

Parisa Footohi - Camas High School

has qualified for the 2010 Washington Aerospace Scholar Summer Residency

The students named above are among 160 talented juniors from across the state whose academic performance on the WAS Phase I curriculum qualified them for Phase II – the WAS Summer Residency.

Phase II of WAS is a six-day summer residency experience. In each of the residency sessions, four teams of Scholars work cooperatively to plan a human mission to Mars with support from professional engineers/scientists, university students, and certificated educators. Each session also includes briefings from aerospace professionals, tours of engineering facilities, and hands-on engineering challenges involving model rocketry, robotics, landing devices, and payload lofting. The daily schedule is quite full, and the students lodge in double rooms at a local hotel under the supervision of certificated teachers. Travel, lodging, and meal expenses are provided to participating students and teachers thanks to the WAS Foundation and our many generous donors.

We encourage you to acknowledge this achievement in your school community and invite you to view the final projects created by our scholars at:

http://was200910groupisgreat.info

Student and teacher applications for the 2010-11 program year will be available later this summer at www.museumofflight.org/washingtonaerospacescholars.

WAS PHASE ONE - DISTANCE LEARNING QUALIFICATION

In Fall of 2009, 247 students were accepted into Phase One of WAS: distance learning with a NASA-designed curriculum covering the history of space exploration, the Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, the Moon, and Mars. From December through May, the Scholars completed ten lessons – submitting quizzes, math solutions, essays, and graphics concerning these topics every other week. An invitation to participate in the Summer Residency was based on their academic acheivement on these lessons, and only 160 students met the strict academic requirements. As their final project, students independently selected a topic of interest for a final project combining an essay with a graphic.

Pride Inside: Freshmen Troy Patterson and Shaw'nee Johnson

Sophomores Nikolas Pershing and Olivia Lovell Juniors Mitchell Bourquin and Molly Smith Seniors Chris Charlson and Olivia Godsil

Camas/Washougal Rotary Scholarship Winner for 2009-2010: Hannah Tweet

Quizno's Students of the Month: Jacob Freedman and Seanna Pitassi

Staff: Jenae Langston

Smith Spotlighted in Post-Record "Achievement!"

Emily Smith was the latest CHS senior to be applauded by the Post-Record. Her profile read: "CHS teachers know senior Emily Smith to be a very hard-working, passionate young woman who inspires greatness wherever she goes. Among her many talents she's a diva of fine arts, since she sings like an angel, composes her own songs, and plays the piano. She has a terrific attitude and serves as a powerful leader in both our concert choir and vocal ensemble. She is also an incredible writer. Her essays are as fluent as poems and yet so logical they defy argument. She has a profound understanding of psychology and a wisdom beyond her years. Emily has an amazing work ethic. She wants to understand everything she possibly can get out of class. Her work is always on-time, complete, and very detailed. She's neat and organized, trustworthy and responsible and works well with others." Great job Emily.

CHS Riders Finish Strong at State Equestrian Meet

Members of the CHS Equestrian Team capped a strong season with several strong individual performances at the 2010 State Meet. All CHS riders finished Top 10 or better and four riders brought home one gold and two silver medals. Here are the results:

- Ashley Melton 1st place, Gold medal in Driving, 5th in In Hand Trail
- Chris Allen 2nd place, Silver in In Hand Trail
- Chris Allen and Rachel Terry 2nd place, Silver in Working Pairs
- Jordan Moore tied for 7th in Reining
- Michael Roberts 10th in Reining
- McKenzie Hudson 4th in barrels, 5th in Roping
- Ashley Melton, Karen McLellan, Randi Hirn, and Jordan Moore 8th in Working Fours
- Aprille Thompson, Sade Allen, McKenzie Kuhlman, and Lauren Frentress tied for 9th in Working Fours
- McKenzie Kuhlman 9th in In Hand Trail
- Sarah Brizek tied for 8th in Driving
- Aprille Thompson tied for 8th in Driving

The team also received the League Academic Award for maintaining a 3.08 GPA. The CHS riders are coached by **Laurie Purviance**.

Busby Named Teacher/DECA Advisor of the Year

Camas High School marketing teacher and DECA Advisor **Sherry Busby** has been named the 2010 Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year. Sherry will be honored at the Chamber Awards Banquet on June 8th at Camas Meadows. Sherry was also recently named the DECA Advisor of the Year for the state of Washington.

DECA Students Put CHS on the Map at International Event

As they reflect on their collective performance at the 2010 International DECA Competition in Louisville, Kentucky, students from Sherry Busby's DECA program can now declare: "We came. We competed. We conquered." Ten students qualified for this competition, including **Evan Klein, Brittney Oljar, Emely Cubias, Ben Hagen, Chad Wiley, Danni Southard, and Blake Casebeer**. The group returned with 5 medals won by **Sara Slayton**, **Drew Swisher** and **Courtney Kinsman**. Courtney was the big winner, whose 30-page written Financial Services market research project finished in the "Top 10" internationally.

CHS Spring Sports Dominate GSHL

Spring athletes do not always get the attention they deserve. But this spring, the Papermakers have demanded the region's attention by rolling over their league opponents. The CHS Girls Tennis and Boys Track Teams finished 3rd in league standings, Softball qualified for the Bi-District Tournament, and Girls Golf placed 2nd in the GSHL. Meanwhile, Baseball captured league and district titles and qualified for the state tournament and Boys Soccer brought home

an undefeated league title of its own en route to making it to State as well. The undefeated CHS Girls Track Team (2010 League and District Champions) has amassed an incredible number of victories this season. Some of these victories were shared with the boys (Oregon Relays and Bob Shaner Invite) whereas others were girl-only (the Tiger, Twilight, and Mountain Invitationals). Way to go CHS scholar-athletes!

