

### 2020-2021 Team of the Month Winners

Month	Classification	School	Activity	Performance Details
October 2020	6A	Bend	Softball	<p>The Lava Bear softball team has been active since day one of the pandemic shutdown in March. To stay connected, we have held team zoom calls, done softball testing, wrote a book, held a snowman contest, held a 15-second squat contest, did a Lava Bear Family Run Walk. During summer, the Lava Bears hosted four youth softball clinics for the Bend Parks &amp; Rec Department following strict Covid protocols. Most recently, the team produced a community service announcement entitled <i>We're doing our part...How about you?</i></p>
	5A	Pendleton	Cheerleading	<p>The Pendleton cheer team is involved in a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Students have participated in FFA, Speech and Debate, National Honor Society, Choir and Jazz Band. They have volunteered and performed at retirement facilities, volunteered time at our local animal shelter and thrift store, the Children's Rodeo, and worked several years with Pendleton Round Up and Happy Canyon. They host a kids camp each year for the kids in our community to introduce them to Cheer. They have worked with families in our community with clean up during recent flooding this Spring as well as individuals volunteering time with the local Farmer's Market.</p>
	4A	Woodburn	Girls Soccer	<p>The 2019 Woodburn Girls Soccer State Champions have been ready to fight for a consecutive state title since the day after they won in 2019. They have been working out together 2-3 times a week over Zoom for 28 consecutive weeks. Players and head coach, Andrea Whiteman have decided to focus during these sessions on mental health, how to be a good teammate, good grades, nutrition, and getting physically fit together during this pandemic so that when regulations lift, they are ready to compete. In the classroom, the team has a 3.57 cumulative GPA with ten girls taking AP or IB classes. In the community, each team member volunteers with youth programs and have supported the Project Unify program at the high school, working with athletes with special needs.</p>
	3A	Cascade Christian	Boys Soccer	<p>Acting quickly during the Almeda fire, players from the Challengers boys soccer program spent several mornings and afternoons helping displaced families who lost their homes to the inferno that blazed through Southern Oregon in September. The displaced families were moved to temporary housing that needed extensive help</p>

				to become habitable. Players hauled furniture, cleaned up unit spaces, dumped trash, cleared yard debris, and did anything else needed to make the new place as “homey” as possible. The Cascade Christian Boys Soccer team has had many worthy workouts this fall season, and they have taken shape in many forms because of Covid.
	2A	Santiam	Wolverines	Drawing students from Mill City, Gates, Detroit, Idanha and surrounding areas, the Santiam High School community has undoubtedly endured an extremely challenging time after the Beachie Creek Fire. After learning of their recognition, AD Clint Forste wrote: “This is another great example of the generosity we have been so blessed to receive up here in the Canyon following the wildfire. Words cannot express our gratitude for the support and love shown to our students and families during these tragic and chaotic times.”
	1A	Powder Valley	Volleyball	Powder Valley was the first team to host a volleyball game in the entire state at any level, ultimately finishing Season 1 with a 12-1 record. The girls knew that restrictions would include wearing masks at all times, limited to no spectators allowed and other variations, but they never faltered and followed the rules as they were set forth. During the first quarter of 2020, 10 out of 12 girls on the team found themselves on the honor roll with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Many of the girls on the team are engaged in a variety of activities, such as FFA, National Honor Society, and Band.
November 2020	6A	Canby	Girls Swimming	Canby High school girls swim have been working hard ever since COVID hit. When pools opened, the girls were at the pool everyday working hard and trying to get better and ready for when season comes.
	5A	Willamette	Boys Track & Field	The Willamette Boys Track & Field team has been meeting twice a week to get workouts in. Athletes have been diligent about following health guidelines and have enjoyed being outside getting exercise.
	4A	Phoenix	Boys Soccer	The Pirate boys' soccer team has been committed to success on and off the field. The team trained regularly throughout the summer months and continued that diligence so far during the school year. They've been able to play several "friendlies" with nearby schools. Even more impressive is the commitment to academics. Pirate coaches have been supervising a weekly study hall at the school with impressive results as 95% of student-athletes in the program met academic expectations for the first quarter of the school

