

UHS Board Report - March

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Oregon Public Universities Tour



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Oregon's eight public universities are teaming up to help Oregon high school students learn about their in-state college options. From large research universities to smaller liberal arts universities; urban, rural, or suburban locales; Oregonians have a plethora of choices! On Wednesday, 3/12, during all Juniors will have a chance to meet with admissions representatives from all eight public universities to learn more about the benefits of studying in Oregon.

Civics in Real Life

Seniors in Mr. Early and Mrs. Blake's Civics classes were treated with the opportunity to learn from experienced and current government officials. Oregon State Representative Greg Smith and his wife were guest speakers, discussing with students how a bill becomes law. Other students took a field trip to city hall to meet with City Manager David Stockdale and learn about the role and functions of city government.



(Nearly) Spring Fling Dance



Key Club Blood Drive

Huge shout-out to Mrs. Erz and the Key Club for organizing another successful Blood Drive this last month. Here are a few of the highlights:

- 30 Units (Pints) of Blood Donated
- 13 First Time Donors
- 5 Successful Power Red Donations

Since partnering together, Key Club and the Red Cross have held 37 total Blood Drives at UHS for 1195 total units collected. That is nearly 180 gallons of blood potentially saving over 1000 lives.



Briseida Honored as Aspiring Activist



Briseida Mendoza Rodriguez was awarded the Aspiring Activist Award & Scholarship for \$1000 at the Oregon Association for Bilingual Education (OABE) conference on Saturday, February 22. This award recognizes high school students who have demonstrated a profound commitment to cultural competence, bilingualism, and promoting diversity and equity in their communities. The OABE aims to honor their efforts and to promote leadership pathways that encourage aspiring activists to continue making a difference for multilingual children and families in our state. Also in attendance at this year's conference included Mr. David Lougee, who presented Briseida with her award, and our very own Adan Ayuso Family. Congratulations Briseida!

The First Robotics Competition of 2025

Last week the UHS Robotics teams competed in their first competition at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. Both [Team Confidential](#) and Team Classified represented Umatilla well and are already preparing for their next match at the Yakima SunDome this week.



Students Testify at State Capitol

On Wednesday, 2/26, on the way to their first robotics competition of the year, three of UHS's finest, Olive Enkey, Alexia Martinez, and Gael Valenzuela, dropped by the state capitol in Salem to testify before the House Education Committee in support of [HB3199](#). They were received with admiration and represented us well. All in a day's work, when you're a Viking.



Winter Sports by the Numbers

Total Number of Participants at the End of the Season: 71

- 🏀 Boys Basketball: 35
- 🏀 Girls Basketball: 19
- 🎉 Cheer: 12
- 🤼 Boys & Girls Wrestling: 5

Total Number of Days in the Winter Sports Season: 103

Total Number of Competitions: 100

Average Team GPAs:

- 🏀 Girls Basketball 3.35
- 🎉 Cheer 3.34
- 🏀 Boys Basketball 3.01
- 🤼 Boys & Girls Wrestling 2.99

🚗 Approximate Number of Miles Traveled: 4,454





Thomas is Setting the Standard at Umatilla

Annie Fowler (February 27, 2025) UMATILLA — Shanie Thomas is leaving her mark at Umatilla High School, and she's just a sophomore.



Thomas, who finished fourth at 170 pounds at the 4A/3A/ 2A/1A Special District 3 Tournament in La Grande on Feb.15, is the first Umatilla female wrestler to qualify for the state tournament.

"I'm going to go wrestle and have fun," Thomas said. "I'm happy to be there. I feel good."

The state tournament is Feb. 27 to March 1, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Umatilla coach Jordan Franklin said Thomas has had a successful year on the mat. "It's super exciting," Franklin said. "She has had success all year. Once she steps on the mat, she's locked in. This (state) was one of the goals she had. To get to see that pay off is super special."

Thomas has a 23-5 record this year, with 22 pins. [Read the rest of the article here...](#)

Wrapping Up the Winter Sports Season

Umatilla High School sent our first ever girls wrestler to state, Boys wrestling had three fifth place finishers, and both our Girls and Boys Basketball Programs finished the regular season third in the League, with the boys earning a first round state playoff game in Banks on Saturday 3/1. UHS held official send-offs for state [wrestling](#) and [basketball](#).

