

Combe elected to OSAA executive board

Matt Combe, Heppner Jr/Sr High School (HJSHS) principal, has been elected to serve on the Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA) executive board. The OSAA is a non-profit board-governed organization comprised of 293 member schools, both public and private.



Matt Combe

The mission of the OSAA is to serve member schools by providing leadership and state coordination for the conduct of interscholastic activities, which will "enrich the educational experiences of high school students." The organization, which was founded in 1918, sponsors 113 team and 426 individual event state championships for students competing in 19 interscholastic activities.

The OSAA executive board is a 13-member board that sets policy for all mem-

ber schools in the state. It is currently comprised of mostly school superintendents. Combe will be the only school principal on the policy making board.

Combe has served the last six years on the OSAA delegate assembly board that is comprised of approximately 40 members from each conference or league in each classification (1A-6A) in the state. The

delegate assembly meets regularly and makes grass roots recommendations to the executive board on policy matters.

Combe, who has been HJSHS principal for the past 10 years, wrote in his candidate's statement, "I have been an advocate of athletics and extracurricular activities throughout my educational career. I have valued my time serving on the OSAA delegate assembly and would like to continue this work. I would consider it an honor and privilege if I were elected to fill the 2A executive board position. My focus would be on positive working relationships to help the OSAA continue to function efficiently and effectively in enriching the educational experiences and opportunities for students."

Local students named to BMCC honor roll

Blue Mountain Community College winter term 2020-2021 honor roll recognition went to the following full-time students in Morrow County:

President's List (3.75 - 4.0 GPA): Jessica Altamirano, Nickolaus Armstrong, Jessica Cain, Monica Cas-

tellanos, Hannah Chappell, Makenna Collins, Aramis Corpus, Myka Davis, Zulema Gaytan, Zoey Gilbert, Jenna McCullough, Katie Mosqueda, Matthew Orem, Renee Peterson, Jose Puerta-Calvillo, Natalie Romero, Faith Rosen, Jose Ruiz.

Vice President's List

(3.5 to 3.74): Analeah Ayala, Catherine Bose, Theresa Dumler, Daniel Eubanks, Korbin Jaramillo, Karrizima Luna, Adriana Mendoza Nunez, Fernando Ortega-Madrigal, Jason Rea, Lainey Rogers, Jacob Shandy, Mackia Tarvin, Miranda Wasserman.

Virtual Walk MS scheduled



Pictured front row: Paola Macias, Henry Burnside, Ian Macias, Jayden Macias, Jara Macias, Merilee McDowell. Second row: George Nairns, Barb Orwick, Sally Walker, Danielle McDowell, Kacie Gray, Bre Baleztena, Dan Dunnnett and back row: Petra Payne, Bill McDowell

Move Forward Your Way is the theme this year for the annual MS Walk. While they will not be gathering in person in 2021, everyone can still walk their way and make sure people living with Multiple Sclerosis still have access to the services, breakthroughs and treatments they need to live their best life.

On April 17, 2021, walk with your friends and family around your neighborhood or gather your team for a socially distanced stroll through the park. No matter the route, you can tailor Walk MS for you through exciting and new ways to connect and celebrate.

Those who would like to sign-up on a team, start their own team or donate, please contact Merilee McDowell at 541-571-5853 or Barb Orwick at 541-256-0455.

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