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MHS takes home the bronze

Madras High School was recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report in the 2014 Best High Schools rankings. MHS received a bronze ranking based on the key principles that a great high school must:

- Serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound; and
- Show that the school is successfully educating students from all economic and ethnic backgrounds.

The research study started with 31,242 public high schools in the United States and 77 Oregon schools made the rankings.

"This ranking is important because it recognizes the hard work that our teachers, students and staff are doing to improve learning for each and every student in our District," said JCSD Superintendent Rick Molitor.



Preparing students for careers

JCSD has some top-notch career and technical education programs to help students get ready for the workforce after high school. Recently, the District received a total of \$211,245 in grant funds to support the natural resources program for students interested in careers in agriculture, timber and related industries.

"This project will restore the natural resources program at Madras High School and expand career-exploration opportunities for middle and high school students," said Melinda Boyle, director of curriculum for JCSD. "We couldn't do this without our generous community and state partners."

According to Boyle, the program received funding from the state Bureau of Labor and Industries, the Oregon Department of Education and a number of local businesses.

"Natural resources is the second-largest employment segment in Jefferson County," said Boyle. "This program helps students access lab experience, job shadowing, field trips, internships, leadership opportunities, and college campus visits."

For more information, contact Madras High School at 541-475-7265 or visit: www.jcsd.k12.or.us/schools/mhs.

Thank you community partners!

Thank you to the following local businesses that have helped make the natural resources career training program at MHS possible:

- Bright Wood
- Portland General Electric Company
- City of Madras
- Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce
- OSU
- Keith Manufacturing
- Discover Your Forest
- Jefferson County Board of Commissioners
- Warm Springs Community Action Team
- Deschutes Children's Forest
- Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises
- The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- COCC
- High Desert ESD



MHS student receives prestigious scholarship

Madras High School senior Itzel Romero will attend Linfield College in the Fall on a full scholarship from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Her plan is to enroll in a pre-dentistry program in the hope of someday returning to Madras as an orthodontist.

Romero is one of 21 Oregon residents among 1,000 minority students nation-wide to receive the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship administered by the United Negro College Fund. According to Romero, she was inspired by the care she received through SMILE Central Oregon, which helps provide braces to those unable to afford them.

"Itzel is a great student, athlete, leader and advocate for others. She has made positive changes for her peers and she deserves this opportunity."

— Sarah Braman-Smith, MHS Principal



MHS student to attend prestigious leadership camp

MHS junior Bailey Brown is one of 50 student scholarship recipients in the United States to attend the Four Star Leadership summer program at Oklahoma Christian University.

Thousands of applicants nationwide apply each year to learn and interact with dignitaries, congressmen, generals and other renowned leaders from throughout the world. Camp attendees who successfully complete the camp are also eligible for one of three full-tuition scholarships to the University of Texas at Arlington.

Calendar

- June**
- 6/4 2-hour early release
 - 6/9 School Board Meeting at Warm Springs Elementary 5:30 p.m. School presentation followed by board meeting
 - 6/12 2-hour early release (Last day for students)

Students get a taste of TED



MHS students join Principal Sarah Braman-Smith and District Nurse Jamie Smith for a trip to TEDx Bend in April.

A group of MHS students enjoyed donated tickets to attend the 2014 TEDx Bend conference last month at Bend High School.

"I really enjoyed the speech by John Grey. His information was very interesting and in addition, he incorporated humor...It was very memorable."

— Sophie Gemelas, grade 12

"[I liked] the talk about the stress and pheromones. [It] just made simple life problems seem more simple to handle."

— Erick Baltazar, grade 12

"[The most inspiring was] the Hurley founder and how he started with no skill, yet doing something he liked."

— Erick Baltazar, grade 12

Warm Springs K-8 Academy receives large grant

The Warm Springs K-8 Academy was recently awarded a \$1,640,000 School Improvement Grant (SIG) to enhance student achievement. The grant will be distributed over three years as part of the third round of SIG grants issued by the U.S. Department of Education since 2010.



The funds will be used to:

- Develop teacher and school leader effectiveness;
- Institute new ways of effective teaching and learning;
- Increase learning time and create community-oriented schools; and
- Provide operational flexibility and sustained support.

"These funds will make it possible for us to help our students become more successful at school and better prepare them for high school," said Glenna DeSouza, planning principal for Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

"We are excited about our new school building and the opportunity it will bring to our students."

— Glenna DeSouza