Palodichuk Named 2010 Gatorade Player of the Year

For the second time in three years, Camas High School is home to the Washington Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year. Junior **Nick Palodichuk** claimed this year's honors for his on-field dominance this season.

Congratulations to CHS Pride Inside Award Winners

These students were nominated and selected by staff for epitomizing the character and qualities that teachers would expect from a "great CHS student."

April Seniors Brady Lernihan and Jessica Castle; Juniors Chris Emmet and Mehrukh Ahsan; Sophomores Nathan Yem and Kelsie Lantz; and Freshmen Austin Leetch and Alyson Lenhart.

March Seniors Daniel Snoey and Shelby Meader; Juniors Michael Neff and Kailee Esser; Sophomores Tanner Lupton and Jessica Clive; Freshmen Tyler Hallead and Randi Hirn.

February Seniors Kyle Bleasdell and Katie Ramey; Juniors Kenny Marshall and Keira Alkema; Sophomores Gary Stokes and Katie McDonald; and Freshmen Gabe Heredia and Ceara Bramford.

January Seniors Josh Reiter and Lindsay Lake; Juniors David Nichols and Kelsey Benton; Sophomores Bryce Ponder and Lauren Nolan; and Freshmen Conner Winstead and Haylee Grunwald.

December Seniors Shayne Ribble and Brittany Van Horn; Juniors Nick Lim and Olivia Janson; Sophomores Dalton DeBord and Aksa Manzar; and Freshmen Jay Arvidson and Kathryn Johnson.

November Seniors Louis Lindner and Rachel Shigeta; Juniors Addison Owen and Brittany Dahl; Sophomores John Doyle and Janae Benson; and Freshmen John Norcross and Ashlee Benge.

October Seniors Sean Hansen and Sarah Holven; Juniors Parker Ketring and Lisa Nicholson; Sophomores Zachary Reed and Alex Dombeck; and Freshmen Anthony Utehs and Rachel Trautman.

September Seniors Austin Benson and Emily Cubias; Juniors Nick Jaech and Mackenzie Tipton; Sophomores Adam Allison and Austin Reiter; and Freshmen Nicholas Panebianco and Kacee Webb.

Congratulations to our Staff Pride Inside Winners

Dale Croswell, Science teacher, won the April Staff Pride Inside Award. His fellow staff members voted for "Cros" for many reasons. Dale is a long-time teacher who spends countless hours at CHS. He is the "Voice of the CHS Papermakers" at home football games, coach of our State Champion-Knowledge Bowl team, perennial winner of the CAROL canned food drive (until he was unseated this year by Kristi Bridges and her students), and multi-talented Track

and Field coach. Most importantly, Dale is a collaborative and co-worker, who always takes the time to offer assistance and support to other teachers.

Leontina Liebe was named the winner of the March Staff Pride Inside Award. Liebe, who is completing her counseling internship, was lauded for her personalized approach to working with students and for coordinating the March 10 & 11 Challenge Day program, which involved over 200 students and 50 staff members. Way to go L.L.

Sam Greene, English-Social Studies teacher, won the February Staff Pride Inside Award. Sam is a dedicated teacher and has put in countless hours to become an AP exam reader to better prepare CHS students for the AP World History test. Wrote one of Sam's colleagues: "[Sam] is so generous. He is willing to help out other staff members, is thoughtful with his teaching practices, connects well with students and their families, and is a very good, honest, person."

Main Office Secretary **Joanne Hamreus** was voted the staff winner of the January Pride Inside award. Staff members praised Joanne for being efficient and friendly, even amidst the distractions and fast-paced environment of the main office. An interesting side note is that Joanne updates our display case, prints the pictures of our Pride Inside winners, and produces the letters that are sent home for all of our Pride Inside winners and nominees. In other words, we would not have Pride Inside without this month's Pride Inside winner!

English Teacher **Hannelore Tweed** took home Pride Inside Honors for the month of December. Her nominator applauded Hannelore for her dedication and tireless work on behalf of her students. This sentiment was shared by many, many CHS staff members who voted on her behalf.

Associate Principal **Tom Morris** won November Staff Pride Inside honors. A CHS staff member wrote: "Tom does an amazing job dealing with discipline. He listens to both the student's side of the story and the teacher's, and treats every incident as an important one. I know this takes much more time than simply punishing the student based on the written referral form and I appreciate Tom taking the time to treat students fairly. I think we can all learn something from Tom's patience and understanding, especially when dealing with difficult situations." Another complimented Tom for his communication skills and for his "positive outlook on his job."

The **CHS Math Department** was the "team" winner of the staff award for October. CHS staff recognized our math teachers' dedication to student learning; the department has established an afternoon math lab where students can access teachers for additional assistance. These teachers have also worked diligently on experimenting with new instructional strategies and keeping track of the data to measuring the impact of theses strategies on student performance.

Joe Farland was the winner of the September Pride Inside Staff Award. Colleagues of Joe noted his dedication to students, sense of humor, and his success with building the AP Language program.

Two CHS Artists Win Superintendent Art Awards

Congratulations to Seniors Christi Valentine (Journal of the Most Peculiar Voyage) and Whitney Austin (Untitled), whose artwork was selected from 106 entries to qualify for a 2010 OSPI Art Award. No art student from Camas High School has ever before won this honor and this year the Papermakers have TWO artists from the four from ESD 112 in the May 21st Superintendent's Art Show in Olympia.

Zhu wins Kaiser Permanente Scholarship

Kaiser Permanente Northwest and the Oregon Health Career Center recently announced that **Jenny Yu Zhen Zhu** was selected to receive a 2010 Health Care Career Scholarship. Jenny will accept her scholarship at a ceremony on May 22.

