

2019-2020

WHS Seniors Awarded Scholarships (June 2020)

Today we are very excited and proud to **award 16 Wilson High School seniors** with scholarships! These scholarships are generously provided by Wilson alumni, community partners, and Wilson High School.

Wilson Community Scholarship: We're excited to present two Wilson Community Scholarships for \$1,500 each. The Wilson Community Scholarships are provided by the fundraising efforts of the Counseling and College & Career Departments at Wilson High School. Our two recipients are upstanding members of the WHS senior class and have excelled in either community service, work experience, or family involvement. The 2020 Wilson Community Scholarship recipients are: Josie Altman and Reid Kille

Gifford Family Community Scholarship: This is a \$1000 scholarship designated for a deserving Wilson High School graduate who has made a difference in his/her community. Funding comes from Dr. Gifford, our local Hillsdale dentist and the owner of Gifford Family Dentistry. The 2020 Gifford Family Scholarship recipient is: Elisa Mickelson

Harrison J. Blackwell Scholarship: The next scholarship honors Harrison J. Blackwell III, who attended Wilson in the mid 1980's. Harrison was very active in the Wilson community and was committed to making Wilson, Portland, and the world a better place. In addition to excelling as a student, Harrison held a job at Chez Jose and was active at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, serving as an ambassador. Harrison was a standout athlete, too, serving as team captain for Wilson's volleyball team. He completed the Marketing and Health Occupations pathways and is fondly remembered for his commitment to the student store. Harrison is honored to give this \$1000 award to Hannah Romeis.

Merle and Pat Lotz Music Scholarship: Merle and Pat Lotz were active music teachers in Portland from 1951-1995. This music scholarship is a powerful way to honor and celebrate their many years of dedication to music education, as well as their love of students and people, and their understanding of the positive impact of music in the hearts and lives of all people.

The 2020 Merle and Pat Lotz Music Scholarship recipients are: Nathaniel Nelson, Logan Sweeney, and Shea Yurdana. (Nathaniel will receive \$2000, Shea and Logan will both receive \$1000)

PTA Scholarship: 2020 was a banner year for the PTA Scholarship program at Wilson, with a record number of outstanding applications submitted! Traditionally, the PTA awards two \$1,000 scholarships each year, however this year, the PTA decided that it would award five \$1,000 scholarships - THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR PTA! Now for the recipients:

Our first recipient has been described as having a driven spirit, a desire to help others, and a passion for solving problems, which is reflected in the academic challenges that he has taken on to better himself and to assist his fellow students. Planning to attend UC Berkeley in the fall, with the ultimate goal of becoming a physics professor in order to pass along his knowledge to the next generation of learners, we are proud to award Josh Bromley the first 2020 Wilson PTA Scholarship - congratulations Josh!

Our next recipient is truly an inspiration. Described as resilient, driven and dedicated, this young person wrote about being positively impacted by great teachers and now wishes to follow in those footsteps and pay it forward! Rosa Guerrero-Bermudez has plans on attending PCC Sylvania to major in Early Childhood Education with the goal of ultimately becoming an Adolescent Psychologist - passionate about wanting to help kids who have challenges just like she did. Congratulations Rosa!

Described as the best kind of leader, our third Wilson PTA Scholarship recipient has made a commitment to personal growth, collaboration, and community service. This young person has been passionate about strengthening and improving her school climate and helping others in her community. With a work ethic that is unmatched, Kelsey Rundorff plans to attend Portland State University this fall with a goal to earn an MBA and ultimately own her own business. Congratulations Kelsey!

Our next Wilson Scholarship recipient brings an aura of energy and enthusiasm wherever she goes. Rather than choosing between community service and time for friends, she leads the event and gets her friends involved. An incredible leader and an asset to anything she contributes to, Chloe Unflat plans on attending Western Washington University in the fall and devoting that energy and enthusiasm to a career in the design field. Congratulations Chloe!

Described as courageous, intellectual, and thoughtful, our final recipient brings a strong interest in equity wherever she goes. With plans to attend the Honors College at Oregon State University, Maddie Limon is motivated and excited to be an active scholar and community member - all of the qualities we hope for when sending our students off into the world. Congratulations Maddie!

Thank you again for all of our applicants and on behalf of the Wilson PTA - Congratulations Class of 2020.

