

# 2018-19

## June

### 2019 Les Schwab Bowl

Senior **Keating Hinkley** has been selected to play in the 2019 Les Schwab Bowl on Saturday, June 15, at the Hillsboro Stadium. Kick-off is at 6pm. This is a wonderful honor for a great student-athlete who is going on to play at Western Oregon University in the Fall. For more information, go to <http://www.lesschwabbowl.com/>.

### AP Art Students Paint to Win!



On Wednesday, June 5, students from Ms. Pearson's AP Art Class participated in the "En Plein Air" painting competition held at PCC. This fun event re-imagined plein air painting as a wrestling match, with two 50-minute rounds a half-time, DJ, referee, MC, and a drumline. Three kindergarteners from the PCC Child development Center served as judges as PCC students gathered to watch the paintings develop. Wilson students worked collaboratively from start to finish on a 4' x 10' canvas with a Halloween rock concert as the subject of the painting. The judges showed excellent taste and discrimination and chose the Wilson canvas as the winner! The winning team consisted of **Aria Delamarter, Georgia Feld-Denae, Anna Hansen, Deidra Kolnick, Kylie Robinson, Isaac Soto, Sophia Burton, Graham Lampe and Lucas Yao.**

### End-of-year Awards

#### Scholarships

Gifford Family Community Scholarship: **Amy Sloan**

Wilson Community Scholarship: **Thomas Reynolds, Nikos Zumberis, and Athina Watkins**

Hand in Hand Scholarship: **Tim Denniston**

Harrison J. Blackwell Scholarship: **Jasmine Maldonado**

PTA Scholarships: **Amy Sloan** and **Andrew Harker**

National Merit Scholarship: **Ryan Bernstein**

PCC Future Connect Scholarships:

**Nasra Abdullahi**

**Idarus Abdullahi**

**Maryama Ali**

**Hailey Anderson**

**Yassen Bajali**

**Jacob Bell**

**Macenzie Braithwait**

**Emma Charlone**

**James Coefield**

**Shelby Garrett**

**Dora Hernandez**

**Abdiaziz Hussein**  
**Isaiah Hill**  
**Omar Menye**  
**Yeni Miranda**  
**Christevie Mpunga**  
**Abdi Noor**  
**Nikki Owens**  
**Asad Sheikh Ahmed**

Order of the Golden W

**David Williams** (staff)  
**Matt Carlson** (staff)  
**Sarah Lemier** (staff)  
**Kelly Milford** (staff)  
**Irene Hediger** (Community)  
**Jean Hinkley** (Community)  
**Andrew Harker** (student)  
**Zoe Bennett** (student)  
**Amy Sloan** (student)  
**Ryan Bernstein** (student)

Valedictorians and Highest Weighted GPA

**Ryan Bernstein**  
**Gabe Colasurdo**  
**Emily Eddy**  
**Jessica Ewton**  
**Andrew Harker**  
**Fran Ierulli**  
**Sierra Loiselle**  
**Ella Lurix**  
**Eli Molloy** (Highest Weighted GPA)  
**Vivian Monteiro**  
**Delaney Oliver-Nutt**  
**Anthony Piacentini**

Athletic Awards

Paul McCall Award: **Maia Uili, Mason Lommen**  
Scholar Athletes: **Jake Winkler, Jessica Ewton**  
Male/Female Athletes of the Year: **Caden Samkutty, Francesca Ierulli**  
Head Coach of the Year: **Thor Esbensen**  
Assistant Coach of the Year: **Tony Petraglia**

Department Awards

Band

Excellence in Jazz Band: **Anthony Piacentini**  
Excellence in Band: **Devon Johnson, Jackson Ruhl**  
Wilson Band Hall of Fame: **Sid Mesirow**

Arts

Outstanding Ceramics Students: **Benny Silverberg, Luke Bessette, Quinn Johnson, Jessica Ewton**  
Outstanding Work in AP Art (Drawing and Painting): **Susan Behrends Valenzuela**  
Outstanding Photography Student: **Nicholas Olenich, Annika Sundstrom, Francesca Ierulli, Sebastien O'Halloran**

Choir/Orchestra

Outstanding Musicianship in Choir: **Annika Phillips, Cooper Poole, Maia Uili, Jackson Wray**  
Outstanding Musicianship for Orchestra: **Gabriel Colasurdo, Katja LaFlamme**

English Department

Outstanding Students in Language Arts: **Olivia German, Lizzie Scriven, Ella Lurix, Adam Blaine, Janacia Robertson, William Britton**

ESL

Outstanding student in English Language Development: **Abas Menye, Christevie Mpunga**

Health Sciences CTE

Outstanding student in Health Sciences: **Zoey Nolan, Alex Worden**

Leadership

Outstanding Leadership Student: **Zoe Bennett**

Marketing

Marketing Student of the Year: **Ella Lurix**

Award for Diligence, Excellence, Integrity: **Amy Sloan**

Noblesse Oblige - Of Service to Others: **Sean Cunningham**

Mathematics

Outstanding Math Student: **Jaren Friesen**

Outstanding Calculus Students: **Jessica Ewton and Ryan Bernstein**

Outstanding Statistics Students: **Eli Molloy, Emily Eddy**

Computer Programming Student: **Henry Pigg**

Physical Education

Outstanding student in Strength and Conditioning: **Tavares Tims**

Outstanding student in Physical Education: **Barbara Miranda-Reyes**

Publications

Outstanding Yearbook Student: **Gaby Mendoza, Susan Behrends, Lily Martinson**

Science

Outstanding student in Biology: **Emily Eddy**

Outstanding student in Chemistry: **Spencer Machinski**

Outstanding student in Physics: **Ryan Bernstein**

Social Studies

Outstanding students in social studies: **Lucas Yao, Claire Haats, William Sweek**

Room 17

Resident Photographer: **Cedrex Charley**

Studios Student Award: **Janet Gonzalez**

Pop Culture Guru: **Kendall Voigt**

Theatre

Outstanding Contribution to Theatre, Overall: **Parker Callais, Jackson Wray**

Outstanding Contribution to Theatre, Offstage: **Annika Phillips, Sophia Burton**

Outstanding Contribution to Theatre, Onstage: **William Britton, Lucy Grissom**

Woods and Metals

Outstanding Woods & Metals students: **Max Kemling, Maya Goines, Oscar Sloop**

World Language Department

Outstanding American Sign Language Student: **Sierra Loiselle**

Outstanding French Student: **Annika Phillips, Pascal Tower**

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish: **Andrew Harker, Jessica Ewton**

Outstanding German student: **Christine Castles**

The OSAC Peggy Dickinson Miller Scholarship: **Ariel Ortega, Samantha Torres**

The OSAC Marsha K. Richards Inspirational Scholarship: **Taumaia Uili**

The Carl & Dorothy Crow Scholarships: **Jessica Ewton, Fran Ierulli, Olivia Worley**

Woodrow Wilson Scholars

**Lyla Balthazaar**

**Susan Behrends**

**Zoe Bennett**

**Ryan Bernstein**

**Solomon Burr Harris**

**Gabe Colasurdo**

**Emily Eddy**

**Jaren Friesen**

**Ellie George**

**Claire Haats**

**Andrew Harker**

**Julia Johnston**

**Hayden Lohr**

**Sierra Loiselle**

**Ella Lurix**

**Madeline Mapes**

**Gabby Mendoza-Estrada**

**Eli Molloy**

**Connor Moragne  
Elizabeth Reunert  
Sarah Robertson  
Jackson Ruhl  
Taegan Snyder  
Annika Sundstrom  
William Sweek  
Morgan Thiers  
Elizabeth Vodden  
Isaac Vollen  
Justine Wendt  
Sarah White  
Jake Winkler  
Alex Worden**

Faculty Service Award: **Janacia Robertson**

## May

We are proud to announce Valedictorians for the Class of 2019



Back row, from left: Gabe Colasurdo, Anthony Piacentini, Ryan Bernstein, Eli Molloy, Emily Eddy, Sierra Loiselle

Front row, from left: Fran Ierulli, Ella Lurix, Andrew Harker, PPS School Board Student Representative Nick Paesler

Not pictured: Jessica Ewton, Vivian Monteiro, Delaney Oliver-Nutt

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



Junior **Henry Anderson**, Men's Lacrosse: According to his teachers, Henry is a brilliant and dedicated AP physics student who excels on the theoretical work and in the lab. This continues beyond science where he excels in all of his classes and on the field and court. Toss in his charm and modesty. Mix all of this with his calm good nature. The result is a true Renaissance Man. Henry is a leader in the classroom and for his teams. He is dedicated, passionate, and an all-around great kid!



Junior **Rachel Weirnick**, Women's Tennis: According to her teachers, Rachel's intellectual rigor and attention to detail and excellence in the classroom is just as evident on the tennis court. Her understated style of study and play is not showy, but the final result is always impressive. She is an authentic scholar and athlete who lets her actions speak for her. These actions speak loudly and clearly. Look out world, here comes Rachel. She's a super-dedicated band student. Very reliable and a great musician. Rachel is a highly talented student. She was consistently able to balance the demands of a rigorous academic schedule and being an athlete. She also managed her end of the year schedule effectively to make sure that she was up to date on her assignments. Even after a long time, she worked hard to make sure she maintained a high level of readiness for tests that she may have missed. The bottom line is that she is a responsible student who could manage the competing responsibilities of school and sports.

#### **Teachers of the Month**

**Marie Pearson**, Art: Wilson students say, "Ms. Pearson is the most positive and outgoing human being I know. She flies around the classroom everyday sharing her ideas, teaching new techniques, and also doing

handstands. She has created an all-inclusive environment for students to be free from the normal classroom stress and also get your hands a little bit dirty. She creates a fun, caring, and creative programs and does an outstanding job of promoting Wilson Art."

**Ellen Whatmore**, Language Arts: Mrs. Whatmore's students say, "she was always trying to further our knowledge and helped us understand literature and social justice in an interesting way. She is always open to questions and would help to the best of her abilities. She also was super spirited and involved with building class spirit. Mrs. Whatmore cares about each and every student in her class and wants them all to live up to their potential. Her classrooms are engaging, fun, and inquisitive."

**Norm Stremming**, Language Arts/Social Studies: According to his students, "Mr. Stremming is extremely relatable with his students and makes class fun and engaging. He is easy to communicate with and passionate about what he does. Mr. Stremming is a great teacher that takes a unique and engaging approach to learning. He focuses on making students ready for college and life. Stremming is one of the realest teachers I've ever had. He has made such an impact on my life and the lives of Wilson Students."

### **National Signing Day, May 22**



We celebrated our Wilson student-athletes going on to play at the next level!