Vandagriff Recognized for "Achievement!"

Congratulations to CHS Senior **Jaymie Vandgriff**, who was profiled in the weekly "Achievement!" spotlight in an April edition of The Camas-Post Record. The profile read: "CHS Running Start senior Jaymie Vandagriff will be graduating with an AA degree from Clark College along with her High School Diploma from CHS. This is quite an accomplishment as students must complete 90 credits at Clark while also meeting the CHS graduation requirements. In addition, she has made Honor Role this quarter with a 3.9 GPA. Jaymie has been accepted to Portland State University and plans to attend in the fall majoring in Psychology. As a junior, she excelled at Discus and Shot-put for the CHS Track and Field. Jaymie also volunteers and the local Animal Shelter taking care of the dogs. Thank you Jaymie for all of your hard work and dedication!"

CHS National Honor Society Welcomes 46 Inductees

The Lacamas Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 46 new members at its April 20th Induction Ceremony. The NHS is an academic honor society, whose mission is to "create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary school." To qualify for the NHS, students must maintain a high GPA, be recommended by staff, and complete community service projects. The advisor of the CHS Chapter of the NHS is **Hannelore Tweed.**

Science Olympiad 3rd in State

The CHS Science Olympians finished their season with a 3rd Place finish in the 2010 State Tournament. Although they were disappointed that they did not win the title, even they cannot deny that they are consistent! This is the third straight year, CHS Science Olympiad finished 3rd in State.

Robotics Team Finishes 3rd at International Microsoft Competition

The Camas-Washougal FIRST Robotics team placed 3rd out of 61 teams at the Seattle regional competition and received the Rockwell-Collins Innovation in Control Automation award. This was just two weeks after the students made it to the finals of the 64-team Portland competition, where they received the GM Delphi Excellence in Engineering award. Advisor Brianna Abraham recently wrote: "We are making a name for ourselves (and our districts) as students and adults recognize we are a team that produces excellent robots as well as excellent and gracious/professional students! I am very proud of everyone involved." The team includes: Hans Cocks, Tim Grote, Kelsey Hayes, Taek Huh, Natalie Janson, Brett Johnson, Kurt Johnson, Catherine Le, Jordan Mazi, Henry Midles, Andrea Saecho, Nick Sharma, and Victor Zhang.

CHS Mock Trial Finishes 5th at State

Here is the post-State Mock Trial report from advisor **Jackie Hofer**: "We ended up tying for 2-3-4-5th place and taking 5th after they went through tiebreaker stuff. Last year Camas placed 9th -- the best they have ever done and the only time we have ever been in the Top 10. **This year**, **FIRST TIME in Camas History that we have been in the Top 5!**

Particularly noteworthy:

- 1) **Emma Spurlock** garnered the first Best Attorney in the State Award a Camas student has ever received... *Emma's Co-counsel Hannah Tweet* and *Deborah Lubanga* were also nominated for Best Attorney in State.
- Camas had AGAIN the most Best Witness Nominations in State...Congratulations to Graeme Dyehouse, Kela Nahas, Jacob Simpson, Larissa Hillman, and Zohein Sharma.

3) Our final trial was against Franklin High School in Seattle. Together we were the only public schools in the Top 5 and Franklin ended up second…"

CHS Knowledge Bowl Wins State

CHS qualified two teams to the 2010 State Knowledge Bowl Tournament and one team won it all - a first ever for a Camas HS K-Bowl team. Camas Varsity #2 -- consisting of juniors **Ryan Gompertz, Chris Emmet, Chris Grote, Nicholas Lim**, and **Alec Maier** -- won their preliminary division advanced to the Semi-Final and Championship rounds, where they edged Charles Wright Academy and Port Angeles High School.

Mock Trial Will Make Their Case at State

For the second straight year Advisor Jackie Hofer will be sending a Mock Trial team to State. State-bound are: Alex Dombeck, Graeme Dyehouse, Larissa Hillman, Angela Kern, Deborah Lubanga, Jack Lukins, Hannah Manning, Jacob Marsh, Kela Nahas, Taha Rabbani, Zohein Sharma, Jacob Simpson, Emma Spurlock, Hannah Tweet and Garrett Wilgus.

Papershakers Advance to State Competition

Congratulations to the CHS Papershakers and Dance Team Coaches **Suzie Downs** and **Darshan Smaaladen**. Our dance team finished 1st in Pom, 1st in Dance, and 3rd in Hip Hop at the 3A district tournament, which qualified them for State competition at the Sun Dome March 27. Captains are Seniors **Brittany Whitman** and **Abbey Trautman** and **Junior Caitlin Moore.**

CHS Equestrian Team Takes Tacoma

The CHS Equestrian Team traveled to Tacoma on March 20 & 21 and came home with 32 top ten finishes! Top performances included: Working pairs - Ashley Melton & Karen McClellan 6th; Sarah Brizek & Aprille Thompson 10th; Working Fours - Ashley Melton, Karen McClellan, Jordan Moore, Randi Hirn 3rd; Aprille Thompson, Mckenzie Kuhlman, Sadie Allen, Krysta Purviance 6th; Driving - Aprille Thompson and Sara Brizek tied for 2nd, Ashley Melton 4th, Michael Roberts 5th, Hanna Firstenburg 8th; Working Rancher - Jordan Moore 6th, Randi Hirn tied for 9th; Fiqure 8 - McKenzie Hudson 1st; Bi-Wrangle - McKenzie Hudson & Aprille Thompson 2nd; Individual Flags - Aprille Thompson 6th; Canadian Flags - McKenzie Hudson, Krysta Purviance, Aprille Thompson, Ashlynne Wickersham 8th; Barrels - McKenzie Hudson 2nd; Stock Seat - Rachel Terry tied for 6th; Reining - Jordan Moore 1st, Michael Roberts 3rd, Rachel Terry tied for 5th; Hunt Seat - Rachel Terry tied for 2nd; Saddle Seat - Ashley Melton tied for 4th; In Hand Obstacle - Ashley Melton, Aprille Thompson, Chris Allen, Hannah Firstenburg 10th; Showmanship - Rachel Terry 3rd, Chris Allen 8th; Roping - McKenzie Hudson 2nd, Hailey Hanson 3rd; Dressage - Ashley Melton & Aprille Thompson for 8th; In Hand Trail - Chris Allen 1st, Ashley Melton and Mckenzie Kuhlman tied for 3rd; Trail - Rachel Terry tied for 6th. The riders are coached by Laurie Purviance.