OSAC Scholarships

The Carl & Dorothy Crow Scholarships are granted to Portland Public School graduates each year. This \$1500 scholarship may be used at Oregon State University or the University of Oregon. The 2020 recipients of the Carl & Dorothy Crow Scholarships from Wilson are: Briana Hoxha and John Nguyen

Marsha K. Richards Inspirational Scholarship is awarded to one Wilson graduate each year. This scholarship, worth more than \$500, was established in memory of a Portland Public Schools teacher, coach, and administrator. Ms. Richards who was the wife of former Wilson principal, Mike Hrciew. The 2020 recipient of the Marsha K. Richards scholarship is Indigo Nishama Paris.

Peggy Dickinson Miller Scholarship is awarded to one Wilson graduate each year. This \$2800 scholarship was established in memory of a Jackson graduate who went on to become an elementary administrator in the Wilson cluster. The 2020 recipient of the Peggy Dickinson Miller Scholarship Mikayla Best-Prostrednik

We have now concluded the scholarship portion of the presentation. The following awards are selected by staff members and are typically presented during the graduation ceremony. **These are some of the highest honors that a Wilson student can receive.**

Outstanding Scholars: This award honors graduating seniors who are considered to be the most outstanding scholars in their class. More than merely earning good grades, these students truly love learning:

Josh Bromley

Daniel Hickey

Nathaniel Nelson

Rispa Vranka Wafula

Outstanding Seniors: This honors two graduating seniors considered to be the most outstanding in their class, in terms of character, service, leadership and scholarship:

Chloe Unflat

Kaden Leeper

Mabel Whitted: This award honors one graduating senior who works earnestly, speaks kindly, and acts sincerely. This senior honors diversity and is accepting of all, rather than being exclusive. This senior is unselfish and places character first. This award was created to honor Ms. Whitted, a former Wilson vice principal, who exhibited these qualities: Indigo Nishama Paris

Faculty Service Award: The Faculty Service Award honors a graduating senior who has consistently performed outstanding, unselfish service on behalf of the Wilson school community. This award recognizes the unsung hero who works quietly and modestly without public recognition of their service, until now. This year, we are proud to present the faculty service award to: Maddie Limon

Golden W: Finally, we will be honoring those inducted into the “Order of the Golden W”. The Golden W honors graduating seniors, members of the Wilson faculty & staff, and members of the community who have performed services above and beyond the call of duty for Wilson High School. They have given at least four years of service. These people have demonstrated their dedication to the betterment of our school by generously contributing their time and talents, not merely by doing their jobs or being good students.

This year we are conferring the Order of the Golden W upon 3 members of the faculty, 4 community members, and 4 very special seniors. We’ll start with the community members...

Community Member Golden W’s

Kris Leeper is an outstanding community member. He has gone out of his way to help promote, support, and energize the Wilson community. His work with the booster club has been such an important part of all great things happening at Wilson. We hope to continue seeing him roam the halls and the sidelines and helping us continue to build the Wilson brand. Congrats on this amazing achievement, Kris. Good luck to you as your last child graduates from Wilson this year!

Jessica More has been volunteering in the Wilson office for many years and has always been an amazing resource of wisdom and good energy for students, parents and staff alike. She assisted us in starting the first online AP registration, helped the staff to see how to utilize google forms to streamline our shadowing program, and always greeted guests with a smile. She was always ready and willing to tackle a tough project. With her last child graduating and heading off to college this year, Jessica will be greatly missed.

Described as a “powerhouse” by Wilson staff, Teri Price has done a little bit of everything for the Arts at Wilson over the years. She has co-chaired the WHS Arts Fundraiser, volunteered as an auction liaison, and even coordinated meals for students during shows. Her work with the annual holiday greenery sale has supported Wilson Band, Choir, Theatre, and Orchestra and has raised thousands of dollars to support students. We thank Teri for pouring her love and energy into the Wilson community and hope she sticks around even after her son graduates this month. Thank you, Teri!

Leanne Van Horn is a person you always want to have on your side. She is a cheerleader for the causes that she believes in. She has been in the halls and on the fields of Wilson High School for a long time - first as a parent, now as an employee, but always as an above and beyond volunteer! Just to name a few things; Leanne has helped in the office, she took Wilson’s PTA hospitality role to a whole new level, and is co-chair of the Grad Night celebration. Dedicated, motivated, and caring; we cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for Wilson over the years!

