

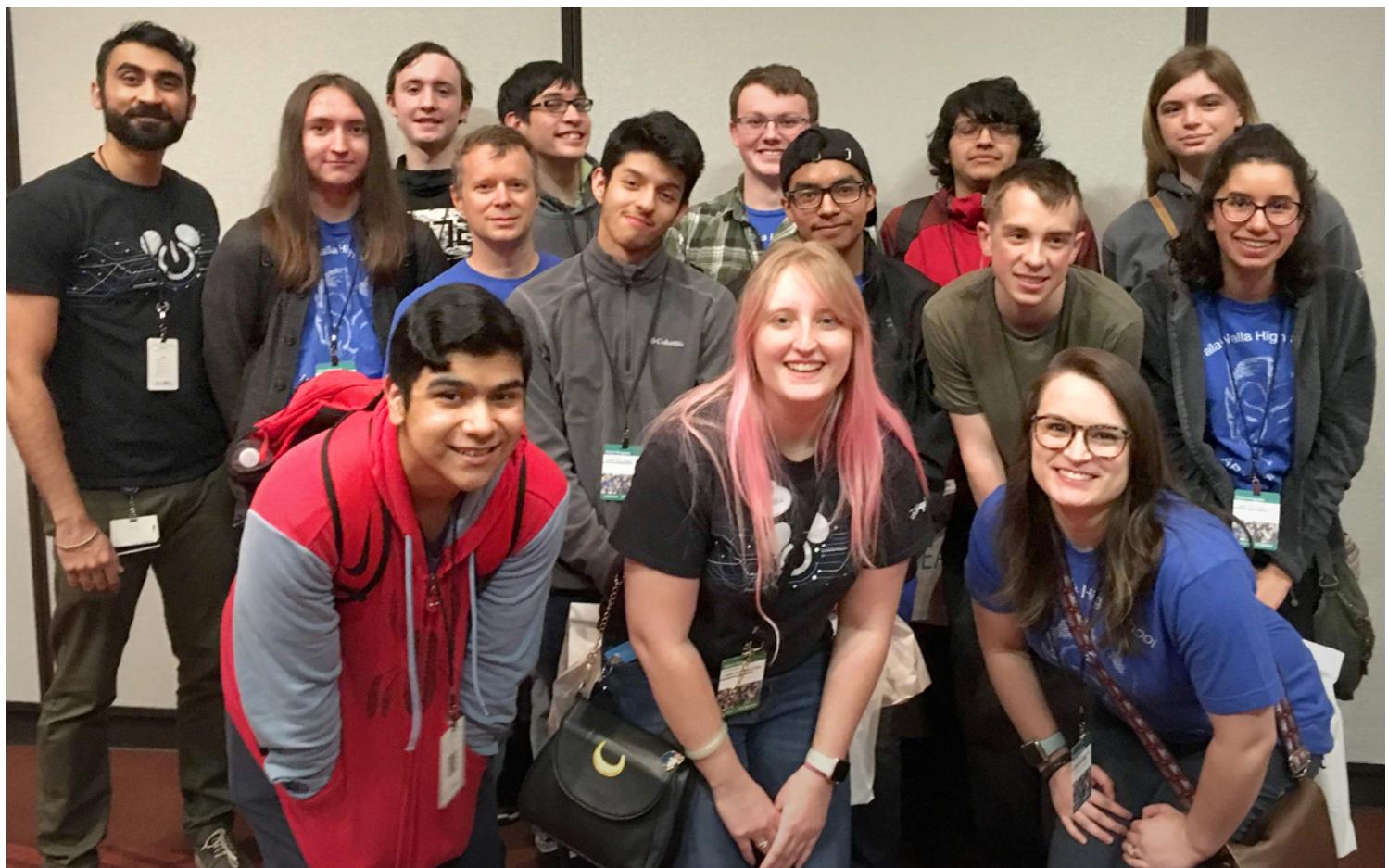
Microsoft Philanthropies hosts WaHi Computer Science students in Bellevue

Microsoft's Technology Education And Literacy in Schools program (TEALS)
offers high school students skills and networking opportunities

On March 27th, Kerry Delfino and William Calhoun took WaHi's AP Computer Science A class to the TEALS Computer Science Fair in

Bellevue, Washington. This was a great opportunity for students to connect with their remote-teachers in the TEALS Program. They also were able to meet

with employers and colleges with Computer Science degrees. There were workshops and talks on STEM-related careers and issues.



Back Row: Matthew Gerola, Michael Whitney, Bradley Anliker, Andres Cerdá Olmos, Alicia Newcomb

Middle Row: TEALS instructor Saurabh Prabhakar, Elijah Bell, WaHi instructor William Calhoun, Anthony Morales, Elian Duran-Salinas, Michael Smith, Cana Baez

Front Row: Manuel Aguilera-Lopez, TEALS instructors Sierra Acy and Kara Yamaguchi



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Building a set of skills

Introduction to Construction Trades gets down to business



Construction classes are currently in the framing stage on a tool shed project. Students are learning the basic elements of wood framing techniques including: floor system construction with joists and subfloor, wall framing including headers, corner construction, stud layout, and framing of openings.

