

McNary's new College and Career counselor hopes to increase student involvement

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McNary High School recently welcomed Kim Conolly, the new College and Career Center counselor, to their staff.

Conolly started on Sept. 7, the same day that the freshmen began school. She admitted that it was a little overwhelming but also an exciting opportunity. Over 187 students have met with Conolly already.

"Getting ahead and upstream is really important to me. I want to help students prepare for their pathway and understand that they have many options," she said.

The center offers a wide variety of resources, advice and help with essays, resumes, FAFSA and scholarships.

With classes being mostly online last year and the year before that, many students felt discouraged when it came to their plans after high school.

"It's very easy to feel like there are not a lot of options, especially when you've spent a year at home," Conolly said.

Conolly wants students to know that they can expect to walk away with more options than they thought they had. These options include different colleges, trade schools, military and career opportunities.

In the future, Connolly hopes to get more students involved in the College and Career Center to help other students.

"My goal in spring is to have a cohort of seniors who can help the juniors get up and going on their college process or their career process," she said.

Conolly is looking into getting students involved with an apprenticeship program through the Keizer Chamber of Commerce. This would give students internship or job-shadowing opportunities in the community.

She is also currently trying to get more colleges involved with the center through events and workshops that would provide more information to students and parents.



Kim Conolly is the new counselor for the College and Career Center at McNary High School. Photo by BROOKLYN FLINT of Keizertimes

KAA announces winners for October show



Fish-n-Rod, Fish-n-Creel by Al Copeland won first place for most realistic. Submitted photo

The Keizer Art Association announced the winners of its October show—Art Found in Wood.

Best of show was presented to Al Copeland for *California Quail*.

The award for Realistic went to Al Copeland for *Fish-n-Rod, Fish-n-Creel*, which depicted a fish, a fish basket and a rod and reel.

Terry Moss won first place in Caricature for *We Don't Need a Ladder*, a depiction of elves attaching a star to a Christmas tree.

Nature Girl, by Barb Fromherz, won first place in pyrography—the art of wood

burning.

An award called Other First Place was won by Tom Ham for *Eagle in Found Wood*.

The show was judged by the board of the art association. The show can be seen in person at the association's Enid Joy Mount Gallery at the Keizer Cultural Center at 980 Chemawa Road N.E.

One of the most popular Keizer Art Association events, the Black, White and Gray show will open on Thursday, Nov. 4. The artists reception and award ceremony will be held at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6.

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