				<p>year. Older players are serving as mentors for younger players, helping them learn the Pirate Path to Success at PHS!</p>
	3A	Pleasant Hill	Boys Basketball	<p>The Billies has not let COVID-19 slow them down. Ten players participated in the 10,000 Shot Club Challenge, and three varsity players have completed the challenge, with several more in the thousands. November's theme for the team was about "gratitude &amp; giving back." The team selected the local Dairy Queen for their community service giving back campaign. The team spent hours picking up garbage on the premises and adjacent large parking lot/field, washed all the exterior windows, pressure washed the drive-thru, patio, sidewalk, the building and storefront saving hundreds of dollars for the business and beautifying the business. Students have been working hard in the classroom, as well. Many players have maintained excellent grades, with five having a GPA of 4.0 and several 3.25 and above.</p>
	2A	Salem Academy	Choir	<p>The Salem Academy Choir has been actively striving for excellence throughout Comprehensive Distance Learning through dedicated Limited In-Person Instruction where small groups of students gather to put into practice skills and technique learned via Google Meets. They have demonstrated tremendous perseverance and dedication piecing together a virtual performance of the national anthem for our Veteran's Day video acknowledgement as well as preparing for our virtual Christmas program. They have become the symbol of "the show must go on" and represented Salem Academy with the utmost honor.</p>
	1A	McKenzie	Eagles	<p>Like two other Oregon schools, the McKenzie community endured and overcame the challenge of forest fire. They are recognized for their perseverance.</p>
December 2020	6A	McNary	Softball	<p>The Celtics softball is dedicated to serving their community. The team decided to help during the holiday season by creating a GoFundMe, raising \$300 for children in an orphanage in Afghanistan. The team holds yearly clinics to help the younger girls hone their skills and hopefully gain a love for the game. The girls have also helped with planting trees at Keizer Rapids Park, as well as with community clean up days in Keizer. They also have several girls who have assisted with putting together and delivering food baskets over the holidays and delivering meals to families or others who need them. At the end of the 1st quarter of the 2020-2021 school year, the softball team had a GPA</p>

				of 3.63. Many players are involved in school leadership and AP classes.
	5A	Milwaukie	Football	The Mustangs have been getting together virtually three times a week and doing a intense full body workout. They have showed up for each other and have been mentoring the new student athletes on the team.
	4A	Hidden Valley	Boys Soccer	The Mustangs boys soccer team has been working hard since summer with training and conditioning. Their hard work and team building activities have been a wild success, as they play unselfishly and with purpose in every touch. They have embraced their young newcomers and learned that the we is greater than the me and it shows on and off the field. Despite wearing masks and limited crowds, the team has posted a 7-0 record with 33 goals for compared to 1 against. They have beat some solid teams during this run, including a 6A school who annually plays deep into the post season. This has been a great relief from all things pandemic for the boys and their families. They are excelling in the classroom, as well, with eleven players with a GPA over 3.5. Ten boys are multi-sport athletes and five are involved in 4H. Many are also actively involved in community service projects through their church or other entities.
	3A	Blanchet Catholic	Girls Soccer	The Cavaliers played two games during season 1, winning both with clean sheets. Blanchet Catholic developed a four-week workout session for all seasons starting with Spring, Fall, Winter. During this time athletes participated four days a week playing the sport they know and love while practicing COVID protocol: wearing masks during workouts and games, sanitizing hands, and taking temperature daily. While participating in sports continue to maintain an average 3.5 GPA or higher along with engaging in other extracurricular activities including drama, choir, band, clubs, spirituality, blood drives, speech and debate and DECA.
	2A	Bonanza	Volleyball	The team GPA is 3.2 and a majority of these students are involved in multiple extracurricular activities, including FFA and Bonanza Student Government.
	1A	Riddle	Volleyball	The Riddle High School Volleyball Program banded together throughout the pandemic to support the youth of their community. They have been holding local volleyball camps since August. The program supported up to 35 student-athletes ranging from 4th grade to Seniors. When it became evident that they would be able to compete, both their Junior High and High School teams spent a week competing against another local school district. The entire

