

2019-2020 Team of the Month Winners

Month	Classification	School	Activity	Performance Details
September 2019	6A	West Salem	Girls Soccer	The Titans finished the month unbeaten with a 5-0-2 record, which included ending Jesuit's 43 game win streak. The team holds a 3.75 cumulative GPA. The team values are community, resiliency, and hard work. The girls are active in school, supporting their fellow student-athletes at their games.
	5A	Scappoose	Boys Cross Country	The Indians finished the month ranked 7th in the OSAA today Coaches Poll. From the nomination: "Our team values academics. We all support our teammates inside the classroom to get good grades. The sense of community on this team is amazing and it makes everyone feel like they belong, matter how fast they are."
	4A	Molalla	Boys Cross Country	The Indians flat out get it done in the classroom and in the community. The team has a 3.675 cumulative GPA. They are committed to creating opportunities for elementary, middle and high school cross country in Molalla. The Middle school program is growing as a direct result of coach and team commitment. They have also ensured elementary aged student-athletes will have 3 opportunities to compete this season, as well.
	3A	Oregon Episcopal	Boys Soccer	The Aardvarks enter the final match of the month undefeated with a 5-0-1 record and ranked 2nd in the OSAA today Coaches Poll. They are high achievers in the classroom with a 3.54 cumulative GPA. The team has also served as leaders in their community, specifically working with the school's 3 middle school teams. The seniors also support the 2nd Grade OES team.
	2A	Kennedy	Volleyball	The Trojans finished the month with an 18-1 record and ranked 1st in the OSAA today Coaches Poll. The team boasts 6 girls with 4.0 GPAs and an has a 3.65 cumulative team GPA. Additionally, the girls volunteered their time cleaning streets and tables, emptying trash, working in food and information booths during the annual Mt. Angel Oktoberfest.
	1A	Imbler	Volleyball	The young Panthers, with no seniors, have pushed through struggles of player shortages. A fellow student nominated the team, writing: "Their accomplishments are marked beyond the score at the end of a game. The girls all have a very high GPA and are all very involved in community outreach organizations outside of sports."

October 2019	6A	McMinnville	Volleyball	The Grizzlies went 9-1 in the month, securing the Pacific Conference championship for the first time in 15 years. The team earned Academic All-State honors with a 3.77 cumulative GPA. They also started a "No one eats alone" day once a week where all members of the program wear team gear and walk the halls looking for students who are eating alone. If the student wants, our players sit down and spend some time just hanging out with them. They also invite the student to their games to make a positive connection.
	5A	North Eugene	Volleyball	North Eugene volleyball held their second annual <i>Fight Like Nancy</i> breast cancer awareness match and auction on Oct. 15 vs Thurston High School, raising over \$8,000 for the Oregon Cancer Foundation. Nancy is the mother of current team member Emily Collie and lost her battle with the disease almost two years ago. The slogan used is a reminder to continue to work hard, be kind, and live life to the fullest every day.
	4A	Banks	Volleyball	At the suggestion of Banks head coach Aubrey Rue, the Braves and Valley Catholic teamed up to raise over \$4,000 for three women battling breast cancer - a former Banks volleyball coach, the mother of a Banks player, and the mother of a Valley Catholic player. The teams designed t-shirts that incorporated Brave and Valiant and sold them prior to their match on October 17.
	3A	Warrenton	Volleyball	The Warriors posted an undefeated league season, winning their second consecutive Coastal Range League Championship. In addition to their efforts on the court, the varsity team posted an outstanding 3.52 team GPA. Many members of the team pack holiday meals and wrap gifts during the holiday season. In addition, the entire program holds a 4-day summer camp where all the girls volunteer their time to help give back to the youth in our local region.
	2A	Toledo	Football	Currently sitting at 7-1, the Toledo Boomers are having a successful season on the field. However, they were nominated for their attitude and actions off the field. From Central Linn's head coach: <i>"Toledo's Football team came to our school to play us. Their team was full of respect, class, and courage when we played them. Not only did they win the game by a large margin, they were great sports throughout the game and afterward. When they cleared the field, they came over to our stadium and cleaned up trash on the ground that fans had left. I was completely take a back by this action. That shows a team that is doing great things for the community at large and I believe they need to be recognized for this."</i>
	1A	Crow	Volleyball	With having no seniors and only two juniors, the Cougars made it to playoffs. These girls give great effort on and off the court. The team members often practice their skills during lunch. In the classroom, their combined GPA is high, with many team members being straight A students. They are also committed to the community, with several also participating in cheer, a part of the school's FFA program, members of the ASB, and one player even competes in archery.

