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The campaign for Vernonia's Schools

A Message from the VEF Board of Directors

The Vernonia Education Foundation (VEF) was initially set up to provide fundraising support for the new Vernonia Schools project, and then moved its fundraising efforts into paying off the debt from the new campus once it was completed in 2012.

With the passing of our most recent General Obligation Bond in 2017, the \$5 million in debt incurred by the District during construction was paid off, and the main focus areas for the VEF have been reevaluated.

With no debt to repay, the VEF will now focus on three new main areas of support for its fundraising efforts. These include the Sports Initiative, Scholarship Opportunities, and Classroom Support within the Vernonia School District (VSD). The VEF Board is very excited to direct its attention to more student-centered initiatives.

The following is a brief description of these focus areas. We hope that one of these areas will be especially near and dear to your heart, and you will find it an acceptable place to provide a donation that will truly impact the students of Vernonia. The Sports Initiative is a VEF fund that has been operating for several years, right along with the debt reduction campaign. Donations in this area from many past alumni, paid for the construction of Alumni Field, the new varsity softball field on the Vernonia Schools campus. Donations in this area from Evelyn and Randy Holce paid for construction of Holce Field, our new varsity baseball field.

Scholarships are another area in which the VEF will be focusing fundraising efforts. The Vernonia Alumni Scholarship is one such scholarship that is available for students graduating from the VSD. Other scholarship efforts are being discussed and developed, to provide more financial opportunities for our Vernonia High School graduates.

Classroom Support is the final area of focus for VEF fundraising efforts. Providing small grants for a classroom teacher's special project, money for taking a field trip or funding for needed supplies or equipment are some of the opportunities this fund will provide.

We hope that one of these areas will resonate with your donation wishes.

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VEF Board Meeting: Sept. 11, 2018 6:00 pm
Vernonia Schools Main Conf. Rm.

VHS Homecoming: TBA (either Oct 8-12 or 15-19)

VEF Board of Directors

Stacy Adams

VHS Alumni Class of 1988

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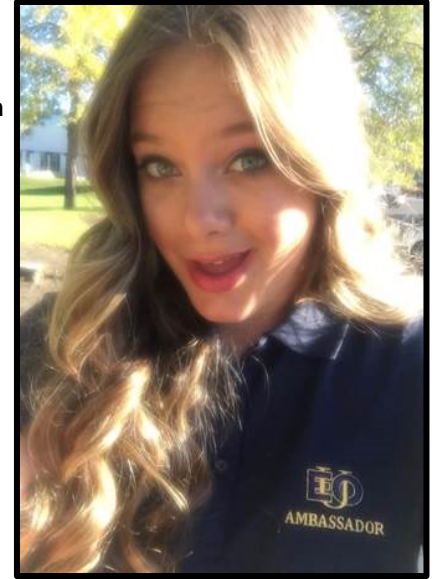
VHS Alumni Class of 1992

VHS SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

By Stacy Adams

Congratulations to Makayla Adams, she is one of the recipients of the 2018 Vernonia Education Foundation/ Alumni Scholarship. Makayla is a current college student at Eastern Oregon University and an alumni of VHS class of 2015. She is one generation of many to have graduated from Vernonia High School. Makayla while in college has been on the Dean's List multiple times and has been the president of the A+ Club for two years. She is currently serving as a college ambassador and an inducted member of the National Honors Society of Leadership and Success. We are so proud to have presented a \$500 scholarship to Makayla Adams.

Makayla has aspirations in becoming a future optometrist.



It has been a very busy summer on Vernonia School District grounds with large Bond projects in process at Mist Grade School, as well as on the new high school football field and track.

While this work continues to move forward and progress, there have been a couple of obstacles that have had to be overcome.

The football field and track are on schedule to be completed in time for our second or third home game of the year, but that is now in jeopardy. High temperatures and city water restrictions may impede the District's ability to establish new sod without it dying. While details and a final answer were not available at press time, the District is doing everything in its power to spend Bond money wisely and effectively, while still meeting City requirements for water curtailment. This could mean postponing the use of the new field until next year, or finding another (non-local) water source to keep the sod hydrated.

At Mist Grade School the gymnasium was slated to be resided and painted this summer, and that project is still moving forward. When the old siding was removed, a large amount of dry rot was discovered in the sill plate and bottom portion of the framed walls. After working with the county and a structural engineer, a plan for repair has been approved, the damaged portion of the building will be repaired, and the siding and painting will then be able to move forward once again.

Also at Mist the main school building has been completely repainted, and is looking good.

The District also continues to work with its project manager on the 4-classroom addition to the West wing of the building, and constructing a new welding shop. Some preliminary excavation work will begin soon, but these two large projects are not slated for completion, and student use, until the Fall of 2019.

If you have any questions regarding these projects, or other District business, please contact Superintendent Miller at 503-429-5891.



Congratulations to Madison Zavales, she is one of the recipients of the 2018 Vernonia Education Foundation/ Alumni Scholarship. Madison is a member of the VHS graduating class of 2018. She has just joined both of her parents in becoming an Alumni of Vernonia High School.

Madison has helped to make the very successful and popular event "Vernonia's Got Talent" talent show possible for

the last 5 years. She has also been a regular volunteer at the Vernonia Booster's "Echoing Evergreens Day Camp", every summer since she has been old enough to help or be a counselor. Madison has also held a job and worked throughout most of her high school years. We are so proud to have presented a \$500 scholarship to Madison Zavales.

Madison has aspirations in becoming a future nurse and will be starting her college career at Central Oregon Community College this fall.



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