

White is Middle School State Champ in 100 Meters

Vernonia High School doesn't have the only state champions in Track and Field in town.

Vernonia Middle School 8th grader Jarrett White returned from the Middle School State Championships with a gold medal in the 100 meters and a silver medal in the 200 meters.

White won the state title in the 100 meters with a time of 11.57 and finished second in the 200 meters with a time of 24.21 seconds.

White was the only Vernonia student to compete in the Middle School State Championships, traveling to the meet at La Pine High School on

June 2 with his family.

White currently holds VMS records in the 100 and 200 meters, breaking current VHS volunteer sprint coach Shelby Gritman's records from 2007. Gritman has been acting as a mentor and training White this season.

"Jarrett is a very gifted athlete," says VMS head coach Justin Ward. "He has chosen to focus on sprints, but he could also excel at the 400 meters and the high jump. He is a very hard worker, in fact I have often seen him working out on his own on the weekends."

Congratulations to Jarrett White on his State Championship!



Jarrett White of VMS took 1st place in the 100 meter dash at the Oregon Middle School State Championships. White also finished 2nd in the 200 meters.

Pharmacy Tech Program Creates Opportunities

A new program that was implemented this year at Vernonia High School has turned out to be a success.

The Pharmacy Technician Program, a collaboration between VHS and the Vernonia Prevention Coalition (VPC), successfully trained and certified five high school seniors, who now have an opportunity to work and earn money after graduation. It could even be the start of new career.

Kelsey Brown, Robin Elliot, Brandon Krause, Alyssa Loggins and Shyla Tungwenuk all completed the training program and became certified as Pharmacy Technicians.

The program was the idea of Vernonia School District employee, Dana Hyde, who assists students with scholarships and career guidance. Hyde researched the idea of a pharmacy tech program at VHS and learned that the school could develop its own program. With financial assistance from the VPC to purchase educational materials, Hyde and the VPC's Heather Lewis developed a self-study program for local students.

Students met with advisors once a week, giving up their lunch time, for six months. They took a field trip to Pacific Uni-



VHS Seniors Kelsey Brown, Robin Elliot, Shyla Tungwenuk, Alyssa Loggins, and Brandon Krause fill out paper work to become certified as Pharmacy Technicians.

versity and observed and learned about the Pharmacist program and met with students.

Once the students had completed their study, Hyde was able to secure a grant from Kaiser Permanente which paid for the VHS

students application fees and to have background checks and finger printing completed.

The students are now certified Pharmacy Technicians, which allows them to work and earn money, while they continue their education.



Shyla Tungwenuk gets fingerprinted to become certified as a Pharmacy Technician.

Goodbye

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Vernonia community. Thank you to my host family, the Cheneys, thank you to our coordinator Cathy Ward, thank you to the school teachers and Mr. Underwood, thank you everyone. You all are amazing people who came into my life and gave me everything I needed to have an awesome experience. And even though I'm leaving my soul and mind will always stay with you.

~Ana Scerbatii

Thank you to the Barnes family and to the Brookins family for feeding me, coaching me and making my exchange year wonderful because you all helped me achieve my main goals for which I came here. Thank you to Coach Brown and Coach Wolf for making me tough and to all the teachers at school for being awesome people.

~Ty Talantov

Thank you to the community and to my rep Cathy Ward. Thank you to my host family-Dan, Julie, and Joe Benes. It has been a good experience.

~Amir Habibuloev

Thank you to the Vernonia Loggers and Mr. Underwood for the great school experience. Thank you to the Catholic Church. Thank you Mrs. Ward for the great support. Thank you to the Vernonia Learning Center for teaching me to crochet. Most of all, thank you to my host family--the Gump family—I will miss you all.

~Ira Verhogliad

Thank you to Mr. Underwood that he accepted me into the Vernonia School District. Thank you to all the teachers—you are great! Thank you to Cathy Ward for her support in everything. I have enjoyed my stay with David, Diane, and Brett Benes.

~Sherzod Razhabov

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VHS Exchange Students (Top) Amir Habibuloev, (left to right) Ty Talantov, Ya Ya Denysenko, Julie Zhuldyz, Sherzod Razhabov, Anna Scbatii, and Ira Verhogliad.

Volleyball Car Wash

VHS Volleyball is having a car wash on June 16th starting at 10:00 AM

in the parking lot of the District Office.

The girls are raising money to go to the U of O Volleyball Team Camp. "We took our first trip last year, and it was a great experience," says head coach Teresa Williams. "The girls learned a lot, played competitively and spent time with the U of O players."

"Last season we were able to meet our goal of making the state playoffs, and this year we are raising the bar," says Williams. "We are going to work towards being District Champs and make it as far as possible into the state playoffs."



Boosters Buzz

Baseball—The Junior Midgets are wrapping up their season which was filled with lots of learning and laughs. A big thank you to head coach Matt Poetter and everyone else who helped out through out the season. The boys had lots of fun while the fundamentals of the game and about teamwork. The Junior Boys are off to a good start this year, despite the rain.

Fourth of July—The Booster Snack Shack will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers on July 4th after the parade and during the Great American Bash Concert. And don't forget to buy your fireworks from the Boosters—the firework booth will be open again this year.

Next Boosters Meeting—is June 13 at 7:00 PM at Washington Grade School in the Library.

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