# Mapleton High School names Honor Roll students

**Ninth Grade**

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| Gastelum, Joseph Richy | 4.00 |
| Holmes, Trinity Elizabeth | 3.86 |
| Schwertfeger, Theryn Dragonreign | 3.71 |
| Roane, Nathen Adam | 3.14 |

**10th Grade**

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| Riggs, Angelina Haley | 4.00 |
| Schwertfeger, Vladimyr Bloodstorme | 4.00 |
| Wilson, Brittany Ann | 3.86 |
| Hayes, Eric Andrew | 3.71 |
| Gibney, Gabrielle Clarity | 3.67 |
| Johnson, Gabriel David | 3.57 |
| West, Alyssa Marie | 3.57 |
| Messick, Bailey Makayla | 3.50 |
| Rogers, Gabriella Rosa | 3.43 |
| Wells, Haley Rose | 3.29 |
| Michael, Erin Nicole | 3.14 |
| Simington, Gabriel Lewis | 3.14 |
| Johnston, Baileigh Jane | 3.00 |
| Moso, Evan Allen | 3.00 |

**11th Grade**

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| Wilson, Tanner Garrett | 4.00 |
| Wells, Dominic Joseph | 3.43 |
| Spencer, Cole Shannon | 3.14 |

**12th Grade**

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| Cleary, Mackenzie Jean | 4.00 |
| Croson, Zachary Adam | 3.83 |
| Halverson, Dana Christine | 3.71 |
| Hays, Josi Marie | 3.71 |
| Doran, Kyle Matthew | 3.29 |

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## Sea lions from 1A

project. What began as an idea for a public art project grew into a business collaboration and community celebration of the arts.

Oregon Festivals and Events Association honored the Friends of the FEC during its annual Ovation Awards on March 7 at Seaside Convention Center.

Connor said, "We were nominated for the Ovation Impact Award. There were probably five or six others in that category, so I was really surprised when we received it."

According to the events association, the Impact Award is for an event that had "a great and unique" impact culturally or financially on a community. In order to be nominated, events had to be open to the public, have broad public support and potential tourist appeal and be primarily celebratory in nature, with a focus on entertainment, education, culture, athletics or community pride.

Connor said she talked with the awards committee chairman Scott Ingalls afterward.

"I expressed how surprised we were to win, and he said it was a really easy choice," she said. "He said it was easy because of the impact of how many people saw and experienced the public art as an activity at no charge. He said that put it over and above the others."

She estimates that more than 10,000 people saw the 20 fiberglass Stellar sea lions in 2016, and that people continue to ask questions, take pictures and post on social media about the project.

"We were thinking of the events center, and how it has been an art gallery for 20 years. We wanted to bring awareness to the fact that the arts generate out into the community," Connor said.

The local community also honored the Friends of the FEC with the Innovation in Business Award during the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Siuslaw Awards in February.

During the Siuslaw Awards, Friends of the FEC President Margaret McDiarmid said, "Innovation like that doesn't come along very often, so we're very proud to have Jennifer."

"Originally, I didn't think of it as a business project; it was a celebration project," Connor said. "Since then it has turned into the public art aspect, the economic impact for businesses to have foot traffic and generated a lot of discussion.

"We're excited that we received these awards and that this notoriety has come to us."

The sea lions themselves are finally migrating to their permanent homes. This spring, Shippin' Shack is producing a walking map of at least 12 of the sea lions remaining in the Florence area. Some of the sea lions have been purchased privately, but many of them are still available for public viewing. New plaques detailing the project will be installed this summer.

The very last sea lion went to its newest owners during the Florence Rotary Auction on March 11. "Heceta Takes Flight" artist Julie Larson donated her sea lion to benefit Florence Rotary Club and its many youth programs. PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center caregivers won the bid.

"Rotary funds go to scholarships," Connor said. "That means some student in our area will receive a scholarship from that funding."

The deadline for the Florence Rotary Club Arts scholarship is this Friday, March 31. Both Siuslaw and Mapleton students may apply. For more information, visit www.theflorencerotary.org.

"If that student receives a scholarship, hopefully they choose to come back to our community and create public art," Connor said.

Ultimately, an increased focus on the arts was her purpose in creating the project.

Friends of the FEC has set aside the money generated from Dancing with Sea Lions to improve sound and lighting technology at the FEC. The group is working with Susy Lacer to write a grant that will help "gain interest on the investment that the community gave," Connor said.

