

# Outlaws grad qualifies for NAIA national meet

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Chelsea Reifschneider, a 2012 graduate of Sisters High School, set two school records for Corban University of Salem on May 9 at the Cascade Collegiate Championships held at Southern Oregon University. She qualified for the NAIA National Championships in the process.

Reifschneider ran 1:03.53 in the 400-meter hurdles, meeting the automatic qualifying time for nationals. In addition, she broke the Corban school record in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.26 seconds.

The 64th Annual NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships will be held

May 21-23 at Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

A 21-year-old education major in her third year, Reifschneider was a standout athlete in volleyball and track and field during her prep career at Sisters High School. She is the daughter of Mark and Sheila Reifschneider of Sisters.

The Cascade Collegiate Conference is comprised of 10 schools from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, including Eastern Oregon University, Concordia, Southern Oregon University, Oregon Tech, College of Idaho, Evergreen State College, Warner Pacific, Northwest Christian College, and Northwest College.



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Chelsea Reifschneider is continuing a stellar track career.

# Dutch teacher enjoys stay at Sisters

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Aspiring teacher Kevin Ferwerda of Dronton, The Netherlands, has spent the past few weeks getting an inside view of the education system of the United States — at Sisters Middle School.

Ferwerda is in the third year of a teaching program in his homeland, and part of the program at that stage is an opportunity to go abroad for a teaching internship.

“I have family in the U.S. and I wanted to see if the things you see in the movies are true,” he told *The Nugget*. “For us Europeans, the United States is the Big Country.”

That family is Nicole Montalvo, his aunt, who works for the City of Sisters. So Ferwerda landed an internship at Sisters Middle School, working mostly with Midge Rose in Social Studies.

Ferwerda sees some key differences in educational styles between The Netherlands and the U.S.

“I think the way of teaching is different. There’s a lot of room for creativity (here),” Ferwerda said. “A lot of room for writing and reading.”

Reading and writing here is emphasized as skill-building, where in The Netherlands it is simply a means of gathering information.

Ferwerda said one of the highlights of his tenure was a trip to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

“I like that we did that with the kids,” he said.



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Midge Rose was happy to host Kevin Ferwerda in her social studies classroom during his internship at Sisters Middle School.

He summed up his experience:

“In one word, it was awesome,” he said. “I will (return and) tell them it is really cool to do it and really good to see something other than our own system. I think it enlarges your own teaching. It gives you a broader view of teaching.”

For her part, Rose thought the experience was good for Ferwerda, good for her and good for the kids.

She noted that, at the age of 23, Ferwerda is young enough that the middle schoolers found him very easy to relate to — especially as his English got stronger and stronger.

And, she said, “it’s good for them to get the European perspective on things.”

Rose’s class was focused on the Renaissance and the age of conquest during much of his time here. The Dutch were major international

naval players in that era — a fact that is little understood today. Rose said Ferwerda “really strengthened my knowledge of the Dutch.”

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As for the qualities Ferwerda exhibits as a teacher, Rose had high praise: “He’s got the gift,” she said. “Some people are born to be teachers.”

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