



McMinnville Kiwanis
Community Service Since 1924

Meeting of May 27, 2010

This was our annual meeting to honor special members of the McMinnville High School class of 2010.

Ken got us started by leading us in America the Beautiful and Oh Canada. Jim Ragsdale gave the invocation.

There was special moment when Ken introduced Esther Norman. She recounted how, a few years back, another local organization honored her with a hundred dollar scholarship. The gift (along with someone suggesting to her that she couldn't do it) inspired Esther to graduate from Linfield.

Brian Crain then took over and did a great job introducing the scholarship and award winners who were:

Scholarship Winners:

Connor White, Karli Olson, Daniel Kiser, Erica Anderson, Colt Davidson, Jonathan Aebi and Elyse Lipke.

Award Winners:

Culinary Arts: Sara Brady & Taylor Ulbricht

Sara: students with culinary aspirations watch Ace of Cakes or a Food Network Baking Challenge program and decide they want to be pastry chefs, but few have the drive and passion to step up to the realities of this challenging career. Sarah Brady was actually **EXCITED** about getting up in the wee hours of the morning to do her job shadow at Red Fox Bakery and came back to school on Monday morning beaming from ear to ear! Sarah has had a very large role in organizing the new culinary kitchen and has excelled as a manager for Grizzly Catering. She set very high standards in menu writing, and created customized forms to assist in managing not only the food production but the student chefs as well. This July, Sarah sets out to make her dream a reality at Le Cordon Bleu's Portland campus specializing in the Patisserie and Baking program. Your talents will surely be missed in Grizzly Catering, Sarah!

Taylor: Taylor Ulbricht (pronounced ul bright) is a two-year veteran on the Grizzly Culinary Competition Team at the ProStart Oregon State Culinary Competition in Portland. Last year he was our seafood specialist and prepared a challenging starter course featuring Kumamoto Oysters, Wild Oregon Salmon, and Sea Scallops with a trio of savory sauces. Taylor took a strong leadership role this year on the team while preparing a flatiron steak roulade. Taylor is fearless when it comes to recipe revisions and experimentation. Best of luck to you, Taylor, as you head off to Oregon's snow-country next year and enroll in Central Oregon Community College's Culinary Arts program.

AP Biology: Adam Brown, being a very kind, respectful young man, Adam has academically gone over and beyond what most students attempt. He is unique in that he not only masters the content, but then can apply it to everyday life. That is a very rare quality at the high school level. The thing that his teachers have enjoyed the most about Adam is watching him learn. Mrs. Gaskin, Adam's AP Biology teacher wrote "I know this sounds odd, but this young man loves to learn so much that you can actually see it in his face

while he studies. I will miss seeing that next year.” Adam is planning on majoring in Biology at Warner Pacific College next year, with the added goal of joining their track team. We are confident that he will be successful while in college and throughout his career.

Spanish: Jonathan Bonebrake. We are very proud to recognize Jonathan Bonebrake as the most accomplished 4th year Spanish senior this year. His leadership, tolerance, good sense of humor, and positive attitude has contributed to the accomplishments of the entire class. The intricacies of Spanish have provided him with a challenge he has taken beyond the classroom setting. In addition to being such an accomplished Spanish student, Jonathan has been part of our EASA program (Evergreen and Aerospace Sciences Academy) and has worked at the Restoration unit at Evergreen for four years working with rockets, missiles, and biplanes. Giving back to his community comes easily to Jonathan and he frequently volunteers to repair bicycles to help people be able to transport themselves. We will miss Jonathan next fall when he begins his engineering studies at Covenant College in Georgia.

Marketing: Casey Bowman has been in the Marketing program at McMinnville High School for three years. As a senior this year, Casey joined the Management Team of the MHS Action Corner retail outlet. Her positive attitude and energy are contagious, and she is always willing to go above and beyond to complete her duties or help out her fellow employees. Casey has also taken the initiative to develop new ideas to promote the Action Corner and increase revenue during a time of transition. In addition to working in the Action Corner, Casey is serving as an intern this spring with The Market, where she is currently working on a project to increase repeat visitors. Casey is also involved with the National Honor Society and Doernbecher Club and is employed at Southside Java. She was co-captain of the MHS dance team and, for the past two years, has taken on choreography for the Mr. Mac High fundraiser. Casey is animated, friendly and motivated – we know she will continue to find success next year when she begins her studies in business at George Fox University.