November 2019	6A	Bend	Cross Country	The Lava Bears program had 148 athletes on the team this fall. The girls team placed 11th and the boys team 18th at the 6A State Championship. The boys team is 4th in Academic All-State. The program volunteered to pick up litter throughout the community with a litter pick up run. The team also hosted the Oxford Classic meet, welcoming 29 teams to participate. They also volunteered at the Bigfoot 10K to support community runners. The race raises money to support all Central Oregon XC teams.
	5A	Crescent Valley	Girls Soccer	The Raiders won their second straight 5A State Championship, shutting out their last 8 opponents. They continue to excel in the classroom posting a 3.7 team GPA, 6th best for Academic All-State. In addition to working with Special Olympics, the program also continues to raise awareness and money for Project H.E.R., a local breast cancer support foundation.
	4A	Philomath	Boys Cross Country	The Warriors not only won the 4A State Championship, but they also had the top team GPA for all 4A cross country teams in the state. In fact, six of the boys who raced at state have perfect 4.0 GPAs. And all seven boys registered lifetime best times at state to upset Sisters for the team title.
	3A	Burns	Girls Cross Country	The Hilanders won the 3A State Championship for the first time in school history. They qualified for Academic All-State with a 3.78 cumulative GPA. The school AD expressed: "Our girls are wonderful assets to our school in many ways, they are helpful in the classrooms, respectful and always ready to participate in a positive manner. They are an inspiration to many on how hard they work on and off the course. They have dedicated a large amount of their time this year to their team to reach their goals of winning our first ever state title."
	2A	Central Linn	Girls Cross Country	The Cobras won their league championship for the first time since starting the program 5 years ago. The team holds a GPA over 3.8. Seven of the eight runners also played on the varsity girls soccer team. In addition, the girls are also active in FFA, Leadership and Band.
	1A	Veritas	Boys Cross Country	Despite representing the smallest school, the Vanguard finished 7th at the State Championships. They are also the top Academic All-State team with a 3.86 cumulative GPA. The team helped run the Champoeg Middle School meet this fall, while also supporting Loads of Hope and Operation Christmas Child.

December 2019	6A	Central Catholic	Football	The Rams won the state title 49-28. In the classroom, they held a 3.4 cumulative GPA. The team is also dedicated to serving others. For example, the team's seniors have given 3,000+ hours of community service during their time at CCHS.
	5A	Hillsboro	Girls Basketball	The Spartans finished the month with a 6-3 record and a #8 OSAA Ranking.
	4A	Seaside	Boys Basketball	The Seagulls finished the month with an 8-1 record and #3 ranking in the OSAA today Coaches Poll.
	3A	Catlin Gabel	Boys Soccer	The Eagles finished the season with a perfect 19-0 record, culminating with a state championship. Academically, all team members are on-track to attend four-year colleges. The team has done community work with Special Olympics Oregon, Explorer Post 58, Red Cross blood drives, and THRIVE, an organization to support refugee youth.
	2A	Culver	Wrestling	The Bulldog wrestling program continued its storied tradition with a win in the 16-team Culver Invitational. The team remains ranked #1 in the OSAA today Coaches Poll. Off the mat, the team works hard academically and held a Christmas Tree Fundraiser for the community.
	1A	Elgin	Girls Basketball	The young Huskies finished the month with a 7-2 record. The team is very active in school, with several of the students holding officer positions in such groups as FFA, FBLA, and the Associated Student Body.
January 2020	6A	David Douglas	Boys Basketball	The Scots, along with the girls basketball team, have made a commitment to promote literacy in David Douglas schools. To combat the risk of illiteracy for students from low-income households, they developed a program called "Scots Readers," which serves 2nd graders in the district. Students are given books, posters, t-shirts and meet with our varsity basketball players about the importance of reading.
	5A	Hood River Valley	Swimming	This is the 2nd year in a row the swim teams have offered free community swim lessons on Friday nights in January. The local pool's Friday night swims are only \$1 and it attracts many lower income families in the area. The lessons are a way that the Eagles give back to their community. Both the boys and girls teams participate and work together to help teach the community how to swim.
	4A	Gladstone	Dance/Drill	The Gladstone Galdettes completed the fall season with an abundance of success, winning in Small Pom at each competition, including the title for the first time from the DDCA Championships. Off the dance floor, the team participates in a variety of clubs like National Honors Society and Key Club, take honors classes, and 6 of the 11 dancers are on student senate.
	3A	Riverdale	Boys Basketball	The Mavericks are off to a 13-3 record, currently ranked #6 in the OSAA 3A classification. The team boasts a strong 3.73 cumulative G.P.A. There has been a tremendous improvement on the court from last season and large program turnout this season, requiring a second JV2 boys team.