Norcross Recognized for "Achievement!"

Congratulations to CHS Senior **Katie Norcross**, who was profiled in the weekly "Achievement!" spotlight in the March 22 Camas-Post Record. The profile read: "CHS Senior Katie Norcross is an amazingly well rounded person. She maintains a perfect academic record while challenging herself by taking a full load of classes at Clark College through the Running Start program while also taking courses at CHS. Katie is involved in variety of community service activities and has dedicated much of her free time coaching girl's soccer. If this were not enough she has been actively involved in sports and has had two principal roles this year in our school productions of *The Crucible* and *Sweeney Todd*. We don't know how she does it all!"

CHS Science Olympiad Qualifies TWO Teams for State

First things first. For those of you who have always wondered "What is Science Olympiad?" here is a definition, courtesy of Coach **Ron Wright**: "Science Olympiad is like a track meet for the mind. There are 23 different events at a competition; some focusing on processing skills,

some on knowledge, some on problem solving ability. Each team has up to 15 students who compete in pairs who must do well in every event so their team can advance to State."

Well, the members of the CHS Science Olympiad team are obviously in great shape! They performed well in the March 13 Regional Tournament at Lower Columbia College...so well, that two teams advanced to the April 10th State competition. For the third year in a row, a CHS team took home the 1st Place trophy and another finished 5th. CHS "double-medaled" in nine of the 23 events. (The only other schools to "double-medal" were Union once and Columbia River once.) Medal winners included: Devin LeBlanc, Chris Emmet, Chris Schiller, Tim Grote, Marcus Bintz, Zohein Sharma, Nicholas Lim, Chris Grote, Rogan Campbell, Genny Billington, Olivia Janson, Brett Steffens, Danika Jones, Kayla Derbyshire, Natalie Stone, Ryan Gompertz, Nadine Stone, Eric Kuhta, Vaughn Okerlund, Eugene Hsu, Eliot Shoemaker, and Spencer Rood.

Team Mean Machine Reaches Finals of Regional Robotic Competition

The CHS FIRST Robotics Team reached the finals of the Autodesk Regional Robotics Competition that was held at the Memorial Coliseum on March 5 & 6. Team members include: Hans Cocks, Tim Grote, Kelsey Hayes, Taek Huh, Natalie Janson, Brett Johnson, Kurt Johnson, Catherine Le, Jordan Mazi, Henry Midles, Andrea Saecho, Nick Sharma, and Victor Zhang. Team Mean Machine is currently gearing up for the Microsoft Regional Competition in Seattle later this month.

Congratulations to CHS Winter Sports All League Athletes

At the end of each season, the head coaches of the Greater St. Helens 3A League decide which athletes deserve the honor of being named to the All League Teams. These teams consist of the coaches' picks for the regular season's top performers at a certain position or in a certain event. Camas is proud to claim 21 All League athletes, two Athletes of the Year, and two Coaches of the Year (see below). Congratulations on this honor.

Boys Basketball Audrey Siebenthaler, (9, Vault/Bars)

First Team

Alicia Hamlin (11, Floor)

Addison Owen (11)

Jacob Kaler (11)

Co-Coach of the Year

Second Team Jennifer McDonnell

Mark Eppinger (11)

Boys Swimming

Girls Basketball

Player of the Year Swimmer of the Year

Melissa Williams (12)

Justin Natyzak (12)

Second Team

Katelyn Henson (11)

Haley Smith (12)

Girls Gymnastics

First Team

First Team

Amy Siebenthaler (11, All Around)

Justin Natyzak (12, 200 Free)

Daniel Lee (12, 200 IM)

Second Team

Daniel Lee (12, 100 Butterfly)

Connor Sullivan (11, 500 Freestyle)

Coach of the Year

Mike Bemis

Second Team

Connor Sullivan (11, 200 Freestyle) Wrestling

First Team

Nick Kabel (10, 50 free) Miguel Salamanca (11, 140 lbs)

Justin Natyzak (12, 100 Backstroke)Camas Caleb Malychewski (11, 171 lbs)

Jake Yraceburu (9, 100 Breastroke)

Brandon King (12, 215 lbs)

CHS Singers Earn Top Scores at Local Solo Ensemble Competition

Members of the CHS Choir brought their "A Game" the Feb. 27 Solo Ensemble Competition at Heritage High School.. The women's ensemble received a 1 (the highest rating) and our men's ensemble scored a 2. Camas had three soloists who also scored a 1 and were named as 2nd alternates to State competition. They are: Freshman **Jason Hamann** (tenor), senior **Blake Wales** (bass) and senior **Katrina Welborn** (mezzo soprano). The CHS Choir is directed by **Eleanor Cosgrove**.