English Language Learners: Marisol Cabrera has been both a student of Mrs. Hodgins’ English Language Learners classes as well as serving as a teacher’s assistant in English Language Learners courses the past three years. As a student, Marisol works exceptionally hard on her assignments in order to get good grades. She is a very conscientious, dedicated student who can be counted on to turn in exceptional work of the highest quality. Marisol is reliable, trustworthy and capable of performing her tasks independently with little direction. She is a good model for the other students and is always polite, courteous and well-mannered in class. Currently Marisol is applying for a scholarship at Chemeketa Community College in order to study early childhood development and if she receives it, she will be the first in her family to attend college. In her scholarship application, she wrote in part, “that she wants to go to college as she has seen firsthand the long, hard hours her father has worked in the fields and she wants a better life for herself.” We know that Marisol’s intelligence and motivation will lead to a very successful experience in college and in her career.

German: Zak Pearson are very proud to recognize Zak as the most accomplished fourth year German student this year. Zak’s motivation and strong commitment to excellence has allowed him to flourish in German. This year, he volunteered for the lead role in a big video project and did an outstanding job acting and speaking German. In addition, Zak has been a member of our EASA program for two years and has not only helped to rebuild a CESSNA 206 but also helped participate as part of a team in building a smart house project and a lunar rover. EASA has helped reinforce Zak’s desire to study for a career in engineering. German will continue to be part of Zak’s college experience, as he plans to spend a year in Salzburg to continue to hone his German speaking skills. Next fall Zak will begin his college career at University of Portland with a major in Electrical Engineering. As baseball has been a passion for many years for Zak, he is also hoping to “walk on” University of Portland’s baseball team. We are confident that Zak’s intelligence and work ethic will lead to a very successful future.

Education: Jake Baker is an extremely hard working and dedicated young man. Jake has shown tremendous growth over his high school career. A couple of attributes that stands out with Jake are his high personal standards, exceptional work ethic, and dedication to being a tremendous role model. As a student participating in the Education pathway, Jake has gone above and beyond the class expectations. He has continuously jumped at opportunities to work with the youth of McMinnville. This past year, Jake has worked with Mrs. Julie McAnally at Sue Buel Elementary. In addition, he volunteered as a Bear

Buddy, spending one day a week helping students at Wascher Elementary and also mentoring students at Patton during the spring. We are very proud to announce that Jake's career goal is to become a high school history teacher. He is planning to attend Western Oregon University in the fall. Congratulations Jake!

Vocal Music: Kimberlyn Hoggard has been a member of the McMinnville High School choir program for all four years of high school. She is a three-year member of Symphonic Choir and Twilighters and is currently Symphonic Choir president and Twilighter vice president. Kymberlin is a frequent soloist and will have a solo at the spring concert. Cheerleading has also been an ongoing passion for Kymberlin. She has been part of the cheer team for four years and has served as the captain for the team for two years in addition to serving as senior co class president this year. Kymberlin will be attending Linfield College next fall and planning to study to become a nurse. She hopes to continue her musical studies by singing in Linfield's jazz choir. Kymberlin, we thank you for sharing your beautiful voice, gifted leadership and cheerleading talent with us these past four years.

Journalism: Christine Selvy editor of the high school newspaper, *The Bruin*, Christine Selvy has consistently and reliably led the Bruin to another incredible year. Individually, Christine has won several state awards in Writing & Overall paper categories and also placed 5th in the nation at Best of Show at the national convention this spring. Ensuring peers reach deadlines, accuracy and excellence in writing can be a formidable task for a high school student. Christine has navigated these waters with grace, sensitivity and diplomacy. She is an outstanding young woman on campus who also is a manager at the Action Corner, captain of the tennis team, a bear buddy, and a link crew leader. Next year Christine plans on pursuing a major in Communications and playing tennis at Chapman University in Orange County, California, with the ultimate goal of working for a national magazine or newspaper. Christine, we thank you for all your hard work and wish you well as your new journey begins.

Clothing Workshop: Salvador Velazquez has been selected as the outstanding senior for his work in Clothing Workshop class. Salvador first enrolled in Clothing Workshop during his freshman year where he learned the basics of using a sewing machine. He has spent each semester of his junior and senior years enrolled in Clothing Workshop to expand his skills and understanding of the clothing and textile related arts. Salvador's projects show his creativity and attention to detail. From boxer shorts to a self designed fleece batman blanket, from a tuxedo style vest to teddy bears, Salvador has developed skills to not only read and follow patterns, but to make his own creations. Most recently Salvador created a backpack following a pattern that had pattern pieces but no instruction sheets. He worked through the steps carefully to create a one-of-a kind masterpiece. Salvador plans on studying for a career in criminal justice and will attend Western Oregon University in the fall. We wish him much success in his future.

