow teammates. She shows great character, leadership and commitment to the team each and every week.

### **Wilson Speech and Debate Takes Third at Pacific University**

Wilson Speech and Debate started the new year out with a solid performance at the Pacific University Hap Hingston Invitational Tournament recently, taking third place in Division I Sweepstakes team award. We kick off our Winter/Spring season by congratulating the winners and finalists: In Radio Commentary, **Huarui Lai** (7th) and **Zoe Carver** (6th) in junior division, **Amy Sloan** (6th), **Moses Felberg** (5th), **William Sweek** (4th) and **Fletcher Calcagno** (1st) in open division; in Impromptu, **Oli Devereux** (3rd) in junior division, **Elijah Moon** (semifinals), **William Sweek** (semifinals), and **Moses Felberg** (3rd) in open division; In Dramatic Interpretation, **Ginger Felberg** (5th open division); in Oratory, **Fletcher Calcagno** (2nd open division); in After Dinner Speaking, **Zoe Carver** (3rd) in junior division, **Ari Lohr** (5th) and **Wolf Morgan-Steiner** (2nd) in open division; in Humorous Interpretation, **Andrew Foran** (4th open division), in Public Forum Debate, the team of **Bryce Snyder** and **Moses Felberg** (semifinals, 3rd open division); in Parliamentary open division, the team of **Chester Mantel** and **Aidan Snodgrass-Ward** (quarterfinalists), and the team of **Fletcher Calcagno** and **Elijah Moon** (2nd place, **Elijah** 3rd in

speaker awards). The team competes again this weekend right in the neighborhood at Lewis and Clark College.

## December

### Trojan Student-Athletes of the Month for December



Junior **Diego Garcia-Perez** represents our school positively through his friendly and positive personality, desire to achieve and grow in academics, and his dedication to the sports he participates in. In addition, he works at a senior center and participates in family activities. Diego exemplifies the “mind, body, spirit,” of our school through his contributions at home, in the community and at school. Diego works harder than many other students on his academics, but he never gives up, complains or gets discouraged.



Junior **Lyla Balthazaar** comes to AP Language and Composition prepared to learn and actively helps others get their best work done. She is respectful, diligent, and humble. Lyla is also thorough in her assignments, using every opportunity to expand her mind and skills. Finally, she is a mentor in Ms. Leitch's class, demonstrating her commitment to our school community.

### Wilson Students Win Congressional App Challenge

Congressman Earl Blumenauer named Wilson juniors **Henry Pigg** and **Eli Winkelman** as the winners of his Congressional App Challenge. Their app, MelaKnow, helps detect and diagnose melanoma based on images taken from a smart phone. Last year's winners also came from Wilson High School. Eli and Henry will be awarded \$250 in Amazon Web Service credits and will have the chance to attend the #HouseOfCode reception in Washington, DC, in April of 2018. Their app will also be eligible to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building and on the House.gov website for one year.

### Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week

Senior **Alexis Hoffart**, Swimming: Alexis finished 4th in the Medley Relay, 2nd in the 100 Free, 1st in the Breast Stroke, and 1st in the 200 Free Relay. According to Coach Wiggins, Alexis is an extremely hard

worker at practice and it shows at the meets. She always gives 100% at competitions even if it is not her favorite event. She is a three-year Varsity letter winner.

Junior **Simon O'Loughlin**, Swimming: Simon finished 2nd in the 200 Medley Relay, 5th in the 50 Free, 1st in the 200 Free Relay, and 1st in the 100 Back. According to Coach Wiggins Simon is a workhorse: Whether at practice or at a meet, Simon always gives his all and does a great job of mentoring the new swimmers in the program. He is a two-year Varsity letter winner.

## November

### Three Wilson Students Win National Talent Contest

Three Wilson exchange students have been named among the winners of the PAX foreign student talent contest. Junior **Zom Pongputt** (Thailand), Junior **Dian Astari** (Bali), and Junior **Nihar Mehta** (India) have each won \$100 and a trip to Orlando, Florida, to to share their dancing skill at a national conference. Each student has studied traditional dance of their country which they combined in a show along with a Turkish student from Cleveland High. They are also available for performances locally and have performed for Loves and Fishes and the International Club. Contact Maranee Sanders ([mimisandersart@hotmail.com](mailto:mimisandersart@hotmail.com)) for more information.