CHS Artists Shine at ESD 112 Art Show

Congratulations to the following CHS artists who were named regional winners at the ESD 112 Superintendent's Art Show and have advanced to state competition: Senior **Eden Ramirez** (water color – "Life Under Glass"); **Whitney Austin** (photograph – "Portrait"); and **Kristi Valentine** (mixed media – "A Peculiar Life"). **Blake Wales** (photography – "Happiness") and **Eden Ramirez** – (color pencil – "A Nap") were also recognized as local winners. **Eden Ramirez's** third entry ("Oh!!!") received an Honorable Mention.

Li Places 1st at Speech & Debate Tournament

CHS Senior **Scott Li** finished in 1st Place in the Novice Informative Speaking competition at the Feb. 27th "Pi Kappa Delta Tournament of the Great Northwest" held at Mt. Hood Community college. Twenty-three schools from across the country traveled to the Northwest to participate at the forensics honorary regional tournament. What is remarkable is that Scott moved to the United States from China just three years ago and did not know how to speak English!

Record Number of DECA Students Qualify for State; Busby named DECA Advisor of Year 56 CHS marketing students qualified to attend and participate in the DECA State Career Development Conference March 4 – 6 in Bellevue. The CHS Marketing program is led by Sherry Busby. Two important State side notes: 12 students advanced to DECA Nationals and Sherry Busby was named the 2009-10 Washington State DECA Advisor of the Year!

A CHS First: Two Knowledge Bowl Teams Qualify for State

CHS science teacher and Knowledge Bowl coach **Dale Croswell** thought he had seen it all in his 35-year career. He was surprised by a school "first": Two CHS Knowledge Bowl teams have qualified for the state tournament!

Four CHS teams qualified for the nine-team SW Washington Regional Tournament, finishing 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 6th Place. Because the top three regional teams advance to the May 27 State Knowledge Bowl Tournament at Hanford High School, CHS will be sending the following knowledgeable Papermakers east with hopes of bringing a state title back to Camas:

<u>Team 1</u>: Kiera Alkema; Devynne Barret; Jacob Freedman; James Marsh; William Sarchet; and Connor Sullivan. <u>Team 2</u>: Chris Grote; Chris Emmet; Ryan Gompertz; Nick Lim; and Alec Maier.

Here is Coach Croswell's summary of the league season:

"Our 4 varsity teams, out of 12 in our league, finished in 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th places. Out of 12 varsity teams competing, our four varsity teams finished in 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th places. One of our varsity teams scored 102 points, just the second time in a decade that one of our teams has scored over 100 points in a regular season meet. Meanwhile, our 4 JV teams, out of 15 teams, finished in 2nd, 4th, 4th, and 6th places. Incredible."

Serrano Finishes 3rd in State Poetry Out Loud Finals

Vanessa Serrano, a sophomore at Camas High School, distinguished herself from a regional field of 11 poets and is on her way to the Poetry Out Loud Washington State Competition in Olympia, where she finished 3rd! Reciting "The Lifeguard" by James L. Dickey and "the mother" by Gwendolyn Brooks, Vanessa impressed the judges with her solid understanding of these poems' content as well as her ability to bring the poems to life.

Science Olympiad Team Runners Up at OR-WA Competition

The CHS Science Olympiad team placed 2nd at the last pre-season tournament that featured five of the top ten Science Olympiad teams from the 2009 Washington State tournament – and last year's state champion from Oregon. Out of the two CHS teams that competed in the 16-team field, one finished one point behind the champions and the other finished in 8th place.

Notable performances were posted by Zohein Sharma, Devin LeBlanc, Marcus Bintz and Tim Grote (two freshmen who finished ahead of all senior competitors), Nick Lim, and Natalie Stone and Kayla Derbyshire. Coach Ron Wright added that medal winners Olivia Janson, Chris Emmet, Genny Billington, and Brett Steffens put CHS in position for the team championship.

Science Olympiad Gives Golden Performance at Tournament

The Papermakers won big in the medal count at its January 23 Science Olympiad Tournament. Out of 14 teams from 8 schools (CHS fielded three teams), CHS placed 1st, 2nd, and 8th. CHS students earned one or more medals in 21 of the 23 events in the tournament! The Olympians were led by 5-time medalist Junior Olivia Janson and 4-time medalists Senior Nadine Stone, Juniors Nick Lim, Devin LeBlanc, and Chris Emmet, and Freshmen Genny Billington and Marcus Bintz. The team is coached by Ron Wright.

CHS Poets Shine at Poetry Out Loud Competition

Thirty young poets courageously and meticulously recited classic poems at Camas High School's second Poetry Out Loud competition on January 28th. Two winners will advance to a city-wide competition that will be held at Wy'East Middle School on Thursday, February 4. Those winners are Sophomore **Vanessa Serrano**, who will be reading "The Life Guard" by James Dickey and Senior **Jocelyn Brannon**, who will read "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou. Runners-up were Senior **Dustin Culbertson** ("Israfel" by Edgar Allan Poe) and Junior **Justin Brusasco** ("Annabel Lee" by Edgar Allan Poe).

Special thanks to: Terry Nyquist, who organized this event; Mark Gardner, who provided technical support in addition to serving as master of ceremonies; and all participating CHS English teachers, who encouraged their students to take the "poetry plunge." Thanks also to judges **Linda Kimball**, **Terry Cavender**, **Hannelore Tweed**, and **Steve Marshall**.

CHS Junior Named Washington Aerospace Scholar, Taking Off this Summer Congratulations to Junior Parisa Footohi, who was one of only 247 talented juniors from across the state who have been accepted into the first phase of Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS). These students are currently participating in Phase One of WAS, a distance

learning program consisting of a NASA-designed curriculum covering the history of space exploration, the Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, the Moon, and Mars. From January through May, the Scholars will complete ten lessons – submitting quizzes, math solutions, essays, and graphics concerning these topics every other week. Scholars will independently select a topic of interest for a final project combining an essay with a graphic. Scholars are also competing for a space in one of our four summer residency sessions.