Staff Golden W's

Danny Bradach has been an inspiring and dedicated counselor at Wilson for the past five years. He puts his heart into every meeting with his students; helping them navigate social, emotional, and academic challenges. He helped start Unified Sports at Wilson, an inclusive sports program that unites Special Olympics athletes and partners as teammates for training and competition. Danny coached the Unified Soccer team to a Sportsmanship Award in our league and recognition as a National Unified Champion School. His passion for his job is spirited and genuine. Congratulations Danny!

Ken Muraoka -There is no teacher who cares more about the health of his students and our school than Ken Muraoka. He goes the extra mile with each student and doesn't just focus on grades but on the learning. Mr. Muraoka is an inspiration to teachers and students alike by working hard to make his classes relevant to students, addressing important life issues they may not get elsewhere. He is a champion in advocating for student voice, fostering leadership in our students. Congratulations Ken, well-deserved!

Margaret Murer's decade of dedication to Wilson High School is evident in every concert and production that her students perform. Her energy and sense of humor make her a vital part of the WHS staff. She cares for her students and offers support beyond the classroom, even after graduation. She holds high expectations for her students and consistently goes the extra mile, emphasizing the importance of teamwork in her program. The Choir Room is a welcoming place for all and that is entirely due to Margaret's warm and caring nature. Congratulations, Margaret!

Student Golden W's

Over the past four years, Lily Lum has made a real impact on the Wilson community. She is an amazing young woman who is full of passion, determination, and curiosity. As a key member of Wilson publications, Asian Pacific Islander club, our dynamic social justice program, and a peer counselor she has advocated for numerous students. She asks the hard questions and still manages to have a great attitude and make people laugh. Congratulations on this prestigious award, Lily. You deserve it!

Wilson High School is truly a better place because of Kelsey Rundorff. Kelsey epitomizes everything we love to see in our students; she can light up any room with her friendly smile and warmhearted nature. She is a spirited person who works tirelessly to help others, as seen in her work off campus with organizations like Family Promise and Faith Cafe and on campus with our Leadership, AVID, and Marketing programs, just to name a few. Kelsey regularly goes above and beyond for others and embodies everything that the Golden W represents. Thank you for being a great Trojan, Kelsey!

Since her freshman year, Chloe Unflat has been a true stand out in the classroom and in the community with an exceptionally diverse set of skills. She has an enormous amount of positive energy that is contagious to those around her. From being the ASB President to a Rose Court Festival Princess, being a varsity athlete/team captain to winning an art contest, or designing a graphic for a shirt for students and staff to wear, Chloe will never disappoint. Congratulations on this recognition, Chloe!

Over the last four years, Genevieve Wages has proven to be a dedicated, dependable young woman who is both hard-working and intrinsically motivated. Her commitment and responsibility to Wilson High School sets her apart from her peers. She has been a class officer for Student Leadership since her sophomore year, she is on the District Student Council, she is Editor-in-Chief for the Yearbook, she is head of the CommuniCare Committee, has been on the swim and cross country teams and a trainee for the Portland Fire and Rescue Cadet Program. These are just a few examples from the robust list that fills this young lady's resume! Congrats Genevieve!

WHS Wins 2020 Economic Challenge State Championship (May 2020)

A team of four Wilson High School students are the Oregon State Champions in Economics. The team, consisting of seniors, Joshua Bromely, Emma Koontz, Nathaniel Nelson and junior, Ori Friesen, won the Oregon State championship on Saturday. The team will advance to the National Semi-Finals later this week. This is the first year that Wilson has competed.

The National Economics Challenge (NEC) is the country's only economics competition of its kind for high school students. It tests micro and macroeconomic principles as well as knowledge of the world economy.

"It was wonderful to see Emma, Nathaniel, Josh, and Ori win the state competition," said Coach Josh Winicki, who is also the team's Economics teacher at Wilson. "They've been working all year long, meeting during lunch to review material and study old competition material. And I would also like to congratulate all the teams that competed, including two other teams from Wilson that made it to the State final round, one finishing tied for third."

