

COLT E-NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Fundraiser

This Holiday Season Thurston High School is having a fundraiser to earn monies for staff appreciation and student incentives. This would include prizes for the Excellent Eight, T-shirts and Colt Compliment Cards, Orders and payments will be taken in the main office through Wednesday, November 25th. The items that are available for order are:

Wreaths - \$18 / \$2 bows - Made Noble Fir Base, adding berried juniper, splashes of cedar and Ponderosa Pine Cones. Wreath finished outside diameter 22"-24".

Swags - \$15 - Fresh boughs of Noble Fir assembled in a diamond shape. Made of Noble Fir, Incense Cedar, Juniper, Western Red Cedar and Pine Cones. Finish size 15"-17"

Garland - \$20 - Boughs of Western Red Cedar are gathered and hand tied to make a rope of Green.

To order please call Ann or Sherry (541) 744-5000



Thank You!

Excellent Eight

Each month THS staff nominate students for the Excellent Eight. This month the following students were recognized for their outstanding academic and/or behavior excellence: **Maddie Riddles, Devan Harrison, Kaitlyn Swarrigim, Marja Annus, Max Corzine, Jacob Swaim, Amber Stinson, Eduardo Michel-Contreras.**

These students are building positive relationships, going above and beyond, setting good examples, and doing so much more. Keep up the good work! GO COLTS!

Increased Rigor and Engaging Lessons through Freshmen Learning Teams (FLT)

Freshmen year of high school is an important stepping-stone to a successful high school career. At Thurston we are investing in our freshmen through our Freshmen Learning Teams (FLT) class. We believe in building the academic and social skills of all students, so we have increased the academic rigor and incorporated engagement lessons into freshmen classes. Here are some examples of what we are doing in the FLT class: text annotation, math word problems, vocabulary lessons, engagement, social, and behavioral lessons, planning for high school through Naviance, incorporating Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), skills clinics, academic advising, and so much more! We are looking forward to an amazing rest of the school year! GO COLTS!

[Thurston One Page](#)

For Current Information on the Calendar, bell schedule and how to contact staff visit the:

[Thurston Website](#)

To check out the schedule and see our events visit the:

[Events Calendar](#)

For times and locations of our sporting events visit the:

[Sports Calendar](#)

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Thurston Pantry

Thurston High School is proud to partner with food for Lane County to provide food, school supplies, warm clothes, and toiletries free of charge to Thurston families. This week bring canned food to your **1st period** class on every **A Day**. The items donated will be added to Thurston's Pantry. The classes with the most cans by November 20th will win prizes. Let's Help Others Colts! Thurston High Schools Food Pantry is an equal opportunity provider.

Important Dates:

- 11/16 - 1st Day of Winter Sports
- 11/20 - Early Release - Black Day
- 11/21 - Robotics Tournament Junction City 8:00AM
- 11/25 - Deadline of Holiday Wreath Fundraiser
- 11/26 - 11/27 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/27 - 11/28 - Craft Faire
- 12/3 - ASVAB Test - Library - 8:00-12:00PM
- 12/5 - Robotics Tournament Junction City 8:00AM
- 12/9 - Financial Aid Night - Library - 6:30PM

College and Career Center (CCC)

Follow us on Twitter @THSgotocollege

Oregon Promise application opened on November 1st! The Oregon Promise provides grants for high school graduates going to a community college. Go to Oregonpromise.org to apply!

[Thurston Career Center](#)

College and Career Readiness [Class Blog](#)

OSAC SCHOLARSHIP open now!

One easy application for \$16 million in scholarship awards! Start your search today [here!](#)

You don't need to be a merit scholar or a student with financial need to apply for OSAC scholarships. All types of scholarships are available. Many are based on criteria such as high school attended, school and community activities, academic interests, or career goals. Some require a minimum GPA and others require no GPA whatsoever. There are 475+ scholarship programs and you may qualify, but you won't know unless you apply.

Search the OSAC Catalog for eligible scholarships, and [apply here](#) by the annual Final Deadline of March 1. Scholarships

Help pay your college expenses including tuition and fees, room and board, and books and supplies. Reduce your student loan debt and honor your achievements.

Through the generosity of private donors, civic organizations, employers, member-based organizations, and foundation partners such as [The Oregon Community Foundation](#), [The Ford Family Foundation](#), and many others, thousands of students each year are the recipients of scholarships administered by OSAC.

Awards range from \$500 to \$10,000 or more.

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Senior Chelsea Turner's College Search Heads Toward Connecticut Next Week

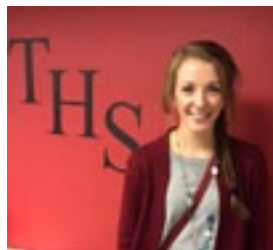
This week as Chelsea Turner packed her suitcase for a visit to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut she was balancing AP Calculus, AP Literature, and College Now Spanish homework. But Chelsea has never shied away from taking on challenges and moving toward opportunities. After a difficult childhood that involved foster care for over a year for her and her siblings, she her sister, and brother were adopted by her grandparents after a long process. Even though many things in her childhood were not easy, Chelsea excelled in school and even skipped fourth grade to be challenged academically. She has continued that academic excellence with outstanding grades and impressive community involvement as she prepares to graduate this June.

