

SIUSLAW

Plan for your future & apply for scholarships with ASPIRE

The ASPIRE program at Siuslaw High School has begun its 12th year, helping students to pursue education and careers after high school. Founded by local educators Bou Kilgore and Patti Williams as a part of the statewide ASPIRE program, ASPIRE at Siuslaw High School has grown each year in the number of students served and the services provided.

About 15 volunteers work individually each year with 12th grade students who have chosen to participate in the program, guiding them through the process of deciding on career paths, completing college applications and applying for scholarships.

The ASPIRE program assisted students in applying for local scholarships that totaled about \$240,000 this past year, as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal, state and college grants.

ASPIRE volunteers also provide guidance and preparation for the SAT and ACT tests, assistance in finding volunteer opportunities in the communi-

ty, and transportation to job fairs and other college and career preview events in Eugene, Salem, and beyond. ASPIRE volunteers work with students in all high school grade levels, encouraging students to plan ahead, get good grades, and consider their options after high school.

In middle school, students have the opportunity to visit several different Oregon colleges and universities through the ASPIRE program.

ASPIRE is seeking volunteers who enjoy working with students and who appreciate the rewards of helping teenagers to make plans for life after high school. No specific background is required. Some volunteers give just a few hours a month, while others spend many hours each week working with individual students.

Local community members who may be interested in this important and rewarding opportunity are encouraged to contact ASPIRE by calling Bob Orr at 541-999-6181 or sending an email to aspire@siuslaw.k12.or.us.



SIUSLAW PIONEERS

Third-grade students from Siuslaw Elementary School took a field trip to the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum in Historic Old Town Florence during the month of December. The third-grade classes learned about the history of Florence and took notes in their field trip journals.

Four classes visited the museum, including students of Mrs. Neider, Mrs. Cargill, Ms. Carpenito and Mrs. Greene.

The students took a step back in time as they entered what used to be one of the first schools in Florence. Thanks to Museum Curator Harry Zinn



and many museum docents, the students had an opportunity to learn about the history of Florence.

They learned about historical shipwrecks, a mammoth tooth found on the beach and what Florence was like a century ago.

— Submitted by Dolly Greene



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ARTIST OF THE MONTH Mia Collins — Pottery

WRITTEN BY SHS STUDENT
MOLLY MCGINLEY
PHOTO BY CAROL JOLLEY

This month, we turn to Siuslaw High School's pottery class for an exemplary student to represent the arts offered at Siuslaw High School. The student, chosen by Mrs. Kim Pickell, is senior Mia Collins.

Mia is with Mrs. Pickell twice a day. She has pottery first hour, and she is a teacher's assistant fifth hour.

"I would describe the environment of the class as comforting or reassuring," said Mia. "My favorite part about pottery is simply the freedom to create, and I love the overall process of the piece in general. You get to observe it and mold it through every transition and then once you get it after it's glaze fired [it's] like getting a gift on Christmas."

Right now, Mia is working on a flower basket assigned by Mrs. Pickell.

"This has been one of my favorite projects because it was simple for me to make but it looks laborious to the eye," she said.

For Mia, one of the biggest take-aways she has from pottery is the meditational aspect. "No matter what negative experiences you're undergoing, you can psychologically throw yourself into a project and let everything go."

Mia showed a great appreciation for Mrs. Pickell because, she "is definitely one of the coolest humans I've ever met. ... I've always appreciated her empathetic and sunny personal-



ity."

Mia also wanted to express her gratitude towards Mrs. Pickell because, "she has to put up with annoying kids all day and she is greatly appreciated for that."

Some of Mia's hobbies include driving, traveling, hiking, listening to music, shopping and basketball.

After high school, Mia wants to find a good fitting university where she can play volleyball. She currently has a division II university in the process of recruiting her, and is scheduled to visit and practice with the team in February.

"As of right now, I want to be an electrician, dental assistant or something involving managing human services," Mia says.

Through it all, her long-term goal is, "to be independent, find self-fulfillment, and live my idea of a good quality life."

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