Montalbano Recognized for "Achievement!"

Congratulations to CHS Senior **Emily Montalbano**, who was profiled in the weekly "Achievement!" spotlight in the January Camas-Post Record. The profile read: "CHS senior Emily Montalbano impresses teachers with her desire to learn. She pushes herself to learn the "why" behind the "how." She is not afraid to ask questions, to try and possibly fail, nor to work with people different from her. She is sweet, respectful, and responsible with her deadlines and meeting course expectations. She also is an amazing Japanese student. She has always spent as much time with our Japanese exchange students as she could and used her great Japanese skills to help them and have a good time with them. She wants to go back to Japan after she graduates from college. Keep up the good work Emily!"

Jergensen Wins NFF Scholarship

CHS placekicker **Stuart Jergensen** was presented with a \$3,500 scholarship at the 2010 Clark County National Football Foundation Banquet. Scholarship winners were chosen based on academic and football success, as well as their contributions in the community.

CHS Students Outclass Competition at DECA Conference

How do you spell domination? C-H-S D-E-C-A. Camas High School won 107 medals, collected 10 first place awards, and advanced 41 students to state competition at the January 13 Regional DECA competition in Longview. More students may qualify for state once the judging of 28 thirty-page projects is complete in early February. Way to go DECA! **Sherry Busby** advises the CHS DECA program.

P.S. One more DECA highlight: Junior **Keira Alkema** was named Washington State DECA Area 9 President! Way to go, Keira.

Ribble Recognized for Contributions to CHS

Congratulations to CHS Senior **Shayne Ribble**, who was profiled in the weekly "Achievement!" spotlight in the January Camas-Post Record. The profile read: "Camas High School senior Shayne Ribble is known for being a natural unassuming leader. Whether it's in Art, PE, Woodshop or academics, Shayne is always looking for ways to be helpful. He is motivated, is a great role model for others, enjoys helping others, and always has a positive attitude and a smile on his face. He is enthusiastic about art, has advanced skills in ceramics, works hard and loves to create. He is very personable with teachers and peers. Often his classmates and even substitute teachers have shared how helpful Shayne has been to them. Thanks Shayne for helping make CHS a positive place to be!"

CHS Wins Prestigious Award

CHS was recognized as one of "America's Top High Schools" in the January 2010 issue of <u>US News and World Report</u>. In producing these rankings, the magazine evaluated more than 21,000 public high schools' state test scores and the comparative success of students from underprivileged and minority backgrounds; it also factored in a school's participation in, and performance on, Advanced Placement examinations. The high schools that met key criteria fell into three categories of distinction: Gold, silver, and bronze. CHS is just one of 21 high schools in the State of Washington (out of our state's four hundred and fifty three high schools) to earn a Silver Medal. Nice work Papermakers!

Visit http://www.usnews.com/listings/high-schools/washington for more information on these rankings.

Multiple CHS Scholar-Athletes Earn Regional & State Honors

The Papermakers were well represented on The Columbian All-Region teams for the Fall 2009 Season. All-Region honorees included: Cross Country: Seniors **Josh Reiter** and **Kayla Blackford**; Football: Juniors **Odin Coe** and **Addison Owen** and Seniors **Josh Smith** and **Stuart Jergensen**; Girls Soccer: Junior **Kailee Esser** and Senior **Brittney Oljar**; Volleyball: **Stefanie Sorensen**. (The Columbian did not announce All Region Teams for Boys Golf and Girls Swimming.) Those who were selected by media and coaches for All-State honors were: **Stefanie Sorensen** (2nd Team - Volleyball); **Kailee Esser** (1st Team - Soccer); **Brittney Oljar** (2nd Team - Soccer); **Lauren Oljar** (2nd Team - Soccer); **Raya Klein** (Honorable Mention - Soccer); and **Stuart Jergensen** (1st Team - Football).

JV Girls Soccer Players Make Big Donation to Rescue Mission

Congratulations to Coach Paul Della Valle and our Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Team for raising over \$550 for the Portland Rescue Mission to help with Thanksgiving meals. The girls' generosity made a big difference in the lives of many over the holiday season.

CHS Drama Impresses with Fall Production of The Crucible

Rob Kankelberg and his theater students tackled the weighty themes of intolerance and hysteria in their production of Arthur Miller's **The Crucible**. All of those involved in this play deserve recognition for their stirring depiction of the excesses of the Salem Witch Trials. Bravo, CHS Thespians!

Foster Earns Recognition

Congratulations to CHS Senior **Hannah Foster**, who was profiled in the weekly "Achievement!" spotlight in the December Camas-Post Record. The profile read: "Staff at Camas High School have a lot of respect for senior Hannah Foster. She is a student who takes tough classes and gets stellar grades while balancing a busy schedule. Teachers comment that she takes pride in her work and always turns in a quality product. She is also very artistic and creative. In her ceramics class, she has quite an eye for detail and puts a lot of care into each piece that she makes. Some other adjectives that teachers use to describe Hannah are: Polite, considerate, helpful, eager to learn, sweet, responsible, and kind." Great job Hannah.

CHS Singers Hit the Airwaves

The CHS Vocal Ensemble had the honor of performing on the K103.3 FM morning show on Tuesday, December 8. Our ensemble includes: **Devynne Barret**, **Shelby Bodily**, **Jocelyn Brannan**, **Tonya Burton**, **Matthew Dennis**, **Kayla Derbyshire**, **Taylor Dye**, **Anna Fielding**, **Sterling Haase**, **Marty Horn**, **Jason Jay**, **Courtney Kinsman**, **Jack Lukins**, **Cooter McGrew**, **Kaitlin Meline**, **Chase Menor**, **Alysha Mueller**, **Katie Norcross**, **Seanna Pitassi**, **Makayla Plock**, **Emily Smith**, **Lucas Smith**, **Blake Wales**, **John Welborn**, **Katrina Welborn**, **Naomi Willbanks**, **and Tyler Yang**. Our choir is directed by **Eleanor Cosgrove**.

