

Inside WENATCHEE SCHOOLS

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Rowan Parmenter and Brent Grothe

SENIOR FOCUS: ROWAN PARMENTER, ASB PRESIDENT, WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

Rowan Parmenter chose to come to Wenatchee High School his sophomore year when his family decided to move from Bellevue. He loved the area and recreation, and met with football coach Scott Devereaux and then-principal Bob Celebrezze. "I really just liked the administration at Wenatchee High School and I decided, You know what? This feels like a great fit," says Rowan.

As ASB president, he says the biggest take-away was learning how to serve others. "Serving others is a huge deal and it's really great. It's very fulfilling. Doing good for others in the community and putting on events,

I want to be working in the startup world."

He advises incoming freshmen to hit the books and get good grades, and to get involved with school activities. "It's been really fulfilling to serve as Wenatchee High School president this year, and get to work with the 60 other people in ASB," Rowan says. "I definitely haven't been going at it alone."

ASB (ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY), WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

Brent Grothe is the ASB advisor, and over 60 students are involved. They hold a number of fundraisers throughout the year, including the Janice Franz Talent Show to benefit a community member in need.

Rowan Parmenter

and being able to rally the school together, is something that I've been very blessed to be able to take a part of."

Along with ASB and football, Rowan says AP (Advanced Placement) classes have been important, as well as other clubs, including FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

For college, he is choosing between Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, and the University of San Diego. "Either one, I'll be by the beach, so I'm excited about that." He plans on eventually earning an MBA. "I'm definitely very business focused.

This year's show raised \$28,000. The first show was held in 1998 to benefit Janice Franz a WHS teacher who lost her battle with cancer. The show has raised over \$226,000 for community members in 20 years. The list of activities these young people have undertaken is staggering, including Dance for the Cure, proceeds going to Children's Cancer Research. As of March, students in ASB Core and in Leadership classes had performed nearly 2,500 hours of service in the school and community and have raised nearly \$35,000 for charitable causes.

Seniors Give Back to Community

As graduation approaches, we wanted to introduce you to three seniors who gave back to the community through leadership positions in school clubs. Rowan Parmenter is the ASB President at Wenatchee High School, Chloe Smytheman is the President of Random Acts of Kindness club, and Nico Jones is a member of Leadership Club at WestSide High School. These graduates have dedicated hours of volunteer service while completing the academic requirements for graduation. And they're just the tip of the iceberg. Hundreds of high school students volunteer their time and energy to making Wenatchee better for us all. Congratulations, graduates, and thanks for all you've done for your community!

SENIOR FOCUS: CHLOE SMYTHEMAN, PRESIDENT, RANDOM ACTS OF KINNESS (RAK) CLUB, WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

Chloe Smytheman was born in the United Kingdom. Her family moved to Wenatchee in 2008 when Chloe was eight-years-old for her parents' careers. "My parents are both scientists," says Chloe. "They both work at the WSU Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center."

Chloe is the second oldest and has three brothers who are a big part of her life. She discovered skiing when they arrived in Wenatchee "I started skiing when we moved here, and that's been a big part of my life. I like to hike. I like to be outdoors. "

Chloe found the RAK Club when she was in the 8th grade, looking over a list of clubs to join for her freshman year at Wenatchee High School.

"That one stood out to me, just because it sounded fun and a good opportunity to serve the school. We are a non-profit club so everything we do is either out of fundraising or donations. We're not funded by the school."

The RAK club takes the time to encourage other students through notes and chalk art, but their reach goes beyond the high school. "We go to Columbia Heights, which is a retirement home, and hang out with the old folks there, which is really fun," she says.

Chloe says being involved in RAK Club made her want to come to school. "It's fun to hang out with people after school and get involved," she says.

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Shelly Jelsing and Chloe Smytheman. Photo by Jeremy Williams.

Chloe Smytheman

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Next year she will be attending Montana State University studying environmental science and wildlife biology. She plans on continuing her education to get a masters degree and possibly a PhD those areas of study.

Chloe advises incoming freshmen to get involved. “It’s kind of cliché, but get involved as much as possible because it’s really the activities outside of school that make your high school experience what it is.”

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (RAK) CLUB, WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

Shelly Jelsing is the advisor for the Random Acts of Kindness Club. Activities

include volunteering at Columbia Heights Retirement Community, where they teach residents dance, make crafts, and adopt a Senior Citizen. This year they put together bags of essential items (such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, socks) for our Homeless Community. RAK club members volunteer in elementary after school programs as big brother/big sisters. They conduct the Panther House Food Drive on Make a Difference Day for Wenatchee High School Homeless/Needy students. This year two truckloads of food were donated. They raised funds for #SamStrong, which raises awareness for childhood cancer, and put on the Special Education Prom for the Wenatchee Valley.

SENIOR FOCUS: NICO JONES, LEADERSHIP CLUB, WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Nico Jones came to WestSide his junior year, and soon joined leadership club. “I had a lot of friends that were in it,” says Nico. He also said advisor Sheena Zacherle encouraged him to join, and he got more involved with the club during his senior year, and he’s glad he did. “It’s pretty fun.”

When Nico came to WestSide he needed a lot of credits to graduate, and being involved in leadership club made school better. “It involves you with a group of kids, so school is a little bit easier. When you’re doing extra curricular stuff, it helps you with your schoolwork because you’re more involved in the school. It puts you more in that mindset.”

Nico is part of a combined family that includes four older siblings and four younger. “I have a single mom, but she’s really caring and loving, and I like being with my family,” he says.

Nico recently traveled to Washington, DC as part of WestSide’s JAG program. JAG is Jobs for America’s Graduates, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young people stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level

jobs leading to career advancement opportunities. He has also toured colleges as part of his WestSide experience.

Nico hopes to play basketball at Wenatchee Valley College next year, and plans on being a student there for two years. After that he wants to attend a larger college. “My dream college is Gonzaga,” he says.

While being an NBA player is a dream career, he thinks more practical choices might be architecture, engineering, or some type of technical skills career.

“I think West Side gives kids a lot of chances they don’t necessarily get at other places,” he says of his high school experience. “It makes opportunities easier.”

LEADERSHIP CLUB, WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Sheena Zacherle is the advisor to Leadership Club. This year marked the 3rd annual Spaghetti Feed/Silent Auction that raises funds for a needy individual or family in the valley.



Nico Jones and Sheena Zacherle. Photo by Jeremy Williams.

Leadership Club raised about \$7,000 this year. Club members took on the 2nd Annual Operation Care Kits, where they collected enough donations to make 55 care kits that they handed out to the homeless in our community. The care kits include underwear, socks, gloves, hats, and all the essential toiletries. And the club hosted a Salvation Army Giving Tree during the holidays, where staff and students accumulated and donated 32 gifts for local children.



