



Distinguished alumni visit Madras High School

Jefferson County School District students, teachers, staff and community members honored five distinguished alumni from Madras High School during Homecoming Week.

Four honorees and family members of one posthumous honoree spent the day at the school on Oct. 7 and were paired with student hosts. They attended a welcome breakfast, student assembly, reception with MHS staff, and the evening's homecoming football game.

"These former Madras High School students have made tremendous contributions to our city, state, country or world," said MHS Vice Principal HD Weddel. "We were proud to welcome them home and honor them for their great accomplishments. They are an inspiration to our current students and their families and an example of what is possible with hard work and determination."

Honorees include:

JACOB DESHAZER (posthumous)



A 1931 graduate of MHS, Deshazer flew with the Doolittle Raiders in their surprise air attack on Tokyo in 1942, and was captured by the Japanese and held as a POW until 1945. In prison, he vowed if he survived the war to return as a missionary to the Japanese—and in 1948 he came back to Japan to preach the Gospel as a Free Methodist minister, a calling he followed for 30 years. His dedication to forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace has been an inspiration to many in Japan and America, and the subject of several books and documentary films.

LILLIAN PITT



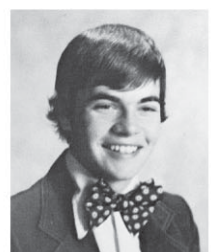
Pitt grew up in Warm Springs and graduated from MHS in 1961. She took up ceramics after a back injury, and found the perfect artistic medium to express her devotion to her Native American heritage and the Central Oregon land. Her masks and mixed media works—often inspired by Indian stories—are widely exhibited in the U.S. and abroad, including the Pacific Rim. She holds an honorary doctorate from University of Portland, and is Artistic Director of "Gifts from Our Ancestors" for the Confluence Project, working with Maya Lin. Over thirty years of creative work, Lillian Pitt has become one of the most revered artists in the American West.

PORFIRIO PENA, Jr., MD



Pena grew up in a farming family on Agency Plains and graduated from MHS in 1974. He began his medical studies in Mexico, and went on to earn his medical degree with honors at OHSU, where he completed his residency. He has practiced internal medicine in Portland for 30 years, and is affiliated with Providence Medical Center. Portland Magazine has recognized his medical prowess, and the esteem of his patients, by naming him a "Top Doc" in the Portland area.

RICK ALLEN



After graduating from MHS in 1975, Allen created a remarkable career in city and county government, real estate and public service. He has twice served as Mayor of Madras, as Jefferson County Commissioner, and as Interim City Manager for LaPine and Sisters, while working with the Lowes realty group, establishing new businesses in Madras, and serving as a director of the Deschutes River Conservancy and the Air Show of the Cascades. A tribute to his vision and leadership was presented in the US House of Representatives by Oregon Congressman Greg Walden.

WILLIAM RAMSEY, PhD



A 1978 MHS graduate, Ramsey grew up on a ranch on Agency Plains, and is a philosophy professor at University of Nevada Las Vegas, with numerous books and essays on philosophy of mind and cognitive science to his credit. Both at The University of Notre Dame, where he taught until 2007, and at UNLV, he has been repeatedly honored for his compelling classroom teaching. Since high school, he has also been an outstanding rock climber, with an international reputation based on his climbs at Smith Rock, Yosemite and elsewhere.

Board members attend Madras Elementary Family Night

In an effort to have more face-to-face contact with families, students, teachers and staff, the Jefferson County School Board is holding some of its meetings at school buildings throughout the district and will be attending occasional school events and activities.

"We really want to engage with families on an informal level and build a stronger sense of school community," said Tom Norton, school board chair.

The board's first school-based meeting was held in September at Madras Elementary and coincided with the school's family movie night. The board met with teachers and staff in a classroom before the event started. Later in the evening, board members Norton, Courtney Snead and Laurie Danzuka, along with central office staff, mingled with families there to watch the movie.

"This family night was a great way to start off the school year," said Madras Elementary School Principal Deborah Hunt. "It was nice to see the board members engaging with students and families. The event gave everyone a chance to connect with each other in an informal and fun environment."

The board's next meeting will be at Metolius Elementary School on October 24. The board meeting schedule has been set to hold one of its two monthly meetings at a school through May.

OCT	24	Metolius Elementary
NOV	28	Warm Springs K-8 Academy
DEC	12	Buff Elementary
JAN	23	J C Middle School
FEB	27	Madras High School
APR	24	Bridges Career & Tech
MAY	22	Big Muddy School

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Program helps Warm Spring students succeed

Navigating the path to a high school diploma and a college degree can be unfamiliar territory for many. To help guide Warm Springs students and their families on this journey, Jefferson County School District has partnered with the Let's Talk Diversity Coalition and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to offer a free eight-week workshop aimed at improving high school attendance and graduation rates and inspiring college education.

The program, called Papalaxsimisha, meaning "together as one" in *Sabapatin*, is aimed at sixth through twelfth graders and their families and offers information such as what to expect in high school, what classes are necessary for graduation and what classes are required for entrance into a four-year university, which can be different.

"A big part of the program focuses on the transition from middle school to high school," said Jaylyn Suppah, the program's coordinator. "A lot of students don't realize that colleges start counting your grades in ninth grade, and if you are not passing a certain number of classes you can be held back."

The program meets one night a week for eight weeks in the Warm Springs K-8 Academy's community room. Dinner and childcare are included at no cost.

"We want students to start thinking about college and careers, and we want families to be engaged," explained Suppah. "We want them to know they can come to the school and talk to the principal, the teacher, the counselor, and that college is an option for their kids."

Guest speakers include college representatives and Native American camps. Everyone who completes the program gets a free, all expenses paid trip to tour the Oregon State University campus (which location?). They can bring their families along as well.

"Visiting OSU really gives them an idea of what college looks like and feels like and what is possible," said Suppah.

For information about upcoming workshops, call Suppah at 541-475-4292.

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City of Madras –

Tomi City Student Exchange Program

The City of Madras will be holding an informational meeting on a Student Exchange Program with our Sister City, Tomi City, Japan. If your high school-aged student is interested in touring Tomi City, you're interested in chaperoning a group of students, or your family would like to host a student from Japan, please attend this meeting for more information.

October 18, 2016

5:30 pm

Madras City Council Chambers • 125 SW "E" Street

November

3 Oregon Shakespeare Festival performance fundraiser for MHS Drama - 7 p.m.
Adults: \$5
Students with ID card: FREE
Kids ages 10-17: \$2
Kids ages 9 and under: FREE

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Calendar

October

14 No School
17 No School
31 No School

November

1 No School
11 No School