2010 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS NAMED

Wilson is proud to announce our five Semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Luke de Oliveira, Jenica Funk, Thomas Hollenberg, Zoe Palmer, Cameron Shishido. More than 1.5 million juniors in over 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Program last year by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). The Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. Next step in the competition is to qualify as a Finalist. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition- including an outstanding academic record throughout high school and earn SAT scores that confirm the student’s earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist are also expected to participate in leadership in school and community activities. Our talented Wilson students have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than $36 million. Winners will be announced in April. Congratulations to our students and their dedicated parents, R Percival de Oliveira and Holly Whittleton; Charles and Laurie Funk; Stanley Hollenberg and Molly Kellogg; Leanne Palmer; Nolan Shishido and Sarah Armitage.

STUDENTS JUMP IN WITH HEAD, HEART AND HANDS OVER THE SUMMER

This summer three Wilson students, Oren Bulka (junior), Dylan Stokes (senior), and Fiona Dearth (junior) volunteered with Amigo de las Américas. They traveled to Latin America and lived there for two months working with local communities creating positive change in underdeveloped areas. Oren and Fiona went to Paraguay. Dylan went to Nicaragua.

When Oren first started his involvement with Amigo de las Américas, he had no idea what was going to happen. "All I knew is that I wanted to change the world, to do something to make the world a better place. As the months of Amigos training passed, I became more excited for my upcoming volunteer experience. At first, I had to wait and see where Amigos was going to send me. It didn't matter - I just wanted to make a difference. Then, I was told that I would go to Paraguay for eight weeks! I read every book about Paraguay I could find! Throughout the summer, I saw how I could really change lives in so many different ways. I helped my host community build a playground, taught classes to younger students, and planted community gardens. Now the children in my host community have a safe environment to play in! I helped improve their lives! The difference I made is small, but it can inspire young leaders to cause more positive change in the years to come. Each year, Amigo de las Américas inspires young volunteers like myself. It gives confidence and strength to those involved. I spent two months of my summer living in Paraguay! There's no better way I could have spent my summer vacation!"

Fiona had a fabulous summer in Paraguay with the Amigo de las Américas program. She lived with a family in a small, rural community in San Pedro, north of the capital, Asuncion. During the summer, Fiona organized the local community to build fuel-efficient stoves, plant a community garden, teach school kids lessons on health and environmental stewardship and plant over one hundred trees. Of her summer experience Fiona says, “I loved living with my host family in a very welcoming traditional community. It was an awesome summer!” Her parents, Rosemary and Chris, were very impressed with the sustainable development philosophy and organization of Amigos. They would recommend it to any Wilson students seeking an international experience.

Dylan spent 6 weeks in Matagalpa, Nicaragua through the Amigo de las Américas program. "While in Nicaragua, I lived in a rural village called 'La Granja' just outside of Matagalpa with a family of 5 people. I collaborated with two partners from around the U.S. and together, with the community we built a community house. Though not our only project, it was the central focus. Some other projects included: teaching environmental topics to kids and teenagers, fundraising for our central project, painting a community mural, creating organic compost piles, organizing community trash pick ups, and using free time constructively, there is always something you can do! For me, it was the most amazing experience of my life, and I now have a clear idea of what I want to do with my life because of it. In addition, it proved to me that a group of a few dedicated individuals CAN make a huge impact on many peoples lives, in a short period of time. There is no greater feeling than knowing you have touched many peoples lives, and formed life-long friendships countries and cultures away."
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
John Nelson '64 received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon in 1969 and a Master of Urban Design and Regional Planning from University of Edinburgh ('73), Scotland. John was in the Army Reserve and lived in the United Kingdom and Illinois from '71 to '77 and relocated back to Portland. John is a Board Member and Director of Planning Services at Maul Foster Alongi, Inc, and environmental science and engineering firm in Portland and Seattle. He is currently building a houseboat of his own design and will live at Sauvie Island. John adds, "A great place for a WWHS party!" He also enjoys downhill skiing, sailing, travel, reading, family and college football. When asked about influential teachers, John tells us that his most influential teacher was Mary Bunce, 8th grade at Bridlemile school. She was an artist married to Louis Bunce, and introduced John to art and music which led him to pursue a career in architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning. He also enjoyed trips to the art museum with Christina Whitlock. Words of wisdom for current Wilson students... "Go to the U of O! And avoid photo radar on BH Highway (I got caught last year)." He also believes that Hillsdale is not the same without Peterson’s Ice Cream shop, Lynch’s Market and Piggly Wiggly.