Last spring Chelsea began to carefully look at colleges to apply to after high school. One opportunity that was available to her was applying to the Questbridge Scholars Program. With very limited information from a pamphlet and encouragement from her counselor, she read that Questbridge's Mission was to help provide opportunities for the nation's brightest, under-served youth to see their futures' differently. Once students are accepted into the program, Questbridge helps scholars to prepare for the college admission process to elite schools the organization has partnered with and also gives the students critical college admission advice to help students navigate through the sometimes confusing, frustrating process.

Chelsea applied and was accepted into Questbridge's vast network. She was able to attend Questbridge's College Admission Seminar at Stanford University this summer. There she met representatives from the 36 elite colleges/universities that Questbridge partners with exclusively. Earlier this month, she found out she is a "finalist" in their College Match program (13,264 applicants – 4,895 scholars chosen) and was able to apply to 12 elite schools for free. She just turned in all of over her college application materials by November 1st. Chelsea will know by December 1st if she was "matched" with one of the twelve schools she applied to (which includes full tuition, room and board and books)!

But now back to why Chelsea was packing her suitcase....During the summer she heard about "fly in" college visit opportunities at the Stanford College Admission Seminar. She applied to all the expense-paid fly-ins for her top twelve Questbridge schools available (8 out of the 12 schools) to her through collegegreenlight.com. Chelsea found out this fall she was chosen to go to Wesleyan University Nov. 9-11 to tour the campus, interview for admission and stay overnight on the campus. This was all paid for by Wesleyan University. Chelsea took pictures and wrote down notes to share with us. She returned late Wednesday night after an amazing trip. Look for Part two of Chelsea's College Admission Journey next month where you can read about her trip to Wesleyan, learn more about the other 11 elite schools she has applied to this month and find out if she was "matched."

If you are a Freshman, Sophomore or Junior and are interested in more information about the Questbridge Scholar Program or college fly-in opportunities, please go see Mrs. Urness in the College and Career Center or Amy Stranieri in the Counseling Center.



WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN PROGRAM ANNOUNCES OREGON STATE FINALISTS

The National Award Program Releases the Names of 2015 State Finalists Springfield, Oregon (November 2, 2015) – Today, the prestigious Wendy's® High School Heisman® Program named Blake McKay and Aaron McAndrews of Thurston High School as one of Oregon's twenty best student-athletes, who were recognized as State Finalists of the program.

In addition to a high level of commitment to learning and community service, Blake McKay is a team leader in our Women's Soccer Program and also participates in basketball. She is also currently Thurston High School's Student Body President. Blake plans on attending a four-year university and becoming a lawyer. Aaron McAndrews participates in both Cross Country and Track & Field along with THS' Water Team and Electric Car Program. He is also highly involved in his youth group at his church. Aaron plans on attending the University of Oregon and majoring in Business Administration.

These exceptional student-athletes exemplify the Heisman ideals. Each State Finalist will receive a bronze medal, a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist patch and a \$25 Wendy's gift card. The State Finalists will then continue on to the next round of the Wendy's High School Heisman Program, where only one male and one female student will advance to be named State Winners.

The Wendy's High School Heisman Program has recognized exceptional student athletes for more than two decades. The program continues to provide a platform where students are acknowledged and rewarded for their hard work and also inspired to continue their success. State Winners will be named on November 9, 2015, where one male and one female finalist from each state will be chosen to continue through the program. Following this, 10 National Finalists will be selected from the group of State Winners and will continue to compete for the National Winner title in New York City on December 11.

The National Finalists who do not go on to become National Winners will receive a gold medal, a Wendy's High School Heisman National Finalist Heisman patch, a \$100 Wendy's gift card and \$2,000 school donation in their name. The National Winners will be announced during the National Awards Banquet in New York City on December 11, where one senior male and one senior female will be recognized with the title. The National Winners will receive a Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy, a Wendy's High School Heisman National Winner patch, a \$500 Wendy's gift card and a \$5,000 donation to the students' high schools in their names. They will also be recognized during the collegiate Heisman Trophy announcement on ESPN on December 12. About the Wendy's® High School Heisman® Program Created in 1994 by Wendy's and the Heisman Memorial Trust, the Wendy's High School Heisman Award recognizes outstanding high school seniors nationwide who excel in athletics, academics and community leadership.

The Holiday Craft Faire, which is produced by the Choirs at Thurston High School, will be held (as always) on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving (11/27-28). The Holiday Craft Faire features over 100 Craft Vendors selling Hand-Crafted Items, plus Door Prizes, Concessions, and a Movie Room for the Kids!