"Mr. Winicki really brought economics to life for me," said team captain Koontz, "After taking his class last year, I was looking for ways to further my understanding of economics. When I learned about the challenge, competing seemed like an obvious way to maximize utility."

The Council for Economic Education (CEE) created the National Economics Challenge in 2000 to promote student interest in economics, reinforce classroom instruction, and to encourage teamwork and school spirit. In 2019, more than 10,000 high school students from the US and 2,300 from China participated.

Wilson National Honor Society members (May 2020):

These [students](#) have earned a 3.5 cumulative GPA and have engaged in community service throughout high school. They will be honored with a gold cord at graduation. Congratulations!

Congratulations to OBOB State Qualifiers (April 2020)

Congratulations to Wilson Oregon Battle of the Books Team members Sophia Stedman, Grace Pendergrass, Jack Conway, and Elaine Demetrion. As a team, they read 12 books and many of them read 12 books each! After four competitive battles against teams from other schools at the regional competition at Sandy High School, they finished as champions and earned a spot to qualify in the State Battle of the Books Competition. Unfortunately, the state competition was canceled and will not be held remotely. We are still very proud of this team, their state qualifying status, and their representation of Wilson at the regional tournament. Great job and well done!

2020 WHS Snowboarding Qualifiers (March 2020)

Here are our State Qualifiers:

- BS- Carmen,Colin,Trent 1st Alt- Virginia
- SBX- Carmen,Colin,Trent
- Slope- Colin,Trent
- HP- Carmen 2nd Alt- Colin

Wilson DECA Results (March 2020)

Wilson DECA had an incredible showing at the 2020 State Career Development Conference (SCDC). Having sent more competitors this year than in any prior, we also earned our first births to Nationals which will be hosted in Nashville, Tennessee from April 28th - May 2nd. Please celebrate our students, with me, for their exemplary efforts!

Below are a few of our big event wins:

Accounting Applications Series

- 1st Place Overall - Dakota Hedger

Business Finance Series

- Daniel Raber - 6th place (test), 4th place (roleplay #2), 19th overall

Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making Event

- 13th Overall - Alexandria Quan & Togtuun Tumorhhuu

Financial Consulting Event

- 3rd Place Overall - Dakota Hedger
- 4th Place Overall - Daniel Raber

Food Marketing Series

- 3rd Place Overall - Reid Kille
- 6th Place Overall - Daniel Raber

Human Resources Management Series

- 5th Place Overall - Dakota Hedger
- 10th Place Overall - Kelsey Rundorf

Hospitality Services Team Decision Making Event

- 19th Overall - Alexandria Quan & Togtuun Tumorhhuu

Integrated Marketing Campaign - Event

- 3rd place written portion: Greyson Mcwhorter, Peyton Theissen
- 4th place written portion: Saida Seelig, Togtuun Tumorhhuu

Overall Placement:

- 8th Greyson Mcwhorter, Peyton Theissen
- 9th Eric Alekseyev, Ashton Hester
- 10th Saida Seelig, Togtuun Tumorhhuu

- 14th Brogan Hedger, Alex Rankine
- 17th Nico Nolfi, Louie Philip

Marketing Communications Series

- 14th Place Overall - Reid Kille

Marketing Management Team Decision Making Event

- 10th Place Overall - Eric Alekseyev, Kelsey Rundorff

Project Management - Career Development

- 4th Place Overall - Sydney Barill, Reid Kille

Principles of Marketing

- 10th Place Overall - Greyson Mcwhorter

For a full list of Wilson competitors, events and placing, click [HERE](#).

For a highlight video, click [HERE](#).

About the International Career Development Conference ([ICDC](#)):

- DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.
- More than 10,000 DECA members will demonstrate their knowledge and skills by participating in DECA's Competitive Events Program at ICDC.
- DECA's Emerging Leader Series emphasizes skill development in the areas of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity.

Thank you,

Sarah LeMier, WHS Marketing Teacher

American Mathematics Competition Results (March 2020)!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's AMC Contest. Particular kudos to the top three scorers on the 12th grade test: Josh Bromley, Michael Schuff and Elaine Demettrion, and to the top three scorers on the 10th grade test: Preston Bushnell, Cara Weathers and Emily Kern.

Josh, Michael and Preston will move on to compete in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). This marks the first time in recent memory that three WHS students qualified for the AIME, but perhaps most importantly, our team scores were high enough to get our AMC trophy back from Lincoln!