COOKIES NEEDED
We're providing cookies for Back-to-School Night this coming Tuesday, September 22. We still need LOTS of store-bought cookies to feed the hungry crowds who will be there. We could have as many as 1500-2000 people there, so we need a lot. If everyone can bring a few packs of cookies, we'll have enough. Please drop the cookies off at the main office as soon as possible, no later than Tuesday morning. And please make sure they're clearly marked for Back-to-School Night. Thank you again for all your help! [Mopsy Ballard and Kathy Phillips, PTA Hospitality Co-Chairs]

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 22
Tuesday, September 22 is Wilson High School's Back-to-School Night. This is your opportunity to: Support the Booster's Pizza Dinner Fund-raiser; Have counselors answer your questions; and Experience a "mini" version of your students day and hear from their teachers. Student pictures will be available for pick-up in the Auditorium Foyer Pizza Dinner Fundraiser (Front Patio/Vermont Side) 5:30 pm. Q & A with Counselors 6:00 – 6:30 pm. General Welcome by Sue Brent, PTA, Booster & Grad Night 6:30 – 6:50 pm. Classroom “mini-day” starts at 7:00 pm.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS LEADERS FOR THIS YEAR, SEPTEMBER 23
Please come to a meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at lunch in room 224.

WILSON PTA ALL-SCHOOL AUCTION, KICK-OFF MEETING SEPTEMBER 30
The Wilson PTA All-School Auction will be held this year on April 10 at the MAC. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very special Wilson event which will benefit all Wilson activities, including the arts, athletics, music, academic programs, clubs, club sports and others. The auction committee needs your help! Please come to our kick-off meeting Wednesday, September 30 at the Wilson faculty lounge (near main office) at 7:00pm. At this first meeting we will be discussing the allocation of funds from this year's auction and the timeline for auction activities throughout the year. We welcome your ideas and energy. Questions or ideas? Please contact auction co-chairs Chris Dearth or Lisa Massinger (wauction@pps.k12.or.us).

INSIDE SCOOP ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT HILLSDALE LIBRARY, OCTOBER 6
Feel uncertain and stressed out about what to put on your college application? Do you want to know what colleges are looking for in their applicants? Do you want to know how to find and best apply for scholarships? This workshop presents the 10 most useful tips to produce the best application you can. Learn about developing your emotional Intelligence, the best study methods for the SAT, and picking compelling essay topics. Free tickets for seating will be available at the reference desk 30 minutes prior to the program. Tuesday, October 6, 4-5:30pm, Hillsdale Library.

WILSON LIBRARY - TUTORING
The Wilson Library will be offering tutoring in most subject areas after school every day. We also will offer extended library hours on Mondays and Wednesdays - staying open until 4:30 p.m. The library will open every morning at 7:30 a.m. except on Wednesdays, when it will open at 8:30 a.m. We will have tutors available on Wednesday mornings as well.

WILSON WRITING CENTER
The library also will have the Wilson Writing Center open during block periods or by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

TEEN LOUNGE & HOMEWORK CENTER IS OPEN, HILLSDALE LIBRARY
Use library computers, get homework help, or just do your homework and listen to music. For teens in grade 6-12. Thursdays beginning September 17, 2:30-5:30pm, Hillsdale Library.
ENJOY DINNER AND SUPPORT FOOTBALL
Stop by Casa Colima Mexican Restaurant (6319 SW Capital Hwy.  503-892-9944) in Hillsdale on Varsity Football Game night, before or after the game. Mention you are a Trojan and 20% of your bill will be donated to Trojan Football. Varsity Game nights:  9/25, 10/8, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6.

ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PARENTS
Please help us make the 2010 PTA Grad Night Party a memorable celebration! This event only happens with parent involvement. We have many positions to fill. Graduation is on June 9, 2010 so mark your calendars and come help make it a great night for our seniors! The kickoff meeting was September 14 @ 7:00 pm in the WHS faculty lounge. **Future meetings will be held the SECOND MONDAY of each month.** If you have any questions, contact Debi Corah corahs@live.com 503-244-6608, Kim Kilhefner Juaire kim_k_juaire@msn.com 503-697-4236.

PTA SCRIP ORDERS
Get your Scrip order in... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at schulte@easystreet.net at 503-244-5072.

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2009-2010 STATEMENTS ARTICLE DEADLINES
If you would like to have news articles included in the Statements, below are the due dates.

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WHIS DAILY BULLETIN  If you don't already receive the Daily e-Bulletin, contact Sara Mattheisen at: smatthei@pps.k12.or.us.