### Trojan Student-Athletes of the Month for October

These student-athletes go out of their way to be exemplary in the classroom, the hallways, and in the community.



**Senior Madeline McCarter:** According to Mr. Higbee, Madeline is an amazing editor-in-chief for the yearbook. She manages to be engaged in both academics and soccer. She has a high level of spirit and is one of the kindest students he knows.



**Sophomore Shawn Sussman:** According to Mr. Mathews, Shawn is consistently a leader in the classroom and on the soccer field. He always has a strong work ethic, is positive, and strives to improve. Shawn is a leader on the team as a Sophomore because of his maturity beyond his years. . . and his maturity between the ears!

## October

### **Wilson Student Climbs to Championships**

Sophomore **Nathaniel Surma** was invited to represent Team USA at the Youth Pan American Climbing Championship in Montreal, Canada, October 30-November 1. With only about seven weeks to train for the competition, Nathaniel exceeded expectations by moving into the final round and placing 5th in the bouldering event! There were over 260 invitees with 21 competitors in his category. He hopes to make it to the next Championship event in Fall 2020.

### **Wilson Dancer in Holiday Show**

Wilson freshman Margot Shipton Cook will perform in The Portland Ballet's holiday show November 24-26, The Enchanted Toyshop and Tourbillon. Margot, with ten years of dance experience behind her, will dance in both ballets. Two children are accidentally locked in The Enchanted Toyshop, and Pinocchio reigns over a parade of toys that come to life to entertain them; Tourbillon, with the swirling grace of a Viennese ballroom, is inspired by a 1950s cotillion with colorful ball gowns, white evening gloves and elegant, jeweled crowns.

### **Staff Publications**

Wilson English Teacher **Nora Brooks** has recently published two magazine pieces, one in The Rumpus magazine, ([therumpus.net/2017/11/cowboy-or-terrorist-harney-county-and-the-trump-presidency/](http://therumpus.net/2017/11/cowboy-or-terrorist-harney-county-and-the-trump-presidency/)) and one in The Brooklyn Rail ([brooklynrail.org/2017/09/field-notes/Cowboy-Stories](http://brooklynrail.org/2017/09/field-notes/Cowboy-Stories)). Click the links to check out her work!

### **Leadership is proud to announce Freshman Officers for the Class of 2021:**

**Erika Bahena**

**Celia Connor-Smith**

**Bridget McMurray**

**Julia Meyers**

**Erasto Paula**

**Maxwell Sivers-Boyce**

### **Wilson Speech and Debate's October Was Scary-Good!**

The Speech and Debate Team opened the 2017-18 season by hosting northern Oregon's first OSAA sanctioned invitational tournament, where 27 schools, nearly 500 competitors and 120 adult judges came together to launch the year. Wilson speakers took part and found success, including finalists **Helen Fick** (After Dinner Speaking), **Andrew Foran** (Poetry), and top three finishers **Ari Lohr** (3rd Student Congress), **Amy Sloan** (3rd Radio Commentary), **Liam Gibler** (2nd novice Impromptu), and **Elijah Moon** (1st Impromptu).

On October 20-21 at Willamette University, the team built on its success with finalists and placers **Bryce Snyder** (finalist Prose), **Moses Felberg** (finalist Impromptu, 1st speaker Parliamentary Debate), **Fletcher Calcagno** (finalist Impromptu, 2nd speaker Parliamentary Debate, tie along with partner **Elijah Moon** for 3rd Parliamentary Debate, 1st Radio Commentary), **Tosca Ruotolo** (8th speaker, Parliamentary Debate), **Ari Lohr** and **Aidan Snodgrass-Ward** (tie for 3rd, Junior Parliamentary Debate), **Elijah Moon** (4th speaker, Parliamentary Debate), **Oli Devereux** (4th speaker, novice Parliamentary Debate), **Zoe Carver** (7th speaker, novice Parliamentary Debate, 2nd Junior Radio) **Emma Koontz** (3rd speaker, Junior Lincoln-Douglas Debate) **Nathaniel Nelson** (2nd Junior After Dinner Speaking and 1st Speaker, Junior

Public Forum Debate), and **Ethan Eisner** (2nd Junior Public Forum Debate). The team of **Nelson** and **Eisner** won 1st place in Junior Public Forum in a clean sweep, losing no ballots through the entire tournament.