Congratulations to CHS Fall All League Athletes

At the end of each season, the head coaches of the Greater St. Helens 3A League decide which athletes deserve the honor of being named to the All League Teams. These teams consist of the coaches' picks for the regular season's top performers at a certain position or in a certain event. Camas is proud to claim FOUR players or co-players of the year and FORTY-TWO All League athletes (see below). Congratulations on this honor.

Football

Co-Offensive Player of the Year Logan Grindy

First Team-Offense Jeremy Faulkner (WR) Blake Casebeer (OL)

Second Team -Offense Miguel Salamanca (WR) Kyle Ervin (TE) Sydney Vailea (OL) Trevor Clarkston (OL)

First Team-Defense Odin Coe (DL) Brenten Cline (LB) Addison Owen (DB) Josh Smith (DB) Drew White (DB) Stuart Jergensen (P)

Second Team-Defense Ikaika Gunderson (DL) Kevin Pinch (LB) Brent Hill (DB)

Swimming Second Team Kayla Yraceburu (200 freestyle) Ada Beale (200 IM)

Volleyball

Player of the Year Stefani Sorensen

First Team

Whitney Austin (Hitter)

Second Team

Marleen de Zoete (Setter)

Soccer

Defensive Player of the Year

Kailee Esser

First Team

Raya Klein (Midfielder) Brittany Oljar (Midfielder) Lauren Oljar (Defender)

Second Team

Eryn Brown (Forward)
Annike Sumpter (Defender)

Cross Country
First Team
Kayla Blackford
Austen Reiter
Andrew Kailer
Josh Reiter

Second Team Jackie Premo Treyson Sheesly Boys Tennis

First Team Singles Nils Babendererde Triton Pitassi

Triton Pitassi

Second Team Singles

Andy Tweet

First Team Doubles Evan Littlefield/Ryan

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Boys Golf

Co-Player of the Year

Daniel Snoey

First Team Daniel Snoey Blake Jones

Honorable Mention Hayden Wampac Tyler Speer

CHS Girls Soccer Places 3rd in State; CHS Volleyball finishes 7th

A big Papermaker pat-on-the-back to the Girls Soccer and Volleyball teams that both narrowly missed qualifying for the finals in their respective tournaments. CHS Soccer dropped a close match in the semi-finals, losing 2-1 to Mercer Island. The girls rebounded the next morning to defeat West Valley 1-0 in the consolation final. CHS Volleyball, meanwhile, played strong until well after midnight in their quarterfinal matchup against Mt. Si, before narrowly losing 15-12 in Game 5. The girls then beat Meadowdale in three straight sets before falling to Seattle Prep in the 4th/7th Place match. Congratulations to all of the players as well as to Head Coaches **Roland Minder** (Soccer) and **Julie Nidick** (Volleyball) for their accomplishments this season. Both of these Top-10 finishes are especially impressive given that there are sixty-eight 3A teams in the State.

Williams Accepts WSU Baseball Scholarship

Congratulations go out to **Taylor Williams** who accepted a Division I College Baseball Scholarship from Washington State University. On November 11, Taylor signed a National Letter Intent to attend WSU. Taylor also had an offer from Oregon State University (OSU), but chose to stay in state with the up-and-coming Cougars who placed 2nd in the Pac 10 last season. This past summer Taylor played alongside some the top-ranked baseball players on the WA Nationals NW Area Code Team in Long Beach, California, as well as the Northwest

<u>Mariners Cup Team</u> in a tournament held at Safeco Field in Seattle. Taylor is looking forward to big season here at CHS this spring before pitching in the Palouse next fall.

CHS Tech Teacher & Students Boost CHS Technology, Energy Savings

Taylor William's father, **Kelly Williams**, also deserves some applause. Kelly's 4th Period Computer Tech students recently completed a valuable school service project. The students tested and replaced hundreds of flat screen monitors that were donated to the district through a state recycling program. This project benefits CHS in two ways: 1. The district will be able to replace the teacher computers more quickly than originally planned and 2. The new monitors are much more energy efficient than their predecessors, which will translate into a considerable savings in electricity costs.

Snoey to Play Golf at UP

Senior **Daniel Snoey** will be a Papermaker this Spring and a Pilot this Fall. Snoey, the 2009 3A State Golf Champion, has accepted a full-ride athletic scholarship to play golf for the University of Portland. He will represent CHS one last time at the 2010 3A State Golf Tournament in May.

Post-Record Recognizes Chen

CHS Senior Lilly Chen was profiled in the weekly "Achievement!" spotlight in the November Camas-Post Record. The profile read: "CHS senior Lily Chen is known for being a hard working and dedicated student. Currently, she is doing an excellent job in fourth year Japanese and is working towards taking the AP Japanese test this spring. During the last school year she spent a lot of her time with our Japanese exchange students, helping them feel comfortable while using and improving her own Japanese language skills. Lily also helps to teach Mandarin Chinese to children and adults outside of school. Beyond this, Lily is a very kind person and enjoyable to be around." Great work Lilly.

