

CADET PROGRAM READIES STUDENTS TO BECOME TEACHERS

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Teacher Cadet is a class led by science teacher, Gerrian Walker, at Cottage Grove High School which prepares students for a career in education. This class encourages academically talented, high-achieving, high school students with exemplary interpersonal and leadership skills to consider teaching as a career. Throughout the year, cadets examine their own strengths and areas for improvement as learners. They examine the styles and needs of learners and the growth and development of students, as well as hands-on experiences in classrooms. By observing teachers and working with children, they get a feel of what it's really like in this profession.

Senior Shyenne Jones is a cadet because of her love for kids and desire to have children of her own one day, both in her classroom and in her home.

"As long as I can remember I've wanted to be a mom," said Jones. "I believe what I learn in this class will help me be a better teacher in the future as well as a better mom one day."

Jones loves the hands-on field experienc-

es they get like traveling to elementary and middle schools to interact with kids from kindergarten to ninth grade.

"Reading with the first graders has been really fun. They love the rhyming and most of the kids I had read back to me, could almost recite the book by the end of it," said Jones.

This class not only prepares students for a teaching career, but also teaches skills in leadership and how to be speak in front of others. For cadet Shaye Fuller, becoming a teacher has actually never been her calling.

"I don't actually like kids. I took this class for the leadership experience," admitted Fuller. "I have learned to not be afraid to speak in front of people, and how to teach basic lessons based on what the audiences' needs are."

Preparing instead for a career in Zoology, the study and behavior of animals, Fuller sees nothing wrong with taking part as a cadet even if teaching is not your plan.

"If you think being a cadet wouldn't benefit you just because you may not want to teach, my advice would be to try it. You may get a different view," said Fuller. "It's not all about kids, it's a lot more than that."

Driven by her passion for music, Jennifer Simons is planning on teaching and is lean-

ing towards working with middle school or high school students.

"I want to be a music teacher so I can share it with other people," stated Simons. "Music is a part of us. I believe we need it for us to be human."

Being a Teacher Cadet has helped Simons to explore her abilities as an educator.

"This class has taught me to think outside the box in the classroom and not worry about having specific guidelines on how to get something done," said Simons. "I've also learned to explore new solutions you wouldn't think of."

Bohemia first grade teachers, Mrs. Tracy Stevens and Mrs. Jill Middleton, were two of the teachers who hosted the cadets in their classrooms at Bohemia Elementary.

"The kids were so excited," said Middleton. "The high schoolers are such role models for them, and they can tell about their experiences. It takes a lot of guts to come in and read to these kids you've never met."

Unsure at first, Stevens declined the cadets multiple times, thinking her kids were not ready for the extra excitement, but, she was pleasantly surprised.

"The kids were all engaged," said Stevens. "The extra hands helped me out a lot." Stevens sees this it as an opportunity for

the high schoolers to find out if this is really the career path they want to take.

"This is a great way to decide what you want to do instead of waiting until college," said Stevens. "Rather than not knowing if you want to be a teacher."



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It shows them an experience of having a real job and responsibilities. I think it's a good program but I think we can expand it and make it better," said Finley.

The hosting program is a school-year long job opportunity and is looking for driven and eager individuals to come out and sign up. If you are interested in the hosting program come sign up in Roberts' office.

March Students of the Month

BOHEMIA SUNRISERS KIWANIS



FARYN DAHLEN

Graduating Senior, Faryn

Dahlen, has been awarded Student of the Month for April, by the Bohemia Sunrisers Kiwanis. Faryn is an active volunteer at Cottage Grove High School and in the community in organizations such as Key Club and Outdoor School, and in the Lion Pride pageant. Her scholastic awards include high honors and excellence in Biology and Spanish; and she has lettered in soccer and track. Faryn plans to attend the Robert D. Clark Honors College of the University of Oregon next year with a goal to eventually become a family practitioner and "help people live longer, healthier, happier lives."

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NORTH DOUGLAS MIDDLE SCHOOL



WYATT HUMPHREY

The North Douglas Middle School would like to nominate 6th grader, Wyatt Humphrey for Student of the Month. Wyatt shows excellent school citizenship. He listens well, follows directions, tries his hardest, and is kind to everyone. If someone needs help, Wyatt is patient and thoughtful and sets a good example for other students.

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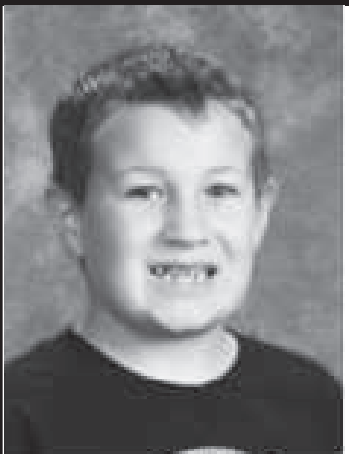
LAUREN ROBBINS

The North Douglas Middle School would like to nominate 6th grader, Lauren Robbins. Lauren has made a considerable effort to make sure her assignments are complete on time, volunteers to help out in the classroom, and participates in class discussions with thoughtful comments.



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LATHAM ELEMENTARY



TRAVIS VAUGHN

Congratulations, Travis Vaughn, on being chosen for Student of the Month at Latham Elementary. As a 4th grader, you are a great example of what it is like to be a leader both inside and outside of the classroom. Your empathy and kindness towards your classmates helps make our classroom a better community. Your perseverance and compassion for academics is inspiring to your peers. We appreciate that you always work your hardest and never give up. Thank you for being an outstanding student!



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BOHEMIA ELEMENTARY



A'RAY BROWN

A'Ray Brown is a 4th grade student at Bohemia in Ms. Pinster's class. A'Ray is a great student to have in class. She works very hard and is a positive student. She has made excellent progress this year and never gives up when the work is hard. She is kind to everyone and sets a good example for all who know her.

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YONCALLA MIDDLE SCHOOL



ALI VAN LOON

Hobbies: Volleyball, sleeping, play with her dogs, playing on the phone. Ali has stepped up and worked hard to show her dedication in all her classes. She is respectful to her teachers and has a great attitude in class. Her future plans are to become a Geriatric doctor.

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COTTAGE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



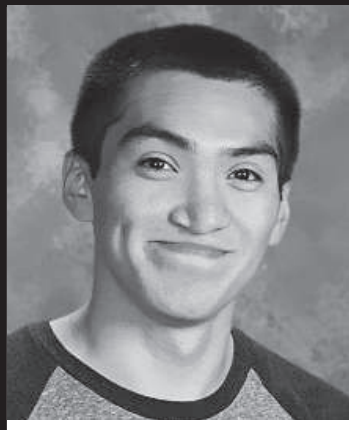
NATE FARRELL

Nate Farrell is our student of the month for April! Nate is a hard working and honest young man who is endlessly polite and treats all people with respect. His sunny disposition and his genuine commitment to his friends, family, and community make him an excellent role model for all people. Congratulations Nate.



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GERARDO ALCANTAR

Gerardo a Senior played varsity football and was enrolled in college classes this year. He plans to attend UCC after graduation..



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YONCALLA HIGH SCHOOL



CASSIDY BRAGG

Hobbies: Volleyball, Special Olympics, Basketball.

Cassidy has consistently kept a positive mindset and shown a genuine interest in her academic progress. Cassidy's work is always done to the best of her ability and never seems to take short cuts or make excuses for herself. Cassidy has a very pleasant demeanor and is respectful in her interactions, positive with her critical comments, and enthusiastic about most of the tasks and assignments. Future Goals: Special Education Teacher, Great Quote: "Come to my Volleyball games"

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