



Tualatin is blessed with tremendous resources supporting our youth and the results in our young citizens are manifold. Within the last month, were several examples of special and unique youth accomplishments.

Hazelbrook teacher Sarah Morris was awarded the 2014 Barnes and Noble Teacher of the Year for the entire USA! Her unending passion and creativity makes



Sarah Morris being awarded the 2014 Barnes and Noble Teacher of the Year award. *Courtesy of Barnes and Noble*

learning 7th grade Social Studies a treat for scores of students. May 13, 2014 was proclaimed "Sarah Morris Day" in the City of Tualatin. What is even more impressive is the fact that Ms. Morris' selection was the result of an essay about her written by Hazelbrook eight grader, Ayslenn Buchholz. Ayslenn's winning essay was selected from more than 9,100 essays nationwide.

Last month the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee honored the work of another Tualatin Teacher with the Tualatin Community Enhancement Award which was created to recognize individuals or organizations whose contributions have impacted art related experiences for local residents. Tualatin High School Fine Arts teacher Jeannine Miller

was this year's award recipient, thanks to her work of creating the Student Visual Chronicles seven years ago. Through her high school art classes, she encourages, inspires, and instructs students who then create fabulous visual media art depicting life in Tualatin. Each year a chosen few of those pieces are purchased by the City for display in our facilities. It is a tremendous asset which our students present to the community.

Recently the Tualatin Youth Advisory Council (YAC) produced Project F.R.I.E.N.D.S. (Finding Relationships In Each New Diverse Student). This is a full day program produced and implemented by the teens in the YAC where they instruct the more than 300 Tualatin public school 5th graders on the transition to Middle School and guard against bullying. A big thanks to the YAC for providing this leadership to our elementary students as well as Rolling Hills Church for providing the great venue.

The month of May also saw the Tualatin High School Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA, win the Oregon State Championship. As impressive as that is, it is even more amazing to recall that the Timberwolves have won that title nine of the last thirteen years, including the last four in succession. Of course we know it was our Tualatin youth, led this year by team President Armin Takallou, who successfully competed. However, as with any program, we must recognize and thank Advisor and Tualatin High teacher Jim McCaffrey for supporting these students and helping them succeed year after year.



Tualatin High School Future Business Leaders

These and other feats underscore the importance of mentors and leaders who encourage our youth to create our future.



Jeannine Miller being awarded the Tualatin Community Enhancement Award.