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT?  Send the details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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WILSON YOUTH BASKETBALL - REGISTER NOW
Wilson Youth Basketball (grades 4 through 8) is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 basketball season. We have programs for both boys and girls. Go to www.wilsonyouthbasketball.com to register and to learn more about our program. Janine Blatt, Wilson Youth Basketball Association President

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WILSON BAND PERFORMANCES/CONCERTS
Home Football Games where Pep Band is playing:
Friday, Sept. 25, vs. Sunset
Friday, Oct. 16, vs. Lincoln
Friday, Oct. 23, Homecoming vs. Benson

Concerts & Other Activities:  (all at Wilson unless otherwise noted)
Tuesday, Oct. 27:  Fall Concert
Tuesday, Jan. 12:  Winter Concert
Wednesday, April 14:  Pre-Festival Concert
Thursday, April 15:  PIL Festival (not at Wilson)
Tuesday, May 25:  Spring Concert

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE
All schedules subject to change!

Friday, October 2 Powder Puff Game.  Participation forms are available in Room 121, along with practice schedule.

Monday, September 21, 2009
Men’s Soccer Varsity Beaverton @ Wilson Stadium 4:15
Men's Soccer JV Beaverton @ Rieke 4:15
Men's Soccer JV2 @ Tigard (Cook Park) 4:00 Early release 2:10 Bus 2:30
Women's Soccer Varsity @ Barlow H.S. 7:00 Early release 2:10 Bus 2:30
Women's Soccer JV @ Barlow H.S. 4:00 Early release 2:10 Bus 2:30
Women's Soccer JV2 Riverdale @ Gabriel Park 4:15
ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 22, 2009
No contests

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Women’s Soccer JV2 @ Camas (Doc Harris Stadium) 6:00 Bus 4:00
Men’s Soccer JV2 Wilsonville @ Gabriel Park 4:15
Cross-Country @ Hood River H.S. 4:00 Early release 1:10 Bus 1:30

Thursday, September 24, 2009
Women’s Soccer Varsity St. Mary’s @ Wilson Stadium 7:00
Women’s Soccer JV St. Mary’s @ Rieke 4:15
Football JV @ Sunset 4:30 Early release 2:40 Bus 3:00
Football Frosh Sunset @ Wilson 4:00
Volleyball @ Marshall 5:00 / 6:30 Bus 3:45

Friday, September 25, 2009
Football Varsity Sunset @ Wilson 7:00

Saturday, September 26, 2009
Volleyball Varsity @ Tigard H.S. Tourney 8:00 am
Volleyball JV @ West Linn H.S. Tourney 8:00 am
Volleyball JV2 @ David Douglas H.S. Tourney 8:00 am

Women's Varsity Soccer, PIL League -- Wilson VS:
Lincoln  9/29  7:30 PM at Lincoln
Grant    10/7  4:15 PM at Rieke
Franklin 10/13 7:00 PM at Franklin
Lincoln  10/15 7:00 PM at Wilson
Cleveland 10/20 7:00 PM at Cleveland
Grant    10/27 4:15 PM at Grant
Franklin 10/29 4:15 PM at Rieke

JV Women's Soccer schedule:
Sep 29 Wilson JV vs Lincoln 4:15PM (Gabriel)
Oct 7 Wilson JV vs. Grant 4:15PM (Gabriel)
Oct 15 Wilson JV vs. Lincoln 4:15PM (Rieke)
Oct 20 Wilson JV @ Cleveland 4:15PM (Woodstock)
Oct 27 Wilson JV @ Grant 4:15PM (Rose City)

Varsity Football Schedule 2009 Season.  JV and Freshman schedules see www.TrojanTouchdownclub.org.
Sept. 25    Sunset @ Wilson  7:00
Oct. 8        Wilson v Grant @ Lincoln  5:00
Oct 16       Lincoln @ Wilson  7:00
Oct 23       Benson @ Wilson  7:00
Oct 30       Wilson @ Jefferson  7:00

Cheerleading Competitions
Feb 13 - Varsity Cheer State Competition (place, time TBA)
Feb 14 - Junior Varsity Cheer State Competition (place, time TBA)

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ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS
To find out about upcoming Class Reunions go to: http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions.htm.

POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS • Send the details to Linda Doyle.

