

PIL ATHLETICS

SPRING WRAP UP

PIL athletes had a very successful 2023 spring season, highlighted by multiple state championships and top finishes from our teams and individuals. The youth track & field programs saw a year-end high of 1,000+ participants, with individuals competing in the Meet of Champions and earning medals. Nearly one in three PPS students, grades 6-12, participate in PIL athletic programming. Over the past 9 years, the PIL has grown to providing athletic opportunities to over 13,000 student athletes.

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YOUTH SPORTS



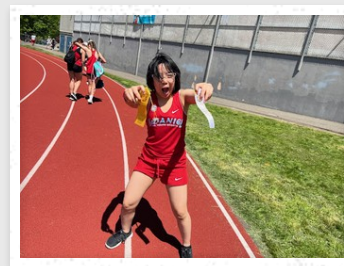
State Championships for Middle School - "Meet of Champions"

The Oregon Middle School "Meet of Champions" is considered to be the state championships for middle school track & field. PIL athletes saw huge success at this meet that was held at Corvallis High School on May 24th. The biggest accomplishment came from the **Wells boys cluster**, who beat out 64 other teams to take home the state championship trophy. Out of the possible 59 teams who competed on the girls side, the **Grant cluster** took home 4th place, while the **Cleveland cluster** finished 5th overall. **Roosevelt's Isaya Migani**

also received 2nd place medals for the long jump and 100m dash while setting personal records in both.

McDaniel Youth Athlete "Epitome" of Why We Do Youth

Coach **Scott Gordon** was sitting with **Grace Nguyen** after getting off the bus from the PIL District track meet when he asked Grace, "So, how do you feel about all this?"



"Coach, before this meet, I had questioned whether or not I was an athlete," Grace replied. "Today, I really feel like an athlete."

McDaniel Youth Athletics Coordinator **Maurice "Mo" Davis** first got to know Grace when a few friends asked if she could sign up late for one of **McDaniel** Youth's 7th grade basketball teams. Grace went from never playing basketball, or any organized sport, to starting in the Middle School Championships in Redmond and then competing during the Track & Field Season where she had a successful first year.

Coach **Kim Stave** sums it up perfectly, "At every practice, Grace would come out to the long jump ready to give it her all! She would run at full speed and fly into the sand with a huge smile on her face every time. As we would coach her on her technique & form, she would always listen intently & go back to do it again, giving it her all as she worked on implementing what we told her. She was a joy to coach and we saw so much improvement on her jumps this season! I can't wait to see what she comes back out to do next year!"

Grace is the epitome of why PIL Youth Athletics exists. She is coachable, eager to learn, curious, and brings all of herself to everything she does while spreading positivity to those around her.

Now that Grace Nguyen believes in what we've known all along, we can't wait to see what she has in store for us!

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

PIL Student-Athletes Crowned OSAA State Champions

The following PIL student-athletes took home the OSAA state championship trophy:

Girls Golf

Helen Brodahl - Wells

Boys Tennis

Will Semler - Lincoln

Boys Track & Field (Team)

Lincoln Boys (Overall Champion)

Boys 4x400 - Lincoln

Boys Track & Field (Individual)

Grant Nyhus - Lincoln (Triple Jump)

Alex Rhodes - Lincoln (400m)

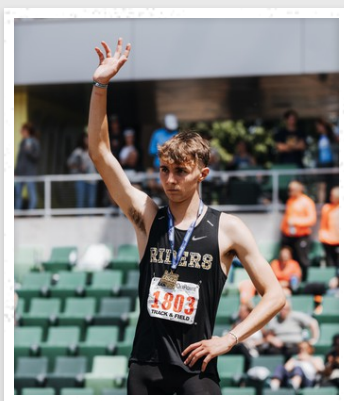
Will Heslam - Roosevelt (1500m) *New State Meet Record Set*

Will Helsam - Roosevelt (800m)

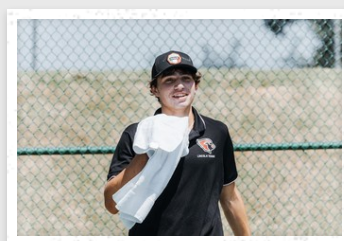
Girls Track & Field (Individual)