Early Childhood: Chelsea Root has been selected for her coursework in Early Childhood Education and the leadership role she displays in her work at Bear Hugs Child Development Center. She takes an active role in the infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms where she works as a Child Development Intern. Chelsea has been involved with Bear Hugs since her freshman year when she first enrolled in Child Development. She has taken both the Infant Toddler Curriculum Lab class and the Preschool Curriculum Lab class for college credit through Chemeketa. Chelsea demonstrates her knowledge and love for children as she assists with the daily routine and leads special activities for the children enrolled in our classrooms of young learners. Her experiences at Bear Hugs will give Chelsea a great head start as she pursues her future career goal of becoming a teacher. Chelsea will attend Chemeketa Community College where she plans on earning her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education before transferring to a 4 year college or university to obtain her teaching degree. The staff and children at Bear Hugs will miss Chelsea and wish her good luck in all of her future endeavors.

Finance: Navneet Kaur has been a wonderful asset to the Business Department during her high school years. She was involved in the operation of the Bank of the Bear and advanced technology during fall semester and has taken Accounting throughout the year. Navneet possesses an excellent work ethic in the classroom which is demonstrated by her superior 3.94 grade point average. In her "spare time" she works in the family market every day after school and on weekends. The Business Management pathway

teachers at McMinnville High School wish Navneet a successful future when she begins her studies at Chemeketa to prepare for a career in nursing.

Environmental Science: Saiyare Refaei is an exemplary student who always comes to class ready to engage in learning. All year long she has maintained one of the highest grades in her AP Environmental Science class and has also demonstrated a keen interest in environmental issues that extends well beyond our classroom walls. In addition to her high academic achievement in AP Environmental Science, Mrs. Syring wrote that she has been impressed by Saiyare's beautiful drawings and thinks Saiyare could be quite successful in a career as a scientific illustrator. Saiyare is a quiet leader at MHS, being active in many extracurricular activities. She is Vice President for both National Honor Society and Habitat for Humanity, and was elected Blood Drive Chairman for Key Club the past three years. Saiyare received an impressive scholarship through the U.S. State Department to attend a six week intensive Persian language program this summer in Tajikistan and next year she will attend Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

Instrumental Music: Jessica Quillen has been making an impact on the music department since first coming to McMinnville High School. A 4-year member of the jazz band frequently cited for her solo work, she moved into the Symphonic Band during the second semester of her freshman year whereupon she quickly started earning praise for her playing abilities and leadership qualities. She has performed at the Oregon Music Educators Association District 14 Solo Festival consistently earning ratings of "Excellent" and "Superior." Outside of the MHS band room she has marched with the Oregon Crusaders Drum Corps; earning a position as section leader. She currently plans to attend Western Oregon University next fall where she intends to pursue a major in biology with a minor in music. Good luck in all your future endeavors, Jessica!

AP Statistics: Elyse Lypke is an intelligent, responsible student who plays an active roll in getting the most out of her education. She has demonstrated consistent work habits and a thorough understanding of the material in AP Statistics. Elyse picks up on new concepts quickly, is always prepared for class and shows great initiative in working ahead. Her peers and teachers both appreciate Ely's kindness, consideration and her willingness to help others. Elyse has been very active in high school, balancing a formidable schedule of sports, service organization work while maintaining a perfect 4.00 grade point average. She has been named captain of both her soccer and tennis teams this year as well as president of the Doernbecher's Club. Elyse is planning to use her passion for helping other people and her love for math by studying to be a high school Math teacher next fall at the University of Montana.

French: Kerri Short is nothing short of amazing in French. She did an independent study for French 2 the summer after her freshman year and flourished in French 3 as a sophomore. During her junior year, she transferred to our EASA program and was unable to fit French into her schedule. EASA gave Kerri the opportunity to explore Engineering as a career and the added adventure of helping to rebuild a CESSNA airplane. Returning after a year's absence to French 4 would have been a daunting challenge for most students. Kerri quickly made up the lost material, put forth extra effort, and is now one of the top performing students in fourth year French. Next year Kerri will begin studying Physiology and Developmental Biology at Brigham Young University as she begins to prepare for a career as a physician.