PHONE NUMBERS  Wilson High School  503-916-5280 ... Attendance 503-916-5294 .. Athletic Hotline 503-916-3689
WHAT’S HAPPENING AT WILSON

all dates are subject to change; always check events for possible date/time changes
check with your counselor to confirm time, location, requirements for SAT and ACT test dates

SEPTEMBER 2009
21-22 Auditions for the fall play, The Children’s Hour
22 Parent Pizza 6pm
22 Back-to-School Night 7pm
25 Football, Sunset @ Wilson 7pm
26 Men’s Choir @ Willamette University

OCTOBER
1 November SAT Registration deadline
2 Powder Puff Football 7pm
6 Club Fair @ lunch
8 Football vs Grant @ Lincoln 5pm
9 Statewide In-service No School
10 SAT testing
12 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Booster Club 6:30pm
13 College Info Night 7pm
14 PSAT for Sophomores
15 One Act Auditions
16 Football, Lincoln @ Wilson 7pm
19-23 Homecoming Week
20 Teenage Brain Presentation 7pm
20 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser all day
21 Performing & Visual Arts College Fair @ PSU 7pm
23 Picture Make-up Day
23 Football, Benson @ Wilson 7pm
23 Homecoming Dance
24 ACT testing
25 National College Fair @ Convention Center
26 PPS College Symposium for Juniors @ Convention Center 9-12
27 Band Concert 7pm
29 Wilson Choirs Fall Concert 7pm
30 Business Career Pathways Fair
30 Football @ Franklin 7pm
30 December SAT Registration deadline

NOVEMBER
6 Teacher Planning Day No School
6 Football @ Jefferson 7pm
6 December ACT Registration deadline
7 SAT testing
9 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
10 Site Council 3:30pm
10 Booster Club 6:30pm
11 Veteran’s Day No School
13-14 Fall Play 7pm
15 Fall Play 2pm
17 Fall Sports Awards 7pm
19-21 Fall Play 7pm
21 Wilsingers @ Schnitzer 7pm
23 Conferences 5-8:30pm
24 No School, conferences 8:15-Noon, 1-4pm, 5-8:30pm
25 No School
26 Thanksgiving
27 No School

DECEMBER
4 Wilson Choirs @ Grotto 8pm
5 SAT testing
8 Site Council 3:30pm
8 Booster Club 6:30pm
8 Financial Aid Night 7pm
10-11 One Acts Performances
12 ACT testing
14-15-16 Winter Play Auditions
14 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
15 January SAT registration deadline
17 Winter Choir Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
21-Jan 1 Winter Break
JANUARY 2010
4 School resumes
5 February ACT registration deadline
11 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
12 Site Council 3:30pm
12 Booster Club 6:30pm
12 Band Concert 7pm
16-17 Wilson 24 for 8th Graders
18 MLK Jr Day, No School
23 SAT testing
27 PTA meeting 7pm
30 Winter Formal

FEBRUARY
1 Teacher Planning Day No School
4 March SAT registration deadline
4 8th Grade Family Night 7pm
6 SAT testing
8 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
9 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Booster Club 6:30pm
15 President's Day No School
19-20 Winter Play 7pm
21 Winter Play 2pm
25-26-27 Winter Play 7pm
26 PTA Career Pathways Fair
27 PIL Choir Solo Ensemble

MARCH
5 April ACT registration deadline
6 PIL Band Instrumental @ Grant
8-9-10 Spring Play auditions
8 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
9 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Booster Club 6:30pm
12 Spring Dance
13 SAT testing
15 Annual Art Exhibit @ Baker & Spice opens
16 Winter Sports Awards 7pm
18 Choral-O-City
19 Improv Marathon
22-26 Spring Break

APRIL
8-9-10 MUN Conference
9 Teacher Planning Day No School
9-10 Drama Trip to Ashland
10 PTA Auction @ MAC
10 ACT testing
12 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
13 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser, all day
13 PIL Choral Festival @ Cleveland
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Booster Club 6:30pm
14 Band Concert 7pm
24 Spring Clean-up 9-Noon
24 Culture Night
25 Baseball Pancake Breakfast
26 ACT testing for Juniors
27 June SAT registration deadline

MAY
1 SAT testing
3-4-5-6-7 AP testing
7 June ACT registration deadline
7 Prom
8 6A State Choir Festival @ George Fox University
10-11-12-13-14 AP testing
10 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
11 Site Council 3:30pm
11 Booster Club 6:30pm
14-15 Spring Play 7pm
16 Spring Play 2pm
20-21-22 Spring Play
25 Band Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
25 PTA 7pm
27-28 Trojanatics 7pm
31 Memorial Day No School
JUNE 2010
3 Senior Awards Assembly, Senior BBQ
4 Troscars
5 SAT testing
8 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Graduation rehearsal 9am
9 Graduation Memorial Coliseum 8pm
9 PTA Grad Night Party
12 ACT testing
15 Last Day of School

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