**Annika Sundstrom**, Oregon State XC/Track  
**Zoe Andersen**, Portland State XC/Track  
**Francesca Ierulli**, Oregon XC/Track  
**Finn Tyvoll**, Humboldt State XC/Track  
**Ben Fowler**, Linfield Track  
**Mason Lommen**, Linfield Track  
**Cooper Curtin**, Track  
**Tavares Tims**, Mount Hood Community College Baseball  
**Keating Hinkley**, WOU Football/Track  
**Lizzie Scriven**, Whittier College Basketball  
**Caden Samkutty**, Azusa Pacific Tennis  
**Logan Clizer**, Linfield Soccer  
**Olivia McKinnon**, Highline Community College Softball

### **All-City Teams**

#### Baseball All-City Team

1st Team-**Tavares Tims**, PIL Pitcher of the Year  
1st Team-**Tyson Davidson**, 1st Base  
2nd Team-**Devan Knight**, INF  
2nd Team-**Tavares Tims**, INF  
2nd Team-**Jordan Taff**, OF

2nd Team-**Zach Lewis**, OF  
Honorable Mention-**Devan Knight**, Pitcher

Softball All-City Team

1st Team-**Ellie George**, INF  
1st Team-**Ava Hergenhan**, DH  
2nd Team-**Kailin Gilzow**, Pitcher  
2nd Team-**Kaija Shreeve**, Pitcher  
2nd Team-**Lexi Krake**, INF  
2nd Team-**Olivia McKinnon**, OF  
2nd Team-**Becca Gurnee**, Utility  
Honorable Mention-**Maya Goines**, INF  
Honorable Mention-**Malea Triplett**, OF

Men's Lacrosse 2019 Columbia All-Conference Team

2nd Team-**Logan Clizer**, Attack  
2nd Team-**Henry Anderson**, Midfield  
2nd Team-**Dylan Gwaltney**, Defense  
Honorable Mention-**Eric Tervo**, Attack  
Honorable Mention-**Jesse Brodrick**, Attack  
Honorable Mention-**Kevin Pixley**, Midfield  
Honorable Mention-**Rij Dorfman**, LSM

Women's Lacrosse All-League Teams

2nd Team-**Hyland Cullen-Musengo**  
Honorable Mention-**Ursa Freeman**  
Honorable Mention-**Claire Haats**  
Honorable Mention-**Ashley Fale-Olsen**  
Honorable Mention-**Daphne Haats**

**Student-Athletes of the Week, May 20-24**



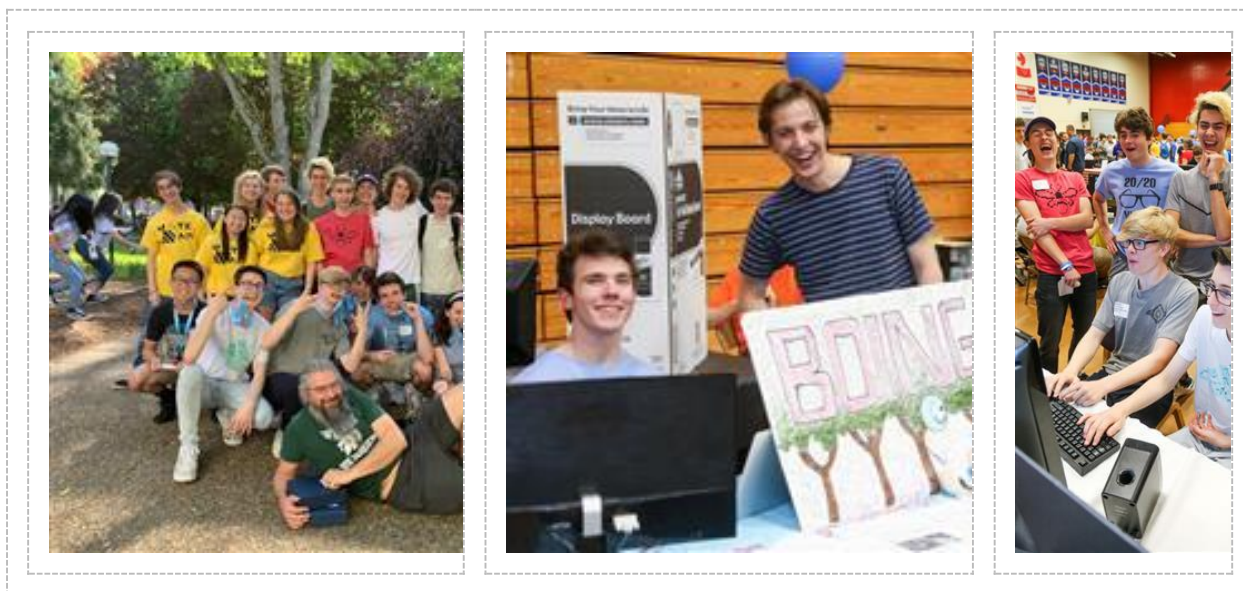
Senior **Logan Clizer**, Men's Lacrosse: Logan has been a dominant force for our team during the regular season and has continued to do so in the playoffs as well. In playoff games, against Beaverton and in the quarter finals against Roseburg, he earned 10 goals, 4 assists, and 4 forced turn overs. For the regular season, he finished with 47 goals, 20 assists, and 9 forced turn overs.





Junior **Hyland Cullen-Musengo**, Women's Lacrosse: Hyland had an incredible year this past season. She was instrumental in the team's success this year posting 82 goals, 117 draw controls, 57 caused turnovers, and 67 ground balls for the season. She earned a spot on the 2nd All-League Team and was the leading scorer in the state.

### **Wilson Computer Scientists Got Game!**



Seven Wilson teams competed against over 300 students from around the state in the Oregon Game Project Challenge at Western Oregon University, with two Trojan teams winning awards for Programming and Game Design. This year's theme was scarcity. Teams are judged on a variety of aspects of the software and game design process. Students had a chance to have their work evaluated by professional software engineers, game developers and college students. We had an excellent showing at the event with all of our teams receiving high marks for the quality of their work and presentation skills.

The Game Design Award went to the team of **Henry Pigg, Oscar Sloop, Andrew Harker and Zoe Bennett**. Their game, Boinga, is a mobile game where you draw lines to bounce a ball as far as you can before you run out of ink. Available in the Apple App Store now!



The Programming Award went to the team of **John Nguyen, Max Finke, Louis Rizzo and Karsten Dinsmore**. Their game, Corp Inc LLC, is a multiplayer strategy game played over a local network. Players manage the needs of employees as they build their corporation.

#### **Student-Athletes of the Week, May 13-17**



Freshman **Nolan Malcomson**, Track & Field: Here is what the coaches had to say about Nolan: Nolan qualified for all four of his events for the State Meet, 4x100, 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, and 4x400. Still trying to find the last time Wilson had a four-event qualifier. Outstanding kid with a tremendous future ahead.

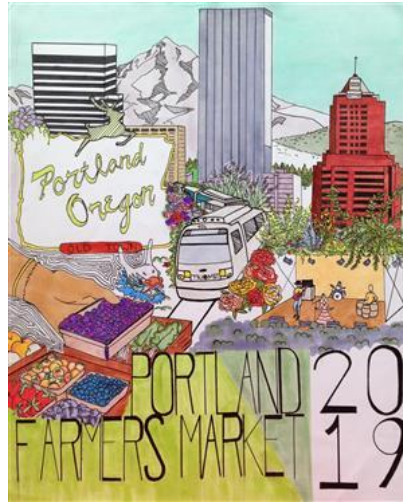


Senior **Olivia Worley**, Track & Field: Here is what the coaches had to say about Olivia: Olivia competed and scored big points for her team in the 4 X 100, 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, and the 4 x 400. We are very excited to watch her compete next weekend at the State Track Meet. She is the heart of our program.

#### **Wilson Student Artists Bag Awards**



**Ezra Scriven**



**Zasu Hostetter Smith**

Please congratulate Wilson art students **Ezra Scriven** and **Zasu Hostetter Smith** for their Portland Farmers Market Bag Contest designs! Zasu won the People's Choice Award and will receive a \$250 prize. Ezra is one of three finalists. Winners will be announced at the PSU Farmers Market on Saturday, June 8, at 10:45am. The winning design will be printed on 1,000 reusable canvas bags, handed out for free at the market following the announcement. The winning student will receive \$2,000, second place will receive \$1,000, and third place \$500.



### **Second Annual Wilson Science Awards**

Each year the science department faculty recognizes achievements of students in grades 9-11. This year's ceremony took place during Tutor Time on Friday, May 17. Seniors will receive recognition at the Senior Awards Ceremony on June 3.

The Donna Strickland Award for Creativity and Critical Thinking

**Baz Brenn**  
**Dino (Alden) Leback**  
**Emily Petersen**  
**Joshua Bromley**  
**Jules (Adi) Solomon**  
**Kelson Gipp**  
**Lukas Castrina**  
**Mei Li Hawthorne**  
**Natalie Taylor**  
**Noah Shapera**  
**Riley Baker**  
**Shawn Sussman**

The Carl Sagan Award for Communication and Scientific Literacy

**Danielle Chang**  
**Deva Paris**  
**Duncan Larson**  
**Emma Brady-Wright**  
**Emma Laboe**  
**Mira Coles**

The Marie Curie Award for Excellence in Experimentation

**Ella Janssen**  
**Emily Bugbee**  
**Emily Petersen**  
**Jack Conway**  
**Kaija Shreeve**  
**Roger Millar**  
**Sundus Ahmed**

The Shirley Jackson Award for Tenacity in the Pursuit of Scientific Achievement

**Amanda Mesirow**  
**Aslan Newson**  
**Ava Martins**  
**Charlotte Richman**  
**Gabriel Lopez**  
**Gavriella Froelich**  
**Jacob Berg**  
**Jakob Person**  
**John Nguyen**  
**Jordan Moliken**  
**Kaden Leeper**  
**Khadija Abdalla**  
**Logan Reuter**  
**Manar Surur**  
**Osman Menye**  
**Owen Van Horn**  
**Skylar Tunstall**

The Temple Grandin Award for Connecting Science and Society

**Anna Martin**  
**Ashling Gregory**  
**Bronte McKinnis**  
**Ella Rhea**  
**Nate Meyers**  
**Serena Best-Prostrednik**

The Muhammad Abdus Salam Award for Interdisciplinary Excellence

**Chloe Johnson**  
**Eliza Di Giulio**  
**Kaleb Hedding**

**Kira Dobbins**  
**Max Flecker**  
**Oli Devereux**  
**Paul Simko**  
**Rachel Weirnick**  
**Rachel Woods**  
**Ruby Telles**  
**Togtuun Tumurkhuu**

The Marie Tharp Award for Team Leadership and Mentoring in Science

**Abby Steward**  
**Ember Summer**  
**Emilee Augsburg-Fisher**  
**Emma Koontz**  
**Jacen Caldwell**  
**Katya Brodsky**  
**Madison Moore**  
**Nolan Sottoway**  
**Sam Makuch**  
**Samantha Jacobson**  
**Sophia Chappell**  
**Sophia Christensen**

**Wilson Student Athletes of the Week, May 6-10**



Senior **Maya Goines**, Softball: Maya had a big week at the plate for the Trojans batting .500 with some key hits to help seal a third place finish. She strengthens the defense with her quick glove work at third base and has shown herself to be an excellent teammate.



Junior **Devan Knight**, Baseball: Devan, in two wins over Cleveland was 3 for 6 at the plate with a walk-off single in game one. In game two, he pitched a complete game shutout on 79 pitches allowing only four hits.

