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### End-of-Year Celebrations

Lincoln Alternative High School Graduation

• Thursday, May 31 @ 6 p.m. - WW Fairgrounds

Walla Walla High School Commencement

• Friday, June 1 @ 7 p.m. - Wa-Hi Commons area  
(gym if raining)

Pioneer Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

• Tuesday, June 5 @ 7 p.m. - Wa-Hi Gym

Garrison Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

• Wednesday, June 6 @ 7 p.m. - Wa-Hi Gym

### District names Graduates of Distinction honorees

Walla Walla Public Schools names this year's honorees for the Graduates of Distinction program. Honorees are: John P. Folsom, Class of 1962; Jill A. Largent, M.D., Class of 1968; and Megan Ferguson Clubb, Class of 1974.

These individuals have distinguished themselves in their communities, professions, or careers and continue to bring honor to the district. Celebrate alongside these distinguished alumni at a reception in their honor on Tuesday, June 5 (details listed below). Listen to their stories and hear who helped shape their lives during their school years.

#### RECEPTION DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Place: Walla Walla School District Board Room (364 S. Park St.)

#### HONOREES:

- John Folsom

His nominator was Judy Chamberlain Holloway. His inspirational staff member was his high school music instructor Russell Larsen.

- Jill Largent, MD

Her nominator was Bill Bieloh. He was also her most inspirational staff member as her high school math teacher and mentor.

- Megan Ferguson Clubb

Her nominator was Judy Hicks. Her inspirational staff member was her English and Spanish teacher Ruth Hanson at Pioneer Junior High School.

### Superintendent Miller launches new video series: "The Pulse"

Superintendent Mick Miller continues to seek new ways to keep staff, parents, students and the community connected to Walla Walla Public Schools. This week he launched his new video series - "The Pulse."

This monthly series will feature Miller briefing viewers on a variety of school-related issues. He plans to go on location to different schools from time-to-time. Visit the district's web site at [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org) or type in Walla Walla Public Schools on YouTube to watch "The Pulse."

### **Proceeds from Ziggy Marley concert to support Walla Walla Public School Music Department**

Five-time Grammy-winning musician Ziggy Marley will be appearing live on stage, Saturday, July 21 at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. Walla Walla High School student Campbell Davis and Company is the opening act.

Walla Walla Public Schools Music Department will receive a \$5 donation for every ticket sold for the show between May 15 and June 10. Get your tickets now and support the WWPS Music Department while taking in a great event.

#### Tickets are available at the following locations:

- [ZiggyMarley.com](http://ZiggyMarley.com) Fan Club Presale and Custom Packages
- [Ticketwest.com](http://Ticketwest.com) or by calling 800.325.SEAT (7328)
- Walla Walla Village Winery, 107 S. 3rd, Walla Walla 525.9463
- Walla Walla Visitors Center Window, 26 E. Main, WW 529.4718

### **Retirement Celebrations 2011-2012 (remaining)**

Homelink

Vicki Shafer

Retirement reception, which is in conjunction with our Spring Project Faire

Thursday, May 31 / 3 to 5 p.m. @ Carnegie

Sharpstein Elementary

Kristin Lee

Friday, May 25 / 3:30-5 p.m.

Sharpstein atrium

District Office

Diana Erickson

Monday, June 4 / 3 to 5:30 p.m.

District Office Board

Walla Walla High School

Mary Matau, Jeanne Ruecker and Karen Shafer

Tuesday, June 5 / 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Wa-Hi Commons

### **School Stories**

#### **Walla Walla High School student receives Whitman College scholarship**

Walla Walla High School senior Marcos Medina has received the Lomen-Douglas Scholarship from Whitman College. Medina is receiving the maximum amount of scholarship awarded to a Loman Douglas Scholar at Whitman. He will receive \$42,000 annually. Lomen-Douglas Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$47,000 and vary depending on achievement and financial need. Lomen-Douglas Scholarships are renewable for a student's entire Whitman career. Loman Douglas Scholarship students whose backgrounds and experiences demonstrate the ability to contribute to increasing socioeconomic and multicultural diversity awareness at Whitman are chosen to receive these scholarships.

"We are thrilled to have him as a part of the entering class," said Katie DeDonty, Associate Director of Admission and Transfer Admission Coordinator. "He's an exceptional young man and community member."

#### **Junior Club supports "Books for Babes" program**

"Books for Babes" recently received a \$1,000 check from Junior Club. Junior Club members have also donated many hours of service to the project this year. The "Books for Babes" program provides books to the families of all newborns in Walla Walla. Thanks to the Junior Club for its support.

### **AVID Seniors ready to continue their journey**

Thursday night 22 Walla Walla High School seniors enrolled in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program celebrated their successes during the "Senior Recognition Night." Superintendent Mick Miller, Wa-Hi Principal Pete Peterson and Assistant Principal Mindy Meyer presented AVID pins and certifications to the students.

The unmistakable hero of the night was clearly AVID teacher Sherry McConn. Her name came up over and over again during the student presentations as the person who inspired them to do their best. Following the ceremony, McConn was asked to come to the stage to receive a gift from the students. Thanks to all the AVID teachers for their support in making this a great school year. Wa-Hi Culinary Arts students, under the leadership of teacher Barbara Buttice, made delicious desserts for the event. Mireya Vargus offered translation services and students in the Wa-Hi Floriculture program made beautiful flower arrangements for the tables. Good luck seniors!