The team finished October with a big win at Tillamook on October 28. Wilson took home 1st place Team Sweepstakes, beating the 2nd place team by over 100 points. Congratulations to **Jaren Friesen** (1st Extemporaneous), **Ethan Eisner** (2nd Extemporaneous), **Fletcher Calcagno** (3rd Oratory), **Ari Lohr** (2nd Oratory, 2nd After Dinner Speaking, 3rd Impromptu), **Amy Sloan** (1st Radio Commentary), **Charlotte Fay** (2nd novice Radio), **Oli Devereux** (1st novice Radio), **Emma Koontz** (3rd After Dinner Speaking), **Helen Fick** (1st After Dinner Speaking), **Ginger Felberg** (1st Dramatic Interpretation), **Liam Gibler** (1st novice Impromptu), **William Sweek** (2nd Impromptu), **Elijah Moon** (1st Impromptu), **Andrew Foran** (1st Poetry) and the debate teams of **Ethan Eisner** and **Nathaniel Nelson** (1st Public Forum), **Jaren Friesen** and **Kadeg Perrot** (2nd Parliamentary Debate), **Ari Lohr** and **Chester Mantel** (1st Parliamentary Debate), and **Liam Gibler** and **Nolan Sottoway** (1st novice Parliamentary).

The team competes next at Mt. Hood Community College on Saturday, November 4.

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, October 30-November 3**

Freshmen **Sylvia Ingram**, Cross Country: Only a freshmen, she finished 6th in the PIL with a new Wilson Freshmen time record of 19:02 for the 5K. She is also an All-League First Team Runner. Coach Esbensen says she was instrumental in stepping up to help the Wilson Women win their first PIL Championship since 1990.

Junior **Caden Samkutty**, Cross Country: According to Coach Esbensen, Caden ran a terrific race at the District Meet finishing in 8th place with a new personal record time of 16:12. Caden is an All-League Second Team performer only seconds from First Team. Caden's performance helped solidify the 2nd-Place Team finish behind Franklin, the #4 team in the entire Northwest Region.

### **Cross Country District Results**

Wilson had a great showing at this year's PIL District Championships, with both Women's JV and Varsity taking the District Championship, the first time since 1990 for the varsity team! Men's Varsity and JV both took second place, while Senior **Alex Slanning** is the District Champion. Wilson's seven varsity runners on each team will be competing at the State Championships in Eugene on November 4.

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, October 23-27, Senior Edition**

Senior **Mariquia Alferez**, Captain, Varsity Women's Soccer: Mariquia scored a goal and had an assist in the 3-1 victory over Madison on Senior Night to lock up the 2nd spot in a very competitive PIL. According to Coach Bundy, Mariquia has worked hard to improve all season long is a great leader for the program.

Senior **Savannah Alanis**, Varsity Cheer: Savannah has been with the program all four years while attending St. Mary's. According to Coach Jones, Alanis has been dedicated, promotes school spirit, and been an incredible leader. She is a fantastic role model for the Cheer Program and Wilson!

Senior **Abdulkaelir Mohamed**, Varsity Men's Soccer: Coach Mathews states, "Abdul has been the soul of the team all year long. Whenever the team faced adversity, he knows exactly what to say in the locker room to bring their spirits back up! He Marches On!"

Senior **Craig Weeks**, Cross Country: Craig won the JV race on Wednesday and Coach Esbensen says Craig has been an instrumental leader for the program. His patience and ability to lead by example inspire his team. And it was his birthday on Wednesday!

Senior **Adahra Poasa**, Cross Country, Coach Esbensen states that Adahra is a leader in the program and is one of the best runners in Wilson's Cross Country history. She plans on running next year at the collegiate level.

### **Wilson Chess Player Takes First Place at All Stars Tournament in Salem, Oregon**

Wilson Chess Club player sophomore Josh Bromley tied for first place in the Bright Stars action at the All Stars Tournament, played in the Capitol Building in Salem, Oregon on October 13. Chris Ng, also a Wilson sophomore, took second in his quad competition. Congratulations, Josh and Chris, and all the members of the Wilson Chess Club that fought in a tough competition!

### **October Trojan Student-Athletes of the Month**

This award goes to student-athletes who go out of their way to show respect in the classroom, the hallways, the community, and in their respective sport; they are all about the Wilson Way and elevate others around them. This month's winners are **Noreena McCleave** and **Bailey Jaramillo**. Thanks for showing the Wilson Way!

