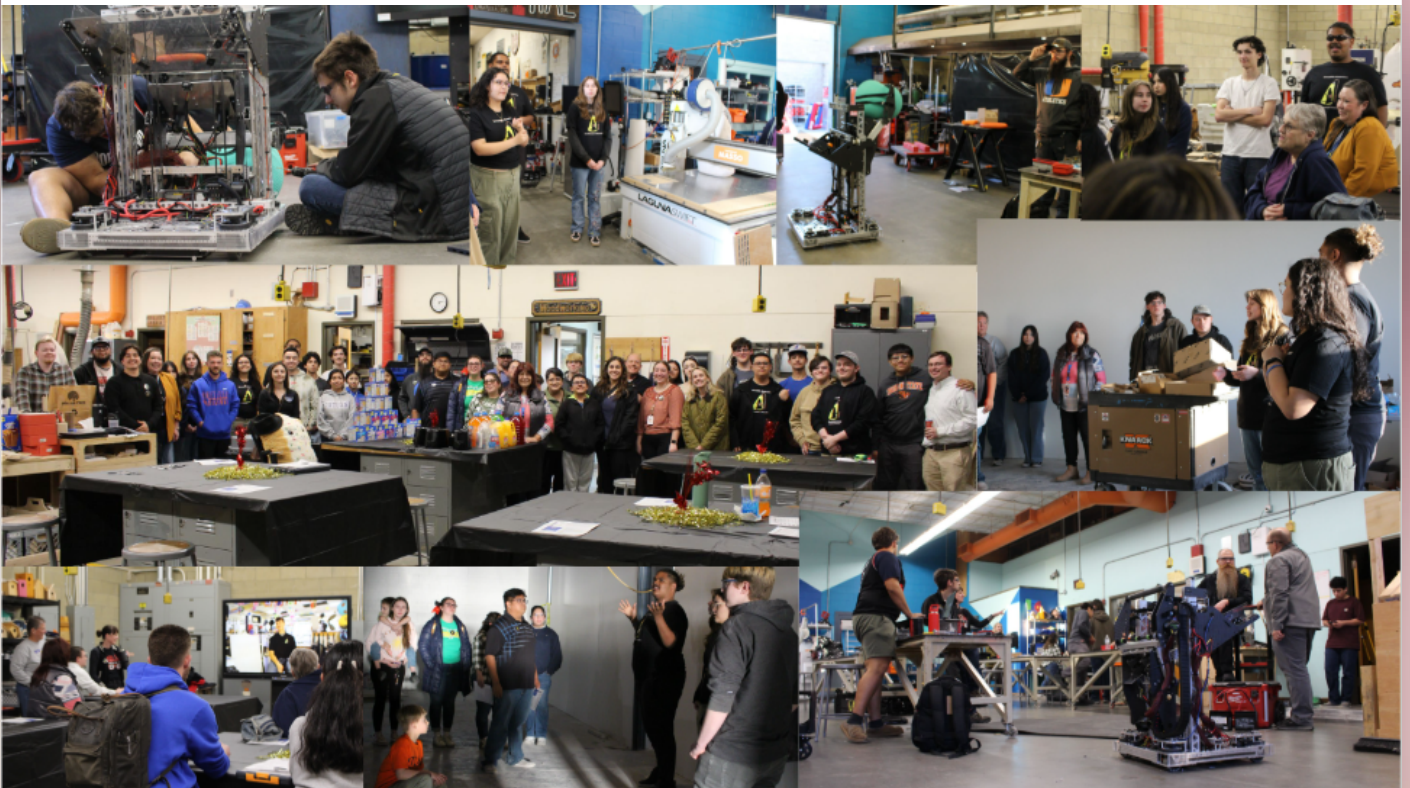


UHS Board Report - April

April 10, 2025

4.1.25 Team Confidential Night



No foolin', on 4/1/25, the UHS Robotics Team, 4125 Team Confidential, had a once-in-a-century birthday party of sorts. To celebrate, they invited alumni and supporters to a special event where they showcased their current robot and provided tours through the existing shop and new CTE building still under construction.

Founded in the 2012-13 school year, Team Confidential has racked up an impressive resume, qualifying for the Pacific Northwest Championships every year. They have won numerous awards and were even highlighted in a special PBS documentary titled [Big Dreams in Umatilla](#). They have

also qualified for and competed in Worlds, hosted in Houston, Texas an astonishing 9 times! You can learn more about his year's team in their [IMPACT 2025 Video](#).

