

Lessons in Celt video production courses carry students far beyond the classroom

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Despite taking video production classes for all her four years at McNary High School, Liv Pond isn't planning to study film in college.

That doesn't mean what she's gleaned from her time in teacher Jason Heimerdinger's studio room will be going to waste.

"I want to travel the world and teach. These classes taught me how to learn, because there's always one more new thing, and they've taught me how to teach others and work with people," said Pond.

Because of her time in video production classes she's performed almost every task there is to do, including helping produce video announcements and the Celtics' new news segments dubbed CNN (Celtic News Network).

"There's not one part I like the most, I like it all. But one of the things you can do here is take all this knowledge and apply it to everything," she said.

Senior Nick Wolfert is no stranger to the camera. He's directed his own short films in his spare time, but his duties as a line producer for CNN are quite a bit different.

"With this, everybody is doing their own thing. It's so much more a collaborative effort," Wolfert said. "I also get to use a lot of high-end equipment, like a tricaster which allows me to switch between cameras on the fly."

Heimerdinger hopes to expand the scope of what students do within the program with a successful Knight of Arts fundraiser Saturday, March 7.

"We'd like to be able to install a closed-circuit camera system in the auditorium, which will allow us to film productions from multiple angles and direct the filming as happens," Heimerdinger said.

Students in the video production classes also take part in community projects. When the district was look-



McNary's annual Knight of Arts is slated Saturday, March 7. The event features student work and a play alongside silent and oral auctions. Proceeds cover costs not covered in school budgets and scholarships for arts students. Tickets are \$10 and on sale at the McNary main office. Check-in for the auctions begins at 5:30 p.m., the event begins at 6 p.m.



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Top: Jedidiah Hunter and Gloria White record segments for the Celtic News Network. Above: Nick Wolfert oversees taping.

ing for someone to produce a kindergarten orientation video, they turned to McNary students.

"It's not just about getting things done on time, but about doing them well," said Courtney Lutz. "What the courses have really taught me is time management. We don't just stand around trying to figure out what we want to do. We have a plan before we even start shooting."

Like Pond, Lutz can handle most of the operations

that revolve around CNN productions.

Since graduating from McNary last year, alum Zach Cushman — one of Heimerdinger's most promising recent students — has been tapped to come back and help out with the filming of theatre projects.

"Before I started taking classes, I had worked filming my own things, but it was pretty sloppy," Cushman said. "I learned how to use more expensive cameras and how to make things look good."

That was one of the reasons he was called back to direct the filming of McNary's recent musical, *Legally Blonde*.

For some students who tend to fly under the radar for any number of reasons, Pond said the classes help bring them out of their shells.

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Support, donations sought for Clear Lake fundraiser

Clear Lake Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Association is holding a fundraising auction and dinner Saturday, March 14.

Organizers are currently looking for donations for the auction planned for the event. Proceeds are used for academic enrichment programs, new technology, field trips, playground equipment and the planned addition of a new track at the school. This year's goal is \$20,000.

The dinner and auction begins at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person or \$120 for a table of eight. Child care is available for \$5.

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MHS art show winners

The winning artists for the McNary High School Art Show at Keizer Art Association, which runs through Feb. 28, were announced recently.

In acrylics winners were:

- First place, "Big Red" by Deanna Saukov.
- Second place, "Seattle" by Janice Nelson.
- Third place, "Peacock" by Altagracia Enriquez.
- Juror's Merit Award, "Tribal Skull" by Rachael Morrow and "They are Called Flowers" by Ashly Hernandez.

In three-dimensional art, winners were:

- First place, "Daisy Love" by Sydney Hunter.
- Second place, "Fortune Cookies" by Brittany Brannen.
- Third place, "Small Vase" by Eli Purser.
- Juror's Merit Award, "Pop Up!" by Julia Lewis and "It's the Weiner" by Isaiah Hess.

In graphite art, winners were:

- First place, "The Beatles" by Adde Cooper.
- Second place, "Bruce" by Niko Jackson.

In graphic art, winners were:

- First place, "Portland" by Alyx Peterson.
- Second place, "Gatsby Billboard" by Haley Turner.
- Third place, "Mt. Hood" by Alyx Peterson.
- Juror's Merit Award, "Pop Illustration" by Aimee Williams.

Watercolor winners were:

- First place, "Sunset Flowers" by Rachel Morrow.
- Second place, "Birds and Bubbles" by Kaeleigh Dunn
- Third place, "A Walk" by Cindy Gayton.
- Juror's Merit Award, "Bike with Flowers" by Emily Biondi.
- Honorable Mention Award, "Tree of the Night" by Courtnee Wilson.

Winners in color photography:

- First place, "Eyes" by Mariah Nygard and "Rock Becomes Me" by Hailey Cunningham.
- Second place, "Café 22" by Kimi Ito.
- Third place, "Summer Daze" by Hannah Waldner.
- Juror's Merit Award, "Colton" by Kortney Gillett.
- Honorable Mention Award, "Black Boots" by Gabriella Martinez, "5 AM Sunrise" by Karen Hernandez, and "Fantasy Forest" by Charlotte Brattain.

Black and white photography:

- First place, "Spider Girl" by Sydney Farr.
- Second place, "Truck Girl" by Sydney Farr.
- Third place, "Train" by Alex de-Meurers
- Juror's Merit Award, "Inside the Mind" by Charlotte Brattain.
- Honorable Mention Award, "Jewel on the Tracks" by Emily Biondi and "The Light and the Dark," by Charlotte Brattain.



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