#### **Wilson Teacher Is a Finalist for Educator of the Year**



Wilson Physics teacher **Joe Minato** has been recognized with the OnPoint Community Credit Union Circle of Excellence award; he is also a finalist for their Educator of the Year award. Circle of Excellence recognition comes with a \$1,500 cash prize and a \$1,000 donation to Wilson. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, May 21. Mr. Minato has been responsible for the growth of AP Physics at Wilson, which had no classes when he arrived and now has five. He started "science salons" that pair AP Physics students with underclassmen who need help, as well as an astronomy club, and he hosts community star parties and teaches continuing education courses to teachers who are in the early-to-middle parts of their careers.

"Mr. Minato can galvanize the sleepiest class of teens and set them on fire with his inspiring combination of passion, creativity, knowledge, compassion and humor," writes Kathy Weeks, the parent of a former student, for the award webpage. "Even at lunchtime, Joe's classroom is packed with students who want more." Mr. Minato is a great example of what makes Wilson great!

## **April**

### Trojan Student-Athletes of the Month



Junior **Liban Dahir**, Track & Field: Here is what teachers had to say about Liban: Liban Dahir is a super dedicated student who will do anything needed to succeed academically. Plus, he is fast on the track. He is kind and patient and has a powerful life story of perseverance and dignity through hardship. He may be less likely than some other students at Wilson to be noticed, but he is deserving of this award. Liban is a model citizen who genuinely cares for the people around him and it shows how he conducts himself at Wilson High School.



Junior **Deva Paris**, Women's Tennis: Here is what teachers had to say about Deva: Deva Paris is an exceptionally well-rounded student/athlete. In addition to being a great Wilson High School student body leader, she is also a very hard-working and very, very successful student. Deva asks many insightful questions in AP Calculus class that not only enhance the learning for everyone else, but also often cause me to think more deeply about a topic. And I can always count on Deva to give me her very best effort every single day. She has been an exceptional student in AP Psych. Not only does she seek out opportunities to strengthen her skills she also helps strengthen those around her.



### Teachers of the Month

**Brittney Jenkins** (Math): Here's what students say about Ms. Jenkins: Mrs. Jenkins gives 110% everyday and walks into the room with a smile in her face, sparkle in her eye, and heartfelt laugh ready to be shared. She strives to help all her students understand and really learn the material while also keeping it fun. Mrs. Jenkins is always is eager to help out a student with anything, even if they are not in her class. A great soccer player and an even better person. Mrs. Jenkins is a great person with a kind heart. She is humorous and relates to her students and is always willing to talk. I had her my freshman year for Geometry. Ms. Jenkins is very caring and engaging and makes sure that students are supported and understand everything before moving forward. I have had Ms. Jenkins for two years now and she is also one of the soccer coaches so I have gotten to know her pretty well. One of the things that makes her different than many other teachers is that she always makes a real effort to get to know every one of her students. She is always wanting to help and be there for her students and is always interested in what is happening in everyone's life which I think is really cool.

**Frank Mathews** (Social Studies): Students say: Mr. Mathew's classes are engaging, fun, and interactive. He always has a way of making history come alive. He is always asking us how our lives are going on outside of class. He makes connections with history that are relevant and interesting. His taste in music is awesome! Mr. Mathews genuinely cares about his classes and finds ways to make history relate to us all. He finds ways to connect history to sports sometimes which makes the class that much more enjoyable for me. He finds ways to make us laugh when we need it the most. He is creative, outgoing, and super invested in history.

### Women's Golf Wins PIL!



For the second year in a row, Wilson Women's Golf has taken the PIL title and is headed to the state tournament. Good luck to them at Quail Valley Golf Course on May 13 and 14!

### OSAA State Ensemble Results

Congratulations to our outstanding Wilson musicians!

WAVE: 2nd place in state

Chamber Orchestra: 3rd place in state

**Fiona Dubay** and **Akseli Mende**, Viola Duet: 3rd place in state

**Taumaia Uili**, Alto Voice: 3rd place in state

**Annika Phillippes**, Mezzo-soprano Voice: 4th place in state

### Wilson Student to Perform at Lincoln Hall, PSU

Wilson High School freshman **Isaac Jacobwitz** will perform in The Portland Ballet's production of Current/Classic May 10-11. Isaac is in his fifth year at The Portland Ballet. The mixed-repertoire program of contemporary and classical pieces will showcase the academy's advanced company dancers. The bill includes George Balanchine's Serenade, Swan Lake Act II, Tom Gold's Festival Russe, Rip/Tide by the



founders of BodyVox, and Quinary, a brand new work by TPB Ballet Master Jason Davis. Performances are May 10-11 at 7:30pm at Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University. For more information go to [theportlandballet.org](http://theportlandballet.org) or call 503-750-3157.

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, May 22-26**



Freshman **Nolan Malcomson**, Track: Nolan had an incredible week during a historic freshman year. On Saturday, Nolan competed in five races in the prestigious Centennial Invitational. He was 7th in the 100 hurdles and 3rd in the 300 hurdles. His poise and athleticism were on full display. There were 48 teams and 1200 student-athletes competing.



Senior **Olivia Worley**, Track: Olivia showed tremendous leadership as she competed at the Centennial Invite. She ran a personal best in the 100 Meter Hurdles at 11am and also ran on the 7th place 4 X 100 and the 4th place 4 X 400 at 8:45pm! What a great long day!

### **PIL Hall of Fame**

Wilson High School is pleased to announce that Wilson alumni Tim Baltus (Baseball, class of 1976), Sol

Sallos (Soccer, Track & Field, class of 1990), and Jason Porter (Football, Wrestling, Baseball, class of 1989) will be inducted into the PIL Hall of Fame on October 27, 2019. Outstanding accomplishments for these three former Wilson Student-Athletes.

#### **Wilson Robotics News**

Wilson Robotics Club is very proud to announce that junior **Rispa Vranka Wafula** has been awarded the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Dean's List Award for the 2018-2019 robotics season at the World Championships this week in Houston.

The Dean's List award is FIRST's highest individual achievement and only 10 awards are given each season, worldwide. Rispa is in her third year at Wilson Robotics and is the team captain for Team 7776, Loose Screws.

#### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, May 15-19**



Senior **Ellie George**, Softball: Ellie is exceptional on and off the field. She juggles a busy softball season with five AP classes. She is a captain for the team as well as a top infielder and hitter. She does it all with a positive attitude and smile. She is a supportive teammate, talented athlete and an absolute pleasure to coach.



Senior **Tavares Tims**, Baseball: Tavares Tims pitched a complete game one-hit shutout over Madison striking out six. He faced the minimum number of batters as the only runner that reached was thrown out trying to steal.

### **Wilson Teacher Recognized as Outstanding Literacy Leader**

Each year, the Portland Reading Council honors individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to literacy. Wilson teacher Jamie Suehiro (Language Arts) is a winner of this year's Celebrate Literacy Award!

Ms. Suehiro was chosen because of her invaluable contributions to individual student achievement in Language Arts, to growing a positive professional culture here at Wilson, and to our historically underserved communities.

### **Speech and Debate Goes to State!**

The Wilson Speech and Debate Team had great success at the recent state qualifier tournament. Qualifying for state:

Junior **Aiden Snodgrass-Ward** and senior **Christian Zayas** in parliamentary debate; senior **Amy Sloan** in prose and radio commentary; junior **Ari Lohr** in program oral interpretation; senior **Chester Mantel** in student congress; junior **Emma Koontz** in Lincoln-Douglas debate; junior **Ethan Eisner** in impromptu; junior **Ginger Felberg** in humorous interpretation; seniors **Jaren Friesen** and **William Sweek** in parliamentary debate; sophomores **Oli Devereux** and **Zoe Carver** in duo interpretation; and freshman **Preston Bushnell** in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Junior **Nathaniel Nelson** placed as state alternate in both oratory and after dinner speaking, and **Zoe Carver** was also the alternate in humorous interpretation. Additionally, **Ari Lohr** and **Emma Koontz** qualified for the national tournament in POI and Worlds debate, respectively. The team will compete at the state tournament April 18-20, so wish them luck!



### **Model United Nations 2019**

Wilson MUN is just back from their annual event in Eugene where they represented Ireland, The Holy See, and Thailand. The team made a Big Five bid and won China (sharing with another school) for next year.

Seven Wilson members won a speaker's award in their committee: **Aiden Brahn-Perrot**, **Zoe Carver**, **Maggie Downey**, **Ashley Eddy**, **Max Finke**, **Chester Mantel**, and **Nathaniel Nelson**, who also won the talent show for his multiple recorder performance.

The next MUN meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, to elect next year's leaders. A big thank you to this year's leaders: **Gabe Colasurdo, Julia Johnston,** and **William Sweek.**

#### **Congratulations to Wilson High School Poetry Slam Winners!**

We had over 30 students share amazing, original poetry at our slam. Teen poets share inspiring, heartbreaking, and incredibly moving works of poetry. **Ari Lohr** and **Elisa Mickelson** will represent Wilson at Verslandia at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on April 25. **Aslan Newson** will serve as our alternate at Verselandia and will perform if Ari or Elisa become unavailable. **Daisy Valdez** placed 4th and **Jules Solomon** placed 5th. Congratulations to all of our teen poets!

#### **Congratulations to Wilson's OBOB Team, The Doom!**

After an outstanding showing at the regional competition, The Doom represented Wilson well at the State Battle of the Books competition at Chemeketa Community College. They battled five times and earned enough points to be placed in the Super Eight competition, resulting in a final standing of 5th in State! Congratulations to The Doom! Teammates competing at state were **Grace Pendergrass, Ember Summer,** and **Jack Conway.** **Sophia Stedman** was part of the team at regionals. Congratulations again to The Doom!

#### **Student-Athletes of the Week, April 1-5**



Junior **Hyland Cullen-Musengo**, Women's Lacrosse: Hyland has been averaging 3.67 points, 4 ground balls and 6 draw controls per game in leading the Wilson Women's lacrosse team to a 3-3 start. Co-captain Musengo has dominated games in transition as the Trojans have posted convincing wins over PL rivals Cleveland 17-3 and Grant 17-5.



Junior **Ben Finnel**, Baseball: Ben pitched his best game of the season in a 2-1 loss versus Wilsonville. He allowed only 2 runs while striking out 6 in 5  $\frac{2}{3}$  innings.

#### **Wilson Senior Gets a Head Start on Health Care Career**

The Wilson Health Sciences department is pleased to announce that Senior **Meama Scott** has been selected to receive the Kaiser Permanente Health Care Career Scholarship! Kaiser Permanente awards scholarships in amounts of \$2,000+ to seniors at eligible high schools in the Northwest to help them achieve their dreams of becoming health care professionals. Meama is an outstanding student and we wish her well. We're all lucky to have her going into health care!

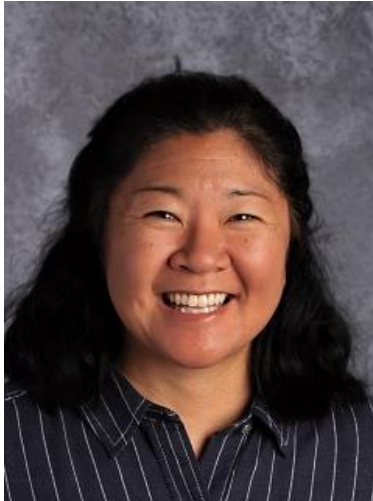
## **March**

#### **Teachers of the Month**



**Derek MacDicken**, Science: What students say: Mr. MacDicken is a teacher who expects his students to work hard and gives us the opportunity to always do so. An example of this are the projects he assigns us in AP Environment. He is a very captivating speaker when it comes to environmental topics and his class really helped me decide what I want to go to college for: civil engineering, emphasis on energy and environment.

