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Project Unify participants honored

Project Unify Athlete Michaela Madsen and Project Unify Partner Skyler Larson are Athletes of the Month for the Outlaws.

Michaela began as an individualskills athlete, where she has won state championships over six times and through time has progressed to full competition.

"Michaela's skills development, understanding of the game of basketball and relationships with her teammates has grown by leaps and

bounds," says Project Unify Coach Josh Nordell. "Michaela's skills in basketball are remarkable. She is a consistent scorer, responds to her teammates, and makes the hard shots. In soccer her ability to move with the ball and understanding the flow of the game have made her a major piece in the Outlaws' attack. As her coach, I find Michaela remarkable in every way on and off the field. I am

incredibly proud of the woman she has become, her work ethic and her wonderful sense of humor. She is a treasure to our community and I am lucky to have her as part of my life."

Nordell states that,"Skyler Larson has been an incredible partner to the Project Unify team."

A partner is an individual who serves as a teammate, mentor and inspiration to non-typical students.

"Skyler excels in this position and has been committed to the betterment of the



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Project Unify Program," Nordell says. "Skyler understands what it means to be a great teammate and facilitate learning through sport. His positive attitude and commitment to those on the Project Unify team is exceptional. Skyler's actions and his friendships touch those around him on the team daily. He understands the importance of the program and it has made a difference in his life and the lives of the athletes he has chosen to serve. Skyler embodies what makes Project Unify so powerful. He understands no matter our differences, we are stronger together."

POET: Event is free and open to public from arts/history community

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"100 Tricks Every Boy Can Do: How My Brother Disappeared," and "Wind on the Waves: Stories from the Oregon Coast." In 2016, the 30th-anniversary edition of his collections of essays, "Having Everything Right," came out from Pharos Editions.

He has taught writing in dozens of schools and community centers, and in Scotland, Italy, and Bhutan.

Although he has published books and taught in hundreds of classrooms, Stafford says, "It's really about one page at a time, and one fellow writer at a time, in the mystic encounter of the deep mystery of our existence with the trick of beginning."

"On my tombstone," he has told his wife, "you might inscribe, 'He was easily pleased by a few words."

Besides the Tuesdayevening Confluence, Stafford will visit Judy Fuentes' 7/8 art class at Sisters Middle School, Samra Spear's IEE class, and creative writing class at Sisters High School, several of the Mandarin Chinese classes at the high school and will meet at Sisters Middle School with all fifth-graders. He will be conducting a writer's workshop Monday evening.

The evening Confluence event is free of charge; donations are welcome.