They will be introduced to basic roof construction, covering roof pitch, rise and run, calculating rafter lengths and cutting rafters.

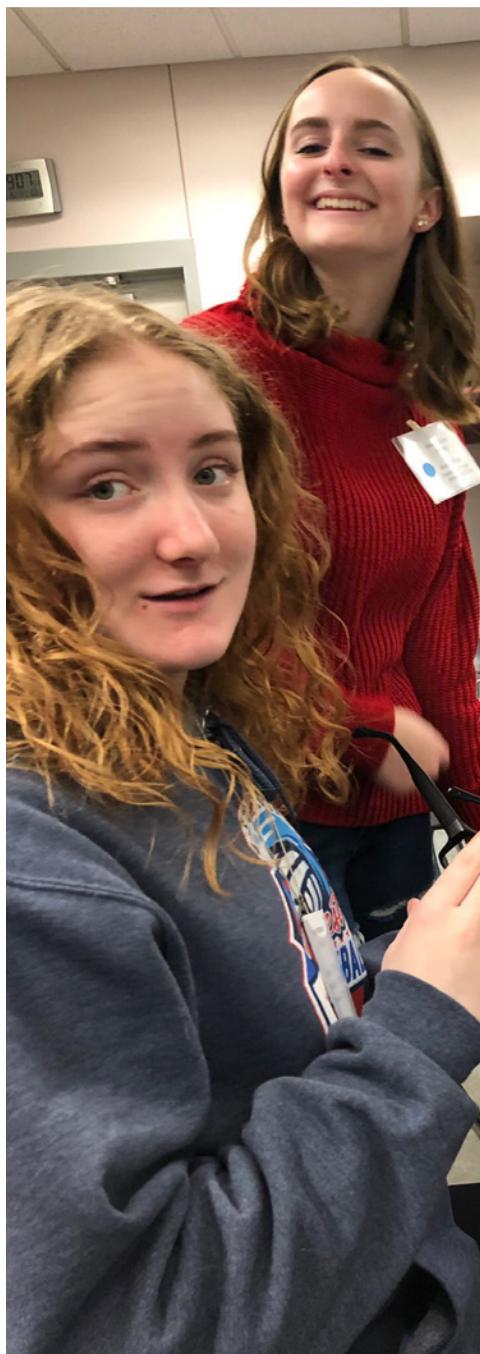
The finished sheds will be six feet wide, eight feet long and eight feet high. The program will offer them for sale to help recoup material costs.



Career Center hits the road

Students explore job shadows and college options with on-site visits

The Career Center took the college and career-readiness show on the road this spring. To help students see new options for their futures, they visited schools and colleges to get a good look at choices available to them. A diverse group of students participated and they noted that the experience offered them valuable insights.



The trips included:

- March 15 Explore Science Day at WWCC
- March 19 Hospitality Job Shadow at Marcus Whitman
- March 29 Scrubs Camp for Health Care Careers at WWCC
- April 12 Field Trip to Whitworth and EWU for Admitted Students Day



Criminal Justice wins the gold at state

SEATech's newest SkillsUSA chapter goes head-to-head with students from other schools

In April, three teams of SEATech's first year of Criminal Justice students made the journey to the state competition in Yakima, Washington, to compete in the Crime Scene Investigation state championships—and finished in first, second, and fourth place. The first place team of Nancy Aguirre, Eva Martinez, and Brandon Walters will compete at nationals in Louisville in June.



1st Place Gold Medal Team: Nancy Aguirre, Eva Martinez, and Brandon Walters

2nd Place Silver Medal Team: Rylan Miller, Corryn Dutton, Katherine Thompson

4th Place Team: Sadie Flores, Jaquelin Saldaña, Makayla Thomas



SEATech's Criminal Justice winners show off their medals in Yakima.

Standing, left to right: 4th place team members Sadie Flores and Jaquelin Saldaña, 2nd place team members Corryn Dutton and Rylan Miller, 1st place team member Eva Martinez, 2nd place team member Katherine Thompson, 1st place team member Brandon Walters. Kneeling: 4th place team member Makayla Thomas, 1st place team member Nancy Aguirre.

WaHi's Precision Rifle Team scores highest in national competition



Photo credit: SFC(R) Mark R. Mebes

Walla Walla High School JROTC's Precision Rifle Team emerged last week from the JROTC National Air Rifle Championship as the highest scoring Army team in the nation. The two day match, held at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's southern location in Anniston, Alabama, was attended by the top high school ROTC rifle teams in the US from each of the four services. The Blue Devil team, consisting of Cadet Major Madeline Steinle, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Brock Betzler, Cadet Lieutenant Katherine Thompson and Cadet Sergeant Ramon Lopez-Gutierrez, arrived in Alabama on Tuesday to start preparing for the competition.

