



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	May 21, 2026
Agenda Item:	Recognitions
Item Type:	Board Recognitions
Administrator:	Jeanne Grazioli, Marisa Poling
Objective:	Recognition of Students who earned an Associate Degree, Valedictorians and Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy Awards

Background: There are many outstanding students and staff in the Medford School District, and the Medford School District Board of Directors takes time to celebrate many of them at their Board meetings.

Tonight, we celebrate our amazing students graduating with an associate degree, valedictorians graduating from their respective high schools, and recognize students who earned the Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy Awards.

Associate Degree

The Medford School District and Rogue Community College have partnered to provide students with a path toward an AAOT or other Associate's program while the student is in high school. The students listed below completed their associate degree through a combination of dual credit courses taken at their high school and courses taken online or on an RCC-campus.

North Medford High School

Chase Correa

Margaret Clasen

Valedictorians

A high school valedictorian is the student who graduates with the highest academic ranking in their graduating class. Traditionally, the valedictorian is chosen based on the highest cumulative GPA (grade point average), though some schools also consider weighted coursework, honors/AP classes, or other academic criteria.

Being “first in class” means the student is ranked #1 academically among all students in that graduating class.

A salutatorian is the student who graduates with the second-highest academic ranking in a high school graduating class.

Innovation Academy

Valedictorian: Sophia Quintero

Salutatorian: Jayden Carpenter

North Medford High School

Gold Valedictorian:

Lily Wiltrout- First in Class

Silver Valedictorian:

Lonnie Lee Haywood IV- Second in Class

Bronze Valedictorians:

Ava Markiewicz

Aylin Paulina Moreno Leon

Brycelin Endrikat

Bronze Valedictorians (continued):

Dallin Spence

Jeb Ramirez

Jocelyn Loretta Marie Scull

Joel Tanner

Matthew Biermann

Max Stephen Barnard

Paige Wilkinson

Rylee Jennings

Samuel C. Nichol

South Medford High School

First in Class

Valedictorians:

Jacob Von Strahl

Kayla Mancia

Valedictorians:

Addie B. Gebhardt

Adeline R. Koehler

Alexander A. Gurov

Ariana T. Osberg

Bryce Sullivan

Camden G. Allen

Carlos Tomas Miranda

Valedictorians (continued):

Courtney R. Terry

Deryk J. Reiss

Easton H. Douglas

Elizabeth Atkinson

Gianna G. Jacob

Hadassah J. Pannell

Isaiah J. Thomas

Jaeden B. Thonstad

Jack A. Barber

Joseph T. Clevenger

Julia A. Slaughter

Kaitlin Rose Andreason

Valedictorians (continued):

Keegan J. Thonstad

Keegan Koid

Lilah B. Harms

Luke E. Gibson

Lyndi Belle Black

Mia Kalina

Norah Doyle

Paige A. Carpenter

Quinn Riley

Rachel Violet Stillman

Stacy Lopez

Violet Grace Southmayd

Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy Awards

The State School Board created the Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy (OSSB) to recognize and value the native language/s students speak and bring to their English academic studies, to value language programs in schools, and to encourage students in the study of languages. This award recognizes student literacy in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in one or more World Languages, in addition to English.

By design, the Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy not only validates the student's primary language, but also recognizes that through the study and high level of proficiency in more than one language, students become citizens ready for a multilingual society.

North Medford High School

Biliteracy Awards:

Ariana Moreno - Spanish/English
Aylin Moreno Leon - Spanish/English
Belen Gallegos - Spanish/English
Brayan Hernandez - Spanish/English
Gabriel Santillan - Spanish/English
Jaquelin Valdez - Spanish/English
Jasmine Saenz - Spanish/English

Biliteracy Awards *(continued):*

Marely Constanza - Spanish/English
Norma Melchor - Spanish/English
Raysa Rose Alfonso - Filipino (Tagalog)/English
Shaylin Aguilar - Spanish/English
Sophia Ixchop - Spanish/English
Yareli Lopez - Spanish/English

South Medford High School

Biliteracy Awards:

Adeline R. Koehler - French/English
Alejandro Herrera - Spanish/English
Alex Cortes - Spanish/English
Ashley Aguilar-Diaz - Spanish/English
Berenice Garcia - Spanish/English
Briseyda Saucedo - Spanish/English
Brooklyn Eubank - Spanish/English
Courtney Terry - Spanish/English
Darren Andrews - Spanish/English
Eduardo S. Banuelos - Spanish/English
Francisco Serrano - Spanish/English
Gabriel Joshua Knotz-Markovic - French/English
Genesis Zamudio - Spanish/English
Hadassah Pannell - Spanish/English
Henry Vidal-Lopez - Spanish/English
Ita Rodriguez - Spanish/English
Jacob Torres - Spanish/English
Jacob Von Strahl - Spanish/English
Jaeden B. Thonstad - Spanish/English
Jaqueline González Chaparro - Spanish/English
Jennifer Medina-Gonzalez - Spanish/English

Biliteracy Awards *(continued):*

Jocelyn G. Wynes - Spanish/English
John Estrada - Spanish/English
Julissa Saldana Montelongo - Spanish/English
Katherine A. Escobedo Roman - Spanish/English
Kayla Mancía - Spanish/English
Keegan J. Thonstad - Spanish/English
Leslie Ailin Aguilar Contreras - Spanish/English
Lezly Saucedo - Spanish/English
Melina Fabian Jacuinde Medina - Spanish/English
Omar Serrano - Spanish/English
Pedro Alvarado Garcia - Spanish/English
Riley Cornilsen - Spanish/English
Said Arturo Nunez Galvan - Spanish/English
Stacy Lopez - Spanish/English
Stefani Centeno-Romero - Spanish/English
Uriel Munoz-Haro - Spanish/English
Valeria Elizabeth Palacio Rios - Spanish/English
Yailin Aguilar - Spanish/English
Yareli Ramirez Nava - Spanish/English
Zitlali L. Vazquez - Spanish/English