RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

SUMMARY
The district recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community.

BACKGROUND

3M Young Scientist Top 10 Finalist
BSD student Roy Kim, an eighth grader at Whitford Middle School, is recognized as a 2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge top 10 finalist.

This year's 10 finalists, aged 11 to 14, each spotted an everyday problem, developed an innovative solution, and pitched their project through a one- to two-minute entry video. Their proposals align to two of 3M's 49 technology platforms, including Climate Tech and Safety. An esteemed group of judges, including 3M scientists and leaders in education from across the country, evaluated the entries based on creativity, scientific knowledge and communication effectiveness.

Roy spent the summer working one-on-one with a 3M scientist in an exclusive summer mentorship program. In October, Roy presented his project, “Water-generating chamber: a sustainable chamber that collects water from the air to give farms a new water source,” at the national finals at the 3M Innovation Center. Check out Roy’s project: Sustainable Water Generating Chamber for Farms: https://youngscientistlab.com/annual-challenge/finalists-mentors-judges/finalists/roy-kim-2026-finalist

October BSD Achievers
Three BSD staff members — Kelsey Steers, Resource Room teacher at Ridgewood Elementary; Lucy Solis Potocki, 5th grade teacher at Sato Elementary; and Charleen Cook, Nutrition Services Lead at Fir Grove Elementary School — have been named BSD Achievers for October.

BSD Achievers is a program that recognizes the hard work and dedication of BSD staff members. Each month, three honorees are selected from nominations submitted by students, parents/guardians, staff and Beaverton community members. Kelsey, Lucy and Charleen are celebrated with a video of their surprise award presentations.

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