Wenatchee High School
Friday, June 2, 2017
Apple Bowl - 8:00 p.m.

WestSide High School
Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Wenatchee Convention Center
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
Reception to follow.

Senior Walk:
A New Tradition

On Friday June 2 over 400 Wenatchee High School seniors will be visiting schools throughout the district. They’re going to have a senior walk parade throughout the hallways. Each school will have their own way of congratulating the seniors on their impending graduation. As much as possible, seniors will be returning to the school they attended growing up.

“One of our main goals is for the younger students to see role models,” says Ricardo Iniguez, WHS Associate Principal. “Even though they may be in elementary and middle school, kids can aspire to graduate. We hope that seeing these superstars coming in all dressed up in their graduation gowns will inspire kids to graduate.”

Nicpan-Brown and Lurber Win Technology Awards

WHS Senior Moses Lurber and Lincoln Elementary teacher Tina Nicpan-Brown took top honors at the GWATA Innovators Awards Luncheon on April 30. Moses was named Future Technology Leader and Tina was named STEM Educator of the Year.

Moses started a tilapia fish farm his junior year that culminated in harvesting the fish and serving them for lunch as part of Taste Washington Day his senior year. His fascination with aquaculture and farming sustainable food, along with perseverance, took him through the many challenges of the two-year project. “I think it’s really cool that they recognize it as an innovative way of getting people food and furthering education,” Moses said of the award. He is also gratified to know that the project will continue on at WHS after he graduates, and thanked his agriculture teachers Dan Ellwood and Beth Hammerberg.


Tina Nicpan-Brown is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) champion who expands the role of STEM educator beyond the classroom to the community. Along with managing a 1:1 classroom—where each student has an iPad for learning—Tina has written and received thousands of dollars in grant money for innovative projects that include building safety helmets and testing them at Mission Ridge, and learning about snow-shoe technology at the Wenatchee River Institute in Leavenworth, and exploring aviation at Pangborn



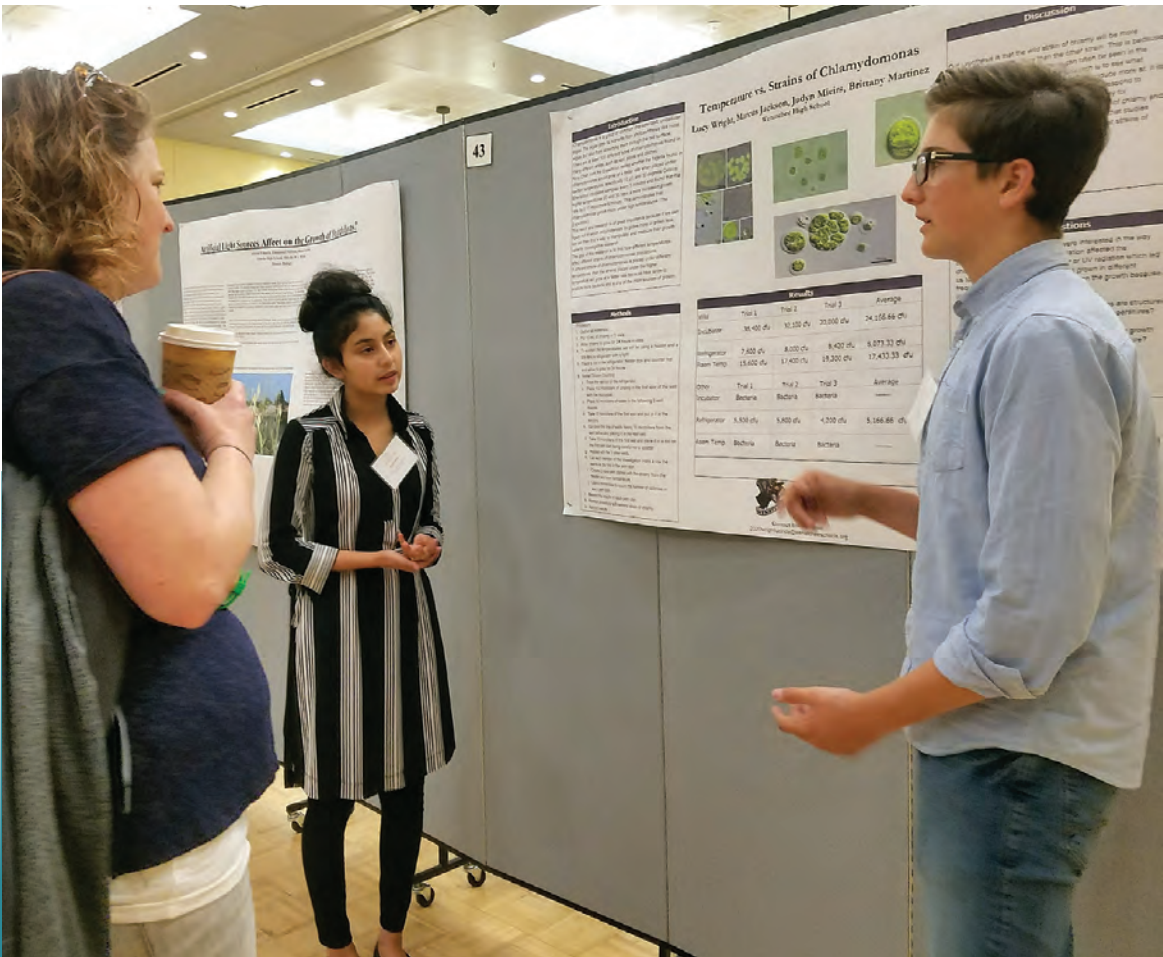
Airport. Tina and the 5th grade team at Lincoln have created and planned a comprehensive career-connected learning field experience called “STEM Careers in Wenatchee.”

“This means everything to me because it’s about my students,” said Tina of the award. “It’s the work that the students have done, the work that my colleagues have done alongside me, and the community members that have supported all of the different things I’ve done over the years.”

GWATA is North Central Washington’s Technology Alliance. Each year they celebrate Innovator Award Winners, which include Entrepreneur of the Year, Tech Savvy Business of the Year, STEM Educator of the Year, Future Tech Leader of the Year and Problem Solving Innovator of the Year.