Debarking the plane in Atlanta marked the final phase of a journey that began six months before, when the team—along with over 7,400 other JROTC Cadets from across the country—registered for the JROTC national postal qualification match. Targets were

mailed from Camp Perry, Ohio, to Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force high school ROTC programs with qualifying rifle marksmanship teams. Postal qualifying matches are fired on the team's home range under the supervision of local JROTC marksmanship instructors, then mailed back to Camp Perry for scoring.

In the second phase of the match, 800 qualifying individuals were invited to one of three locations for regional service matches. WaHi's invitation to the Army Service Championship at Camp Perry four weeks ago resulted in a second place finish at that location and a fifth place finish nationally. The team then advanced, along with four other Army teams, to the All Service National Championship, which hosts the top teams and individuals from each of the four services.

After arriving in Alabama, teams reported to the CMP Competition Center for check-in, gear inspections and a brief practice period to ensure

that all gear and equipment were functioning properly.

The match itself consisted of two full days of marksmanship in which competitors fire 20 record shots each from the prone, standing and kneeling positions at electronically scored targets placed 10 meters from the firing line. Each shot is worth a maximum of 10 points. A score of 10 is achieved by hitting a pin-hole sized dot at the center of a target that is roughly the size of a 50-cent piece.

"Shooting a series of 10s on a target is like threading every shot down the tube of a drinking straw without touching the sides," said WaHi Rifle Team Coach Retired Army Sergeant First Class Mark Mebes. "This team spends two hours a day and over 500 rounds of ammo each, per week, perfecting their positions and technique."

At the end of the first day of shooting, WaHi's team posted a score of 2285 out of 2400. Betzler emerged as WaHi's

Rifle Team continued

top shooter with 577 points out of 600, followed closely by team captain Steinle at 574, Lopez-Gutierrez at 568 and Thompson with a 566.

"We shot a solid score today," said Steinle after the match, "but we know we can shoot a lot higher. Everyone here has identified something that we will be able to improve on tomorrow."

The Blue Devil's score placed them 10th overall, but just 18 points behind the top Army team at the match from Fountain Fort Carson High School in Colorado, who claimed the Army Service Championship four weeks earlier.

On the second day of the competition, the Blue Devils increased their scores in every position, ending with a season-high of 2300. WaHi's two-day total of 4585 moved them up

to 8th place in the overall standings and ahead of the Army team from Colorado by 16 points, claiming the Army's top score at the championship.

Betzler again led the team, posting a career high of 586 behind a perfect 100 on his first kneeling target and a nearly perfect prone set totaling 199 out of 200. Steinle also eclipsed her first day score with a 577 which included a 199 from the prone. Lopez-Gutierrez concluded the day with a 573 and Thompson with a 565.

"Betzler has been on a roll in the last month," commented Mebes on Saturday. "He has turned in a personal record three times in the last four matches."

Team captain Steinle was pleased with the team score as well. "We have had a

goal of 2300 all this year," she said. "We have known that we could hit it and today we did. After eight months of hard work, this feels really good."

Despite the conclusion of the JROTC rifle season, the Blue Devil team is far from finished for the year. The team will continue shooting against civilian clubs and organizations in their bid for Junior Olympic and CMP national honors. The team spent its spring break in Salt Lake City, Utah, shooting the Civilian Marksmanship Program's Western Regional Championship in an effort to qualify for the national championship in Ohio this summer, and Betzler traveled to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado in April to compete in USA Shooting's Junior Olympic Men's Air Rifle National Match.



Top right: Cadet Lieutenant Katherine Thompson, Cadet Major Madeline Steinle, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Brock Betzler, and Cadet Sergeant Ramon Lopez-Gutierrez attend the banquet for Nationals





Garrison robotics students check out helicopters on a field trip

The National Guard hosts a memorable experience for middle school CTE students

Eighth graders from Garrison Middle School Computer Science and Robotics classes travelled to Pendleton, Oregon, to visit the National Guard hangar and check out their CH-47 Chinook helicopters. Students spent over two hours touring the facility and learning about the helicopters and the Citizen Soldiers who fly and maintain them. During the tour, students were able to climb aboard the huge transport helicopters and even sit in the cockpit.

Students also learned how pilots train and fly at night with night vision goggles with each student trying out the goggles in a darkened room. The fortunate students enrolled in this middle school CTE program took full advantage of this unusual opportunity to have memorable hands-on experiences, ask questions and learn in detail about maintenance, operations, and military service careers.



Art show goes uptown

The Walla Walla Public Schools Student Art Show celebrated its fifth anniversary with a move to the Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, where visitors from all over the country shared in the joy of creative expression.



Clockwise from top left: Visitors begin to circulate on opening night; an overview; middle-schooler Anais Medina's paper mask; high-schooler Alicia Martinez' landscape (this year's Superintendent's Choice winner); Nico Ferrusca's 'Blue Window'; Isak Pickel was one of the student performers at the gala opening festivities.