Mr. MacDicken challenges us to see the world through different lenses and creates an inclusive classroom where all of his students feel welcome. He challenges us to think creatively, reflectively, and has high expectations.



**Jamie Suehiro**, Language Arts: What students say: Ms. Suehiro consistently gets to know her students outside of the classroom. She is intrigued to know about how each sport and student athlete is doing. She provides a great environment in the classroom and takes time out of her busy day to get to know each student individually. Ms. Suehiro is always very kind and caring of not only what you do in class but what you do outside of class. She's always asking how your track race, or soccer game went. Ms. Suehiro is such an awesome teacher. She pushes us to do our best work in a hard AP course, but makes sure it is fun at the same time. She also provided lots of extra support, including granola bars, when students are in need of that extra boost. Her classrooms are engaging, though-provoking, and she makes us all feel welcome!

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



Junior **Kailin Gilzow**, Softball: An editor for the magazine, Kailin is an extremely hard working and dedicated student. She is one of the people directly responsible for the successful publication of each issue



of the magazine this year. She took it upon herself to learn layout and InDesign to make this happen and has a lot of patience when it comes to encouraging her fellow staff members to get all components of their work in on time. Kailin is indeed a great human being. She is also great in the classroom.



**Junior Grady Laas**, Men's Lacrosse: Grady is a very hard working and talented student. He pushes himself academically and embraces the challenge of advanced classes. He works well in any group and is kind, inclusive, and thoughtful. He has a diverse set of interests and talents and manages to juggle a busy schedule, impressing his teachers and coaches alike.

#### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, March 18-22**



Senior **Mason Lommen**, Track: Mason won the high jump on Wednesday and, despite being injured and not able to participate to his fullest capacity, has stayed positive and shown great dedication to his team.





Senior **Maia Uili**, Track: Maia won both her events, shot put and discus, helping lead the team to victory on Wednesday. She is a tremendous resource for her teammates and is one of the most well-liked and respected athletes in the city.

#### **Wilson High School Baseball Earns OSAA Sportsmanship Nomination**

In a recent contest, game officials noted that Wilson Baseball exhibited the great qualities that the Oregon School Activities Association looks for in teams, programs, and communities across the state. Wilson Baseball is now eligible for the OSAA Sportsmanship Award, which includes 100 OSAA Cup points for our school. This recognition program gives officials the opportunity to highlight the positive sportsmanship that they see on the field.

#### **Wilson Students Write Winning Essays**

Two Wilson students are winners in the 2019 Minoru Yasui Day Essay Contest sponsored by the The Oregon Nikkei Endowment and the Minoru Yasui Legacy Project. Junior **Emmett Rashleigh** is the first-place high school winner and Sophomore **Benjamin Kono** is a runner-up winner.

Prize-winners will be recognized in an awards ceremony as part of the Minoru Yasui Day celebration on March 28, at the University of Oregon School of Law Portland campus. Following the awards ceremony are a panel discussion and free screening of the film *Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice*.

The contest honors the legacy of Minoru Yasui, an Oregon attorney who committed his life to the defense of human and civil rights. His arrest and conviction for challenging the curfew and relocation orders for Japanese American citizens during World War II went all the way to the Supreme Court. In November 2015, President Barack Obama bestowed upon Minoru Yasui the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award given in the United States. In February 2016, the Oregon Legislature unanimously voted to designate March 28 of each year as Minoru Yasui Day in recognition of the importance of standing up for what you believe in and working to end discrimination in Oregon.

#### **Congratulations to Wilson's Oregon Battle of the Books Team!**

Wilson's OBOB team, The Doom, did an excellent job at the district competition on Saturday, March 16. They will be advancing on to the state competition in April! Team members include **Grace Pendergrass, Jack Conway, Sophia Stedman, and Ember Summer. Janacia Robertson, Ethan Satterstein, and Blu Brunson** also participated in OBOB and placed second in our school competition. Each student read at least four books and as a group, they read over 50 books!

#### **Snowboard Ends Season Strong!**

The Snowboard Team finished up their season at state this past weekend. **Carmen Donnerberg** was 1st place in the Banked Slalom and as a team they finished 2nd in State!

#### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, March 4-8**



Sophomore **Kiana Roletto**, Women's Tennis: According to Coach Daigle, Kiana has won two challenge matches in prior weeks to earn a spot on the varsity rotation. Last week, with injuries and illness affecting attendance, Kiana landed at #2 doubles against West Linn and #3 singles against Wilsonville. Despite losing to a seasoned West Linn opponent, she came back the next day to score a 6-3, 6-2 win against Wilsonville and help the team record a 4-4 tie in that match. Way to persevere, Kiana!



Sophomore **Nolan Sottoway**, Men's Tennis: According to Coach Sussman, Nolan began his sophomore season with two huge 4th singles victories on the road managing to not even lose a set. Nolan is an outstanding student in the classroom as well taking a rigorous course load. Nolan has helped the Men's Tennis Team become true contenders this year!



### **Congratulations to Chloe Unflat, Wilson's 2019 Rose Festival Princess!**

#### **Wilson Junior Goes to Salem**

Junior **Joshua Love** was invited by Representative Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland) to be an Honorary Page in the Oregon House of Representatives on Wednesday March 6, 2019. In this capacity, Joshua was able to actively participate in the legislative process in the House Chamber and witness multiple bills being voted on in a collegial bipartisan manner.

#### **Robotics Season Wraps Up**

Team 10565 (System Online) and Team 7776 (Loose Screws) from Wilson Robotics competed against the best teams in the state in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Oregon State Championship Tournament on March 9 and 10, but failed to find a place among the nine Oregon teams advancing to the World Championships. These Wilson teams had a great season with the following highlights:

- **Rispa Vranka Wafula**, 7776 Team Captain was named as one of four Dean's List Finalists from Oregon. Rispa will be going to the FTC World Championships where she be considered for the Dean's List Awards. There are only 10 Dean's List awards worldwide.
- **Rachel Rodriguez**, 10565 Team Captain was one of 11 on the short list for the Dean's List Finalists.
- **Martin Waugh**, Wilson Robotics mentor, received the Compass Award for the most outstanding FTC Robotics coach or mentor in the state. Special thanks to club member Senior **Devon Johnson** for preparing Martin's video Compass Award submission.

#### **Meet the Wilson Rose Court Candidates**

Click to watch the [Rose Court video](#) and learn more about Wilson's candidates, **Chloe Unflat** and **Amy Sloan**. One of these young women will be selected as the 2019 WHS Rose Princess.

#### **2019 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing**

The National Center for Women in Technology has recognized eight Wilson students with their Aspirations Award, aimed at acknowledging high school girls with excellent skills and future potential in computing. The awards event is scheduled for Sunday April 7, at Lewis and Clark College. Wilson's recipients are:

**Zoe Bennett**, Senior  
**Bronte McKinnis**, Sophomore  
**Amelia Ellis**, Junior  
**Lily Stoll**, Junior  
**Sierra Loiselle**, Senior (Honorable Mention)  
**Chloe Unflat**, Junior (Honorable Mention)

**Rachel Weirnick**, Junior (Honorable Mention)  
**Huarui Lai**, Sophomore (Rising Star Award)

The NCWIT advises girls planning a career computing to continue to take programming classes; participate and take leadership roles in robotics programming, or other tech teams; take technology courses outside school through (Saturday Academy, college programs, summer technology camps, etc.); participate in ASE, college or industry internship programs; teach your skills in community programs (be a counselor in a technology summer camp, mentor a robotics team in your local elementary school, form a Girls who Code or other technical club, etc.). Go, girls!

### **Solo and Ensemble Results**

Wilson musicians competed in the Oregon Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble District Competition on March 2, with both Choir and Orchestra programs faring very well:

Wilson Advanced Vocal Ensemble (WAVE) placed 1st in the large mixed vocal ensemble category  
Chamber Orchestra placed 1st in the large strings ensemble category  
The following students placed 1st in their vocal category: **Annika Philipps**, **Adia Jones** and **Taumaia Uili**. **Jackson Wray** placed 1st alternate in his vocal category followed by **George Ramsey** as 2nd alternate  
**Fiona Dubay** placed 1st alternate for viola solo  
**Fiona Dubay** and **Akseli Mende** placed 1st alternate in strings duet category, followed by **Fiona Dubay** and **Shea Yurdana** as 2nd alternate

First-place winners will go on to the State Competition. First alternates will most likely go on to State if performance time slots are available in their category. Congratulations, Wilson musicians!

## **February**

### **February Teachers of the Month**



**Chris Bartlo**, Computer Science: Here are some student comments about Mr. Bartlo: "I really like Mr. Bartlo because of his class. He is always kind and supportive making everyone feel welcome. Although I do not have Bartlo as a teacher, he is my faculty advisor for Key Club: Bartlo is always excited to engage with students, no matter what the topic is. Even if you are not his student, he is always happy to talk with you and is great at holding meaningful conversations. He is an ally to all and is passionate in helping others around him. Mr. Bartlo is always pushing us to think of problems in new ways. He guides us in our problem solving and is always ready to give us some words of wisdom to motivate in and out of the classroom. He's a great teacher and role model and also super fun to be around. Mr. Bartlo has interesting projects and shows real world applications of the coding we're doing."



**Kate Nichols**, Physics: Here's what students say: "Mrs. Nichols inspired my interest in physics and science making the the world a fascinating place. Mrs. Nichols did an excellent job of almost single-handedly creating a curriculum for and organizing the freshman physics program which I was a part of, being a freshman the first year of the transition. She did a great job of making the subject interesting and exciting through real world examples and fascinating demos. Her teaching and grading policies set up students for success and I was able to learn that I had a knack for physics through taking her class. Mrs. Nichols creates a warm and welcoming classroom that is challenging and engaging!"

Thanks to all of our Wilson teachers for creating a stimulating learning community for our students!

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

Two outstanding student-athletes who embody all that is awesome at Wilson!



Sophomore **Togtuun Tumorhuu**, Swimming: Here is what Togtuun's teachers had to say about her: "I am in awe of Togtuun. She is mature beyond her years with a clear sense of how her work and her actions impact her community. She moves through the world with integrity and quiet strength, reminding us all to be a little wiser and more mindful in everything we do. I use her work often as a model for the class

because of her attention to detail and critical thinking skills. She is a fantastic teacher and leader. Thanks, Togtuun!”



Senior **Kalycia Hodge**, Basketball: Here is what Kalycia's teachers had to say about her: “Kalycia is an invaluable member of my Anatomy and Physiology class. She’s new to Wilson this year and seems to have made a smooth transition into the community. She is an intelligent young woman who works hard and is excelling in class. She is a quiet leader in the classroom, often leading by example. While some of her classmates socialize and get off task she manages to get her work done and appropriately socialize! Although she is often quiet in class, she always participates and asks good questions and I appreciate her sense of humor!”

#### **Student-Athletes of the Week, February 25-March 1**




Junior **Anna Hansen**, Unified Basketball: Anna was a vital part of our success at the tournament. She really stepped it up on the boards, leading the team in offensive rebounds. She was a physical presence in the paint and gave us countless opportunities for second chance points. Anna is a leader on the court and always gives her best effort. Her positive attitude is contagious and we're lucky to have her back with us for another season.





