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YPOP students visit state capitol, meet governor

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Students in the Young Parent Opportunity Program (YPOP) had the unique opportunity last Thursday to spend the day in the state capitol, talking with a Supreme Court justice and meeting Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

The class, composed of teenage parents who are earning either a high school diploma or GED, took the field trip as a conclusion to their unit on government.

"We studied the three branches of government, how a bill is passed, [and] how citizens can influence the legislative process," said Instructor Linda Durham. "We discussed voting and practiced registering ... we also rehearsed other citizenship skills in a mini-drama that required students to practice testifying before a senate committee."

Students were welcomed to the capitol by Justice Robert Durham—who is Linda Durham's husband—in the Supreme Court's conference room. According to the justice, less than 1 percent of the state's citizenry ever gets to see that conference room, although the judges are more than happy to have guests.

"[It's been] wonderful to have the students come," said Justice Durham. "It's a break from our routine that we really appreciate."

Next, students were ushered into the gov-

ernor's ceremonial office in the Capitol building by tour guide Arthur Schmidt. While waiting for Kulongoski to arrive, Schmidt entertained students with history lessons about the building's construction, some of which they already knew from research.

"When [Schmidt] told them about the three kinds of marble used in the final construction of the capitol, our students knew that it came from Vermont, Missouri and Montana," said Linda Durham.

Schmidt also explained to students how things are done at the capitol.

"We change laws more than we make new ones," said Schmidt. "Laws are just rules, so we're mostly changing the rules. The lesson is: how do we do that?"

Schmidt continued to describe how a bill is originated and what responsibility students as citizens have in that process.

When the governor arrived, he had more suggestions for the group on what they can do as citizens to help their children and how the state can help them as students.

"You have a child. That doesn't make you any different. [There's] tremendous potential for all of you," Kulongoski said. "[Education] is the answer. That's the challenge for me and the state, to see that you have that opportunity ... I want you to know how committed I am to seeing you succeed."



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YPOP students gather around the bronze state seal in the rotunda of the capitol building after having met Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

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NWAACCs: Lady Cougars conquer first championship title



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Clackamas guard Lindsay Calmettes cuts down her part of the net after the Cougars' 55-36 victory over Chemeketa to win their first NWAACC championship Monday night.

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Here come the champions: Clackamas women's basketball is in the house, bringing home their first NWAACC Championship.

"I don't know that it has sunk in," said Head Coach Jim Martineau. "I'm sure it will sink in and feel great in a couple of weeks."

The Lady Cougars defeated Southern Division rival Chemeketa CC, 55-36, to win the 2004 NWAACC Championship in Kennewick, Wash., Monday night.

Clackamas opened the game strong, jumping out to a 7-4 lead, but soon found themselves down 13-10 with 10 minutes remaining in the first half. They couldn't seem to get going offensively, shooting 16.1 percent for the half.

"It wasn't an offensive display," Martineau said. "They got after us defensively. We were lucky to be down by five going into the half."

During halftime, Martineau said that he stressed staying together as a team as well as trying to be a group on the floor.

The Lady Cougars were able to get themselves together in the second half.

Sophomore guard Cindy Alldrin came out focused in the second half, scoring seven straight Cougar points, giving Clackamas a 25-23 lead. Alldrin finished the game with 22 points and seven rebounds.

"She's a good player, she carried us," Martineau said.

The Lady Cougars stepped up their game in the second half and ran away with the title.

Their offense was stellar, going on a 19-3 run in the first nine minutes of the second half. The defense was excellent as the Lady Cougars blocked six Chemeketa

shots in the second half and caused a number of Chemeketa turnovers. Sophomore guard Lindsay Calmettes converted a four-point play in the closing minutes to put the Lady Cougars up by 18, sealing the victory.

Calmettes finished the game with 12 points and five rebounds. Sophomore Ashley Cadotte scored five points and pulled down 19 rebounds, including eight offensive boards.

In the semifinal game Sunday, the Lady Cougars took on Umpqua CC. The South was well represented as all four teams in the semifinals were from the Southern Division.

Once again the Cougars were down early as Umpqua went up 11-2. Calmettes scored the first Cougar bucket on a coast-to-coast drive. The Lady Cougars tied the game 17-17 with a three-pointer from sophomore Ashley Storms and took their

first lead 27-26 with 6:30 to go in the first half. Going into the locker room, the game was tied at 36.

In the second half, the Lady Cougars stepped it up on the defensive end and once again causing a number of Umpqua turnovers. With 12 minutes remaining, Umpqua's starting forward Lindsay Heard fouled out, opening up the middle for Clackamas.

"We took some of their stuff away," Martineau said. "We fouled out their big girl; she's [their] best player and she only scored nine."

The game was tied at 63 with 9:26 remaining. On the previous jump ball call, the possession arrow was never changed

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Head Coach
Women's Basketball

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