**WENACHEE LEARNS**
Strategy One: Design the personalized learning of the future. Key Objectives: STEM/project based learning. Balance for all with excellence for all: highly trained and engaged staff

A letter from Sue Kane, PhD, Apple STEM Network Director, about Michael Lasater’s Biology Students



I had a fantastic opportunity to join 10 WHS students from Mr. Lasater’s Biology class today [May 18, 2017] as they presented their research posters at the Source Interdisciplinary Conference at Central Washington University. I snapped some great photos of the students being interviewed by CWU faculty, graduate students and scientists. They did such an incredible job. One faculty remarked that she just could not believe they were freshman and sophomores in High School, they so confidently told her about their research design and had great background knowledge. I am also really impressed with Michael Lasater who created a learning environment with this kind of challenge!

Warmly,
Sue Kane, PhD
Apple STEM Network Director
www.applestemnetwork.org

Marcus Jackson and Brittany Martinez and explain their biology project to CWU Biology professor Dr. April Binder.

17th Annual Shrub Steppe Outdoor Field Experience

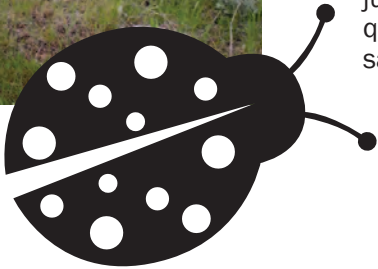
Nearly 600 5th graders in the Wenatchee School District explored the plants and animals of the shrub steppe ecosystem in the 17th Annual Saddle Rock science field experience April 18 - 21, 2017. The outdoor experience includes three major activities, said science coordinator Jill Fineis: hiking, the study of insects, and nature journaling.

“The annual hike up to the top of Saddle Rock is becoming a rite of passage for our fifth grade students,” said Fineis. When fifth graders reached the top of Saddlerock, they got a birds eye view of Wenatchee. “The city is really big!” said Wendy, a Mission View student in Andrew Hall’s class. “When you’re down there it seems small.”

Back down at the base of Saddlerock, students learned about insects with the help of Roy Magelssen, Forest Service entomologist, and field instructors Rosa Eilert and Annette Jouard. Students learned to catch insects using nets or a beating stick and tray. Then they identified their catch and did a drawing of one insect, including labeling all the parts.



It’s surprising what insects students find at Saddlerock. US Forest Service Entomologist Roy Magelssen taught the students insect collection techniques, and helped them identify and draw what they discovered. Photo by Jeremy Williams.




Students at every elementary grade have a unique science field experience during the school year. Kindergartners go on a habitat walk in Horan Park, 1st graders learn about the shrub steppe at the Jacobson Preserve, 2nd graders learn about landforms at Saddlerock, 3rd graders attend the Salmon Festival in Leavenworth and raise salmon in the classroom from eggs, 4th graders travel to Rocky Reach Dam for River of Power, a science/engineering day, and 5th graders explore the plants and animals of the shrub steppe at Saddlerock.

Nature journaling included recording the weather, soil conditions, along with sensory data—what kids were seeing, hearing, and touching. “The nature journaling uses techniques from Heather Murphy’s water coloring and nature journaling program,” says Fineis. Heather Murphy is a Pacific Northwest notecard artist, wildlife biologist, field journal instructor, watercolorist and nature writer from Leavenworth. “We’ve adopted some of her techniques to create sort of a naturalist journal for the day,” said Fineis.

Students drew plants or insects, then painted their drawings with watercolors. Chester Ferrell and Julie Banken taught drawing and watercolor skills.

“The exciting thing about this year is the Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) is building interpretive signs for the new Saddle Rock trail head as well as signs along the trail,” said Fineis. “They are going to put some of our student’s water color drawings on one of the field interpretive signs.”

Although the shrub steppe day was busy and activity-packed, an important part of the day is experiencing nature. “It’s really just a time for kids to immerse themselves in this place, to sit quietly, to draw, to discover, and to do some water coloring,” said Fineis. “They don’t get to do that on a very regular basis.”

**WENATCHEE LEARNS**

Strategy One: Design the personalized learning of the future. Key Objective: STEAM/project based learning.

Chelan County Excellence Award Winners

Two teachers, a daycare lead and a technology specialist, have been named Excellence award winners in Wenatchee School District for the Chelan County Excellence Awards. Teachers Jennifer Devereaux and Molly Butler have been named Chelan County Excellence Award winners for certificated staff, and Corrine Cox and Jeff Schoonover are the classified staff Excellence winners.

The Awards honor extraordinary educators, and are sponsored each year by North Central ESD and school districts in Chelan, Grant, Douglas and Okanogan Counties.

JENNIFER DEVEREAUX is an English teacher at WestSide High School. “I am so shocked and humbled by this award. What an honor,” said Jennifer. “Teaching at WestSide High School is a truly amazing experience because I have the opportunity to work one-on-one with my students to help them succeed. Every staff member here at WestSide works daily to make our school a second home for them.”


MOLLY BUTLER is an English teacher at Wenatchee High School. “I feel very lucky to do this job every day,” said Molly. “I’ve been fortunate enough to find my passion in life and it is a total joy to work with young adults as they discover theirs.”

CORINNE COX is the Lead for the Before and After School Childcare Program at Washington Elementary. “When Mr. Collins

told me about the award, I was both shocked and honored,” said Corinne. “I am blessed and enjoy what I do. I have had the privilege of meeting some wonderful kids and their families.”

JEFF SCHOONOVER is a technology specialist for the district. “The department I work in is full of very competent technicians that really know their stuff. I’m learning from them every day,” said Jeff. “It astounds me that I would be singled out for an award when there are so many really, really good techs in that department.”

Wenatchee’s award winners were honored at the Chelan County Excellence Banquet on May 2 at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

**WENATCHEE LEARNS**

Strategy Four: Balance change for all with excellence for all
Key Objective: Highly trained and engaged staff



Corrine Cox, Jeff Schoonover, Jennifer Devereaux, and Molly Butler. Photo by Jeremy Williams.

With testing comes big demands on building technology resources. I just want to say, "Thank you so much," to **Caiti Velázquez** for going above and beyond to make sharing equipment work. You see it as something little, but it sure does mean a lot. Thanks, Caiti. :)

Desirée Schmidt, 2nd Grade Teacher/Team Leader, Lewis & Clark Elementary

Two of my team members, **Paula Strozyk & Austin Pruess**, have met every morning of every day this year working hard to plan for their 5th grade ELA classes here at John Newbery!!! They spend a lot of time prepping so they can offer their very best to their students!

Kyle Kniveton, 5th grade team leader, Newbery Elementary

Congratulations to WestSide High School's **Neida Bazan**! As a high school senior, Neida was accepted into Central Washington School of Dental Assisting and is working her way to being a Certified Dental Assistant by the time she graduates in June. WestSide staff & students are proud of you Neida!!!