CHS Knowledge Bowlers Strike First in Washougal Competition

Congratulations to the CHS Knowledge Bowl teams for their performances at the November 4 round robin tournament at Washougal HS. In the JV competition, Camas High School's four JV teams placed 2nd, 3rd, and two tied for 6th out of 15 teams. Three of those teams were made up entirely of freshmen! In the Varsity meet, the four teams representing CHS finished 2nd, 4th, and 9th out of 12 varsity teams. Great job, K-Bowlers. The next Knowledge Bowl competition will be held tournament will be December 9th at Columbia Adventist Academy. The CHS Knowledge Bowl Team is led by long-time coach **Dale Croswell**.

Two CHS Fall Sports Teams Win State Academic Championships

Congratulations to our Girls Swim and Volleyball Teams for winning 3A State Academic Championships. Our varsity swimmers won the title with a 3.71 GPA while our varsity volleyball team's 3.70 GPA beat out the rest of the 3A "netters" in the state. However, they are certainly not the only scholar-athletes on our campus. Take a look at the other fall sports team GPAs:

Boys Cross Country – 3.62 Boys Tennis – 3.33 Football – 3.16 Girls Cross Country – 3.36 Boys Golf – 3.46 Girls Soccer – 3.69

Great job, fall coaches and scholar-athletes!

CHS Freshman Earns Miss America Honor

Freshman **Mackenzie Head** was named the 2010 Miss Greater Vancouver's Outstanding Teen at a recent event sponsored by the Miss America organization. Mackenzie showcased a talent

and was also judged on personal interviews, on-stage interviews, evening gown modeling, and lifestyle and physical fitness. She received a \$250 scholarship to go along with the award.

Papermaker Golfers Go 1-2-3, Winning District Title

Congratulations to our league champion golfers for also winning the District Championship! A special nod to Blake Jones as he won the entire tournament! **Jones, Daniel Snoey,** and **Hayden Wampach** all qualified for state with their first, second and fifth finishes. Tyler Speer also has an opportunity to qualify for state when he goes to regionals. **Cosmos Peng** and **Derek Atkinson** are the other members that contributed to the league and district championships. What a great season!

Jergensen Excels as Washington Aerospace Scholar

Senior **Stuart Jergensen** graduated from the Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) summer residency program at Seattle's Museum of Flight. Stuart was among the 150 students who qualified for this experience from a pool of 260 students who originally applied for the program last November. Based on his performance during a six-month NASA-designed internet curriculum, Stuart was selected to participate in the summer program, during which he collaborated with engineers, scientists, and university students on planning a space mission. WAS is a competitive educational program that provides opportunities for high school juniors who are interested in science, technology, engineering, and math.

CHS President Earns National Distinction

Camas High School is proud to announce that our very own ASB President, **Hannah Jones**, has been certified a National Student Leader by the National Association of Student Councils. Hannah has worked long and hard for over a year on this certification process. She is the very first student from CHS to complete this program. Congratulations Hannah! Thanks to your leadership this year, the staff and students of CHS are feeling the 'Maker beat.

Stone Earns Early Appointment to West Point

Attention! Let's take a moment to salute Senior **Natalie Stone** who gained an advance appointment to West Point for next year. Natalie is an awesome student who has taken seven Advanced Placement classes in her years at CHS. She is known as a tireless worker who sets high personal standards for herself. Teachers also comment on Natalie's kindness to all students and her ability to hold strong friendships with students with different beliefs than her own.

Post-Record Recognizes Fox

Staff at Camas High School have been very impressed with senior **Ali Fox** and nominated her for the weekly "Achievement!" spotlight in the Camas-Post Record. Teachers describe Ali as kind, caring, and hardworking. This year she organized the New Student Breakfast; she volunteered to take the lead and organized every aspect of the event from start to finish. Thanks to her efforts, the breakfast was a success. A lot of new students attended and became better acquainted with our school, our leadership students, as well as with each other. In addition to her talents as an event organizer, Ali is also a great student and cheerleader. Keep up the good work Ali!

Dayley Named May Skill Center Student of the Month

The Clark County Skills Center has named junior **Alyssa Dayley**, who is enrolled in the Skills Center Dental Assistant program, as its October Student of the Month. Students receiving this honor demonstrate excellence and a positive influence on the Skills Center and their program through their commitment, service, character, attendance, academic achievement, leadership and professionalism.

Johnson & Lim Earn Rank of Eagle Scout

Senior **Justin Lim** was awarded an Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony on Sept. 12. Justin restored the Camp Currie campsite, building a new shelter, benches, and fire pit. Justin plans on attending the University of Washington next year to study mechanical engineering. On September 27, Junior Brett Johnson was awarded an Eagle Scout Award for establishing a FIRST Lego Robotics Team at Liberty Middle School. Brett collaborated with Liberty teachers and developed community and program mentors to ensure the future success of this program. Congratulations Justin and Brett!

Three CHS Students Named National Merit Commended Scholars

Congratulations to Juniors **Mina Han, Kelli Slaven, and Kelli McClellan** who have been named Commended Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Mina, Kelli, and Karen are three of only 34,000 students nationwide to receive this honor out of the 1.5 million students who took the 2008 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

Four Qualify as National Merit Semifinalists

The National Merit Scholarship Program has announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists nation-wide who will continue in the competition for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships. Seniors Devynne Barrett, Jonathan Marsh, Josey Marshall, and Natalie Stone are all part of this elite group. Congratulations and good luck to the CHS's "Fantastic Scholastic Four."

CHS Marching Band Named Fox 12 "Band of the Week"

Congratulations to our very own **Tweed Speaks at Holocaust Memorial Ceremony** CHS Band as they have been selected as the Channel 12 Friday Night Lights High School Band of the Week! The band was featured on the September 25th broadcast. The CHS Band program is directed by **Richard Mancini**.

Hannelore Tweed, who teaches Holocaust Studies at CHS, spoke at the August 30th ceremony commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Oregon Holocaust Memorial. Mrs. Tweed quoted many of her students' writings during her address.