Yoncalla School District's Community Newsletter



Yoncalla FBLA Awarded "Gold Chapter" and "Gold Seal Award of Merit" at SBLC

Last week at the State Business Leadership Conference Yoncalla FBLA was presented with the honor of being named one of seven "Gold Chapters" for the entire state of Oregon. Gold Chapter status is bestowed upon only the top chapters across the state and signifies a commitment to the FBLA goals of service, progress, and education. In order to be eligible for this award, the Yoncalla FBLA chapter committed hundreds of man hours to participating in community service projects, running everyday chapter business, holding regular FBLA meetings, studying for competitions, reaching out to sponsors, and being active in creating school activities for their student body to participate in. The chapter was awarded with a certificate, a plaque, as well as a banner that will be proudly hung in the gymnasium once renovations have been completed.

In addition to the Gold Chapter status, the Yoncalla FBLA chapter was nominated to receive the Hollis and Kitty Guy Award, also known as the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit. This is a national honor that is given to only the top 10% of FBLA chapters across the United States. Yoncalla was one of nine FBLA chapters given this honor and they will represent Oregon FBLA as a Gold Seal Merit winner at the National Leadership Conference in June in San Antonio, Texas.

In a recent interview, adviser Brett Andry expressed how proud he was of his team over the weekend. "I can't even hardly express in words how proud I am of our chapter for all of their hard work throughout the school year. Back in September our officer team sat down and wrote out a list of goals that we wanted to accomplish as a program, and receiving these two honors were at the top of our list. Since that day our chapter has been so incredibly dedicated to our school, Yoncalla FBLA, and Oregon FBLA. To see all of their hard work pay off and for them to be recognized as not only one of the best chapters in the state, but also in the country, is a HUGE honor and I am very humbled to be their adviser this year."

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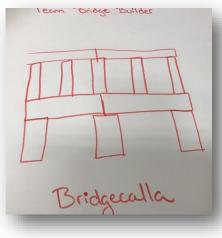
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FBLA chapter president, Ashley Powers, also commented on the chapter's success over the weekend. "It is such an incredible honor for our chapter to be recognized for both the Gold Chapter and Gold Seal of Merit Awards. Our chapter has put in countless hours of time into being the best that we can be and feeling it payoff is incredible. We are one of the best chapters in the state and we have proved that. I am more than proud to represent Yoncalla FBLA."

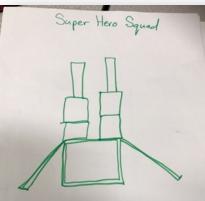
Architect for a Day

The preschool students explored the concept of being an architect this month. In small groups, the students made a team plan for how they wanted to construct a building. They created a name for their project, and then went out to create utilizing their blueprints. The groups discussed what is required to make a firm foundation in order to build upon and how gravity can affect the structure. This was a fun and challenging discovery of social/emotional skills, science, and social studies.









Barn Building

April

17th Wed College T-Shirt Day
18th Thur 2 pm MS Dance
19th Fri Coastal Classic Meet
20th Sat Glide Invitational
22nd-23nd 7th grade Testing
26th Fri State Chamber Ensemble
26th Fri FNRL State Convention
27th Sat PROM
29th Mon State Choir Festival
30th Tues 8th grade Testing
May
1st Wed 8th grade Testing

1st Wed Gillege T-Shirt Day
1st Wed College T-Shirt Day
2nd UCC Site Advising
4th Sat Gilchrist Invitational
7th-8th 11th grade Testing
8th Wed Progress Reports Due
9th Thur Yoncalla Pride Day
10th Fri State Band Festival
15th Wed College T-Shirt Day
16-17th Women in Trades Fair
17th-18th State Track Meet
21st Tues HS Band Concert
27th Mon Memorial Day
28th Tues 6pm 7th grade Open House
31st Student School Day
June

3rd Mon Last Day for ODYware Classes
4th Tues Seniors Last Day
5th Wed 7:30am Graduation Practice
7th Fri 6:30pm Graduation
13th Thurs Early Release Students' Last Day

Yoncalla School

District Priorities

- 1. Each student will enjoy positive, engaging learning environments.
- 2. Each child will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in post secondary education and careers, and the self-reliance to be a productive citizen.
- A strong sense of community is recognized and nurtured among all stakeholders
- 4. Facilities and finances are managed effectively and efficiently for the benefit of each child.

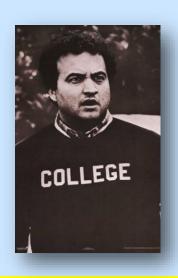
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month is college t-shirt day. Be proud and wear the college t-shirt of your choice.



Cassidy Bragg, Brett Andry, Ashley Powers, and Kali Schuster showing off the Gold Champion banner for FBLA 2019.

I would like to extend a heart felt Thank you to Moman Lumber of Drain for the generous donation of one unit of lumber for the shop. Specific thanks to Bob Armstrong for his willingness to support local shop programs. — Brian Agee

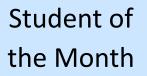






Congratulations to Jeffrey Williams-Tibbatts on receiving the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians UCC Scholarship for \$1500. Jeffrey wants to go into law enforcement and will start at UCC's Reserve Police Academy. Good job, Jeffrey!

