

# **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**

## Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Mountainside High School science teacher Matt McCollum has been selected as one of six state finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Matt is now eligible for consideration for the 2025 PAEMST Award, the nation's highest honor for U.S. K-12 teachers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and/or computer science.

#### **Dedication to Education Award & District Retirees**

The board recognizes staff retiring from the district, a total of 108 retirees this year, who are all valued and appreciated for their service. The retiree who has served the longest is Emily Gaston, a school bus driver who is retiring after 40 years of service to BSD students. Emily is recognized as the recipient of the Dedication to Education Award and appreciated for her tremendous commitment and contribution. Learn more about Emily and her tenure in the district: <a href="https://youtu.be/MR">https://youtu.be/MR</a> <a href="https://youtu.be/MR">bmj8vW80</a>

## 2025 Association of Beaverton School Administrators (ABSA) Scholarships

The Association of Beaverton School Administrators (ABSA) scholarship fund was established to provide financial aid to BSD high school graduates who wish to pursue post-high school education. ABSA members contribute annually to the scholarship fund. Congratulations to the BSD seniors who are the recipients of the 2025 ABSA scholarships, who will each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship: Maggie Cole from Mountainside HS; Gabriella Gonzalez from Beaverton HS; Ibrahim Al-Khazraji from Southridge HS; Giovanny Dillanes from Beaverton HS; and Leila Walker from Mountainside HS.

## 2025 Beaverton Minority Administrators Community (BMAC) Scholarship

The "Make a Difference" Scholarship was established by the Beaverton Minority Administrators Community (BMAC) to provide financial aid to a BSD graduating senior who wishes to pursue post-high school education with a focus on teaching as a profession. The scholarship's purpose is to assist with the district's effort to increase the diversity of BSD's teacher workforce so that our teacher demographics reflect those of our students. Congratulations to Gabriella Gonzalez from Beaverton High School, who was selected as the recipient of the 2025 scholarship. Gabriella will attend Seattle University in the fall.

## **Board Members & Student Representatives**

The board recognizes and appreciates the service of outgoing board members Susan Greenberg, who has served on the board for three terms (12 years), and Ugonna Enyinnaya, who has served one full term (4 years) as a BSD board member. The board also recognizes and appreciates this year's student board representatives: Safa Syeda from Early College High School, Tasiyah Ahmed from Sunset, Eric Vargas from BASE, and Saahas Koganti from Westview.

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