Brian Sahler, Math Department, Wilson HS

Unified Sports Program (Feb 2020)

A HUGE shout out to our Unified Sports Program for their recognition on becoming a National Unified Champion School and an Oregon Unified Champion School! What an outstanding accomplishment for our student-athletes and coaches!



Wilson Speech and Debate Hits U of O with Big Win - Congratulations (2/18/2020)!

- Ginger Felberg and Ella Brown - 1st place in Public Forum Debate
- Ethan Eisner and Nathaniel Nelson - Tied 1st place in Public Forum Debate
- Emma Koontz - 2nd place in Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Zoe Carver and Cara Weathers - finalists in Parliamentary Debate
- Ari Lohr - 2nd place in Impromptu and Informative - finalist in Programmed Oral Interpretation
- Ginger Felberg and Nathaniel Nelson - 2nd place in Duo Interpretation
- Ashton Hester and Zoe Carver - Finalist in Duo Interpretation
- Cara Weathers - 3rd place in Prose
- Emma Koontz - Finalist in After Dinner Speaking



Students in Action: WHS Health Sciences at Timberline Lodge

Earlier this Fall (10/28/19), a group of students from the Wilson High School Health Sciences program spent at Timberline Lodge with members of the Mt. Ski Patrol. It was an absolutely beautifully sunny fall day up on the mountain, and the students had the unique opportunity to meet and explore the trails and successes of

mountain medicine. The day also included a practice scenario with ski patrol members, a tour of the First Aid room and a tour of the historic Timberline Lodge ([photos](#)).

Scholastic Art Awards - 2/3/2020

Congratulations!!! - Congratulations to the following Wilson students who received Scholastic Art Awards. Students in the Portland Metro area receiving gold keys will have their work on display at Pacific Northwest College of Art (PNCA) February 6th - February 21st. The Opening Reception will be on Thursday, February 6th from 6-8pm at PNCA located at 511 NW Broadway. All are welcome to attend.

Awards in Senior Art Portfolios: Isaac Soto (Gold Key), Rachel Rodriguez (Silver Key), Trent Nesbitt (Silver Key), Chloe Unflat (Silver Key), Maggie Strecker (Honorable Mention), Kristen Poore (Honorable Mention), Cassidy Stevenson (Honorable Mention)

Individual Gold Keys in Drawing and Illustration: Georgia Feld-Denae, Lucy Quinn, Isaac Soto (3 Gold Keys), Cassidy Stevenson

Individual Gold Keys in Painting: Virginia Boutwell (2 Gold Keys), Lucy Grimm, Kylie Robinson, Ezra Scriven (3 Gold Keys)

Individual Gold Keys in Digital Art: Makenzie Lee, Georgia Feld-Denae, Owen Van Horn

Individual Gold Keys in Photography: Claire Catalan, Adam Dowling, Zola Lungershausen, Ari Lohr (4 Gold Keys)

Individual Silver Keys in Drawing and Illustration: Fiona Bolen, Zasu Hostetter Smith (3 Silver Keys), Marina McClain, Trent Nesbitt (3 Silver Keys)

Lucy Quinn, Kylie Robinson (3 Silver Keys), Ezra Scriven, Cassidy Stevenson, Sophia Sutherland (2 Silver Keys), Chloe Unflat (2 Silver Keys), Desmond Wendt

Individual Silver Keys in Painting: Georgia Feld-Denae, Anna Hansen, Deidra Kolnick, Amelia Stabler

Individual Silver Key in Digital Art: Amelia Stabler,

Individual Silver Key in Fashion: Maddy Cronn

Individual Silver Keys in Photography: Carmen Donnerberg (2 Silver Keys), Ashley Fale-Olsen, Reese Gold, Maggie Green, Deidra Kolnick (3 Silver Keys), Ari Lohr (2 Silver Keys), Kaya Mandac, Maggie Strecker

Individual Honorable Mention in Drawing and Illustration: Mikayla Zoe Best-Prostrednik, Fiona Bolen, Samantha Caldera, Zasu Hostetter-Smith (2 Honorable Mentions), Alex Kelyman, Mackenzie Lorz, Marina McClain, Lucy Quinn, Rachel Rodriguez, Landon Romo, Ezra Scriven, Isaac Soto (4 Honorable Mentions), Cassidy Stevenson, Sophia Sutherland, Chloe Unflat