High School Book Fair





Lola Peralta Middle School Student of the Month



Austin Clemons High School Student of the Month





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Yoncalla FBLA Takes Oregon FBLA State Conference by Storm

Last week the Yoncalla FBLA chapter traveled to the annual State Leadership Conference in Portland, Oregon and competed against the best that Oregon has to offer. The weekend was full of intense competition, interesting workshops, fun trips to the mall, eating delicious food, and making memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

On Thursday the FBLA team comprised of 25 FBLA members, adviser Brett Andry, and assistant adviser Taryn Owens arrived at the Doubletree Hotel at 10:00 in the morning and the students immediately went to work. We had had 19 students compete in the first four hours of being at SBLC. The rest of the day we attend workshops and heard from some of the premier business leaders across the state. Thursday night we finished the day with the buzz-filled Opening Session and learned some of the results of our members.

On Friday the FBLA team spent most of their day attending workshops and spending a few hours of down time at the Lloyd Center making memories with good friends. Friday night we boarded the MAX and headed into downtown Portland where we ate a fantastic dinner at Henry's Restaurant. After dinner, several of our members laced up their skates and tried ice skating.... many of them for the first time!

On Saturday morning we woke up early and attended the Awards of Excellence, where we found out all of the results from months of hard work and dedication toward our FBLA events. Below is a list of qualifiers:

*Kaleigh Soto, Word Processing: 8th Place

*Cody Gustafson, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures: 9th Place

*Ashley Powers, Future Business Leader: 2nd Place (national qualifier)

*American Enterprise Project Team: Elijah Allen, Cassidy Bragg, and Cody Gustafson: 3rd Place (national qualifier)

*Graphic Design Team: Ashley Powers and Amiah Roseberry: 5th Place

*Community Service Project Team: Trinity Bell, Athusoss Gilbert, and Marilyn Deese: 7th Place

*Parliamentary Procedures Team: Cody Gustafson, Austin Clemons, Athusoss Gilbert, and Jeff Tibbatts:

4th Place (national qualifier)

*Parliamentary Procedures Team: Shylah Shepherd, Cassidy Bragg, Corbin Eichman, and Kaleigh Soto: 3rd Place (national qualifier)

*Chapter Scrapbook Team: Ashley Powers, Cassidy Bragg, and Kali Schuster: 4th Place

*Local Chapter Annual Business Report by Ashley Powers: 7th Place

*CSA "Community" Award Winners (50 hours of community service): Cassidy Bragg, Trinity Bell, Kaleigh Soto, Ashley Powers, Shaunasi Hardy, Brody Best, Cody Gustafson

*CSA "Service" Award Winners (200 hours of community service): Trinity Bell, Cassidy Bragg

*CSA "Achievement" Award Winners (500 hours of community service): Trinity Bell

*National Business Honor Roll Recipients: Grace Dover, Andrea Santos, Kaleigh Soto, Ashley Powers, Nicholas Blanchfill, Alison Van Loon, Corbin Eichman

The students above who qualified for nationals have earned a trip to San Antonio, Texas in June to compete against the nation's best and brightest FBLA students!

Yoncalla Trades Club gets Fully Funded!

Earlier this year, Mrs. Ross created a project through DonorsChoose.org for Yoncalla's annual trip to the Oregon Tradeswomen's Career Fair in Portland, hoping to give more students the career fair experience. Through some tough fundraising pushes, donations from local community members, donations from individuals across the United States, and a sizeable donation from the WoloKahn Family Foundation in Portland, we were able to raise almost \$1200 to cover the cost of students participation. In addition to the funds students raised from their ice cream sales at the Fourth of July Fireworks Show and other grants that have been awarded, 16 students in grades 7-12 will be able to attend! At the Oregon Tradeswomen's Career Fair, students from Yoncalla and others from across the state, will meet with industry professionals and have hands-on experiences in jobs within the trades. Students will be provided with invaluable opportunities to climb fire ladders, frame homes, practice stick and arc welding, shut off water mains, use power tools such as jack hammers and excavators, and learn other valuable skills.

We cannot express our thanks enough to those who donated to this Career Fair and we hope to continue the tradition each year!





I should not have to be made fun of about my disability. People should respect everyone. The truth is what I learned in my time is everyone has a disability. It might be tiny but it is still there. So why do we spend so much time feeling sorry for ourselves. I think it's time for peple to see that they aren't perfect and that nobody it. People with disabilities, I know it's hard, but never lose hope. You will get through this even if you don't see the end. It's not what you can't do that matters; it's what you can do. Never lost sight in what you can believe in. It's always possible. I know it's hard but don't listen to what people say. The mean stuff they say, it's not true even if it seems like it. You are beautiful and wonderful in your own way. I should know. I have been there. A little piece of advice: if someone says you can't do something, prove them wrong. No matter what it is.

Gracie Weinhold