Freshman **Mac Montgomery**, Unified Basketball: Mac's defense was a big reason for our success this year, but he really stepped up his offensive game at the tournament in Wilsonville, directing teammates to get open and set screens. He's a confident and aggressive player and a leader in our program. Mac frequently guarded the other team's best player and consistently frustrated opponents with his passion for defense. We're excited to have him back next season!

#### **Wilson DECA News**


It was a big week for Wilson DECA and staff advisor Ms. LeMier! 2019's DECA State Career and Development Conference (SCDC), February 24-26, gave students a chance to enhance their academic preparedness, renew their commitment to community, exercise professional responsibility, and become experienced leaders. 

The team of **Lauren Peterson**, **Alex Worden**, and **Sarah Jaworski** submitted a 24-page business plan for SBE (student-based enterprise) Certification and received top honors with a Gold Certification!

Other highlights:

- **Sydney Baril:** 8th Place, Entrepreneurship Start-Up Business Plan
- **Sean Cunningham:** 13th Place, Principles of Marketing
- **Dakota Hedger:** 7th Place, Human Resources Management Series; 8th Place, Business Finance Series; Top Ten Exam, Business Management; Top Ten Exam, Business Finance
- **Drew Wiley:** 8th Place, International Business Plan
- **Ella Horvat:** 8th Place, Entrepreneurship Start-Up Business Plan
- **Reid Kille:** 11th Place, Integrated Marketing Series, Event; 9th Place, Marketing Communication Series; 2nd Place Exam, Retail Merchandising, 2nd Place Exam, Market Communication Series; 2nd Place Exam, Integrated Marketing Series, Event
- **Ike Lear:** 8th Place, International Business Plan; 12th Place, Restaurant and Food Service Management Series
- **Daniel Raber:** Top 10 Exam, Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series
- **Alex Quan:** 13th Place, Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making Event
- **Togtuun Tumurkhuu:** 13th Place, Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making Event



What's next for DECA?

Career Exploration: Preparations are underway for the annual DECA SPEAKER SERIES every Thursday at Tutor Time for the months of March, April, and May, featuring a Portland mover and shaker in the field of Marketing/Business/Leadership. The Speaker Series is hosted in Room 213. 

Leadership: DECA is collaborating with Key Club to help administer the annual Shamrock Run benefiting the Thirst Project. In addition, DECA is nurturing an emerging relationship with the Leadership Class in



collaboration with the Communicare Initiative.

 Community Service: After working with the Muscular Dystrophy Association for their Toast to Life Gala, DECA will continue that relationship and grow their efforts. Spring volunteer activities include: Shamrock Sales, Bowl-a-Thon, and Firefighters "Fill the Boots" events.  Go DECA!

### **Congratulations to Wilson's Truth Be Told Story Slammers!**

All of the Story Slammers told an amazing, original, and true five-minute story on the theme "Endings." **Ari Lohr** placed 1st with a heartfelt story about friendship, bullying, and loss. **Muhammad Taylor** won 2nd by regaling us with a humorous tale of accidental fire and childhood innocence. **Fatimah Hobaish** warmed everyone's hearts with a story about bonding with birds and overcoming hardship, earning the "Warming Wilson Hearts Award." And, last but not least, **Selah Monsef** recounted a harrowing experience with pneumonia to win the "Rising Star Award."

**Ari Lohr** represented Wilson well at the 2nd Annual Interscholastic Truth be Told Story Slam and placed 3rd. Congratulations to Ari and all of our slammers.

And a huge thank you to the Wilson PTA for funding generous prizes for our storytellers. We couldn't run our programs without your help!

### **Wilson Ski Team**

Congratulations to Wilson freshman **Piper Easton**, who will be racing in both Slalom and GS at the state championship at Mt. Hood Meadows, March 6-8. Go Piper!

Congratulations as well to **Eleanor Potter**, **Carmen Donnerberg**, and **Ursa Freeman**, who received Sportsmanship recognitions at the Three Rivers League's awards ceremony on Tuesday, February 26. The Sportsmanship program recognizes ski racers whose conduct both on and off the mountain positively represents ski racing through team spirit, helping hand and courteous, respectful behavior.

### **Wilson Student-Athletes Named to PIL All-City Teams**

#### **Women's Basketball**

**Charlotte Richman**, 1st Team PIL

**Allison Klas**, Honorable Mention

**Lizzie Scriven**, Honorable Mention

Head Coach **Anthony Levrets**, Coach of the Year

#### **Men's Basketball**

**Mason Lommen**, Honorable Mention

### **Wilson Student in the News**

Senior Ryan Bernstein, author of *OCD to Me*, an Anthology of Anxieties, was showcased recently on Channel 6 News. Check it out here:

<https://www.koin.com/news/human-interest/wilson-high-senior-writes-book-to-help-others-with-ocd/1798174545>.

### **Student-Athletes of the Week, February 18-22**



Senior **Lyla Balthazaar**, Women's Basketball: Lyla is the prime example of all that is great in a student-athlete. She is a consummate teammate who is coachable, positive, and goes out of her way to ensure everyone on the team is valued. She is a model student who challenges herself with a rigorous course load. And she represents Wilson High School with respect in the hallways and community. She is a great kid!



Freshmen **Leo Sewell**, Men's Basketball: Excelling both in the classroom and on the hardwood, Leo Sewell is the consummate student-athlete. Leo has been the starting point guard for the Trojans varsity basketball team this winter. Last week, in a game at Jefferson, Leo scored 12 points and handed out 10 assists against one of the top teams in the state.

#### **Speech and Debate Success at UO**

The Speech and Debate Team competed at the University of Oregon's Robert D Clark Invitational last weekend where many team members made it to the final rounds and placed in their events. Congratulations to our competitors who won speaker awards: In Parliamentary Debate, **Chester Mantel** (5th), **Jaren Friesen** (2nd), and **William Sweek** (1st). In Lincoln-Douglas, **Emma Koontz** (1st speaker and semi finalist). In speech events: Finalists **Chester Mantel** (Extemporaneous), **Amy Sloan** (Prose), **Ginger Felberg** (Humorous Interpretation), **Oli Devereaux** (Humorous Interpretation), and the Duo Interpretation Team of **Zoe Carver** and **Oli Devereaux**. Taking third-place were **Zoe Carver** (Humorous Interpretation) and **Amy Sloan** (Radio Commentary). **Ari Lohr** took home two first-place awards, in Impromptu and Programmed Oral Interpretation.

### **Two Wilson Robotics Teams Advance to State Championships**

Wilson Robotics Teams 7776 (Loose Screws) and 10565 (System Online) have qualified for the FTC Oregon State Championships! Because the Super-Qualifying Tournaments were canceled due to weather conditions, State Championship qualification was based instead on the results from the three qualifying tournaments held earlier in the season.

Congratulations Loose Screws: Captain **Rispa Vranka Wafula, Scott Bremmer, Asher Clark, Rij Dorfman, Ori Friesen, Will Garrahan, Jack Hawkins, Senior Taylor May-Moorhouse, Rachel Weirnick** and **Escher Wright-Dykhouse**. Coached by **Audrey Sherman** and **Janice Vranka**.

Congratulations System Online: Captain **Rachel Rodriguez, Joshua Bromley, Jasper Bushnell, Boston Clark, Oliver Flood, Senior Jaren Friesen, Spencer Hartzog, Kagan Lund, Liana Murray** and **Julia Weirnick**. Coached by **Jan Harrington** and **Johnny Rodriguez**.

Good luck at State! The championship will be held at Liberty High School in Hillsboro on Saturday and Sunday, March 9-10.

### **Athletics Results**

Wilson Snowboarding was at the Half-Pipe Competition over the weekend at Mt. Hood Meadows where the women's team finished in second-place with **Carmen Donnerberg** finishing fourth in the rankings. On the men's side, the team finished in sixth place with **Colin Rencher** placing fifth. They have two more competitions and then it is off to State!

Wrestling capped off a great year at the district meet, finishing fourth in the PIL, up from seventh last year. **Henry Williams, Finn Whittaker, Jack Walker, and Jordan Taff** all qualified for State. Other Wilson wrestlers placed at the meet as well for a total of 10: **Shaho Meman, Ethan Mershon, Eric Tervo, William Wood, Francesco Bressanin**, and first-year wrestler **Tavares Tims**! The state meet is February 22-23 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

In swimming, Greta Cannon made the podium at the state meet, finishing fifth in the 500 Free!

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, February 11-15**



Junior **Greta Cannon**, Swimming: Greta has had a tremendous year in the swim program, capping off a great run with a fifth-place finish at the state swim meet. She is an outstanding student-athlete who works hard in the classroom and is a leader in the swim program.



Sophomore **Jordan Taff**, Wrestling: Jordan was a third-place finisher at the District Meet and qualified for the State Meet. He has moved up to the 170 pound weight class from 138 a year ago and has done a tremendous job this year battling it out in a very tough weight class. In his qualifying match for state, he had to battle from behind in the third round of his last match!

### **Three Wilson Swimmers Qualify for 6A State Championships**

Junior **Greta Cannon**, 200 Freestyle and the 500 Freestyle: A two-time individual qualifier for State Championships, at Districts Greta hammered the 200 freestyle and led from start to finish leaving no question that she was taking her efforts to State. As a distance swimmer, she made it clear she could step into the sprint swims. Then she came back for the 500 freestyle and once again finished strong to qualify in another event at the 6A Championships.

Junior **Lindsay Smith**, 100 Backstroke: Lindsay is another two-time individual qualifier for State Championships. At Districts, she fought hard to the finish: By the last flip turn, three swimmers were swimming hard for the final 25 yards. Lindsey continued to fight, each stroke she gained on the others but was out-touched at the finish. However, her strong effort still earned her a qualifying swim for the 6A HS State Championships.

Senior **Linden Cho**, 100 Breaststroke. A three-time individual qualifier for the 6A High School Swimming State Championships. At Districts, Linden led off the blocks but it was anybody's race at the first 25. Each swimmer was now finding their stroke and tempo. It was artistry in the water of sorts, according to the coach. The third 25 was when the top swimmers began to pull away. On the final 25, it was still too close to tell. Fatigue was setting in, but Linden was determined to finish strong. He was gaining ground on the leaders but came up short in the end. Still his 3rd-place finish earned him the qualifying swim for the State Championships.

Congratulations and good luck to all of them at the state meet on February 15-16!

### **Student-Athletes of the Week, February 4-8**



Senior **Linden Cho**, Swimming: According to his coaches, Linden is without a doubt the most positive member of the squad. He volunteers his time to his teammates to help with stretching their swimming journey. He helped our 200 Medley relay and 200 free relay to a close third. A solid fifth in the 100 Fly. Ending with a third place in the 100 breast with a PR of more than a one second.



Senior **Sid Mesirow**, Swimming: According to her coaches, not only has she been a wonderful captain this season, she had a fantastic district meet. She had one of the toughest timelines and powered through. She placed 13th in the 100 back with a PR of almost two seconds, then eight minutes later swam the 100 Breast pulling in 16th place. She was also in both the 200 free relay and 400 free relay with a fourth and fifth place. She has done a wonderful job bringing everyone together for team building events.