Jennifer Devereaux, English Teacher, WestSide High School

I would like to send a shout out to my 5th grade team at Lincoln! **Jake Bullis, Darrin Ferson, and Jeff Williams**. "My Boys" are amazing to work and learn with. They have supported all my STEM field experiences and participated in all my last minute brainstorming! Thank you Jake, Darrin and Jeff for your humor, expertise, lunch time shenanigans and budgeted funds! You make a HUGE impact on our students education and lives, I am proud to be part of this wonderful team!

Tina Nicpan Brown, 5th Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School

Tami Lopushinsky! You are the very best a music teacher can be. You always go above and beyond with your programs, mariachi and even recorders :) We are so very lucky that you are ours !!

Donna Young, Office Manager, Columbia Elementary School

I have a shout out for **Ana Najera**, Paraprofessional at Lewis and Clark. Ana is an excellent employee and an excellent person. She is very dedicated and very professional. Ana is in charge of entering data for our school and she also coordinates recess. She is very efficient with all she does. Ana is a person that is always willing to do what is required and more without complaining. She is a truly team player! Our school is much better because of her! AND Shout Out to **Katie Stefanides**, High Cap teacher at Lewis and Clark and Lincoln Elementary Schools. Katie does an excellent job as a teacher, challenging her students to their full potential. She is very busy working for two schools and she still finds the time to coordinate Math Olympics, and Math is Cool at Lewis and Clark. She is a genuine teacher that represents the teacher profession in a very professional way. It is a pleasure to work with her!

Alfonso López, Principal, Lewis & Clark Elementary School

A huge shout out to **all of the Elementary counselors** for supporting Career & Technical Education and Wenatchee Learns Connect in creating the 5G Future Fest. 5G was a career connected learning experience for 5th graders to explore Career & Technical Education programs and student leadership organizations at Wenatchee High School. Our counselors are committed to helping our kids grow and plan for their futures. Thank you!!! AND High five to CTE teachers; **Hannah Symonds** (Ag), **Cori Montgomery** (Family & Consumer Science), **Loren Brown** (Business Education), **Doug Merrill** (Pre-

Engineering), **Travis Williams** (Tech Lab), **Mitzi Southard** (Health Occupations), **Dale Blair** (Sports Medicine), **Steve Priest** (Graphic Design) and **Reed Carlson** (Photography). They created fun, engaging and interactive stations for 5th graders at the 5G Future Fest. The stations showcased the skills and leadership opportunities available in their programs. The teachers tapped the power of their CTE student organizations to run the activities for close to 500 kids in one day. The students were enthusiastic, knowledgeable and served as positive role models. Thank you CTE for being awesome!

Diana Haglund, Dennis Conger and Kate Anderson, Wenatchee Learns (Diana & Kate) and Career Technical Education Director (Dennis)

Ms. Lisa Steitz is an amazing teacher! She has so much patience, speaking positive, loving and kind to her students. She also speaks clearly and helps them out when they are not getting something. Lisa has a way of drawing the best from her students. I think it is because they love her and enjoy learning with her. She works hard with a lot to teach. She has fun with them, as well, singing songs and saying rhymes that they really enjoy. She exemplifies the code of 3: by Respecting others, Solving problems and Making good decisions. And all of these things she continues to do so well with a big beautiful smile!

Lori Netherda, Custodian, Sunnyslope Elementary School

A HUGE shout out to **Nancy Ortiz, Oliva Jarvis, and Adelita Solis** for all their hard work and extra time they gave to the students at Lewis and Clark Elementary. These teachers spent about two months working with students after school to teach a variety of dances from Mexico to perform at the Apple Blossom Youth Parade and Food Fair. They will also help the students perform in several other opportunities in the next month of school. Because of the gift of time, hard work, and love for kids, our students had the opportunity to represent Lewis and Clark Elementary in Azteca Dance, Folclorico Dance, Vaquero Dance, and Danza de Viejitos! Thank you for what you do for OUR kids!

Sunny Savage, 1st Grade Teacher, Lewis & Clark Elementary School

Bill Eagle, Director of State & Federal Programs, works hard and is quite diligent in his mission in learning the hows, whys & whats of Special Programs and McKinney-Vento. His leadership and ethics are over the top! He is a conscientious listener, diligent in his learning, patient, understanding and supportive of professional development. His upbeat attitude has helped Special Programs become a positive and fun environment to work in. Bill is an effective, strong team leader for Special Programs at WSD!

Pat McQuoid, Chris Rehwald, Tina Herron, Carmela Solorio, Sylvia Mendoza, Teresa Godina & Suzanne Stanton, Special Programs Team

SHOUT OUTS

Shout out to **Karen Schooler**, Para Educator Extraordinaire! Karen works tirelessly for the Panthers. She gives up breaks, lunches and leaving on time to support our Special Education students in their efforts to complete graduation requirements on time. Karen is a calm face when students (or teachers) struggle with emotions. She is always ready to step in when anyone needs support, that includes students as well as teachers. Karen is a workhorse of the finest caliber. She is, quite simply, an asset that is often overlooked in WSD.

Danielle Ouellette, Special Education Teacher, Wenatchee High School

I would like to shout out to Gretchen Mann, office manager at Westside, she is amazingly organized, always has the answers that I need, and makes me laugh. Thank you Gretchen, you make every day special!

Andrea Danahey-Feil, Credit Acceleration Program (CAP) Teacher, WestSide High School

Thank you's go out to **Randy Sundholm and Jared Crawford** for working hard to keep our grounds maintained for kids and staff.

Soyla Reyna-Smith, Kindergarten teacher, Newbery Elementary School

I'd like to shout out to **the special education team at Washington Elementary!** This group of teachers and service providers are amazing to work with. They collaborate daily to help all students become successful. The time and effort that is poured into each student is incredible to see. This team has made working at Washington a great experience, knowing I had a whole team of people ready to bounce ideas off of, and help in any way. Thank you so much!

Kasey Cannan, Life Skills Teacher, Washington Elementary School

Shout out to **all of the Orchard staff and guest facilitators** for collectively providing our first ever school-wide STEAM day. Our teachers worked hard to ensure all of the details were covered in order to provide the amazing experience for project-based learning for our students. Our entire staff engaged with the students for the day as they explored new ideas and problem solved with their groups. I really appreciate all the hard work and dedication to "students first" that our staff exhibit. They rock.

