

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND**Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**

Anisha Dhoot, a junior at Westview High School, has been selected as a winner of the 2025 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. The Barron Prize annually honors 25 outstanding young leaders nationwide who have made a significant positive difference to people and the environment. Anisha's "Smart Carbon Recycling" innovation supports sustainable agriculture and helps mitigate climate change by combining carbon sequestration, seaweed-based fertilizer, biochar and an AI-based machine learning model that aids crop selection. She will receive \$10,000 to support her service work or higher education.

Distinguished Service Inside the Profession

Katie Gillard, art teacher at Beaverton High School, was awarded the Distinguished Service Inside the Profession Award by the Oregon Art Education Association. Katie was nominated by her peers for this award and selected by an anonymous committee.

Oregon Middle School PE Teacher of the Year

Emily Zien, physical education teacher at Tumwater Middle School, was selected as 2025–2026 Oregon Middle School PE Teacher of the Year by the Society of Health and Physical Educators. Emily was recognized in front of her peers at the Fall Oregon SHAPE Conference last month.

Oregon School Psychologist of the Year

School psychologist Heather Birch was selected as the Oregon School Psychologist of the Year by the Oregon School Psychologists Association. Heather was recognized in front of her peers at the OSPA 2025 Fall Conference last month.

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