### **Speech and Debate January Success**

The Speech and Debate Team went to McMinnville twice in the last two weeks in January, and each time the team came away with a top-three sweepstakes finish. The team placed 3rd at McMinnville High School on January 26 and 2nd at Linfield College February 1-2. Students making finals and placing at McMinnville: **Chester Mantel** (semifinalist, Impromptu), **Ethan Eisner** (semifinalist, Impromptu), **Preston Bushnell** (semifinalist, Lincoln-Douglas Debate), **Aidan Snodgrass-Ward** and **Christian Zayas** (semifinalists Parliamentary Debate), **Nathaniel Nelson** (6th place, Oratory), **William Sweek** (5th place, Radio Commentary), **Ari Lohr** (4th place After Dinner Speaking, 2nd place Impromptu), **Rou Rou Hutchinson** (3rd place speaker award, Parliamentary Debate), **Emma Koontz** (2nd place speaker award, Lincoln-Douglas Debate) **Ginger Felberg** and **Ella Brown** (2nd place Public Forum Debate; **Ginger** 2nd place speaker award). Students making finals and placing at Linfield: **Rou Rou Hutchinson** (finalist Extemporaneous), **Chester Mantel** and **Elana Siegman** (semifinalists, Parliamentary Debate), **Rachel**

**Woods** (4th novice Radio Commentary, 4th Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 3rd novice Impromptu), **Cara Weathers** (4th Prose Reading), **Emma Koontz** (4th After Dinner Speaking), **Ari Lohr** (1st Poetry Reading), **Ethan Eisner** (finalist After Dinner Speaking, 1st Oratory, 1st Impromptu). Team members compete again at the University of Oregon February 16-17.

## January

### Trojan Student-Athletes of the Month



Freshman **Eve Hart**, Women's Basketball: Here is what teachers have to say about Eve: "Eve is quick to catch on to new concepts and quick to help the people around her grasp the concepts. It's really great to see a student helping out others. And Eve is able to calmly ask for help when she doesn't grasp a new concept. She is prepared for class and checks to make sure she is getting the correct work done. Eve is a tremendous student who cares about the learning environment and goes out of her way to ensure she does the right thing all the time. She is a model student!"



Junior **Finn Whittaker**, Wrestler: Here is what teachers have to say about Finn: "Finn is a student with razor-sharp focus and a drive to push himself both in and out of the classroom. He is always ready to go the moment he walks through the classroom doors and brings with him such an easygoing, yet focused attitude when it comes to his studies. Finn is a determined, funny, and kind

student. He always has thought-provoking questions about the activities and concepts that we cover in class, something that brings a new level of depth into group activities and discussions. Finn knows how to balance work and play in the classroom and almost always has a light-hearted attitude and smile on his face. He doesn't give up when he is faced with a challenge, and that is something you can see both in the classroom and on the wrestling mat."

**January Teachers of the Month: JoAnna Coleman and Ken Muraoka**

A huge thanks to these outstanding teachers and our entire community of teachers who continually challenge our students in the classroom, the hallways, and help foster civically minded humans!



Esto es lo que los estudiantes tienen que decir sobre Profe Coleman: "Es una profesora muy útil y carismática que todos los estudiantes aman porque trabaja duro para involucrar a los estudiantes en clase. Ella es muy atractiva y divertida, se preocupa por nuestras vidas fuera del aula y dentro de ella y es muy comprensiva. Profe Coleman se esfuerza por crear un aula divertida e inclusiva donde todos sus alumnos se sientan respetados y escuchados."

Here is what students have to say about Profe Coleman: "She is a very helpful and charismatic teacher who all students love because she works hard to engage students in class. She is very engaging and funny, she cares about our lives outside of the classroom as well as inside of it and she is very understanding. Profe Coleman goes out of her way to create a fun and inclusive classroom where all of her students feel respected and heard."





Here is what students have to say about Mr. Muraoka: "Muraoka's classes are engaging and he challenges us to think outside the box. His classes are not just teaching us about the material he has to present but rather how it all relates to us in the real world. Mr. Muraoka genuinely cares for each one of us and goes out of his way to ensure all voices are heard in his classroom. He is fun, witty, and we appreciate how he lets us challenge him on any topic."

**Wilson Student/Athletes of the Week, January 28-February 1**



Sophomore **Colin Anderson**, Men's Basketball: According to the coaching staff, Colin was on fire in last Friday's win over the Cleveland Warriors, hitting six 3-pointers and pacing the Trojans with a game-high 23 points. Colin is diligent and working hard in the classroom as well. His perfect attendance record last quarter indicates the type of effort that Colin is putting into his studies.



Senior **Allison Klas**, Women's Basketball: The coaching staff reports that Allison played a pivotal role in their win against Cleveland on Friday, leading the team in both scoring and rebounding. She has steadily improved week in and week out while providing excellent senior leadership this season.

### **Wilson Robotics Results**

The four Wilson Robotics teams competed Saturday, January 26, in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Qualifying Tournament.

Team 7776 (Loose Screws) finished fifth and advanced to the Oregon Super Qualifying Tournament in February. They also received the Think Award for the best Engineering Notebook and were awarded third place for the Motivate Award, third place for the Connect Award (both awarded for outreach and connection with the greater community), and third place for the Inspire Award (the highest ranking award) for overall excellence. Additionally, **Rispa Vranka Wafula** and **Rachel Weirnick** were selected as semi-finalists for the FIRST Dean's List Award. Congratulations, Loose Screws: Captain **Rispa Vranka Wafula, Scott Bremmer, Asher Clark, Rij Dorfman, Ori Friesen, Will Garrahan, Jack Hawkins, Taylor May-Moorhouse, Rachel Weirnick** and **Escher Wright-Dykhouse**. Coached by **Audrey Sherman** and **Janice Vranka**.

Team 9231 (TBD) had the best day of their season. Over the last six weeks since league play ended (and with a special effort in the last week) TBD greatly improved their robot and won four out of five matches on Saturday. Only the first place team in their tournament won more matches. Unfortunately, they did not advance and their competitive season has ended. Congratulations, TBD: Captain **Emily Carstairs, Erika Bahena, Savannah Danger, Nathan Edwards, Flynn Lorz, Koen Kuhn, Madeleine Michael, Michael Schuff** and **Lily Stoll**. Coached by **Aimee Knier** and **Kathryn Schuff**.

Team 10565 (System Online) won 13 out of 15 matches during the regular season. They finished sixth and will advance to the Oregon Super Qualifying Tournament. In addition, System Online received the Motivate Award for the best community outreach. They were also awarded third place for the Think Award. Additionally, Rachel Rodriguez was selected as a semi-finalist for the FIRST Dean's List Award. Congratulations, System Online: Captain **Rachel Rodriguez, Joshua Bromley, Jasper Bushnell, Boston Clark, Oliver Flood, Jaren Friesen, Spencer Hartzog, Kagan Lund, Liana Murray** and **Julia Weirnick**. Coached by **Jan Harrington** and **Johnny Rodriguez**.

Team 116256 (Clockwork Robotics) brought their best robot of the season to the tournament. It successfully scored in Autonomous mode, Tele-Op mode and the End Game. Unfortunately, Clockworks Robotics did not advance and their competitive season has ended. Congratulations, Clockwork Robotics: Captain **Devon Johnson, Fran Amato, Zach Craven, Finnegan McCarthy, John Nguyen, Kaleb Rice, Levi Sparks, Sarah Woods** and **Karter Zwetschke**. Coached by **Bruce Edwards** and **Jolene Rice**.

A special shout-out to our Robotics seniors: **Taylor May-Moorhouse, Jaren Friesen**, and **Devon Johnson**.

### **Wilson Student-Student-Athletes of the Week, January 21-24**



Senior **Ezekiel Newey**, Wrestling: According to his coaches, Zeke picked up a pin right at the last second of his match against his opponent from Jefferson. Zeke has been a consistent and hard-working individual during practices and has been technically sound in his matches this season. He continually pushes his teammates and has been one of our most improved wrestlers this season.



Senior **Simon O'Loughlin**, Swimming: Simon's coaches report that he is a great mentor to the new swimmers this year. He is a positive influence and has been a leader since day one. He helped the relay team place first this past week and finished first in the 100 back.

#### **Wilson Scholastic Art Award Recipients**

Congratulations to the following art students who received Scholastic Art Awards! Artworks receiving Gold Keys will be on display at Pacific Northwest College of Art (PNCA) February 7-22. The opening reception and awards ceremony is Thursday, February 7, 6-7:00pm at PNCA at 511 NW Broadway. All are welcome to attend.

**Ilana Altland** Gold Key Drawing and Illustration

**Maram Amboun** Honorable Mention Mixed Media

**Zoe Andersen** Honorable Mention Photography

**Taylor Ardantz** Honorable Mention Digital Art

**Susan Behrends** three Silver Keys and two Honorable Mentions for her art portfolio and painting and drawing

**Luc Bessette** Honorable Mention Ceramics and Glass

**Mikayla Zoë Best-Prostrednik** Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration

**Adam Blaine** Honorable Mention Photography

**Virginia Boutwell** two Gold Keys Painting

**Sophia Burton** Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration

**Emily Carstairs** Silver Key Photography

**Zoë De Boucherville-Dickson** Silver Key Photography

**Aria Delamarter** Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration

**Carmen Donnerberg** Honorable Mention and Silver Key Photography

**Maggie Anne Downey** Gold Key Photography

**Dylan Ennis-Helzer** Honorable Mention and two Silver Keys Drawing and Illustration

**Ashley Fale-Olsen** Honorable Mention Mixed Media

**Georgia Feld-Denae** Gold Key in Digital Art and Silver Key in Painting

**Natalie Fisher** Honorable Mention Ceramics and Glass

**Max Goldstein** Honorable Mention Art Portfolio

**Ashling Gregory** Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration and Photography

**Shelby Hasti** Silver Key Photography

**Fatimah Hobaish** Honorable Mention and two Silver Keys in Drawing and Illustration and Photography

**Aidan Hostetler** Two Silver Keys Ceramics and Glass

**Zasu Hostetter** Smith Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration

**Arash Javaheri** Gold Key and Silver Key in Photography

**Elliott Jeffords** Two Honorable Mentions, One Gold Key, Two Silver Keys Art Portfolio and Painting  
**Morgan Jessing** Silver Key in Photography  
**Quinn Johnson** three Honorable Mentions, Gold Key Portfolio, Silver key Ceramics and Glass  
**Julia Johnston** Honorable Mention Ceramics and Glass  
**Lucas Kensil** Honorable Mention Ceramics and Glass  
**Deidra Kolnick** Two Silver Keys Drawing and Illustration and Sculpture  
**Allison Krantz Grommes** Honorable Mention Photography  
**Makenzie Lee** Gold Key Photography  
**Ari Lohr** Two Honorable Mentions and a Silver Key in Photography  
**Zola Lungershausen** Honorable Mention Photography  
**Kaya Mandac** Honorable Mention Mixed Media  
**Aiden Mason** Silver Key Digital Art  
**Marina McClain** Gold Key Comic Art  
**Jane McIsaac** Honorable Mention Ceramics and Glass  
**Vivian Monteiro** Five Honorable Mentions and a Silver Key Painting  
**Trent Nesbitt** Two Gold Keys Drawing and Illustration and Painting  
**Nicholas Olenich** Honorable Mention Photography  
**Henry Pigg** Honorable Mention Photography  
**Gillian Prothe** Two Silver Keys, Drawing and Illustration, and Painting  
**Haylee Renne** Gold Key and Honorable mention Photography  
**Thomas Reynolds** Silver Key Photography  
**Chip Richman** Honorable Mention Digital Art  
**Kylie Robinson** Silver Key Drawing and Illustration  
**Rachel Rodriguez** Two Honorable Mentions Photography  
**Jazmin Rodriguez-Hernandez** Gold Key Photography  
**Rae Serrano** Honorable Mention Digital Art  
**Oscar Sloop** Honorable Mention Art Portfolio  
**Isaac Soto** Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration  
**Claire Stellmacher** Honorable Mention Art Portfolio  
**Maggie Strecker** Two Gold Keys Photography  
**Annika Sundstrom** Silver Key Photography  
**Emily Thomas** Three Gold Keys and Three Silver Keys in Portfolio, Painting, and Drawing and Illustration  
**Chloe Unflat** Two Gold Keys and an Honorable Mention in Mixed Media, and Drawing and Illustration  
**Vivien Weinstein** Gold Key Photography  
**Mars Wilder** Three Honorable Mentions, Three Silver Keys, and Two Gold Keys in Drawing and Illustration, Comic Art, Digital Art, and Art Portfolio  
**Henry Wilson** Silver Key in Comic Art  
**Lucas Yao** Honorable Mention in Painting

