

## MAD ROOTS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

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### **Madison High School (at Marshall Campus)**

3905 SE 91st Ave.  
Portland, OR 97266

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Dear Sustainable Agriculture Alumni,

We hope you are navigating these unusual times and that you and your relations are well. In these times of upheaval, it is nice to be able to rely on our strong roots, and as you know, roots are strongest in a healthy soil ecosystem community! In an effort to deepen our roots and diversify our soil ecosystem, we are growing the Sustainable Agriculture Program with a new paid opportunity for Alumni. We are excited to introduce the MHS Sustainable Agriculture Alumni Apprenticeship.

The purpose of this new project is to create career pathways for alumni, connect with farmer mentors, provide more food for cooking projects and cafeteria demos at Madison, and support the vision of having a dedicated farm site for students. Through these connections we hope to provide pathways to real-life career explorations and opportunities while supporting the activities at MHS.

Alumni Apprentices will work at these farm sites in two separate cohorts - one in the fall and one in the spring of the school year. These interns will be a bridge from farm to classroom and will share their learning experience with current students of the program. The farm will provide fresh produce that will be able to be used by the program and potentially the cafeteria depending on Covid-19 adaptations to the school year.

We are currently looking for 3-4 Alumni Apprentices for this fall.

#### Apprenticeship Description

- work at a partner farm site for 40-50 hours this fall supporting production. That looks like about 4 hours a week for 10 weeks, but may vary depending on the needs of the farm.
- have weekly meetings with peer Apprentices and the Apprentice Manager, who will provide support and guidance for getting the most out of your experience.
- spend about 10 hours engaged with MHS students and share about your experience and support cooking efforts with produce provided by your farm.
- explore various cultural methods of farming and preparing food with your farm mentor or other community members and share these methods with the Madison students.

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- help to host a field trip to the farm site, if possible with Covid restrictions.
  - help to coordinate a cafeteria demo, if possible with Covid restrictions.

We are looking for alumni who are enthusiastic about farming, education, and equity.

As a representative of Madison High School and the program it is of great importance that apprentices demonstrate professionalism and CREED values. (Community, Respect, Education, Equity and Diversity)

Apprentices will be matched with a farm that is accessible to them based on their transportation access, interests, and availability.

This is a paid apprenticeship that is made possible through the Oregon Farm to School Grant Program. Apprentices will be paid \$13.25/hour.

Apprentices will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the farm site. To support equitable access, we will provide transit support to apprentices on a case-by-case basis.

#### Timeline

Applications are due by 11:59 PM 8/28

Hiring will occur 8/31 - 9/5.

Apprenticeship placements will begin after 9/8.

#### Application Instructions

Please submit a resume and cover letter in PDF format to -  
sholtmann1@pps.net

If you have any questions you may contact the Apprenticeship Manager, Stacy Holtmann at sholtmann1@pps.net

Sincerely,

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