Taunya Brown, Principal, Orchard Middle School

WATCH THE AWARD WINNING TECH NINJA MOVIE ON THE WSD YOUTUBE CHANNEL @ [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/6EJVD5QR-V](https://youtu.be/6EJVD5QR-V)

Shout Out from Ron Brown, Director of Technology, to **Ray Birks and Orchard Middle School** for the Tech Ninja program, which received recognition from State Representative Mike Steele in a letter to Orchard Principal Taunya Brown:

Dear Taunya,
I just wanted to reach out and tell you how impressed I am with the work both you and your staff are doing with Tech Ninja. I watched your recent video and I was truly inspired that students in the 12th district have these kinds of educational opportunities. You and your staff should be extremely proud!

Respectfully

Representative Mike Steele, 12TH District Washington State House of Representatives



Parents Chosen for New Advisory Board at WHS

Twelve parents have been chosen for an advisory group to meet monthly at Wenatchee High School with WHS Principal Eric Anderson to discuss issues and provide input. The group includes four parents from each of the district’s middle school boundary attendance areas who have children enrolled at Wenatchee High School, including freshmen starting high school

in 2017. The group will meet monthly at 6:30 PM.

"The parent advisory group is a great way for Wenatchee High School to hear the consistent perspective of parents," says Eric Anderson. "I look forward to working side by side with the twelve members of the advisory group. And I thank all the parents who applied."

The high school solicited applications from parents in March. Applicants were asked to commit to a two-year membership if possible. Wenatchee School Board members selected the committee members from the applications, making every effort to select parents who represent the high school’s demographics.



Eric Anderson, WHS Principal

WHS Parent Advisory Group

Foothills Middle School Representatives:

- Deanna Walter
- Diane Cruickshank
- Jennifer Bushong
- Michelle Jobe

Orchard Middle School Representatives:

- Jason DePue
- Kris Collier
- Lisa Martinez
- Mireya Gutierrez

Pioneer Middle School Representatives

- Alicia McRae
- Alma D. Navarrete Mendoza
- Blanca Zendejas
- Rachael Pashkowski



Strategy Two: Tapping the power of our whole community. Key Objective: More engagement of parents

Carolyn Griffin-Bugert Named 2017 Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year

CHAMPION FOR STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Carolyn Griffin-Bugert is the 2017 Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year. Carolyn is the grants coordinator for Wenatchee School District.

"It is quite an honor to receive this award," says Caroline. "I have been blessed to work with a wonderful team of staff to deliver high-quality programs to Wenatchee students. With such exceptional and dedicated staff actually running the programs, my job writing grants and providing program oversight has been easy. I get the accolades—they do all the hard work."

The awards are given by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal recognized nine Regional Classified School Employees of the Year and announced the winner, Carolyn, at a ceremony in the Old Capitol Building in Olympia in May.

Statistics in Wenatchee show that many of the grant-funded programs, like the After School Program, result in higher achievement in academic scores for students.

Bill Eagle, Director of State and Federal Programs, sees Carolyn’s work first-hand. "As a former middle school and elementary principal, I have seen firsthand the benefit students gain from the focus these programs provide – especially low-income and minority students," says Bill. "Because of Carolyn’s work, many students over many years have come to believe in their ability to attend and succeed at the college level."

"All of the programs I have been involved with focused on helping low-income, minority and under-achieving students reach their full potential," says Carolyn. "The students don't realize their own potential and their parents might not know how to advocate for their student. Sometimes students just need a bit more support to be successful. That's what I hope these programs provide. Everyone should have as many doors opened to them as possible. I hope to be a door-opener."

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"Carolyn is the kind of employee we need in every school district," Reykdal said. "She is dedicated to engaging with her community, partnering with local businesses and creating a positive legacy of progressive learning in her region. On behalf of OSPI staff, thank you for your commitment to Washington students."

"The programs that Carolyn has initiated in our school district serve over 2,500 students yearly," says Wenatchee Superintendent Brian Fiones. "In nearly twenty years of service, Carolyn’s impact is far reaching for our students and has provided them with opportunities, hopes, and dreams that will last a lifetime."

Carolyn Griffin Bugert with (back row left to right) son Tom, husband Bob Bugert, and (front row) Director of Special Programs Bill Eagle at the Capitol. Photo by Heather Crail.



Strategy Four: Balance change for all with excellence for all Key Objective: Highly trained and engaged staff

School District to Purchase Maple Street Fire Station

The Wenatchee School Board approved the purchase of the Maple Street Fire Station, located next to Foothills Middle School, from the City of Wenatchee. The sale of the 0.76-acre property and 4,348-square-foot building at 1420 Maple Street is scheduled to close on June 30, 2019.

"That would be a great place for us to have a maintenance and grounds crew facility," Superintendent Brian Fiones told the board at their April 11, 2017 meeting. The maintenance and grounds shop is located at the south end of Miller Street. The purchase of the facility would give the district space in the north part of town, Fiones told the board.

"We will be out of the Maple Street station within two years," said Chelan County Fire District 1 Fire Chief Mike Burnett. "Our plan is to do the site design in 2017, and construction in 2018." The fire district is planning on building a new fire station on Wenatchee Avenue, where the old Prospector Pies restaurant was located.

"We worked with the City, had the property appraised, and agreed upon the appraisal price. It's a win win for both parties," said Fiones.

"The whole collaboration between the school district, the city of Wenatchee, and the fire department all working together to accommodate the needs of the citizens is a great opportunity," said Burnett.



Strategy Three: Use the best tools & resources to advance learning Key Objective: Facilities that optimize learning

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Wenatchee Teams Make Robotics World Championships

Foothills Team Achieves Goal: Gets to Worlds

By Brigitte Wiegand, Foothills Teacher

What is your goal this season? This simple question was asked to all of the Foothills Robotics teams in November. For team 86208A, the answer was simple; get to Worlds.

Although joking at the time, and thinking it was a long shot, eighth graders Quinten Collins, Abigail Danko, Jacob Dunlop and Annabelle Smith achieved just that—a trip to Louisville, Kentucky and a chance to compete against 305 of the top middle school teams from 40 different countries around the globe.

Getting to Vex IQ World Championships was no easy feat. The components to the Vex IQ Challenge required a competitive robot, an engineering design notebook and a STEM presentation. This team won the STEM Award at the State Championships for their presentation of "The Pollution Solution" — a robot that could help filter out garbage from the Columbia River before reaching the dams.

Knowing that they had earned a spot to what can only be described as the Olympics of competitive robots, was surreal. But, for the next five weeks, these students continued to work hard to bring the best that they had to the competition. Not only did they have an award winning STEM project, the team

also had an award winning Engineering Notebook.

Because the team also won the Design Award earlier in the season, they were allowed to submit their design notebook for judging at Worlds. They had a very strong understanding of the design process and their Engineering Notebook really was one of the best in the world. I'm really proud of their hard work in documenting it all.

