

Al Tauscher JUNIOR & TEEN AWARDS

Multnomah Athletic Club partners with the Multnomah Athletic Foundation to honor remarkable young people actively engaged in athletics, school, and community with the Al Tauscher Junior and Teen Recognition Award. Bestowed upon more than 100 outstanding young MAC members since 1995, the award recognizes youth from grades 6 through 12 who have experience in various athletic and social opportunities. In honor of Al Tauscher, this award emphasizes overall participation rather than excellence in a single activity.

Candidates for this award are inspirational to others; participate in extracurricular activities; devote time and energy to their community; and demonstrate leadership and the ability to be a valued team player. To honor these MAC members' community connections and leadership, MAF provides a \$300 grant for each recipient to donate to a foundation community grant partner. The foundation is thrilled to support youth leadership and its positive impact on the community. MAC hosts a banquet for the families and mentors of the winners on Monday, May 6.

Congratulations to these outstanding youth on their ongoing accomplishments and contributions to their communities!

JUNIOR AWARD WINNERS



Halimat Abodunrin

- West Sylvan Middle School
- Grade: 7
- MAF Grant: Steps for Youth

Halimat Abodunrin excels academically, particularly in mathematics, social sciences, and English, showcasing strong critical thinking skills. She shines as a dynamic member of the MAC Dance Company, displaying creativity on stage. Halimat's leadership qualities show through her involvement in various projects at school and home. Her passion for cooking translates into culinary adventures, and she particularly enjoys baking. Despite her busy schedule, she prioritizes spending time with friends and family. With her academic excellence, artistic talent, leadership skills, and vibrant social life, Halimat epitomizes a well-rounded student poised for success in all endeavors.



Ian Garfinkle

- Le Monde French Immersion Charter School
- Grade: 8
- MAF Grant: Adaptive Sports Northwest

Ian Garfinkle has been fluent in French since kindergarten and is dedicated to academics. He's eager to continue his language studies in high school while gaining cultural insights along the way. Ian is also deeply involved in sports, including MAC camps and basketball since sixth grade, where he fosters friendships and skills. He volunteers with the Special Olympics, promoting inclusivity in sports, and also enjoys skiing, pickleball, and soccer. With a commitment to personal growth and community engagement, Ian embodies his school's values of academic excellence and sportsmanship.



Everett Jaeger

- West Sylvan Middle School
- Grade: 6
- MAF Grant: Northwest Association of Blind Athletes

Everett Jaeger, a dedicated student, excels academically with a 4.0 GPA while actively participating in extracurriculars. He impresses as a storyteller in the choir and balances academics with sports like gymnastics and basketball, winning gold in events like the New Orleans Jazz Invitational. He volunteers with organizations, including the Children's Book Bank, demonstrating his compassion. A true team player, Everett aids his basketball teams on and off the court, embodying sportsmanship and service at West Sylvan.



Sophie Yang

- French International School of Oregon
- Grade: 7
- MAF Grant: Girls on the Run

Sophie Yang is deeply committed to academics and community engagement. Excelling in English and math, she finds joy in learning and appreciates her engaging teachers. Sophie consistently achieves high grades, and she has a record of academic excellence. Beyond class, she's an avid climber who participates in competitions, and she engages in community service through volunteering and initiatives like the Youth Grant Initiative. Sophie embodies her school's values of learning and service. She is poised for success in academics and making a positive impact in her community.

● TEEN AWARD WINNERS



BRANDON DAVIS

Lucy Herzig

- St. Mary's Academy
- Grade: 10
- MAF Grant: NW Disability Support

Lucy Herzig excels in science and math, boasting a 4.233 GPA and earning the Freshman Math Award. Outside of academics, Lucy shines in gymnastics and artistic swimming, with Junior Olympics accolades and Mel Fox Award recognition. Committed to community service, she thrives at AIM High, supporting children on the autism spectrum, and fosters inclusivity by leading in the Jewish Student Union. Lucy's engagement extends to clubs like Ambassadors and Spirit Squad, exemplifying leadership. With her academic prowess, athletic success, and dedication to service, Lucy is a compassionate student-leader.



BRANDON DAVIS

Anna Jendsen

- Lincoln High School
- Grade: 11
- MAF Grant: Community Transitional School

Anna Jendsen excels academically and in community service. Embracing the IB curriculum, she thrives in art, history, and biology, with product design as a favorite. Anna actively participates in MAC tennis and previously captained the U18 Volleyball Team, showcasing leadership. Her dedication to community service is evident through organizing projects like hygiene pack collections for Blanchet House and drives for Project Lemonade. Anna extends her impact through initiatives like shoe recycling with Got Sneakers and stuffed animal drives for Doernbecher Child Life, uniting people for meaningful change. Her academic prowess, leadership, and service illustrate compassion and engagement at Lincoln High.



BRANDON DAVIS

Wade Robertson

- Central Catholic High School
- Grade: 10
- MAF Grant: Friends of Baseball

Wade Robertson is passionate about American Sign Language (ASL), embracing its cultural richness for two years. He's actively preparing for the high school tennis season, attending MAC high school tennis prep class and maintaining fitness at the school's gym. Wade showcases his tennis skills and sportsmanship as a vital member of the Central Catholic Tennis team. Engaged in personal growth, he participates in the Presidential Character and Leadership Academy (PCLA) and contributes to the Asian Desi Pacific Island Student Union (ADPISU). Wade's dedication to academics, athletics, ASL, and leadership underscore his well-rounded character and potential.



BRANDON DAVIS

Aston Selley

- Catlin Gabel School
- Grade: 10
- MAF Grant: Friends of Explorer Post 58

Aston Selley thrives in literature and the arts, finding solace in English classics like *Frankenstein* and honing his artistic skills in drawing class. He discovered his passion for tennis through sports exploration and now excels as a player and leader. Aston's commitment extends to community service; he co-founded the school's first Health Occupations Students of America chapter and volunteers with organizations like the Food Drive Club and Oregon Food Bank. His Nike Tennis Camp internship reflects his dedication to personal growth and mentorship. Aston's diverse interests and unwavering commitment to excellence make him a poised leader and changemaker.

ABOUT AL TAUSCHER:

Al Tauscher was an inspirational instructor, coach, and youth mentor who joined MAC as an athletic member in 1915. He became assistant athletic director in 1923 and director in 1928. His impact at the club was felt at social events, the father-son and mother-daughter banquets, MAC's Junior May Festival, tours and trips, and photography and craft classes. He was a legend at the annual Junior Christmas Party, where he handed out more than 400 bags of candy yearly. In 1953, Tauscher became a full-time instructor and still taught golf, tap dancing, archery, badminton, and other sports in his 80s. He marked his 50th anniversary at MAC before retiring in 1983.