Other notable numbers:

- 18 Prestigious Chairman's Impact Awards won
- 213 Individual student participants in team history
- 22 Volunteer mentors in team history; 53% being team alums
- 59 Alumni members who have returned to volunteer in some capacity with the team
- 22,059 Community service hours logged by team members since 2013

Robotics PNW Championships Send-Off

Our high school robotics team, 4125 Confidential, headed to the Pacific Northwest FIRST District Championships in Cheney, Washington.



Umatilla Students Perform in Choir Festival in London



(Elizebeth Burres) A group of Umatilla students returned right before spring break from an unforgettable experience overseas, where they participated in the Vox Anima London High School Festival—an international choral event that brought together over 100 students from five choir groups outside of London.

Held at the beautiful St. John's Smith Square in Westminster on Saturday, March 15th, the festival was directed by award-winning conductor, educator, and composer Chris Manu, based in Portland, Oregon. Students were sent music to begin preparing ahead of time and practiced on their own for a few weeks. Once in London, they spent two half days in rehearsals and a final dress rehearsal with the other choirs to prepare for their performance as one big group.

Students performed eight songs at the concert, one of which was "The Landscape of Your Heart" by Sarah Quartel. They had the opportunity to world premiere the piece, meaning it was the first time anyone had ever heard it performed live.

[Follow this link for the rest of the story and for more photographs.](#)

Oregon Public Universities Tour

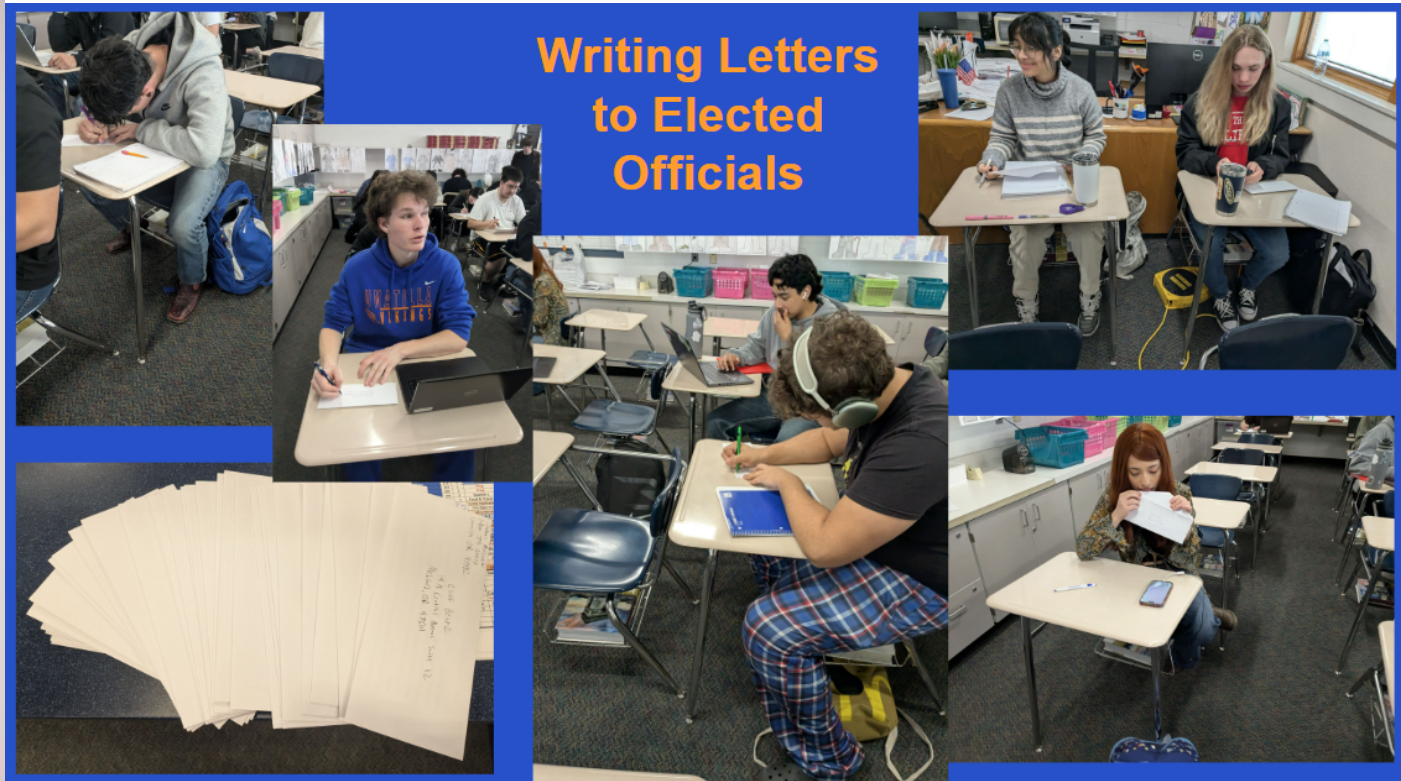
On Wednesday, March 12, our Juniors had the opportunity to hear from representatives of Oregon's eight public universities. They learned about admissions, campus life, various college programs,