Individual Honorable Mention in Painting: Fiona Bolen, Georgia Feld-Denae, Lucy Quinn, Landon Romo, Ezra Scriven, Cassidy Stevenson

Individual Honorable Mention in Digital Art: Cassidy Stevenson

Individual Honorable Mention in Photography: Claire Catalan (2 Honorable Mentions), Carmen Donnerberg, Ashley Fale-Olsen, Ashling Gregory, Teagan Hunt, Deidra Kolnick (3 Honorable Mentions), Ari Lohr (3 Honorable Mentions), Zola Lungershausen, Jaden O'Farrell, Jace Smith

Recent WHS Athletic Achievements:

- [2019 Fall Sports Recap](#)
- [2018-2019 Sports Recap](#)

Red Cross Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders presented to local teen for using her training skills to save a life

Portland, OR, Jan. 14, 2020 — Wilson High School senior, Rivkah Zigman didn't hesitate to call on her American Red Cross training in First Aid/CPR/AED to save the life of a 60-year-old woman while volunteering last summer in Tel Aviv, Israel. For this heroic and lifesaving action, Zigman will receive the Red Cross Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders in a ceremony tonight at the Cascades Region Board Meeting.

The Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders is the highest award given by the Red Cross to individuals or group of individuals who save or sustain a life using skills learned in a Red Cross Training Services course.

*Media is invited to attend this presentation at 5 p.m. tonight at the Red Cross Cascades Region headquarters at 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland, OR 97227. Please arrive by 4:45 p.m.

"We're extremely proud to present a Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders to Rivkah," Dale Kunce, CEO of the Red Cross Cascades Region said. "Her actions exemplify our mission to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies."

In July of 2019, Zigman traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel to volunteer with United Hatzalah, a volunteer-based emergency medical services organization in Israel. While on duty with United Hatzalah responders, they were dispatched to a 60-year-old female unresponsive patient. Zigman applied the automated external defibrillator (AED) and participated in the CPR efforts for nearly 30 minutes. Working with the EMT teams, they were able to get a pulse and transported the woman to the hospital, where she ultimately survived.

Zigman completed the Adult and Child First Aid / CPR / AED training course with the Red Cross Cascades Region at Wilson High School on December 15, 2017.

Red Cross training gives people the knowledge and skills to act in an emergency and save a life. A variety of online, blended (online and in-person skills session) and classroom courses are available at redcross.org/takeaclass.

If you or someone you know has used skills and knowledge learned in an American Red Cross Training Services course to help save or sustain the life of another individual, visit LifesavingAwards.org to nominate, recognize, or be inspired.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCrossCasc](https://twitter.com/RedCrossCasc).

Wilson Sports Hall of Fame-Class of 2020 - January 2020

Wilson High School is proud to announce the newest class of the Wilson Hall of Fame.

- Sam Porter Class of 92
- Stuart Fewel Class of 09
- Michael Holm Class of 80
- Jim Smith Class of 61
- Jeff Rudolph Class of 77
- Mike Gits Class of 96

We will be recognizing the newest inductees at our Spring Sports Assembly on March 13th at 9:30am.

Please join us in celebrating our newest class to the Wilson Hall of Fame!

WHS Students Win Young Astronomers Award - December

The Telescope Group of the Wilson High School Astronomy Club won a \$450 cash award and were honored at the Rose City Astronomers meeting at OMSI on Monday, December 16. The group was honored for their work during the 2018-2019 school year for building two 4.5-inch Newtonian reflectors on Dobsonian mounts. The RCA was especially impressed that the group built homemade focusers. The telescopes have joined the WHS Astronomy Club's telescope lending library, which now has eight telescopes of a variety of designs available for members of the Wilson community to borrow. WHS Astronomy Club members are available to train borrowers how to use the telescopes.

The honorees include Quinn Brown (2021), Savannah Danger (2021), Tucker Nelson (2021), Mateo Stange (2021), and Rispa Vranka Wafula (2020). Emily Bugbee was also honored, but her family has moved away. Parent Rob Brown advises the Telescope Group and science teacher Joe Minato advises the Astronomy Club.