Maleigha Canaday-Elliot - McDaniel (Triple Jump) *New State Meet Record Set*

Avery Coker, Wells (100 Hurdles)



Will Heslam
(Roosevelt)



Will Semler
(Lincoln)



Helen Brodahl
(Wells)

PIL Student-Athlete Scholarship Winners - Multnomah Athletic Club Awards

Congratulations to the following PIL Student-Athletes for receiving the *2023 Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC) Scholar Athlete Program Scholarship*. Recipients are awarded a \$1,500 scholarship for their post-secondary education and given a free MAC membership during the remainder of their high school tenure. Read [HERE](#) about the scholarship criteria, eligibility and process.

Taeya Chambers - Benson

Oliver Brown - Cleveland

Camari Owens - Grant

Abrianna Lawrence - Jefferson

Isabella Gazzo - McDaniel

Adrien Law - Roosevelt

Helen Mildenberger - Wells

Along with the MAC Scholar Athlete Program, the Multnomah Athletic Foundation hosts the *Loprinzi Scholarship*. Eligible student-athletes from one of the 30 program high schools in the Portland area can apply, with school finalists automatically being considered for one of the three \$8,000 awards. The remaining finalists are considered for \$2,000 or \$1,000 awards to be used for their post-secondary education. Congrats to the following PIL Student-Athlete Recipients:

Asa Wittwer - Jefferson (\$8,000)

Kavon Bradford - Benson (\$2,000)

Elijah Watnick-Wizeman - McDaniel (\$2,000)

Zidane Indarta - Cleveland (\$1,000)

Isabella McCormick - Lincoln (\$1,000)

Read a full description of the program [HERE](#).

Jordan Brand Wings Scholar Winner, Nyah Johnson

Congratulations to McDaniel senior **Nyah Johnson** on being honored as a Jordan Brand Wings Scholar!



Nyah Johnson has had an outstanding high school career marked by impressive academic and athletic achievements. Earlier this year, Johnson was voted the PIL Volleyball player in her final season and she will continue her career at Mt. Hood Community College.

Per Jordan Brand, which launched the Wings Scholars program in 2015, "The Wings initiative is there to support students throughout the entirety of their college experience and beyond. Through this program, students can fully focus on their studies, without the stress of college payments or loans, and have the opportunity to attend the school of their dreams." Read more about the program [HERE](#).

OACA Awards

Three PIL coaches were honored by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA), recognizing their work in the lives of our student-athletes.



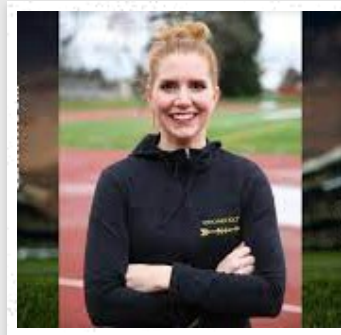
Rob Younger "Power of Influence" Award

Larry Hermida - McDaniel
(Swim & Tennis)



OACA "Coach of the Year" (by sport & classification)

Stuart Allen - Lincoln (6A Boys
Tennis)



NFHS "Oregon State Coach of the Year"

Jonquil Vann - Roosevelt (Boys
Track & Field)

Sports After High School

The following PIL student-athletes have committed to play sports after high school:

Benson:

Malaya LeSueur - Fresno State University (Women's Basketball)

Eleionna Brown - Hofstra University (Women's Basketball)

Kavon Bradford - Western Canada Prep Academy (Men's Basketball)

Cleveland:

Jackson Cooper - Oregon Institute of Technology (Men's Basketball)

Zidane Indarta - Lewis and Clark College (Men's Soccer)

Elijah Edelman - Macalester College (Men's Soccer)

Sten Brakstad - Western Washington University (Cross Country / Track & Field)

Haley Vann - North Central College (Women's Wrestling)

Millie Bamer - Montana State University, Billings (Women's Soccer)

Cameron MacDonald - Utah Tech University (Men's Soccer)

SC Tresvant - Oregon Institute of Technology (Men's Basketball)

Jamel Pichon - Spokane Community College (Men's Basketball)

Franklin:

Isabelle Brauckmiller - Mt. Hood Community College (Softball)