"I've been really pleased that we've gotten such positive support. There have been some challenges and learning opportunities in all of this, but we received support from City Hall, Florence Public Works, West Coast Auto Body and the community," she said.

The Friends are looking for a volunteer to shine and maintain the sea lions this spring.

"I just have to say, they've all held up so well. I don't see any fading going on with the paints and they all still look shiny," Connor said. "I think these will be around for a long time."

For more information on Dancing with Sea Lions, visit www.dancingwithsealions.com.

JACK DAVIS/SIUSLAW NEWS

***Friends of the Florence Events Center and staff members stand together after winning the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Siuslaw Award for Innovation in Business in February. The recognition is one of two recent awards honoring the program's influence in promoting public art, area tourism and community businesses.***

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**Ninth Grade**

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|---|---|
| Anderson, Kaleigh J. | 3.8 |
| Blakely, Layla L. | 4 |
| Fleming, Margot F. | 3.8 |
| Hennessee, Caleb J. | 3.5 |
| Hine, Tiffany S. | 4 |
| Hurley, Elissa I. | 4 |
| Jarman, Jonah M. | 3.8 |
| Johnson, Kiger G. | 3.6 |
| Larson, Kelsey A. | 4 |
| Madden, Chloe E. | 3.6 |
| Northrop, Jared A. | 4 |
| Rannow, Hannah M. | 4 |
| Rosinbaum, Elizabeth V. | 3.5 |
| Steiner, Samuel R. | 4 |
| Wells, Amelia R. | 4 |
| Wells, Lillian C. | 3.6 |

**10th Grade**

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|---|---|
| Bartlett, Angela R. | 3.86 |
| Brazille, Phoenix C. | 4 |
| Condley, Megan E. | 4 |
| Hack, Ethan N. | 3.57 |
| Keppol, Jessalynn R. | 3.63 |
| Lowder, Audrey P. | 4 |
| Mans, Robert C. | 4 |
| Olson, Daniel Z. | 3.71 |
| Scheer, Samantha R. | 4 |
| Shoji, Naomi C. | 4 |
| Smith, Joshua K. | 3.71 |
| Stidham, Ella J. | 4 |

**11th Grade**

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|---|---|
| Brandt, Jared T. | 4 |
| Coday, Abigail R. | 3.83 |
| Collins, Emma R. | 4 |
| Fleming, Dylan L. | 3.5 |
| Galli, Isela D. | 3.8 |
| Goss, Lainey N. | 3.6 |
| Graham, Kaylee A. | 3.5 |
| Griffes, Isaac M. | 3.71 |
| Hill, Patrick H. | 3.5 |
| Huff, Richard S. | 3.67 |
| King, Kyle R. | 3.5 |
| Martin, Alexis P. | 3.5 |
| Middleton, Hayleigh A. | 3.5 |
| Mielke, Edison N. | 4 |
| Northrop, Jordan M. | 4 |
| Rollin, John F. | 3.71 |
| Trebolo, Karmen N. | 4 |

**12th Grade**

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| Abbas Carrasco, Eyza Y. | 4 |
| Alletson, Ryan M. | 4 |
| Appler Swain, Cole A. | 4 |
| Cahoon, Benjamin J. | 4 |
| Coolidge, Taylor M. | 4 |
| Cornish, Brogan J. | 3.75 |
| Dalbeck, Brandy L. | 4 |
| Dodge, Richard J. | 3.8 |
| Fritz, Raven C. | 3.67 |
| Hager-Tolle, Auriel R. | 4 |
| Hooper, Clark J. | 3.67 |
| Johnson, Laura A. | 4 |
| Larson, Michael J. | 4 |
| Launius, Nikki Q. | 4 |
| Mans, Cecelia A. | 4 |
| Morgan, Raven W. | 3.8 |
| Oliver, Carissa A. | 4 |
| Olmstead, Sye L. | 4 |
| Osbon, Alexander J. | 3.5 |
| Ramos, Habana L. | 3.5 |
| Robbins, Kimber L. | 4 |
| Rose, Elyssa A. | 4 |
| Rose, Kyle L. | 4 |
| Shipstad, Korina X. | 4 |
| Stinger, Chehalis L. | 4 |
| Tatum, Destinie R. | 4 |
| Waggoner, Claire K. | 4 |
| Wells, Gabriel V. | 4 |
| White, Kelby M. | 3.5 |

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