	2A	Grant Union	Boys Basketball	The Prospectors are currently 6-1 in January and are atop the Blue Mountain Conference standings. The team has an average 3.3 GPA. They give back by doing the SEI cleanup day and donating time to Salvation Army.
	1A	Trinity Lutheran	Girls Basketball	Trinity Lutheran has not had a girls basketball team in over 4 years. The new girls team made up of mostly underclassmen are now playing a varsity schedule and had initial goals of just achieving a winning record for the season. However, the Saints are 9-3 in league and now are eyeing a league tournament birth and entrance into the 1A State Playoffs bracket. Off the court, the Saints continue to get it done in the classroom, averaging a 3.98 GPA as a team.
February 2020	6A	Barlow	Boys Basketball	The Bruins went 7-0 during the month, securing the Mt. Hood Conference title. Additionally, they passed two milestones: head coach Tom Johnson won his 600th game and Jesse White became the highest scorer in school history. Off the court, the team holds a 3.68 cumulative GPA. They also partnered with rival Gresham on 2/14 to collect socks to give to the local community through the Snowcap organization.
	5A	Silverton	Swimming	The Foxes have stood out with their kindness and sportsmanship. Over and over, they have been recognized by opposing parents and coaches for their support of Special Olympic athletes, including at the OSAA State Championships. In the pool, the girls set three relay school records and two individual school records.
	4A	Philomath	Girls Basketball	The Warriors went 6-1 in February and enter the State Championships as the #1-ranked team. The holds a 3.72 cumulative GPA. In the community, they volunteered on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Philomath Community Services. The team also holds an annual youth girls basketball camp.
	3A	Dayton	Wrestling	The Pirates qualified nine wrestlers for the state meet, earning a second-place trophy. Two team members won individual state titles. Off the mat, the team volunteers with the kids wrestling club through coaching, mentoring, and helping with fundraising. A core ethic of the team is helping the next group of kids coming through. The team is active in other school activities, including the award-winning FFA and FBLA programs.
	2A	Rogue River	Wrestling	The Chieftains won the district title for the first time since 1968, sending 9 wrestlers to compete at state. The team also holds a 3.75 combined GPA. The team helps with the Circus of Screams in Eagle Point for a dozen evenings in October. They also help coach the Rogue River Mat Club.
	1A	Joseph	Boys Basketball	Joseph boys basketball has overcome adversity this season. Their gym caught fire and burned down, causing them to lose their home court the rest of the season. When their games were cancelled the weekend after the fire, the boys traveled to the Imbler vs. Elgin game to thank the schools for their donations. Despite the fire, the team went 9-2 in February and advanced to the Quarterfinals of the State Championships. Throughout the season, the boys on

				the team showed humility and great sportsmanship, learning the true value of community, and have demonstrated resiliency, maturity, and are a true class act.
March 2020	6A	Canby	Dance/Drill	
	5A	Hood River Valley	Speech	
	4A	Valley Catholic	Dance/Drill	
	3A	Oregon Episcopal	Boys Basketball	
	2A	Bandon	Girls Basketball	
	1A	Crane Union	Girls Basketball	
April 2020	6A	South Salem	Baseball	
	5A	North Bend	Band	The band had been working extremely hard preparing for the upcoming District and State competition. They were also planning on traveling to Southern California to play at several venues along with sightseeing in the area. Unfortunately, the trip was cut short. Coach Amber Yester does an amazing job with the band, playing at all home football and basketball games. The band also goes beyond playing at traditional games, playing at other sporting events such as Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country meets.
	4A	Klamath Union	Choir	
	3A	South Umpqua	Girls Basketball	
	2A	Reedsport	Baseball	A teacher at the school who submitted the nomination writes: "Coming into the 2020 season, the Brave had won five consecutive league titles. They had an opportunity to not only win their league, but possibly a state championship. The team has 7 seniors who are missing their final opportunity to compete this year. As a group they are respectful, polite, and kind in the classroom and in general. They are very good students. The team has spent many hours working on community service and fundraising this year."
	1A	Prairie City	Boys Basketball	
May 2020	6A	Bend	Baseball	
	5A	Scappoose	Boys Track & Field	
	4A	Woodburn	Girls Tennis	
	3A	Riverdale	Boys Golf	
	2A	Toledo	Boys Basketball	
	1A	Willamette Valley Christian	Girls & Boys Basketball	