Elizabeth Brauckmiller - Mt. Hood Community College (Softball)

Grant:

Kellen Segel - Linn Benton Community College (Baseball)

Sam Giansante - Linn Benton Community College (Baseball)

Tyler Moore - College of the Siskiyous (Football)

Chuck Bohart - American River College (Football)

Jeremiah Fuller - Portland State University (Football)
Jordan Clark - Portland State University (Football)
Milan Clark - Oregon State University (Football)
Jayden Moses - Portland State University (Football)
Elliot Brown - Lane Community College (Baseball)
Michaela McCollum - Gonzaga University (Women's Soccer)
Olivia Lukrofka - University of San Francisco (Women's Soccer)
Veronica Bianco - Colorado College (Women's Soccer)
McKenna Siel - University of Oregon (Women's Soccer)
Benjamin McDonald - Willamette University (Men's Soccer)
Kai Markle - Pacific University (Wrestling)
Noah Zucker - Colorado State University (Track & Field)
Josiah Mones - Macalester College (Men's Tennis)
Marina Seidl - Colorado College (Women's Tennis)

Jefferson:

Sanborne Melson - Idaho State (Football)

Lincoln:

Moroni Seely-Roberts - Eastern Arizona (Men's Basketball)
Brady Bloss - Shasta College (Baseball)
Colton Schmokel - Centralia Community College (Baseball)
Henry Fovinci - Whitworth University (Baseball)
Alexander Rhodes - University of Puget Sound (Men's Soccer)
Hugo Guevara - College of Idaho (Men's Soccer)
Zack Andoh - University of California Berkely (Men's Soccer)
Carson Wacker - Lewis and Clark College (Football)
Dylan Iwanaha - Linfield University (Football)
Ethan Johnson - Portland State University (Football)
Thien Hoang - Lewis and Clark College (Football)
Morgan Miller - Hope College (Women's Basketball)
Leeza Burke - UC Santa Cruz (Women's Soccer)
Noel Hendrickson - Clark University (Women's Soccer)
Nicole Prall - Grand Canyon University (Track & Field)
Eva Novy-Hildesley - University of California Berkely (Cross Country)
Giacomo Capriotti - University of Arizona (Cross Country / Track & Field)
Harrison Talcott - Amherst College (Cross Country / Track & Field)
Henry Alexander - Williams College (Cross Country)
Samy Anderson - Gonzaga University ((Cross Country / Track & Field)
Trevor Dix - Ithaca College (Cross Country / Track & Field)

McDaniel:

Finn Quinn - Yale (Track & Field)
Raphael Blandini - Southern Oregon (Track & Field)
Nyah Johnson - Mt. Hood Community College (Volleyball)
Tay Neyland-Lucas - College of Sequoias (Football)
Dezire Solice - Umpqua Community College (Wrestling)

Roosevelt:

Finley Heslam - Gonzaga (Women's Soccer)

Will Heslam - University of Oregon (Cross Country / Track & Field)

Payton Mills - Willamette (Softball)

Kiarra Webb - Centralia College (Softball)

Lily Ferres - Centralia College (Softball)

Vida Boskovic - Southern Oregon University (Wrestling)

DeMario Gonzales - Southwestern Oregon Community College (Wrestling)

Easton Lasich - Eastern Oregon University (Baseball)

Sol Scharp Salter - Mt. Hood Community College (Baseball)

Isabel Melean-Williams - Lewis & Clark College (Volleyball)

Wells:

Gus Johnson - Stanford (Wrestling)

Kai Mitchell-Reiss - Villanova (Cross Country / Track & Field)

Petra Schuster - Cal Berkeley (Cross Country / Track & Field)

Carter Kroenke - Haverford College (Men's Soccer)

Elle Unflat - Cal State East Bay (Women's Soccer)

Hannah Bradley - St. Mary's University of Minnesota (Women's Soccer)

Nico Lomanto - Lake Forest College (Men's Soccer)

Russell Petersen - Whitman College (Baseball)

Ben Korach - Pacific University (Men's Golf)

Helen Brodahl - Stonehill College (Women's Golf)

10th Annual PIL Open

WHEN

Wednesday, Sep. 27th, 8am

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