### **Wilson Speech and Debate Starts 2019 Strong**

The Speech and Debate Team kicked off the winter season with strong team showings at two major university tournaments. At Pacific University in Forest Grove on January 12-13, the team won 2nd place in the team sweepstakes awards and 3rd place in the Quality Award, which is awarded based on the performance of the team relative to its size. The following week at Lewis and Clark College, Wilson again took 2nd place in team Sweepstakes and 2nd place in the team awards for individual speech events. Special notice to the Parliamentary Debate team of **Ori Friesen** and **Nolan Sottoway** who took 1st place in junior division in a fierce competition with a large number of entries. The team competes again on January 26 at McMinnville High School and February 1-2 at Linfield College.

### **Wilson Winner in PIL MLK Essay Contest**

Wilson senior **Solomon Burr-Harris** was named the second-place winner in the 3rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational Essay Contest on January 21. Congratulations, Solomon!

### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, January 14-18**



Sophomore **Madyson Day**, Wrestling: Here is what the coaching staff had to say about Madyson: "Madyson picked up a big pin versus Lincoln in their dual meet. She is constantly working on improving each time she hits the mat. Madyson is a leader at practice, continually pushing the team to continue to improve."



Junior **Maggie Strecker**, Swimming: According to her coaches, Maggie is a wonderful mentor to our new swimmers and is dedicated at every practice to improving. She tackled the 500 free the last two weeks and this week she PR'd with a 10 sec improvement. She also PR'd in her 50 free. We are lucky to have such a positive influence on the team and we are excited to see how she does the rest of the season.

## December

### December Teachers of the Month

The Wilson Athletic Leadership Council is pleased to announce the December Teachers of the Month, **Jackie Kolesar** (PE) and **Max Trezise** (Social Studies). Here's what students have to say about these two outstanding teachers:



According to her students, Coach K takes her job seriously but still allows her students to have fun. She creates a friendly environment and allows those who want to compete have the opportunity. Coach K creates a welcoming environment for all of her students and finds a way to make a connection with each and every one of her students. Her classes are engaging, exciting, and teach life lessons about the importance of physical activity. Furthermore, Coach K does an outstanding job of creating an inclusive and competitive Women's Golf Program and is an outstanding Volleyball Coach. You rock Coach K!



According to his students, Mr. Trezise creates a welcoming and inviting environment in his classroom. He has the ability to relate to his students and making learning relaxed and fun while at the same time engaging the class to think critically and reflectively. Mr. Trezise's classes expose his students to a variety of historical methods, topics, and finds ways to make the subject matter very meaningful for all of his students. Keep up the great work Mr. Trezise!

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, December 3-7**





Freshman **Logan Erickson**, Swimming: Logan is new to the team this year but was wonderful at the meet, supportive of other team members and didn't balk about swimming the fly in her first meet. We hope she continues to be a leader in her lane.



Senior **Jessica Ewton**, Swimming: Jessica has been super dedicated at practice and it showed in her meet results. Not only did she PR in her 500 free she was an excellent leg of our 200 free relay.

### **Speech and Debate Takes Sweeps at Clackamas/Cleveland**

The Wilson Speech and Debate Team capped off a successful fall season by winning the Team Sweepstakes trophy in Debate and overall last weekend in twin tournaments held at Clackamas High School and Cleveland High School. Following individual achievements at Willamette University, Sprague High School and Sandy High School during October and November, this win cements Wilson's status as a top player in Oregon Speech and Debate.

Individual Event winners (held at Clackamas) are **Amy Sloan** (3rd Radio Commentary, 1st Prose Reading), **Ari Lohr** (2nd Programmed Oral Interpretation, 1st Student Congress held Friday evening at Cleveland), **Huarui Lai** (4th Storytelling), and **Chloe Johnson** (4th Novice Oratory). Debate winners (held at Cleveland) are **Nathaniel Nelson** (1st SPAR debate), **Preston Bushnell** (1st Novice SPAR debate) **Ainsley Leof** (1st Novice Lincoln-Douglas), **Emma Koontz** (2nd Lincoln-Douglas), **Ethan Eisner** (3rd Student Congress), and the teams of **Chester Mantel** and **Elana Welter** (2nd Parliamentary)

and **Ethan Eisner** and **Nathaniel Nelson** (3rd Public Forum).

The team starts its winter season, running up to District and National Qualifiers, January 12-13 at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

## November

### November Trojan Student-Athletes of the Month

Sophomore Huarui Lai, Swimming: Huarui chose to tackle AP Physics 2 as a sophomore and is one of the top students in the class. She goes above and beyond in every regard: Completing independent ungraded work on a regular basis, asking fantastic questions, and leading collaboration with her peers. On a more personal level, she is mature and introspective and kind and funny and we know she's going to make a difference in the world some day! Huarui is very conscientious, completing every assignment, whether it is for a grade or not; she wants to do everything she can to learn the subject. And she does not simply complete the assignments, Huarui wants to get them right—less than perfection is not acceptable to her. She does not need help or clarification very often, but when she does, you can count on Huarui to drop by on her own time before school or at lunch because she is always seeking a deeper understanding of the material.

Junior Carolyn Stone, Soccer, Basketball, Lacrosse: Carolyn is great student who is curious and diligent. Her effort helps get other students involved in class activities and supports other learners. She is very respectful and always puts her best work out. As an athlete, Carolyn is an excellent ambassador for Wilson. She pushes herself to be the best in her Athletic Development class and in practice. She is a tireless worker who does not let things like knee injuries prevent her from contributing to the team. She plays three sports and seems equally committed and excited about each of them. She always participates in class to the fullest extent. Carolyn listens intently and respectfully to her classmates and teachers when they share during class. She is very kind to others, helps whenever the opportunity arises and has a fun-loving spirit. She suffered a knee injury this fall and although she wasn't able to play in all the soccer games, she was still a member of the team as much as she could be. We appreciate her kindness, smile and wonderful attitude every day!

### November Teachers of the Month

The Wilson Athletic Leadership Council is pleased to announce the November Teachers of the Month, **Sarah LeMier** (Marketing) and **Joe Minato** (Science). Here's what students have to say about these two outstanding teachers:



Sarah LeMier creates an inclusive and caring environment in her classroom where all of her students are heard and respected. She has a unique ability to connect with her students and each of her classes has an important purpose. Her Ethnic Studies class is a prime example of that where she integrates important concepts and themes that have direct relevance to our daily lives. She is constantly inspiring her students to be their very best and challenging them to think outside the box. Rock on LeMier!



Mr. Minato's classroom is structured, inclusive, and challenges us to think in a broader perspective. He has a unique ability to connect the curriculum to our lives and the challenges we face. Mr. Minato is passionate about his classes and it comes across when he teaching. He is willing to go the extra mile with each and every one of his students which demonstrates his level of character and how much he cares that we all understand the material he is presenting. His level of dedication to all of us is inspiring. Thanks for all you do to challenge all of us Mr. Minato!

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, November 26-30**



Sophomore **Lucas Lommen**, Men's Basketball: Lucas knocked down four three-pointers and scored 15 points in his Trojan varsity debut in a home opening loss to the 4th-ranked Barlow Bruins. Lucas is strong in the classroom and exemplifies the type of student-athlete that makes Wilson HS proud. Lucas's play on the floor and his achievements in the classroom make him a great candidate for the Athlete of the Week award.



Freshman **Charlotte Richman**, Women's Basketball: Charlotte was selected to the AI-Tournament Team over the weekend at the Mountainside Basketball Tournament. She was 6-9 from the 3pt line and averaged 14.5 points and 6 assists per game.

## October

### October Teachers of the Month: Kathy Diamond and Tim Loveless

Students say: Mrs. Diamond creates a classroom that is engaging, thought provoking, and fun! She has the ability to make the subject matter come alive. She is caring with all of her students and goes out of her way to make sure all kids are represented and acknowledged. Mrs. Diamond is always asking about our day and

how we are doing in this crazy mixed up world we live in. She genuinely cares for each and every one of us! She is an All-Star!

Here is what students have to say about Mr. Loveless: Mr. Loveless's classes make you think beyond the immediate and force you to peel back the layers and peek inside. His lessons are creative, stimulating, and challenging at the same time. He is one the funniest teachers in the building with a sense of humor that is like no other. He cares about all of us and challenges us to be better humans on a daily basis. His approach to social studies is creating a generation of civically minded students. He rocks! He rocks!

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



**Ebrahim Khalifa**, Sophomore: Ebrahim is a dedicated scholar, a generous soul, and a cool dude. He continuously reaches for excellence in the classroom with his individual work, and he also pushes the whole class forward with his enthusiastic participation. Ebrahim shares genuinely of himself to advance discussions and help folks understand new viewpoints. Anyone who has a class with Ebrahim can feel his positive presence. Ebrahim is a great student and a great human being. He is always engaged in class and is an excellent classmate other students. He's kind, friendly and caring.



**Justine Wendt**, Senior: Justine is an outstanding young woman who is greatly respected by both staff and students here at Wilson. She has earned this respect due to her extraordinary attitude, generosity and the level of commitment that she puts into everything she does. Academically, Justine has always challenged herself with higher-level courses and is a member of NHS. It is very impressive how she juggles a schedule of advanced classes, playing varsity sports, working a part-time job, being a peer counselor and volunteering in the community. Last year as a peer counselor Justine and another student developed a website and flyer for freshman parents to address mental health challenges and provided a list of resources for families that was very well received. Justine is compassionate, ambitious, delightful and we are very proud to honor her with this recognition!

### **Fall Sports Wrap-Up**

The Fall Season ended strong with the Cross Country Program battling it out at the State Cross Country Meet and the Unified Soccer Program competing in their end of the season tournament as well. Thanks again to all the student-athletes, coaches, parents, and teachers for making this Fall Season great! We March On!