				program has shown exemplary spirit during COVID.
January 2021	6A	North Medford	Boys Basketball	The Black Tornado have hit the books hard, while remaining active in their community. They have a team GPA of 3.4 and four athletes serving in Student Government and Leadership. All the team members participated in a canned food drive for all area elementary schools. They also help organize donated items at the Alameda Fire Distribution site based at NMHS.
	5A	Dallas	Volleyball	The Dragons volleyball program is so much more than a team of players. The athletes are taught teamwork, resilience, the importance of hard work and caring for one another. At the same time, they also learn lifelong skills such as service to the community and the importance of giving back. The coaching staff encourages a balance between academics, athletics, family, friends, and self. Team members are involved in leadership, National Honor Society, FFA, and several of them are enrolled in Advanced and AP classes. Earlier in the school year, the team collected cans and bottles to raise \$2,500 for Christmas Cheer, which is a local program that provides food and gifts to local families in need.
	4A	Marist Catholic	Football	The Spartans are led by a group of 13 seniors that have played together since first grade. When they are not playing football, you'll find the Marist Catholic football team out serving their community. As a team, they have contributed 2,645 hours of service to the Eugene/Springfield area during the past two years. You'll find them volunteering at senior living facilities, reading to younger kids, Red Cross, Food for Lane County, Relief Nursery, St. Vincent de Paul, Lane County Search and Rescue, Toys for Tots, animal shelters, homeless shelters, community blood drives and serving their local churches.
	3A	Horizon Christian (Tualatin)	Girls Track & Field	The Hawks maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.83. They have been involved in collecting socks for the homeless communities in Portland, helped lead the school Operation Christmas Child program in November, and are serve in student government, National Honor Society, and a literary magazine.
	2A	Monroe	Girls Basketball	The Dragons have enjoyed a lot of success over the past few seasons, including a 2nd place finish at the 2020 State Championship.
	1A	Perrydale	Volleyball	While the Pirates program has had a good amount of success on the court over the past few years, they have been instrumental parts of the school's ASB, FFA, choir, and Food For All program. The Food For All program annually collects and distributes approximately 300,000

				pounds of food throughout the state. In addition to their contribution to the local community, they have also excelled in the classroom. These great ladies are often the highest achievers in the classroom as well, consistently earning spots on Perrydale's honor roll.
February 2021	6A	Mountainside	Dance/Drill	
	5A	Hood River Valley	Boys Basketball	
	4A	Sisters	Boys Cross Country	
	3A	Creswell	Volleyball	
	2A	Lost River	Softball	
	1A	Central Christian	Boys Soccer	
March 2021	6A	Sandy	Speech	
	5A	Crater	Cheerleading	
	4A	Mazama	Football	
	3A	Yamhill-Carlton	Football	
	2A	Colton	Volleyball	
	1A	Mohawk	Football	
April 2021	6A	Cleveland	Volleyball	
	5A	North Bend	Volleyball	
	4A	North Marion	Girls Soccer	
	3A	Burns	Volleyball	
	2A	Weston-McEwen	Football	
	1A	Waldport	Football	
May 2021	6A	Grant	Baseball	
	5A	Parkrose	Dance/Drill	
	4A	Henley	Softball	
	3A	Nyssa	Tennis	
	2A	Columbia Christian	Boys Track & Field	
	1A	Condon	Boys Tennis	
June 2021	6A	Gresham	Wrestling	
	5A	St. Helens	Band	
	4A	Tillamook	Softball	
	3A	Willamina	Girls Basketball	
	2A	Regis	Girls Basketball	
	1A	Mohawk	Girls Basketball	