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MHS alums return as Celtic innovators

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A pair of McNary High School graduates visited their alma mater last week in hope of inspiring the next generation of Celtic innovators.

Amber Rushton, a Nike global brand communication manager, and Matt Watson, owner of Portland-based design firm Watson Creative, took time to talk with students at McNary Oct. 14. The school gathered at an assembly that included feature presentations from the two speakers and a Q&A session after they were done.

Rushton said her largest lesson as a student came as a freshman the McNary, taking honors physical science.

"I went to all the classes took notes, made flashcards and went in after school every day to ask lots of questions. What I realized was that I needed to learn how I learned," she said.

She said she returns to that lesson over and over again, most recently when she moved from Nike's digital branding to global branding where she participated in making her first commercial for the company.

"I needed to think about my learning process and learn how to ask questions," she said.

Watson has also done branding and design work for Nike, but said his career had its roots in activities he took part in as a Celtic.

"My entire life, I always drew. Drew house plans and logos and anything else I could think of," Watson said. "When I was a student, my best courses were math and physics, but I drew a T-shirt for the football team and took art classes to hone my craft," Watson said.



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McNary alum Amber Rushton talks with students about her experiences as a student and a Nike employee.

His interest in art eventually landed him a graphic design degree from Oregon State University, and in the offices of prestigious former employers including Ogilvie & Mather, MTV and Lippincott. It was while working with Lippincott that he learned just how powerful design could be.

"I got to design the logo for an old airline and it was the coolest thing to see my design land on the tarmac," Watson said.

The current list of clients at Watson Creative includes

names like the San Francisco 49ers, Oregon Food Bank, Burgerville and the group recently helped put together a children's book, *The Cultured Chef*.

Both alums encouraged students to not only think about what they want to do, but to actually go out and give it a try.

"The hardest part is deciding where you want to go, but that comes from getting involved in a lot of activities and immersing ourselves in experiences that tell us about ourselves," Rushton said.

Disaster prep meeting Nov. 4

Senator Kim Thatcher (SD-13) will join Representatives Bill Post (HD-25) and John Davis (HD-26) along with state and local officials for a town hall series about disaster preparedness in Oregon.

The tour of cities stops in Keizer Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at Keizer Fire Station, 661 Chemawa Road N.E.

Emergency management experts will be presenting on the ways Oregon is preparing for the possibility of a high magnitude earthquake in the Pacific Northwest. All citizens and public officials are invited to attend.

Holiday bazaar slated Nov. 6

The Salem Hospital Auxiliary will kick off the 2015 holiday season with a holiday craft bazaar on Friday, Nov. 6, in Building D on the Salem Hospital campus.

Twenty-five vendors will offer holiday gifts and decorations. The bazaar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of Building D which is home to the Family Birth Center on Oak Street. Free parking is available at the hospital's garage on Capitol St. S.E., south of Oak Street.

King and queen for a day



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Xavier Chenault and Sam Strout were selected by their peers as McNary's homecoming king and queen Friday, Oct. 16.

Village hosting Halloween safe zone

The Village at Keizer Ridge is hosting a Kids Safe Zone event on Halloween, Saturday Oct. 31, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Village is an assisted living and memory care community opening in January behind Emerald Pointe Senior Living on McGee Court, on the north end of Keizer off of River Road.

The event will feature a photo booth with the Oregon Dream Ponies (mini-therapy ponies) and complimentary photos for families of their little ones. There will also be a family-friendly DJ who will play dance music and lead interactive games.

JT's Food Truck will also be on-site to provide food and refreshments. Goody bags will be available for all in attendance. Costumes are not required in order to attend.



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