Horticulture: Philip Pursel has many interests, including vocal music, environmental science and horticulture. Philip intends to pursue his interest in horticulture and is considering both Chemeketa Community College and Pacific University. He has been active in the McMinnville FFA, competing in district, state and national competitions; his team placing 12th and Philip placing 28th in the nation individually. Philip has participated in the horticulture program for three and half years, displaying a tremendous diversity of knowledge in horticulture and he has also been able to earn College Credit for Horticulture. Philip will very much be missed next year because of his ability to take the reins and lead classmates throughout whatever project we are working on, most recently, running our large and successful plant sale. Thank you Philip, for all of your hard work helping this year!

Computer Science: Haleigh Novak is this year's outstanding senior in the area of computer science. She has taken nearly every technology related course offered at McMinnville High School, including courses in programming, web design and computer game development. Currently Haleigh is wrapping up work on a

class, Advanced Topics in Computer Science that will award her college credit equivalent to a whole year of work in computer programming. She has demonstrated an ability to work independently at a high level and possesses a tenacious approach to solving problems. Next year, Haleigh will be studying at Portland Community College and then plans to transfer to ITT Technical Institute. Haleigh, we know you will go on to do outstanding work in the ever expanding field of high technology.

AP Calculus: German Robles German is a quiet, studious, industrious and unassuming young man who carefully conceals his superior math abilities behind an ego-free visage. For some time our AP Calculus teacher, Mr. Roberson, was unaware of German's mathematical prowess. He was in-fact baffled by this rash of meticulously crafted flawless mathematical papers, quizzes and exams that kept appearing on his desk. After some months of this Mr. Roberson began covertly observing the members of his Calculus class to determine who was behind this conspiracy of excellence. Much to his surprise, it turned out to be the polite young man quietly seated at the front of the class. We are pleased to present German Robles, mathematical virtuoso and this year's recipient of the Kiwanis Outstanding Senior in Mathematics Award. Next fall will find German attending Southwestern College in California, preparing for an engineering career.

Ceramics: Brian Sanderlin has been active in ceramics for the past three years in the capacity of teacher's aide, peer tutor, and as a ceramics student. As an aide, Brian was eager to help out in any area and learn all the stages involved in clay art production. With the same enthusiasm he helped other students achieve their ceramic goals. His passion for visual arts and ability in both 2 and 3D art has been unsurpassed. Last year, representatives of Oregon College of Arts and Crafts came out to McMinnville High School seeking exceptional art to display in their high school gallery show. His art was one of three chosen. Through his dedication and passion for the arts, Brian has developed his own very distinct expressive style. What really stands out is his ability to manipulate several mediums to express a subtle humor...and sometimes not so subtle. Brian, we will miss your "humor in art". Congratulations!

Physical Education: Nic Patterson has participated in our strength and conditioning, aerobics, and physical education programs for the last 4 years and has excelled in everything that has been asked of him. He has demonstrated what his teachers believe to be the hardest characteristic to teach and coach; leadership. Nic remains quiet and humble when communicating with people, yet ferocious when in competition. Nic has a unique melding of personal and professional qualities that enables him to challenge himself and other students to levels of fitness that many would never have dreamed of attaining. Of all the many things we can say about him, most impressive is his character as an individual. His moral qualities are above reproach. People love to follow him because he leads by example and demands success. We are looking forward to watching him further his career next fall when he begins playing football for Linfield College.

English: Kimberly Bellingham Mr. Witten wrote: "In the two fortunate years of having Kimberly Bellingham in my English classes, she has distinguished herself as an avid reader, a willing writer, and an eager learner. She sees writing as a craft, not merely a task, and works hard at polishing her works. In class discussion, Kim waits patiently as others voice their take on literature, and then carefully weighs in with her own thoughtful analysis. Perhaps most important is Kim's recognition and appreciation of two of America's greatest writers and poets, Jack Kerouac and Bob Dylan. Next year, Kimberly will take her excellent abilities down Highway 99 to Oregon State University. "

Yearbook: Elyse Lipke joined the Yearbook family during her freshman year, and Mr. Witten wrote: "She quickly earned a reputation as one of the hardest working, most dependable staff members ever to grace the ranks. Her calm, quiet manner masks a young lady busy on so many fronts. Her peers recognize her unfailing determination, and her steady leadership in co-editing this year's book *Grow*. Last year Elyse was also chosen as the Most Valuable Staffer for Yearbook. Students and staff equally recognize her responsible, dedicated and motivated approach to all of her commitments. year, Elyse will prowl the campus as yet another Grizzly at the University of Montana. It will be hard to imagine a Yearbook staff without Elyse Lipke."