The best part about Worlds is the exposure to other cultures, to other robot designs, to meeting the best and the brightest and getting to talk to them. Jacob said, "Going to Vex Worlds was a fun way to meet other cultures and learn to work together as a team." Abby jumped in to say, "It was such an amazing experience, especially getting to meet teams from other countries and cultures. We had a lot of fun, and we really came together as a team during the event. It was really great to see the world come together in such a spectacular way. I think I can speak for everyone when I say that these are memories that we're going to cherish forever."

In just the Technology Division alone, which Foothills was a part of, there were teams from Spain, Columbia, Russia, India, Haiti, United Kingdom, Mexico and China.

The other highlight was the roller coasters at Kentucky Kingdom on the final day. All of the tournament

participants got to enjoy an evening being kids at a party at the theme park just for them.

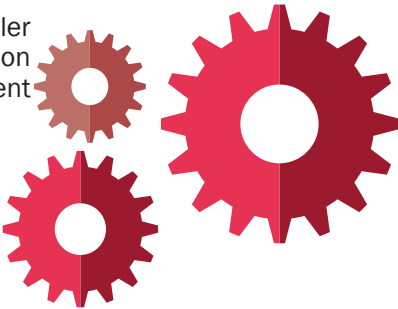
I would also like to add that I am so incredibly proud of how well this team worked together through some last minute robot challenges that faced them at Worlds. Effective communication, team leadership, compromise and persistence are

what held this team together and allowed them to shine through. They also had teams coming to their booth from all over the world engaging with them in regards to their STEM project. It was a pretty neat thing to just stand by and watch them do their thing.

The Foothills Robotics program was a part of CWU's SOAR program.



A judge listens to the Foothills team discuss the design process and their robot. Team members are Abby Danko, Jacob Dunlop, Annabelle Smith, and Quinten Collins.



Wenatchee High School Finishes Strong at World Competition

By Diana Sanchez, CWU MOSAIC2 GEAR-UP Site Director, Wenatchee High School

On March 11, 2017 seven students from Wenatchee High School qualified to compete in the World VEX Robotics Championship in Louisville, Kentucky after winning a design award for their

robot during the state championship held at Central Washington University.

VEX robotics offers students an exciting platform for learning about areas rich

with career opportunities spanning science, technology, engineering, and math. VEX robotics embraces this model of explorative STEM learning and sets the goal of creating engaging and powerful solutions that immerse students in STEM through the excitement of building and programming robots. Over 20,000 students worldwide participate in Robotics!


The World championship brought together the top 1,400 student-led robotics teams from across the world to compete in the largest robotics tournament of the year from April 19 - 22. Most of our students first learned about robotics in 7th grade during a CWU sponsored summer camp called STEMA-pa-looza where they learned about programming and robot design.

Now, our students serve as mentors for the younger robotics teams and continue to compete in robotics tournaments.

Although the students had issues with their robot, they finished strong and placed 34th in the engineering division. The connections they built with other students and the experience of being part of a program like robotics has been life changing. Our students feel inspired to start the next season with new ideas and look forward to collaborate with the incoming middle school robotics students and the students they met during the competition. Our students would like to thank the Chelan PUD and Liberty Orchards for their donations and support.



From left to right: Willow Baker, Skyler Schuyleman, Emily Williams, Carlos Cruz, Kaiden Spoelstra, Diego Tornabene, and Aaron Abelsen

**WENATCHEE LEARNS**

Strategy One: Design the personalized learning of the future. Key Objective: STEAM/project based learning.

WHS Sophomore Takes “Best of Show” in Regional Art Show




Zachary Banken, Wenatchee High School sophomore, took Best of Show in the Regional High School Art Show, in photography. His photo, titled “Crash Landing,” is currently on display in Olympia in the OSPI Art Show, and will be competing with art pieces from around the state. Zachary’s photography teacher is Reed Carlson.

Four other students placed in the regional show: senior Rylie Sweem took 3rd Place Mixed Media; junior Courtney Kaech took 2nd Place in 3-Dimensional; senior Ian

Tamngin took 2nd Place in Decorative Arts; and junior Natalee Aalgaard took 2nd Place in Mixed Media. Don Collins is the art teacher for all four students. Additionally, junior Manuel Laurel was the winner of a \$2000 Tuition Waiver at Central Washington University.

The Annual show is sponsored by Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center in cooperation with the North Central Washington Educational Services District and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction each year. The juried

show features works by top art students from all over North Central Washington. Works judged “Best of Show” move on to the state’s annual Superintendent’s High School Art Show in Olympia.

**WENATCHEE LEARNS**

Strategy One: Design the personalized learning of the future
Key Objective: Students exploring career paths/college & career readiness

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Forestry Competition
A forestry competitor uses a clinometer to determine slope

CAREER experiences

Pizza Pop and Power Tools
Allie Lerma of Pioneer learns to operate an excavator with help from Aerin Sipe, Valley Tractor and Rentals. "You have to remember which lever to push down and pull up," said Allie. "I think it was a good learning experience."

Hands-On Career Experiences Explore the Future

Preparing students for 21st century careers is an important part of education in the Wenatchee School district. Career readiness is imbedded throughout a variety of programs and classes, including Wenatchee Learns Connect and Career and Technical Education classes. Here's a peek at just a few of the many, many career focused experiences provided for students by Wenatchee School District.

PIZZA POP AND POWER TOOLS is a non-traditional career-connected learning event for 8th grade girls, held at Wenatchee Valley College. Pizza, Pop and Power Tools helps girls explore non-traditional careers for women, including welding, carpentry, machining, heavy equipment operation, automotive, fire fighting and lineman for the PUD. Stations were hosted by Boeing, Chelan PUD, Valley Tractor, Job Corps, UBC Joint Apprenticeship Training Council, Wenatchee Valley College Industrial Technology and Automotive programs, PNW Regional Council of Carpenters and Chelan County Fire District 1.

FAST AND FURIOUS FUTURES is a career connected learning experience for 8th grade boys at Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center. Boys explore the nine different program offerings available at WV Tech through hands-on experiences.

THE 5G FUTURE FEST is a hands-on career exploration for 5th graders. Held at the Town Toyota Center, fifth graders explored career pathways

through career activities and games. The student stations were lead by WHS CTE students from the associated programs. Students get a glimpse of 7 different career paths offered at the high school.