AVID Seniors:

Ana A. Andrade Lara  
Emmanuel Barrientos-Gomez  
Chelsea Cavazos  
Itsel Corona  
Christina Felicie  
Edwin Flores  
Lucero Garcia  
Cynthia Jara Soriano  
Alexandra Koelzer  
Juan Antonio Lara  
Clara Lara Diaz  
Marissa Lintner  
Itzel Lopez  
David Madrigal  
Marcos Medina  
Andrea Ortiz  
Leonardo Pedroza  
Brenda Robles  
Yvonne Segovia  
Cristina Sosa  
Erika Torres  
David Woodrow-Salazar

### **Hope Klicker to join broadcast booth for state softball tournament**

The Blue Devil Softball Team will be playing in the State Softball playoffs this weekend in Spokane. Listen to every game live on KTEL 1490 AM live with Joe Oertel. Walla Walla High School 2011 graduate and Southern Conference All-Freshman team member Hope Klicker will provide color commentary. Klicker became the second pitcher in Southern Conference history to win five games in the conference tournament for the College of Charleston.

Wa-Hi's first game is Friday, May 25 at 10 a.m. versus Central Kitsap. The game will also be streamed via the Capps Broadcasting Group website at: [www.1490ktel.com](http://www.1490ktel.com)

### **Public invited to Explorers Program Science and Geography fair**

You are invited to view the Science and Geography Projects created by Walla Walla elementary Explorer students! The display will be held in the Sharpstein Foyer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29-30. This display open to the public.

### **Watch Walla Walla High School's Commencement Live Online**

Visit the Walla Walla Public Schools or the Walla Walla High School web site to watch the June 1 Commencement Ceremony live, online. The program begins at 7 p.m. A link to a live video stream is posted on both sites. The page also has important information about the ceremony for students, parents and guests. Special thanks to Technology Teacher Dennis DeBroeck for coordinating the production.

- Walla Walla Public Schools: [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org)
- Walla Walla High School: [www.wahibluedevils.org](http://www.wahibluedevils.org)

### **Blue Devil Athletic Development (BDAD) Summer Program**

Dates: Wednesday, June 27 - August 2

Incoming 9-12 grades: 8-9 a.m. or 10-11 a.m.

Incoming 5-8 grades: 9-10 a.m.

Cost:

- \$30 pre-register (postmarked by June 25)
- \$35 registering at the door

Registration form to be on Wa-Hi Website soon.

Questions:

Eric Hisaw: [ehisaw@wwps.org](mailto:ehisaw@wwps.org)

Amy Hisaw: [ahisaw@wwps.org](mailto:ahisaw@wwps.org)

### **Wa-Hi staff and students create instant classic in annual soccer dual**

Wednesday afternoon Walla Walla High School staff and students faced off in the 2nd Annual Blue Devil College Cup soccer match. The high spirited match resulted in a 5-5 tie. All of the proceeds from the Pepsi sales went to support the scholarship fund! Also, 100 percent of donations and profit from t-shirt sales goes to the scholarship fund.

Thanks to the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Department for loaning their radar unit for the "Kick Like a Pro" competition. Also, special thanks the Walla Walla Foundry owner Dave Anderson for donating the "GOING FOR THE GOAL" trophy which signals the infinite value of a college education.

### **Community Stories**

#### **Register now for Kids College**

Did your child bring home a Kids College registration brochure yet? Walla Walla Community College's annual summer camp for 9 to 12 year-olds is scheduled the week of June 11. To obtain class and registration information, call 527-4443 or check out our website at <http://www.wwcc.edu/kidscollege>

#### **Walla Walla Dance Company Spring Finale June 2**

The Walla Walla Dance Company presents "The Spring Finale 2012", Saturday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Cordiner Hall. Tickets on sale May 23-June 1 at Earthlight Bookstore and at the door

General: \$10

Reserved: \$12

**Free “Sounds Like Fun” children’s concert June 7 at DeSales High School**

The opening Sounds Like Fun! children’s concert of the 2012 Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival will take place on June 7 at 4:30 p.m. at DeSales High School. This event is free, and open to all. WWCMF musicians will present a performance titled, Construction Site: How To Build a Piece of Chamber Music. The one-hour presentation will feature saxophone, clarinet and strings in music by Mozart, Beethoven and many more.

A musical composition is a lot like a building. You need a solid foundation, and you need a clear blueprint that connects design with construction. Laws like gravity apply to music just as they apply to the real world. The musicians of WWCMF will show how composers and performers work together to turn sonic chaos into beautiful music. We will even have a real composer on hand to help. Composer and 2011 Guggenheim Fellow, Marilyn Shrude, will make a cameo to compose some new music for the assembled performers.

Safety First... Bring your hard hat!

DeSales High School - 919 East Sumach Street, or if you have questions call 525-3030

Two other Children’s Concerts will be performed:

Friday, June 8 at 3:30 p.m., the Columbia County Rural Library at 111 S. Third Street in Dayton

Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m., the Walla Walla Public Library at 238 East Alder Street