Girls Wrestling State Qualifier: Shanie Thomas

EOL All League Honors

- Girls Basketball: Alyiah Howard (First Team), Shay McCallister (Second Team), Jordyn Escamilla (Honorable Mention)
 - Boys Basketball: Micheal Montez (First Team), Mike McGee (First Team), David Garcia (Second Team), RJ Estrada (Honorable Mention), Carter Monahan (Honorable Mention), Mason Munoz (Honorable Mention)
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Springs Sports Underway

For our athletes at Umatilla High School, there is no rest for the weary. Spring sports officially hit the fields, track, courts and course this last Monday. There are currently **164 athletes** participating in the following sports:

- 🏃 Track & Field 79
 - 🎾 Tennis 36
 - ⚾ Softball 20
 - ⚾ Baseball 19
 - ⌂ Golf 10
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Skill Sharpening Sessions

In our latest Skill Sharpening Session, Melanie Johnston and Colleen Muldowney discussed [Language Acquisition in the Secondary Classroom](#). They discussed and we practiced the process of incorporating content goals, language skills, and expected student product and outcome all into one clear learning objective. Some of the resources included:



- [Common Language Functions](#)
- [Developing a Learning Objective and Template](#)
- [Completed Template Examples](#)

And earlier in the month, Teresa Russell and Corinne Funderburk led professional development about how to best [utilize ParaPros, student aides, and others in the classroom to maximize support for all students](#).

English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)

This month UHS is continuing our ELPA testing (English Language Proficiency Assessment) in ELL classes. Our English Language Learners are continually working hard to gain proficiency and this is their big yearly opportunity to demonstrate it!

Enrollment Report

Month	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1	Jan. 1	Feb. 1	Mar. 1
Grade 9	110	110	110	105	106	107
Grade 10	128	131	129	125	127	129
Grade 11	113	115	114	107	108	107
Grade 12	119	121	120	113	115	114
Totals	470	477	473	450	456	457