FORESTRY COMPETITION

School districts from around the state bring their natural resources and forestry science students to compete, putting together the skills they've learned throughout the year in their classrooms to an actual applied, real world situation here at Squilchuck State Park. Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and Wenatchee Valley College natural resources program hosted the testing stations where students were tested on their knowledge of compass and pacing, timber stand improvement, timber cruising, forestry tool identification, forestry tree disorders and entomology, chainsaw parts troubleshooting and identification, slope determination, legal description/mapping and

tree identification. These skills are preparing the kids for careers in forestry, an industry that is projected to have jobs available in our region in the near future, according to agriculture science teacher Matt Asplund.

CAREERS AFTER SCHOOL invites students from throughout the area to visit business and organizations to connect students with our local business community. Through education, engagement, and exposure to multiple career options, students are better equipped to make deliberate decisions about their future career goals. This year's Careers After School included trips to Telford's Chapel of the Valley to study Creepy Careers, Merrill Orthodontics for Dental Careers, Stemilt for Agriculture Careers, and Chelan County PUD for Hydro Careers.

DIVERSITY JUSTICE DAY explores careers in the Justice System with inspirational encouragement from professionals. The day, held at Wenatchee Valley College in March, was devoted to helping multicultural

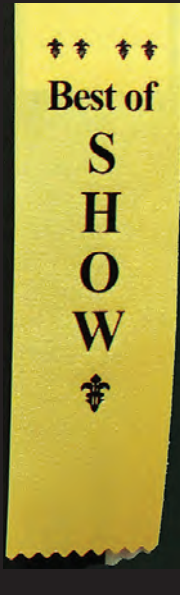
students understand the variety of careers in the law and justice system. But it was equally devoted to making sure the students understood there was a place for them in the careers, and a need for them to help fill the ranks of diversity in each profession. And that they didn't have to be rich or exceptionally smart to continue education after high school and forge a career path. Twenty-seven people from all walks of careers in the justice system volunteered their time to talk with the students from Wenatchee, Eastmont, Quincy and Manson.

WENATCHEE LEARNS

Strategy One: Design the personalized learning of the future
Key Objective: Students exploring career paths/college & career readiness

"CRASH LANDING"
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ZACHARY BANKEN
WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE

>> REGIONAL ART SHOW WINNER
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Michael Lane is New Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning

Michael Lane is the new Assistant Director of Learning & Teaching for Wenatchee School District. He was the top choice out of seventeen applicants who applied for the position.

Michael Lane will replace Cori Pflug-Tilton, the current Assistant Director of PBIS*, who will be retiring this year. This position will work under the direction of the Learning & Teaching Department and will have responsibility for the PBIS program, AVID* Program and Highly Capable* program across the district.

Michael has been the principal at Gaiser Middle School in Vancouver for the past nine years after spending three years as an Associate Principal at Columbia River High School in the Vancouver School District. Michael led the implementation of PBIS in his building eight years ago and has implemented and supported a school-wide AVID program. At Eastern Washington University, Michael received BA in Elementary Education. From Washington State University Michael earned his Masters in Education and Principal credentials in 2002.

Michael, his wife Michelle, and their daughter McKenzie will be moving to the Wenatchee area. The new position begins on July 1, 2017.

**PBIS is Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, a framework for a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture for all students.*

**AVID is Advancement Via Individual Determination, a program to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.*

**Highly Capable (Hi-Cap) is the Washington term for gifted students. The state-mandated program provides access to accelerated learning and enhanced instruction through the program for highly capable students.*



Keith Collins, Washington Principal



Tim Sheppard, Lincoln Principal

Lincoln and Washington Earn Washington Achievement Award

Lincoln and Washington elementary schools have been named Washington Achievement Award winners in the category of “Closing the Achievement Gap for Students with Disabilities.”

“Lincoln staff all work closely together to support the learning and social-emotional needs of all our students,” said Tim Sheppard, Lincoln principal. “The resource specialist and classroom teachers, along with para-professional staff, work collaboratively to provide the supports students with disabilities need to continually grow from year to year.”

Lincoln won the state award in recognition of achievement in English Language Acquisition for 2013.

This is the fourth year in a row that Washington has received the state achievement award, having earned the previous three awards in Reading Growth.

“Any achievement of this magnitude is the result of a team of people working together to help students achieve at high levels—this is our

mission at Washington Elementary,” said principal Keith Collins. “For students with disabilities, the classroom teachers, resource room teacher and supporting staff work together to provide interventions in addition to core instruction that specifically target a student's academic deficiency. Data is used to monitor and adjust growth in conjunction with a student's Individual Education Plan.”

A total of 280 schools earned Washington Achievement Awards in seven categories for the 2016 academic school year. Lincoln and Washington will be honored at an award ceremony hosted by OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) and SBE (State Board of Education) host an annual award ceremony in the spring at an award winning school.



WENATCHEE LEARNS

Strategy Four: Balance change for all with excellence for all

Key Objective: High student achievement

Public Library Modernization Needs Our Help

Our friends at Wenatchee Public Library are modernizing and creating innovative space to meet the many needs of our community, but they can't do it alone. The project will cost \$1.5 million, and they're asking community members, local businesses, and private foundations to help them reach their goal through tax-deductible gifts.

Public surveys came up with a number of changes for the library, including:

- Technology integrated throughout the building.
- Small meeting rooms and designated quiet areas.
- A cafe-like community space.

- More space for books and materials, with more seating throughout the building.
- User-friendly layout with signs and maps of where to find materials.

The Friends of the Wenatchee Public Library are volunteers committed to supporting the library. This registered non profit organization is leading the charge and managing the funds for the Wenatchee Public Library Capital Campaign.

Please make your tax-deductible gift payable to:

Friends of the Wenatchee Public Library
PO Box 3338
Wenatchee, WA 98807

For more information visit: wplcampaign.org | Call 509-662-5021 | Email wplcampaign@gmail.com

Spring Sports Wrap Up

BOYS SOCCER – Won District Championships! The win earned them the #1 seed to State. The boys finished the regular season with an overall record of 12-4 and with a 9-3 league record.

GIRLS TRACK – Girls Track are District Champions! They finished the season with a 6-0 record.

BOYS TRACK - The boys track team finished the season with a 4-2 record in league.

GIRLS GOLF – Won District Championships!

BOYS GOLF – Boys finished in second place.

GIRLS TENNIS – Won District Championships! Kaylnn Noyd and Anna Davenport were district champions in doubles.

BOYS TENNIS - Won District Championships! Finished the season undefeated. Jack Yount won District Championship in singles and Tobi Butler & Isaiah Banken were District Champions in doubles.

SOFTBALL – The girls finished the regular season in 4th place with a 9-11 record and were 9-9 in Big 9 League play.

BASEBALL – Boys finished #2 seed going into championships playoffs at the time we went to press. They finished the season with an overall record of 15-5 and were 15-3 in Big 9 league play.