and had the opportunity to ask questions.



Civics in Action: Letter Writing

Seniors in Civics brought democratic participation to life as they selected issues and hand-wrote letters to state and national elected officials.



Twin Rocks Service Trip (and ODS) 2025

March 6-9, NHS sponsored our annual Twin Rocks Service Trip to Rockaway Beach. 26 students and 5 chaperones enjoyed their time of service work and play in the on the Oregon Coast. Though not directly associated with the trip, we also had seven of our finest students volunteer to be counselor at 6th grade Outdoor School (ODS), also at Twin Rocks, just one day after the service trip returned!



MRE Challenge 2025

The week before Spring Break, in cooperation with the Oregon National Guard and Sergeant First Class Joe Sullivan, students in our Food and Travel courses competed in their annual MRE (Meals

Ready-to-Eat) Challenge. Winning teams were:

Period 1 (Advanced Food & Travel): MRE Challenge 2.0

Team 2: Creamy Fettuccine Chicken Alfredo (Lane Leonard, Austin Moore, Brian Younger-Morris, Malakhi McMillan, Cristobal Moreno-Mendez)

Period 2: MRE Pizza Challenge

Team 4: Cheesy Italian Pizza (Lucus Cabral, Roberto Gutierrez, Eric Coria, Isaid Campos Lemus, Jayden Cervantes, Guillermo De La Torre)

Period 3: MRE Pizza Challenge

Team 4: Sweet Tooth Pizza (Nataly Armenta-Madrigal, Sofia Heredia Ricardo, Shireen Ibarra, Kyleya Reiner-Cranston)

Period 4: MRE Pizza Challenge

Team 4: Mac & Cheesy Pizza (Gloria De Jesus Serrano, Lorelai Tesch, Aaron Bagu, Leilani Lemus-Garay, Thania Meza)





A Classroom Journey Through Spain



At Umatilla High School, students in Mrs. Aida Ayuso's advisory class recently took on a creative project that brought a taste of Spain to their hallways. With a group of students preparing to travel to Spain in June 2025 through Explorica, an educational tour program, Mrs. Ayuso saw an opportunity to introduce them to the country's culture before their journey.

For Mrs. Ayuso, this project was more than just a lesson—it was a personal connection to home. Originally from southern Spain, she is at Umatilla High School on a work exchange program sponsored by the Cordell Foundation, which encourages cultural activities as part of her teaching experience. Her husband, John Adan, also teaches at the school, and together they moved with their children to immerse them in a new culture, strengthen their English skills, and build meaningful connections. "We wanted this experience not just for ourselves, but for our children,"

Mrs. Ayuso shared. "We raised them speaking Spanish and English, and now we want them to fully experience the culture, language, and people. At the same time, we hope to share our own traditions. It's an incredible opportunity."

As part of the project, Mrs. Ayuso divided her class into five groups, assigning each one a Spanish city that the student travelers will visit: Barcelona, Madrid, Sevilla, Granada, and Málaga–Costa del Sol. Students researched traditional foods, landmarks, notable figures, nature preserves, and soccer teams, then transformed classroom doors into vibrant displays filled with facts and visuals. Each group later presented their findings to the class.

[Click here for the rest of the story and more pictures](#)

Leprechauns Among Us



Always finding a reason to dress up and have a little fun, UHS staff, Alexa Lougee, Eric Lougee, Paul Lindell, and Scott Bow, participate in our St. Patrick's Day Spirit Assembly.

Spring Sports in Full Swing

Spring Sports are in action. This is definitely a busy time of year. Whether on the courts, track, links, baseball field, or softball field, you are likely to find over 150 student-athletes competing or practicing in various sports in Umatilla and around the state nearly everyday of the schoolweek and most Saturdays. Special shout-out to our AD, coaches, maintenance, and groundskeepers who make this all happen.