The group is excited about investing the \$450 in supplies for their next telescope building project. Interested parties can contact Mr. Minato, jminato@pps.net, about borrowing a telescope.

Speech and Debate Announcement - December

Wilson Speech and Debate had lots of fun this weekend competing at both Cleveland and Clackamas highschool. Our hard work in practice paid off taking home first overall in Debate and third overall in Speech. We are ready and excited for our next tournament at Pacific University!

Nathanial Nelson: finalist in Spar debate

Ethan Eisner and Nathanial Nelson: semi-finalist in Public Forum debate

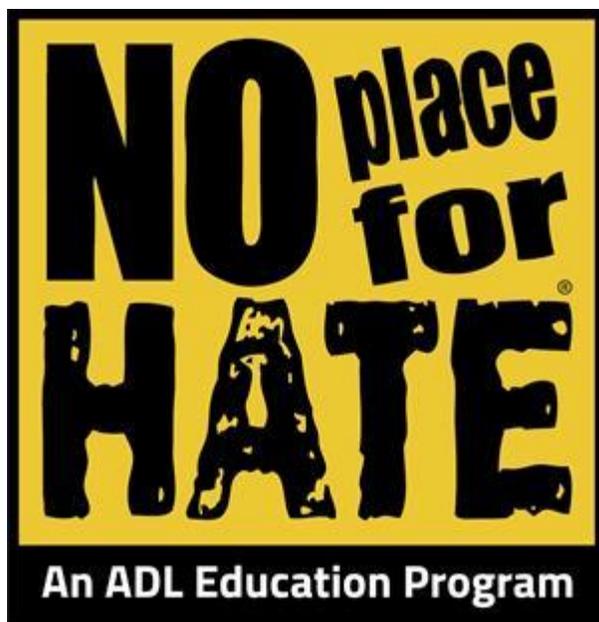
Ginger Felberg and Ella Brown: semi-finalist in Public forum debate

WHS No Place for Hate Peer Training - December

Wilson High School partnered with the Anti-Defamation League to implement a program called “No Place for Hate” as part of our school wide anti-hate action plan. With this partnership, 33 Wilson High School students will be trained for three days (Dec. 11th, 12th, and 16th) on what to do when they observe and/or experience bias, hate, and/or discrimination at school and in our community at large. These 33 courageous students will go into 9th grade classrooms at the start of 2nd semester and acting as “Peer Trainers” to spread their knowledge and understanding with fellow students about how to recognize bias and what to do about it when they see it or experience it.

We are very excited about this amazing opportunity for our Wilson students and our school community. If you have any questions, please feel free to direct those question to Vice Principal Ayesha Freeman.

The students participating are: Bahja Abid, Samiya Ahmed, Sundus Ahmed, Anis Ali, Emilee Augsburg-Fisher, Molly Cogburn-Frury, Celia Connor-Smith, Isa De Los Santos, Bailey BuPerault, Iona Ellison, Lee Holoubek, Yaniv Horenstein, Hui Hui Hutchinson, Anne Koontz, Alison Krantz Grommes, Abraham Kushner, Maddie Limon, Bronte McKinnis, Asiya Menye, Jonel Mondero, Catalina Monterio, Aria Morgan, Aslan Newson, Emma Oechies, Ruby Park, Gia Prado, Nura Salah, Senya Scott, Mia Sedory, Manar Surur, Katisyn Sweeney, Alayah Willis, Sarah Woods.



2019 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics

Chris Bartlo was named as one of the recipients of the [2019 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](#). This is a tremendous honor and a huge accomplishment. Congratulations, Mr. Bartlo, and thank you for all that you do to help our students excel inside the classroom and beyond. To learn more about Chris: https://www.paemst.org/finalist_profile/4841

Spotlight on . . . Award-Winning Computer Science Teachers

On March 8, 2016, Wilson Teachers Chris Bartlo and Nick Nohner were named Allen Distinguished Educators, an award that comes with a \$25,000 prize. The contest rewards innovative education programs in engineering and was awarded to our Wilson teachers for their Computer Science and Math Modeling courses. Wilson offers four years of computer science, the only four-year program in the Portland area. Read more from the Oregonian [here](#). Congratulations Mr. Bartlo and Mr. Nohner!