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WEEKLY WARRIOR

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Philomath High School Announces Valedictorians



Congratulations to PHS's valedictorians, Drisit Patel, Micah Matthews, Kellen Houchin, Dawson Beckstead, Roman Padar and Jesse Erickson. Your dedication and hard work are appreciated.

*Graduate EVERY
student and transition
each of them into a job,
training, or college.*



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Dates to Remember

June

10 Graduation, 11 am, Clemens Field
16 Last Day of School

Baccalaureate ceremony held at Philomath High

Seniors Micah Matthews, Ty May, Grace Bennett, Ingrid Hellesto, Ally Todd, Isaac Workman, Teddy Benbow, Chase Ringwald, Seth Arthurs, Phoebe Dodson, Abigail Brown and Jasmine Eck attended Baccalaureate on Sunday. Baccalaureate is a Christian service to honor and bless students and their families through a message of faith and hope for the future that is rooted in God. The service was open to all seniors and families and was sponsored by Philomath Pastors Fellowship and organized by Living Faith Community Church.



Convocation celebrates seniors



Over 70 percent of seniors received either an award, a scholarship, or a combination of both at convocation Wednesday night. Our senior class was awarded nearly \$80,000 in scholarship money at the ceremony.



Spring Concert held Tuesday



The final music concert of the year was this week. Choir, jazz band and wind ensemble all performed.

Tony Matta departs PHS after five years

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Tony Matta will close the door on his time at Philomath High School on June 30.

Tony came to Philomath in 2018 to fill the role as assistant principal and athletic director. In his time here, he has worn several hats including assistant principal, athletic director, coach, and acting principal.

Tony often joked that he “lived here” at PHS as he could always be seen at athletic events and various school events well after the normal work day was done. Tony supported students in their athletics and activities as well as academics. He would find ways that work for each individual student who seemed to struggle and worked hard to make sure that each student was successful in their endeavors.

Tony's career will come full circle when he returns to South Albany High School, which he considers “home.” An alumni of SAHS, Tony has spent a total of 20 years at South Albany professionally on two different occasions as an educator and coach. Tony and his wife Michelle are residents of Albany and their two sons are also South Albany alumni. He will be hanging up his hat as athletic director and take on the sole responsibility of assistant principal with the hopes of moving into the principal position someday.

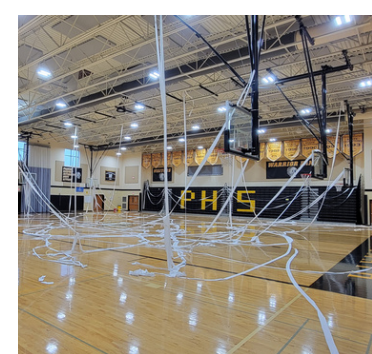
While we will miss Tony, his time at Philomath will not be forgotten. We wish him the best in his new adventures and look forward to seeing him at occasional athletic events. Remember: Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior!



Seniors finish up classes on Wednesday



Seniors celebrated their last day of school Wednesday with a paper drop in the foyer at the end of the classes. They also camped in Mr. Henderson's front yard, parked a car inside and TP'ed the gym.



Healthy relationships class learns about challenges of caring for babies



Juniors Osvaldo Garcia-Bazan, Owen Thomas and Elijah Gerig care for their babies outside Ms. Carter's classroom. They are graded based on how well they care for their infants.



Students in Donna Carter's healthy relationship class are working on their RealCare infant simulator project. Students are responsible for caring for a baby simulator for 24 hours. The babies are programmed to cry when they need something. Ms. Carter said she gets a report on how the student did on several factors: rocking, diaper changing, burping and feeding. Students are woken up at least once during the night and they have to write a journal about the experience. They are also monitored by their teachers and parents. Ms. Carter said, "It makes me happy seeing students being careful and caretaking. I like that they want to get a good score."



Sophomore Ashleigh Brown



Freshman Izzie Alvarez

Students volunteer at PYAC carnival last week



Freshman Blake Hauck

Students from PHS helped at the Philomath Youth Activities Club carnival last Friday night held on the PHS football field. Some students earned service hours for National Honor Society. The carnival is a fundraiser for PYAC.

Athletic Awards

NFHS Award of Excellence



Ingrid Hellesto



Ben Hernandez

The National Award of Excellence certificate recognizes outstanding sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. The certificate is given on behalf of the OSAA, Board of Directors of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the NFHS Student Services Committee.

Sportsmanship Award

The Sportsmanship Award is voted on by the head coaches at PHS. Any senior athlete that earns a varsity letter is eligible for this award. They must display exemplary sportsmanship in all sports in which they participate. They must also display sportsmanship in the classroom and in other activities. They must practice self-discipline, cooperation with teammates, cooperation with coaches and teachers, a willingness to share their skills with others, promotion of a winning attitude on his or her team as opposed to belittling the opponents and coachability and willingness to put forth more than the minimum required.



Brody Bushnell



Alyson Todd

Athletic Awards

Outstanding Athlete Award

The Outstanding Athlete Award is voted on by the head coaches at PHS. The qualifications for this award are that the student must have attended Philomath High School for at least two years, achieved a high degree of excellence in at least two varsity sports, earned awards beyond the high school letter, exemplified the total athlete which includes respect towards other players and coaches, and possesses leadership qualities, a high degree of proficiency in their sports, good citizenship and standards as a member of the school and the community. They set examples in and out of the sports season that we wish other student athletes would emulate. They also uphold PHS academic standards.



Ty May



Ingrid Hellesto

Don Nelson Absolutely Flyin' Award for Cross Country and Track



Ingrid Hellesto



Brody Bushnell

Don Nelson went to the pre-trials for the 1968 Olympics and did very well, but due to an injury was unable to compete in the competition. He tried again in 1972 and came quite close, but didn't make the team. He was asked to be an official which took him to the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, the 1987 World Championships and the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics. Don thrived on the Olympic ideals of unity, good role models, the pursuit of athletic excellence, and the ability of the human spirit.