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Siuslaw High School takes Eugene Tech Tour

On Thursday, Oct. 17, Siuslaw High School, along with 11 other Lane County high schools, went on the Experience Oregon Technology, a tour of Eugene/Springfield area tech firms. The event is put on each year by Elevate Lane County, an organization dedicated to help students meet the challenges of “economic development, student achievement and global competitiveness” by helping to develop Lane County students to gain the “skills, technical knowledge, academic foundation and real-world experience.”

This popular tour only permitted 10 spots for Siuslaw High School; 27 students originally applied so preference was given to seniors and tech students who have completed or are currently enrolled in Exploring Computer Science and CollegeNow computer science courses offered at Siuslaw.

The tour started at the new Wayfair facility located in Springfield at the former Symantec facility. Students were treated to “employment life in the tech field,” where free snacks and beverages are the norm and cubicles and office walls are nowhere to be found.

Students walked through different departments of what looked like a sea of work stations, some currently being put together with new equipment, including



Ten Siuslaw High School students toured Wayfair, Partnered Solutions IT/Ruby Porters and Internet Data Exchange in October as part of the Eugene Tech Tour.

dual monitors and others currently occupied by — what appeared to be — happy employees. Workstations were adorned with personal, kooky and highly personalized items.

It was here that our tour was interrupted by Nerf gun bullets zinging through the air and one landed on senior Brandon Heckethorn. It was in good jest and further highlighted the fun and positive work environment fostered by tech firms today. This theme repeated itself as the tour went on.

The second stop was downtown Eugene at Partnered Solutions IT/ Ruby Porters, a tech consultation company from top to bottom. Once again students were treated

to a facility steeped in tech especially in graphics and web design, as well as business consultation, and brand marketing.

Students were greeted by the company’s CEO, Robert Steck, and COO, Clyde Miller. Both took the time to talk to students and answers questions about the tech industry in general and how students can position themselves for careers in tech and cybersecurity. From there, it was a short walk to third and last tech firm, IDX.

Internet Data Exchange (IDX) is where real estate multiple listings (MLS) are managed with “policy, rules and software” devel-



oped by IDX. Founder and CEO, Chad Barczak, greeted all students in the foyer of the facility, which was filled with employees’ bikes and a 7-foot tall robot!

After this, students split up into smaller groups and toured the three-story building. Once again, workstations were adorned with individualized menageries of fun tech ... and Nerf guns, lots and lots of Nerf guns. Students saw first hand what it’s like to work at an international tech firm in real estate.

Students saw the different de-

partments in full effect, but what they didn’t see was all coding!

Yes, there were computers everywhere and yes, there were what appears to be gobbledygook code to the layman’s eye, but students saw the sales department, finance department, graphics and web design and other components of a modern tech company.

Afterwards, students were treated to Sizzle Pie pizza at Vahalla, IDX’s break-room, complete with beverage dispensers, pinball machines, large screen televisions and a handful of 1980s era upright video game cabinets!

Siuslaw tech students were ecstatic.

“The best place to work,” said Junior Tyler Johnson. “It’s like you retire when you get a job here!”

“Awesome, amazing!” added Zion Jones.

Siuslaw students were very fortunate to see up close the tech world in Silicon Shire, the name used to describe the growing tech community of the southern Willamette valley. Students asked questions, heard the answers, experienced the workplace and culture of a tech job and, hopefully, saw their future! As students noted, these businesses are smart; they looked at the data that says a happy worker is a productive worker, and they run their businesses this way. — *Submitted by Eddie Mielke*



Going places with leadership

On Nov. 3 & 4, Siuslaw High School Leadership adviser Anna Moser and five students from the Leadership Class went to Seaside, Ore., for the annual Oregon Association of Student Councils Fall Conference. They learned a lot and look forward to bringing some fresh ideas to the school.



Taking care of business

Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) Coastal Venture Catalyst Ariel Ruben presented on business pitches to students in Mr. Mielke’s small business class. She inspired students to think big and dream big as they come up with products or services to fill a need.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Memphis Gliewe — Culinary Arts

This month we hone in on Siuslaw High School’s culinary department. The program is directed by Mr. Kyle Lewis and features numerous kids that shine in the kitchen. However, out of all the kids that pass through the program, none shine quite as bright as Memphis Gliewe.

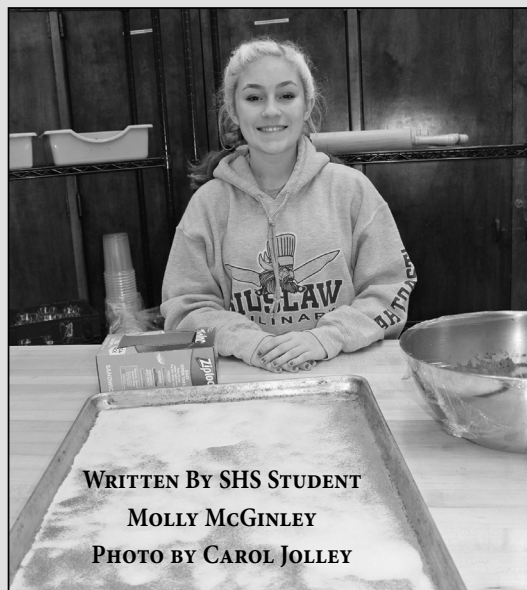
Memphis is a senior at Siuslaw High School and is now in her fourth year of culinary. This year she is in Advanced Culinary Arts and Hospitality fourth and fifth hour, as well as being an aid for Culinary I third hour.

“Mr. Lewis creates a fun yet professional environment by playing music that keeps our moods uplifted, but he also tells us when to get back to work,” said Memphis. “I love that even though I’ve already taken the class and know the material, there are still things I find difficult or that I can improve on.”

One of her favorite things about the class is cake month. The class took a month and dedicated it to “learn[ing] the basic structure to cakes, how to layer buttercream correctly, crumb coats, and how to layer fondant on cake.”

Memphis said Mr. Lewis is, “is supportive no matter how stupid I’ve acted in his class. I’ve been in Culinary four years now and somehow we haven’t gotten bored or annoyed with each other.”

In her free time, Memphis likes to play



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her electric bass, paint, and recreate special effects makeup from movies and TV shows.

Right after high school, Memphis would like to move to Portland. She doesn’t know exactly where her life will lead her in the long run, but she does know that she, “would just like to live [her] life happily and free of unnecessary stress.”

Memphis added a piece of advice that really captures her persona, and summarizes her experience in culinary and in high school as a whole. She said, “I’ve learned that no matter how difficult or demanding a task is, if you break it down and take your time, you can achieve anything.”

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