Photo by Don Seabrook, Wenatchee World.



NEWS BRIEFS

Senior Vivian Noyd was named the 2017 Washington State Congressional Debate Champion

Senior Vivian Noyd was named the 2017 Washington State Congressional Debate Champion at The University of Puget Sound, during the 2017 Thomas WIAA State Speech and Debate Tournament on Saturday, March 18. Noyd competed for two days with 70 of the top congressional debaters from Washington state. Wenatchee High School was represented by Noyd, and Junior Sebastian Pasion. Their combined scores led Wenatchee to a Second place sweepstakes award in congressional debate. Vivian will compete for the fourth straight year at the National Speech and Debate Tournament in June in Extemporaneous Speaking. Wenatchee High School Speech and Debate is coached by Dave Carlson.

WHS Assistant Athletic Trainer Receives National Service Award

Larry Howe, MS, ATC, LAT, Wenatchee High School Assistant Athletic Trainer and substitute teacher in the Wenatchee School District, was awarded the prestigious National Athletic Trainers Association Athletic (NATA) Trainer Service Award. The Award recognizes NATA members for their contributions to the athletic training profession as a volunteer at the local and state levels.

Wenatchee High School Sports Medicine Places Second in the State

The Wenatchee High School Sports Medicine team placed 2nd in the state at the 23rd Annual Washington Career and Technical Sports Medicine Association Championships in Tacoma April 13-16, 2017. The competition featured 49 schools and 800 students. Wenatchee extended its state record streak of 23 consecutive years of top four finishes with 18 of those finishes in the top two.

"I am so proud of this group of this exceptional group of young men and women. Not only did they compete well, they were also very professional and respectful at the competition," said Dale Blair, Sports Medicine Instructor and Head Athletic Trainer. "To place all six of our sports medicine teams in the Top 15 in the state is an outstanding accomplishment."

Individually, in the Sports Medicine division, all six members placed in the top 15 in the state: Kyle Turner 2nd, Grant Kolde 3rd, Maria Robles 6th, Courtney Grimm 11th, Shea Frantz 13th, and Sabrina Zhu 15th. Jacob Barnwell placed 5th in the CPR competition. Alex Albert and Cole Hansen place in the top five in the JV competition out of nearly 200 competitors.

Wenatchee won the State Championship in the Sports Medicine Quiz Bowl competition with team members: Mally Morgan, Matthew Vanderpool, Jordan Hartley, Alex Albert, and Ethan Taylor.

Kara Richards and Ashley Gold were selected to the 2017-2018 WCTSMA State Student Leadership Board.

Larry is also the Executive Director of the Washington Career and Technical Sports Medicine Association where he oversees state leadership and competition events for several thousand sports medicine students in the state. He will be presented with the award at the NATA National Conference in Houston, Texas this June.



Hope Schooley State Essay Winner

Hope Schooley, Valley Academy student, is the Grand Prize Winner for the State of Washington for the Washington State Law Enforcement Association's annual essay contest for 8th graders. The theme was, Why I Will Say NO to Alcohol and Drugs! "My mom was a police officer for many years, and I've heard a lot of stories about people who got down the wrong path," Hope explained about the essay. "I wanted to spread the message that that's not the only option if there's hard times in your life. There's other good options."



Dennis Tronson Wins State Coaches Award for Boys Soccer

Wenatchee High School teacher and coach Dennis Tronson was awarded the 2016 NFHS Coaches Association State Coaches Award in the sport of Boys Soccer. NFHS is the National Federation of State High School Associations. Tronson was also named Large School Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association in the fall of 2016. Tronson humbly gives credit for the award to the students he's coached for 27 years at WHS. "It's a reflection of the players I've had. I give all the credit to them," he says. "Yes, they honored me, but without the group of athletes and the support of our athletic department, it wouldn't have happened."



WHS DECA Students Place First at International Conference

Two Wenatchee High School students placed 1st at the 71st annual DECA International Career Development Conference April 25 - 29 in Anaheim, California. With record attendance of over 19,000 high school students from over 1,500 schools, Wenatchee DECA finished 10th overall for the first time in the history of the program. Seven students were finalists (top 20) out of 160 in their competitive event category.

- ➔ **Vivian Noyd** - School Based Enterprise - 1st
- ➔ **Colin Snyder** - Sports & Entertainment Marketing - 1st
- ➔ **Mason Dalbeck & Lucas Jobe** - Sports & Entertainment Team - Top 10
- ➔ **Sophia Castillo** - Marketing Communications - Top 20
- ➔ **Spencer Rickel** - Personal Financial Literacy - Top 20
- ➔ **Sebastian Pasion** - Principles of Marketing - Top 20

Ramon Rivera CMA Teacher of Excellence

Ramon Rivera was honored as CMA Music Teacher of Excellence at an awards reception April 26, 2017 at Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee. The event was hosted by country music stars Little Big Town. "Last night I had the chance to meet Little Big Town and Scott McCreery at the CMA Music Teacher of Excellence award in Nashville," emailed Rivera the next day. "What an Honor!" CMA is the Country Music Association, an organization with more than 7,500 industry professionals members around the world. Congratulations, Mr. Rivera, for the recognition of your incredible work with students at Wenatchee High School.



Country songwriter Jim Beavers, Ramon Rivera, and Country Music star Scotty McCreery. Photo by Dusty Draper, Country Music Association.

WENATCHEE LEARNS

Strategy Four: Balance change for all with excellence for all
Key Objective: Highly trained and engaged staff

Thank you to our Sunnyslope Elementary students who were the faces of levy information shared by the school district:

Michael McPherson, Abby Prieto, Joshua Sollom, Kylan Carillo, Teddy Chen, Ellie Demirjian



Renewal of the Educational Programs & Operations Levy Passes

On behalf of our school board, staff, and students, we give a HUGE thank-you to our community for your strong support in passing our educational programs and operations levy. The passage of this levy is a great reminder of our community’s passion and commitment to providing a quality education to our youth in Wenatchee.



As a community, you have consistently supported the vision to personalize learning and provide our students with the knowledge and skills that they will need for life. The passage of this levy also sends a great message to our staff and students that you are supporters of the important work that they do each day.

Thank you again for your supporting our schools!

Brian Fones
Superintendent



DATES
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REMEMBER



- **Friday, June 2: WHS Graduation**
- **Tuesday, June 6: WSHS Graduation**
- **Monday, June 12: Last Day of School**
(students dismissed 3 hrs. earlier than their regular dismissal time, including WHS)
- **Tuesday, June 13: WHS Only Last Day of School**
(students dismissed 3 hrs. earlier than regular dismissal time)



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