For the most up-to-date schedules, stories and information, see our new Viking Athletics & Activities Website and the IMESD Regional Sports Coverage linked below.

NEW Viking Athletics & Activities Website

IMESD Regional Sports

Skill Sharpening Sessions

Since our last Board Report and because of Spring Break, our professional development time on Fridays this last month have focused on the work of our Data Teams (twice), getting assessment graded and entered (contractual grading day), and preparing for Conferences. This is also the time of year we prepare for standardized testing, Spring MAPS testing, year-end activities, graduation, and of course, next year.



UHS Enrollment Report

Month	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1	Jan. 1	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Apr. 1
Grade 9	110	110	110	105	106	107	105
Grade 10	128	131	129	125	127	129	130
Grade 11	113	115	114	107	108	107	106
Grade 12	119	121	120	113	115	114	115
Totals	470	477	473	450	456	457	456

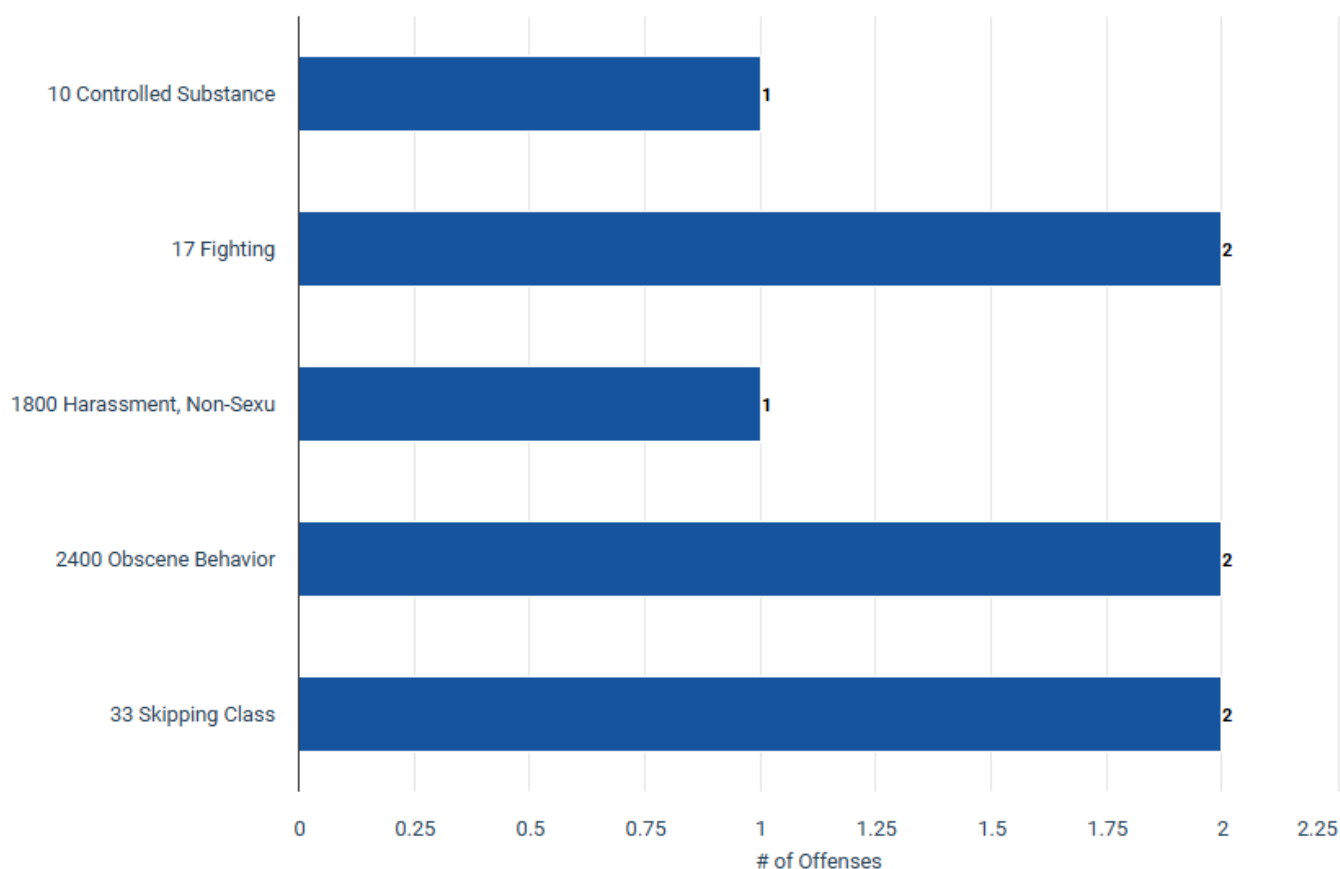
UHS Alternative Education Report

Month	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Enrolled Students*	10	15	16	15	15	17	19
Credits Completed**	3 (3)	3 (6)	6 (12)	2.5 (14.5)	2.5 (17)	5 (22)	6 (28)

