

### **Gladstone students shine at Skills Competition**

Over 100 students from Gladstone High School competed in the regional skills competition at Clackamas Community College [CCC], with 13 students taking top honors in a variety of categories. Prizes included tuition waivers for classes at CCC.

“Despite being a small school, Gladstone High offers several dozen elective options for students, including both college-level courses and career-technical classes,” said Interim Principal Nancy Bailey. “It’s exciting to see our students excel in such a wide array of fields!”

#### Winners included:

- Abby Bender, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in K-12 Teaching
- Victoria Durling, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Journalism/Writing
- Brevin Tatom, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Music
- Dylan Croonquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Inorganic Chemistry
- Brian Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Inorganic Chemistry
- William Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Computer Science
- Madison Diggs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in K-12 Teaching
- Keaton Hogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Graphic Design
- Alexa Roll, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Journalism/Photography
- Nicole Land, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Math Individual Level 1
- Tynan Pugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Music
- Payton Becker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Social Sciences Quiz
- Marcus Prince, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Math Individual Level 1

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### **Gladstone High students take action to reduce bullying**

Understanding the impact of bullying, student leaders at Gladstone High School decided to take action. They planned Unity Week, using social media to promote positive messages between students, with a different theme each day.

During the course of the week, over 200 students took a pledge against cyber-bullying, and an additional 125 students pledged to fight name-calling.

The week culminated with Blue Friday, with students wearing blue to show unity against bullying. An assembly on that day included John Wetten Elementary students performing a skit about celebrating diversity, and a skit by Gladstone High students about the importance of being a positive influence on others.

“Unity Week was an important milestone for Gladstone,” said senior Eli Bliss. “Not only did we see strong support to stop name calling, but also took direct action to stop cyber-bullying. Every school faces these challenges, but in our community we are determined to focus school culture on positive interactions.”

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## **Supporters raise \$44,000 for Gladstone schools**

Over 250 people attended the Gladstone Education Foundation's [GEF] Dinner & Auction on February 29, raising \$44,000 for Gladstone schools and youth programs.

According to GEF President Terry Marsh, \$12,600 of the proceeds will benefit college and career readiness strategies at all school levels.

"From middle school clubs and elementary school Lunch Buddies to a new trades program at Gladstone High, the Gladstone Education Foundation is excited that we will be able to make a long-term impact on students," said Marsh.

"Our community really stepped up to support this event, donating some amazing auction items," said event organizer Tammy Tracy. "We are so grateful to all who donated, volunteered, or attended to support Gladstone kids."

**PHOTO: Gladstone residents Jal and Bonnie Duncan joined Rotary friends at the Gladstone Education Foundation dinner and auction.**

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## **Gladstone schools invest in teaching with technology**

In the 2015-16 school year, the Gladstone School District has made a strategic investment in teaching with technology, providing \$50,000 in grant funds to teachers in the district's four schools.

A team of community members and staff awarded the grants for projects aligned with the Technology Plan developed last year by a team of 40 parents, community members, and district staff.

### Projects funded include:

- Chrome books and Google Classroom for middle school social studies
- Amazon Fire tablets for high school social studies
- Collaborative learning with SMART Tables for kindergarten students
- Google Expeditions demonstration day for Kraxberger Middle School
- Professional development to create a tech toolkit
- Professional development at the International Society for Technology in Education Conference
- iPad access to iBooks on engineering and design for high school students
- Empowering students through collaborative writing on Chrome books for high school English
- Chrome books to access extended curriculum in math and reading for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Macbook Pro and video editing software for student-made videos at John Wetten Elementary.

"Our goal with these investments is to move teachers forward in using technology to leverage higher-level thinking in Gladstone classrooms," said Technology Team leader

Lennie Bjornsen. “Students will be expected to have technology expertise in the workforce of tomorrow, and preparing for that starts as early as kindergarten.”

**PHOTO: Gladstone High freshmen Deltric Thornton and Nicole Olivieri use Chrome book computers for writing.**

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**13-week class to teach parenting strategies**

To help parents learn positive, effective strategies for discipline and family communication, Lifeworks Northwest will offer a free, 13-week course called Make Parenting a Pleasure.

The course will be offered 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays from April 7 through June 30 at Family Stepping Stones in the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18907 Portland Avenue. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Those completing the course with good attendance will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

The class covers a range of topics including child development, communication skills, positive discipline, coping with stress, anger management, and self-care. To register, contact Marylee Stahl at 503.627.9194, ext. 3727 or email [marylees@lifeworksnw.org](mailto:marylees@lifeworksnw.org).