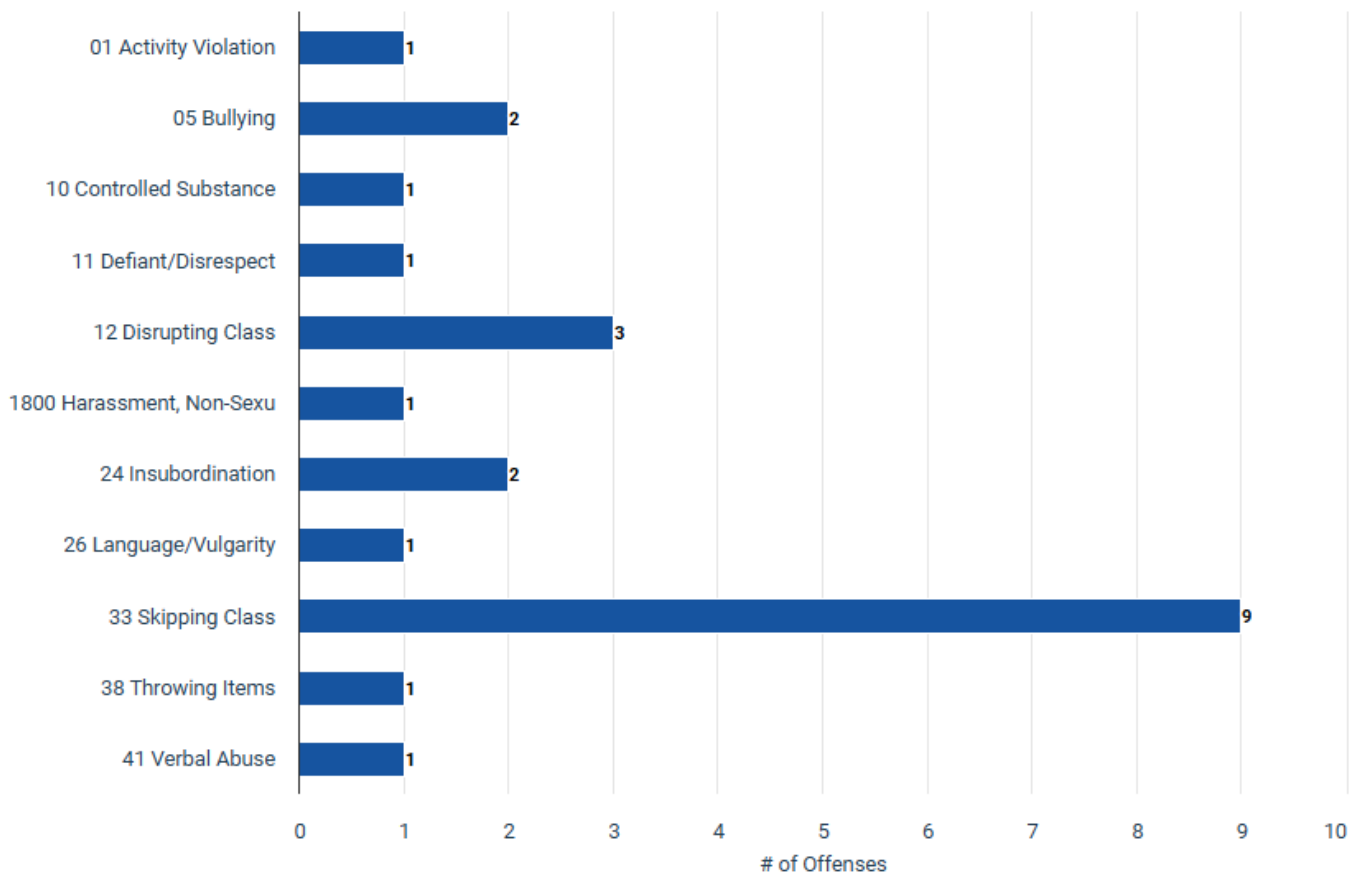
Alternative Education Report

Month	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Enrolled Students*	10	15	16	15	15	17
Credits Completed**	3 (3)	3 (6)	6 (12)	2.5 (14.5)	2.5 (17)	5 (22)

* Only students who are enrolled full-time in alternative education and attend school at the alternative building are reported in this number

** Completed credits in Edmentum courses; includes credit recovery coursework; total credits completed in parentheses

Behavior & Discipline Summary



Coming Up...

- 3/17 (Monday) ACCUPLACER Testing for Select Freshmen (Library), 8:15-10:30am
- 3/17 (Monday) St. Patrick's Day (PM Assembly Schedule)
- 3/17 (Monday) Tennis v. Weston-McEwen/Griswold (home), 3pm
- 3/18 (Tuesday) Pre-ACT for Select Sophomores (Room TBD), 8:15-11am
- 3/18 (Tuesday) Tennis @ Stanfield/Echo (Stanfield, departure TBD), 2:30pm
- 3/18 (Tuesday) Baseball & Softball @ Pilot Rock (departure TBD), 4pm
- 3/19 (Wednesday) Baseball v. Sherman Co. (home), 4pm

- 3/21 (Friday) Track & Field @ Mullen-Leavitt Invitational (The Dalles), 1:30pm
- 3/21 (Friday) Softball (JV/V) @ River View, WA (doubleheader, departure TBD), 3/5pm
- 3/21 (Friday) FCCLA Meeting (FACS Room), 11:05am
- 3/21 (Friday) Grading Day (no afternoon meetings)
- 3/22 (Saturday) Hall of Fame Spring Banquet (UHS Commons), 4-5pm
- 3/24-3/28 Spring Break (No School)
- 3/24-3/25 Softball @ Seaside Tournament (departure TBD)
- 3/25 (Tuesday) Baseball v. Heppner/Ione (Stanfield Tournament in Umatilla), 11am
- 3/25 (Tuesday) Baseball v. Kennedy (Stanfield Tournament in Umatilla), 3pm
- 3/26 (Wednesday) Baseball v. Rainier (Stanfield Tournament in Umatilla), 10am
- 3/28-3/30 Key Club PNW District Convention - DCON (Seattle, WA)
- 3/29 (Saturday) Baseball v. Weston-McEwen/Griswold (CU Spring Bash, EOU/LaGrande), 2pm
- 4/1 (Tuesday) Work Keys Testing for Select Juniors (Library), 9-11:15am
- 4/1 (Tuesday) Umatilla @Weston-McEwen/Griswold (Athena, departure TBD), 3pm
- 4/1 (Tuesday) Softball @ Echo/Stanfield (departure TBD), 4pm
- 4/2 (Wednesday) Tennis @ The Dalles (The Dalles, departure TBD), 4pm
- 4/2-4/5 Robotics PNW Championships (Cheney, WA)
- 4/3 (Thursday) Softball @Irrigon (departure TBD), 4pm
- 4/5 (Saturday) Baseball v. Catlin Gabel (home, doubleheader), 1/3pm
- 4/8 (Tuesday) Tennis @ Riverside (Boardman, departure TBD), 3pm
- 4/9 (Wednesday) Softball (V/JV) @ Heppner/Ione/Condon (Heppner, departure TBD), 3/5pm
- 4/10-4/11 Conferences
- 4/10-4/13 Drama Club Trip to Oregon Shakespeare Festival (Ashland)



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