### **Congratulations to Wilson Chess Club All Stars!**

Congratulations to the following Wilson and Robert Gray students who earned an invitation to the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation All Stars tournament! They will compete for cash prizes this Friday, October 13, at the State Capitol Building in Salem. These players qualified by being rated in the top 10 players in their grade by trimester, being one of the top 25 most active chess players based on total number of lifetime games or demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship at the OSCF State Championship.

**Jake Winkler**  
**River Bednark**  
**Sinan Grehan**  
**Josh Bromley**  
**Chris Ng**  
**Michael Schuff**  
**Kira Dobbins**  
**Thomas Schuff**  
**Zane Moore**

And graduated seniors **Nathan Jewell** and **Riley Waugh**...

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, October 9-13**

Women's Soccer-Co-Captain **Talulah Beisel** scored her third game-winning goal of the season in the 2-0 win against Franklin. Talulah continues to work hard at improving her runs and her play is peaking at just the right point in their season.

Women's Cross Country Runner **Annika Sundstrom** won the meet on Wednesday for her first Cross Country victory. She beat out elite runners from Clackamas and Wilson for the win in 19:28.

Men's Cross Country Runner **Quinn Wilcox** has been stepping up lately and broken into the Varsity of one of the states top five teams. He's only a Freshmen while making quite a name for himself. Quinn has also moved into number four all time for Wilson Freshmen.

### **Work by Wilson Art Teacher Marie Pearson Featured at Maryhill Museum of Art, October 6-November 15, 2017**



Two of Ms. Pearson's pieces have been selected for inclusion in the "Teachers as Artists" juried exhibition at the Maryhill Museum of Art. The opening reception is on Sunday, October 22, from 11am-1pm. Congratulations, Ms. Pearson!

### **Wilson High School Academic All-Stars**



**Clay Hunter** says he's taken nearly every advanced placement course offered at Wilson High School and will finish his career with 13 such classes under his belt. Meanwhile, he's a member of the Wilson baseball team, is organizing the Associated Student Body and is a member of the Link Crew and the Wilson student-athlete council. Though excelling in all of these activities simultaneously can be challenging, he says finding balance in life is important. His greatest interests are biology and environmental sciences and he hopes to attend a prestigious university to continue such studies. "I just really like the study of life and how things grow and change and interact with each other. I find that very interesting," Hunter said.



**Kayla Klein-Wolf** is passionate about government and political science. And she's fully committed to these interests. Klein-Wolf has taken AP Government, AP Environmental Science and humanities courses and plans



to study political theory and other political science classes in college. She's also a member of the Wilson Site Council, a forum where students, parents and administrators discuss overarching issues such as graduation rates and attendance. And though she's still in high school, she landed an internship with United States Senator Ron Wyden's Oregon office. "There's a lot of opportunities out there and you just have to take the plunge and put yourself out there and talk to people. Even if the position says it's only available to kids in college or currently pursuing a degree in public policy, reach out to them," she said.



Whether it is deck furniture, motors or computer programming, Wilson High senior **Craig Weeks** enjoys the satisfaction of building a useful item out of an assortment of parts. In college he plans to take classes in math, science and engineering. Though his professional career is a ways off, he envisions a career with a software company or an engineering firm. Weeks also loves to run, is the captain of the cross-country team and is also a member of the track and field team. The trails allow time for deep thought. "It helps me think. Sometimes I'll think about homework problems or what I have to figure out in the next day. It's a good time to decompress, where I don't have to worry about anything else," Weeks said.

## September

### **Wilson Student Rows to Championships**

Congratulations to sophomore **Anna Hansen** on representing the Northwest in the U.S. Rowing Youth National Challenge the weekend of September 23-24, as part of the 2017 Senior World Championships in Sarasota, Florida. This the first time this event, the Olympics of rowing in non-Olympic years, has been held in the US for nearly 25 years. The Youth National Challenge is an exhibition event showcasing up-and-coming junior talent in the U.S. Crews representing five regions around the country came together to race 2000 meters in two days of exciting racing. Anna's boat, made up of rowers from Rose City Rowing Club and from throughout the Northwest, came in second in the finals.

### **National Merit Scholarships**

The following Wilson seniors received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: **Ben Carleton, Thomas Lemoine, Elijah Moon, Elise Paznokas, and Sarah Pfeiffer**. We have four semifinalists who have qualified to advance as Finalists: **Clay Hunter, Steven Peterson, Marley Weakland, and Craig Weeks**. Well done!