* 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

UHS Behavior & Discipline Summary (March)



Coming Up...

- 4/10 (Thursday) Spring Sports Pictures (on the Track), after school
- 4/10-4/11 Conferences
- 4/10-4/13 Drama Club Trip to Oregon Shakespeare Festival (Ashland)

- 4/11 (Friday) Golf @ The Dalles Country Club (departure TBD), 1pm
- 4/11 (Friday) Tennis @ Madras (Madras, departure TBD), 3pm
- 4/12 (Saturday) Track & Field @ Union Invitational (Union), 12noon
- 4/12 (Saturday) Booster Club Steak Feed & Auction (Hermiston Community Center)
- 4/14-4/16 FCCLA State Leadership Conference (Lebanon)
- 4/15 (Tuesday) Baseball & Softball @ Joseph/Enterprise (Joseph, departure TBD), 3pm
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- 4/16 (Wednesday) Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy Testing (library)
- 4/17 (Thursday) Golf @ Birch Creek (Pendleton, departure TBD), 12pm
- 4/17 (Thursday) Tennis @ Lone/Heppner (lone, departure TBD), 3pm
- 4/18 (Friday) Track & Field Rivers Edge (Home, Senior Recognition), 12pm
- 4/18 (Friday) Tennis v. Stanfield/Echo (home), 1pm
- 4/21-4/25 Kindness Week
- 4/21 Hang Up and Drive Assembly (schoolwide) 1:40pm
- 4/22 (Tuesday) Girls Golf @ LaGrande Country Club (departure TBD), 12pm
- 4/22 (Tuesday) Baseball & Softball @ McLoughlin (Milton-Freewater, departure TBD), 4pm
- 4/22 (Tuesday) Tennis v. Irrigon (home), 3pm
- 4/24 (Thursday) MHES Earth Day Activities (Nature Trails)
- 4/25 (Friday) Baseball & Softball @ Vale (Vale, doubleheader, departure TBD) 1/3
- 4/25 (Friday) Track & Field @ Carnival of Speed (Milton-Freewater, departure TBD), 10am
- 4/25 (Friday) Golf @ Milton-Freewater Golf Club (departure TBD), 12pm
- 4/25 (Friday) Tennis v. Riverside (home), 4pm
- 4/26 (Saturday) Tennis @ Sisters (Sisters, departure TBD), 1pm
- 4/28 (Monday) Golf hosting the Umatilla Invite (home), 8am
- 4/28-5/16 Spring MAPS Testing (special block schedule for the first two weeks)
- 4/29 (Tuesday) Baseball & Softball @ Riverside (Boardman, departure TBD), 4pm
- 5/1 (Thursday) Tennis @ Irrigon Invitational (home),
- 5/2 (Friday) Golf @ Burns Invite (Burns, departure TBD)
- 5/2 (Friday) Softball (V/JV) @ Union/Cove (Union, departure TBD), 1/3pm
- 5/2 (Friday) Track & Field @ Kiwanis Invitational (Hermiston, departure TBD), 4pm
- 5/3 (Saturday) Track & Field @ Columbia River Invite (Boardman, departure TBD)
- 5/3 (Saturday) Prom
- 5/5-5/9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/6 (Tuesday) Tennis @ Sherman (Sherman, departure TBD), 3pm
- 5/6 (Tuesday) Baseball & Softball v. Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa (home), 3pm
- 5/8 (Thursday) Track & Field @ Irrigon Invitational (Irrigon, departure TBD), 4pm
- 5/9 (Friday) Track & Field @ Buck Track Classic (Pendleton, departure TBD), 11pm
- 5/9 (Friday) Tennis @ Irrigon Invitational (home)
- 5/10 (Saturday) Baseball & Softball v. Nyssa/Adrian (home, doubleheader), 12/2pm

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