The Cross Country Program headed down to Lane Community College on Saturday for the 6A State Meet and competed well. On the men's side, **Giuliano Scasso, Finn Tyvoll, Caden Samkutty, Torsten Huseby, Quinn Wilcox, Fischer Kirk, Luke Bexelius** finished 11th in the State. On the women's side, **Francesca Ierulli, Sylvia Ingram, Annika Sundstrom, Zoe Andersen, Avery Poulsen, Annika Deazley, Autumn Darrah** finished 6th in state with our own **Francesca Ierulli** capping off her senior season with a 6th-place podium finish!

We also had great representation for the PIL Cross Country All-League Teams as well. On the women's side, **Francesca Ierulli** and **Sylvia Ingram** made 1st Team, **Annika Sundstrom** and **Avery Poulsen** made 2nd Team, and **Zoe Anderson** and **Autumn Darrah** made Honorable Mention. For the men, **Giuliano Scasso** made 1st Team, **Caden Samkutty** and **Finn Tyvoll** made 2nd Team. Excellent accomplishments for our Cross Country Program.

The Unified Soccer Program traveled to Wilsonville on Saturday, November 3, for the State Tournament and competed well. The squad ended up finishing 6th in the State for the year. A great accomplishment for a great group of Wilson students who demonstrate great character and leadership for Wilson High School. A huge thanks to the coaches for making this year special as well.

The Wilson Football Program had some players get recognized for their hard work making the All-League Team for Special District 1.

#### 1st Team

**Henry Williams**, Wide Receiver  
**Andy Martinez**, Running Back  
**Gavin Martini**, Punter

#### 2nd Team

**Keating Hinkley**, Down Lineman + Guard  
**Andy Martinez**, Linebacker  
**Henry Williams**, Safety

#### Honorable Mention

**Cole Thomas**, Tight End  
**James Coefield**, Guard  
**Bailey Jaramillo**, Center  
**Jack White**, Place Kicker  
**Henry Williams**, Returner

Every year, the OSAA and the Oregonian team up for the Oregonian Cup. Each school collects points for making the Academic All-State Team and can accumulate points for other accomplishments as well. The Fall Academic All-State Teams came out and Wilson did great!



- Women's Soccer finished 2nd getting edged out by .01 to Cleveland!
- Men's Soccer finished 1st
- The Volleyball Program finished 1st
- The Football Program finished 2nd

Well done by our student-athletes and thanks to our great staff of teachers for providing the support and challenging our kids to do their very best!

#### **Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, October 29-November 2**



**Patrick Charley**, Unified Soccer: According to his coaches, Patrick is what Unified is all about. He works hard, gives his best effort in every game, and is willing to do whatever he can to help his team. His sportsmanship at the state tournament was incredible, as he was always there to help others when they needed it (even if they were on the other team). Patrick has been an awesome addition to Wilson Unified and we can't wait to see him on the court for basketball.



**Cami Reynolds**, Unified Soccer: The coaches report that Cami was amazing at the state tournament, scoring a key goal in our tie against Bend. Her positive attitude and work ethic were contagious all season. Cami always gives her best effort and is a wonderful teammate. Her confidence grew as the season went on.

and we all look forward to seeing what she can do for Unified Basketball in the winter. Cami is a star and we're lucky to have her in the program.

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, October 22-26**



**Avery Poulsen**, Women's Cross Country: According to her coaches, Avery ran a really gutsy race to help the Trojans make a run at the district title. Her performance solidified the team's runner-up finish and state-qualifying berth. Her aggressiveness inspired her teammates and she had the fastest final finish on the track passing several runners in the last 300 meters!



**Caden Samkutty**, Men's Cross Country: The coaches report that Caden ran a PR of 16:09 to move him into the Wilson All-Time Top Ten. His 9th-place finish at the PIL Championships greatly helped lead the Men's Team to a 3rd-place finish and a state-qualifying berth. He is one of the best leaders for the Wilson XC Team ever!

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, October 15-19**



Sophomore **J'Quan Smith**, Unified Soccer: J'Quan has emerged as a leader on the Unified Soccer team this season, both on the field and in the classroom. His work ethic and positive attitude make him an outstanding role model for his teammates and his peers at Wilson. He's one of the best defenders on the team and has notched a few goals and assists as the team has battled its way to a perfect 6-0 record. He will have an important role at the state tournament on November 3rd and in seasons to come. J'Quan truly exemplifies what it means to be a student-athlete.



The Senior Volleyball Players: The Seniors led the Trojans to a great night of volleyball against Jefferson, for their last home match. **Delaney, Dylan, Mia, Zoey and Karly** played great all season but highlighted their efforts the last week of the season beating Jefferson and Cleveland in three sets! The seniors have been a vital part of the program for four years, and will be missed.

#### **Speech and Debate Hosts Tournament and Finds Wins**

The Speech and Debate Team hosted the Wilson Invitational Tournament last Saturday and team members had another successful week. The tournament was the largest it has ever been, with over 500 coaches, parents, and competitors from 30 schools attending. The team would like to thank the faculty, staff, and administration at Wilson for their unfailing support of the event, which is their principle fundraiser and responsible for about 30% of the team's annual budget.

Congratulations to Wilson speakers on their success: **Emma Koontz** (Finalist After Dinner Speaking), **Ari Lohr** (3rd Programmed Oral Interpretation, Finalist After Dinner Speaking), the Duo Interpretation team of **Oli Devereaux** and **Zoe Carver** (2nd place), **Amy Sloan** (2nd Radio Commentary), **Huarui Lai** (3rd Prose Reading), **Chester Mantel** (Finalist, Impromptu), **Nathaniel Nelson** (Finalist, Oratory), novice division speakers **Preston Bushnell** (3rd Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 1st Impromptu) and **Cara Weathers** (2nd Impromptu, 1st Poetry Reading), and the Public Forum Debate team of **Nathaniel Nelson** and **Ethan Eisner** (3rd place).

The team competes again the weekend of October 20 at Willamette University in Salem.

### Wilson Teacher's Work on Display at Maryhill Art Museum



Two of art teacher Marie Pearson's pieces have been selected for the juried exhibition "Oregon Teachers as Artists" at the Maryhill Museum of Art in Goldendale, WA. The Show runs October 1-November 15. Congratulations, Ms. Pearson!

### Speech and Debate Team Wins Season Opener, Recognized as Top 100 Nationally

The Wilson Speech and Debate Team has started strong with big wins at the first tournament of the season Saturday, October 6, at Sandy Union High School. Congratulations to all the finalists and winners: **Ari Lohr** (1st Programmed Oral Interpretation, 1st After Dinner Speaking, Finalist Impromptu), **Nathaniel Nelson** (2nd After Dinner Speaking, Finalist Oratory), **Huarui Lai** (2nd Prose Reading), **Emma Koontz** (2nd Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 3rd After Dinner Speaking), **Ethan Eisner** (1st Impromptu), **Cara Weathers** (1st Novice Poetry), and **Preston Bushnell** (Finalist, Novice Impromptu). Wilson closed out Parliamentary Debate, with two teams tied for 1st place (**Chester Mantel/Elana Welter, Ari Lohr/Rou Hutchinsson**).

In addition, the team has been recognized by the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) as one of the Top 100 teams in the United States based on student achievement and activity at tournaments. Last year, a record eight students from Wilson qualified to compete at the NSDA National Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The team hosts its own annual OSAA tournament on Saturday, October 13, at Wilson, with over 25 schools registered to take part. If you want to check out what Speech and Debate can do for you, drop by a practice Wednesdays or Thursdays at 3:30 pm in Room 213.

### Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, October 8-12



Junior **Debby Austin**, Soccer: Debby scored the equalizer in a hard fought 1-1 tie at Lincoln this week with a goal was a great symbol of the positive energy and effort she has put in all season. It was a huge goal for our team and gave us a great shot at winning the PIL title, if only we could have found the net one more time in the match.



Senior **Jake Winkler**, Soccer: Jake is having an outstanding year as one of the strongest defenders in the PIL! He always plays hard and with integrity, inspiring his teammates to play a little harder each day and with GRIT!

## September

### **Wilson Athletic Leadership Council Teachers of the Month for September**

**Jaydra Johnson:** The Leadership Council says Ms. Johnson is one of the most inclusive, outgoing, and thoughtful teachers here at Wilson High School. Her classes are engaging and thought provoking. She genuinely cares about the school and community and she goes out of her way to genuinely get to know her students in her classroom. Ms. Johnson makes everyone in her class feel welcomed and everyone is heard. She is awesome!

**Aaron Olsen:** The Leadership Council had this to say about Mr. Olsen: Mr. Olsen's classes are more than just about the day to day but rather, he is teaching life skills and lessons that students can take with them for life. He is passionate about the subject matter that he teaches and that comes across in his energy in his



classroom. He makes everyone feel welcome and respected in his classes and he goes out of his way to challenge all of his students. He rocks!

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, September 17-21**



Senior **Francesca Ierulli**, Cross Country: Francesca set a new Wilson High School record with a time of 18:26 and a 7th-place finish at the Elite Northwest Classic in Eugene. She is currently 10th in the state with her current time—a 5:55 mile pace! We March On!



Sophomore **Giuliano Scasso**, Cross Country: Giuliano ran 16:15 for Wilson at the Elite Northwest Classic, finishing 18th in a very competitive field. That time puts him 10th on the All-Time Wilson Record Board and 2nd for the sophomore class behind Alex Slenning (class of 2018). He is running at a 5:10 mile pace! We March On!

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, September 10-14**





Senior **Sarah White**, Cheerleading: Coach Soppe-Navetta shares that Sarah has done a great job as a team captain and is dedicated to helping other athletes on her team. She has set a great example of a driven student-athlete, doing amazingly in the classroom, participating in multiple activities, and still making time for leadership activities. Sarah is a huge asset to her team and her coach and we are lucky to have her.



Senior **Henry Williams**, Football: Henry racked up 11.5 tackles in week one and added another seven tackles in last week's game against Cleveland. He also had two receptions and 50 yards rushing in addition to a kickoff return for TD and the game-winning touchdown against Cleveland. Henry is an excellent student and is finalizing his Eagle Scout work.

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, September 4-7**



**Erik Maack**, Cross Country: According to Coach Esbensen, Erik ran great in the first meet of the year, improving his 3000m race time by over a minute from the same race last year and over three minutes from his freshmen year. Erik ran well enough to earn himself a place on the varsity team. He has stepped up his leadership and become a vital teammate with his positivity, amazing work ethic, and confidence.



**Hannah Romeis**, Volleyball: As one of the team captains, Hannah has continued to lead by example on and off the court, leading the Trojans in kills and aces against Benson and Grant while adding digs and positive mojo. Her engine never stops and she does whatever she can to help her teammates pull out a victory.

## August

**Wilson Student-Athletes of the Week, August 27-31**



**Liam Nelson**, Men's Soccer: According to Coach Mathews, Liam has set the tone with his work ethic these first couple of weeks of the season. He has worked extremely hard to improve his game this season. His hard work and dedication translated into scoring two goals against Grants Pass.



**Justine Wendt**, Women's Soccer/Senior Captain: According to Coach Bundy, Justine is always looking to improve and lead the team. Justine is the only returning defender from last years' squad and looks to lead a great new group of defenders to a great year ahead.