Karli Olsen also joined the Yearbook family during her freshman year, and is serving as Yearbook Co-Editor this year. Karli has been a two sport athlete her entire high school career while also being very

involved in leadership and service opportunities. She has served as student advisor for the Oregon State board of Education for two years and was chosen this year as one of two students in the state of Oregon to attend the United States Senate Youth Program, an all expense paid leadership opportunity in Washington DC. Mr. Witten wrote that "Karli is always highly responsible and dependable with page deadlines and projects and her dedication to excellence is evident in everything she undertakes. Karli added another dimension to her Yearbook persona with her expertise in design and page layout. An unknown fact about Karli is that she is the only member of this year's staff who knows all of the words to The Grateful Dead's "Scarlet Begonias", an impressive fact not lost on her old Deadhead advisor. Karli will wear the orange and black of Oregon State University next fall."

Cooperative Work Experience: Elyse Brill. Elyse has proven to be an invaluable asset to Mrs. Efraimson by serving as her assistant in the Scheduling Office at McMinnville High School for the past three years. Elyse's excellent work ethic and attention to detail have been crucial in her position. Elyse takes on any task asked of her with efficiency. She is self-directed and will seek out work from other offices when she finishes her assigned duties. The position has required her to handle confidential information and she has never broken that trust. 's quick smile, positive personality and can-do attitude will serve her well in all her future endeavors. Next fall Elyse will attend Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas with the hope of continuing her passion for horseback riding by joining the equestrian team. Good luck Elyse, you will very much be missed at McMinnville High School.

Physics: Jonathan Bonebrake is a pleasure to present the Kiwanis Outstanding Senior in Physics to Jonathan Bonebrake. Jonathan has been a steadfast and reliable seeker of knowledge and understanding in the arcane art of modern Physics. Jonathan's meticulous attention to detail combined with a strong work ethic that puts Thomas Edison to shame has earned him the admiration of his instructor, his peers and the honor of being chosen as the most outstanding senior in Physics. A two year member of our EASA (Evergreen and Aerospace Sciences Academy), Jonathan plans to use the Engineering foundation gained through his experiences with EASA to study Aeronautical Engineering at the Covenant College in Georgia.

Health Services: Erica Jarmer Erica has gone above and beyond her peers in her pursuit to learn all that she can about Health Related Careers. She has completed the Health Services pathway at McMinnville High School by taking classes like Health Occupations I, Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, Sports Medicine, Advanced Wellness and Health Occupations II. Erica's internship experiences included observations in the Emergency Room, Birthing Center and Physical Therapy. Erica has truly made the most of her high school experience and will take this enthusiasm and drive for learning with her to Cornell University as an ROTC student, where she plans on studying for a degree in Nutrition or Dietetics. Great Job Erica!

Social Studies: Connor White Connor White is an outstanding student who represents every aspect of the word student. Not only is he dedicated to seeking out as much knowledge as he possibly can; he is also devoted to gaining a complete understanding of a variety of subjects and concepts. When thinking of a word to describe Connor, his teachers have described him as a renaissance man; hard working, analytical, and a student with a true thirst for knowledge. Connor has taken every Advanced Placement class offered through the social studies department: including AP European History, AP US History, AP Government and AP Psychology and has maintained a perfect grade point average throughout his high school career. One of his goals in college is to study Greek so that he can read the classics in their original form. Connor is looking forward to attending Villanova University in Philadelphia next fall where he plans on studying both history and psychology. Congratulations Connor!

Drama: Dan Kiser Typically students come into their teacher's lives for a brief time. Because Mrs. Johansen, taught drama at Patton before transferring to the high school, she was privileged to have Daniel Kiser as a drama student for 7 years! From sixth grade to his senior year Daniel has not only taken drama classes but has also been a cast member in 13 different plays and musicals. Finding just the right words to describe Daniel is very difficult as there are just too many adjectives that fit him. Conscientious, dedicated, focused, wise, dependable, talented, funny, silly, kind, and honest are just a few that spring to mind. He has been an awesome young man to direct, always asking for suggestions...wanting to be critiqued, wanting to be the very best he could be on stage. Fueled by a strong sense of integrity and a

desire to make a difference, we know Daniel will be very successful next year when he begins to study Architecture at Brigham Young University in Utah. Daniel, we thank you for your many contributions to our high school's drama program.

Thanks to all the members of the Scholarship Committee for their hard work.

And congratulations to all graduating seniors.