



Tales of DeSales

Focus of this month's issue... Outside of School Activities

In this edition of *Tales of DeSales*, we will be highlighting students at DeSales who participate in sports and activities that are either unique or not offered at school. Students were chosen from the middle and high school as we feel like every student should get the chance to be highlighted, regardless of the extra-curricular activity they choose to do.

Caroline Kutsch: Roller Skating

Having been roller skating for twelve years, Caroline Kutsch, a sophomore at DeSales, could be considered quite the expert in the sport. Caroline grew up in Tri Cities where she learned the fundamentals of skating not by a roller skating coach, but by an ice skating coach. Caroline took up roller skating when she moved to Walla Walla in the second grade because there was no longer an ice rink in town, but she does not regret the change! Roller skating for Caroline is not something she does to compete with others, but instead an activity that she does just for enjoyment. She loves teaching others how to skate as well.



Caroline's dad taught her how to roller skate and pushed her into the sport after ice skating. During COVID and quarantine, however, is when Caroline really started learning more technically challenging skills such as coming off of a ramp right into a handstand! Caroline is quite adept at this activity and, hopefully, will continue in it for some years to come. - Taryn Cox



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William Watson: Special Olympics Aid

At the WWCS, students are taught the importance of virtues such as Charity and Patience. A great example of going above and beyond in living out these virtues is a seventh grade student at DeSales, William Watson.

William helps children with disabilities be able to ski competitively. Having done this for two and a half years, William first started helping out when he started skiing. He got into helping out due to his uncle Shawn and his grandparents. His uncle Shawn has down syndrome and is a very good skier.

William recently participated in the Special Olympics by helping a skier with a disability compete. Doing the Special Olympics has made

him appreciate skiing way more along with seeing how helping other kids out positively affects them. William said, "It's fun helping my unified partners. They respect me. I like being able to help."

If you are interested in helping out with assisting people with disabilities ski, then you can reach out to his mother, Kate Watson, who works over in the Assumption office.



- Moyse Manon



"Good luck to all students taking AP tests in the next couple weeks!"

Birthdays

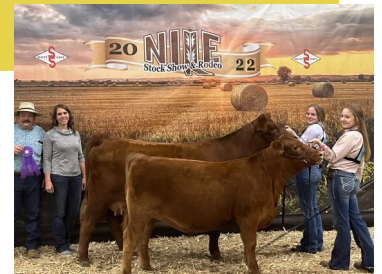


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Taryn and Jenna Cox

Since the beginning of their time in high school, current seniors Taryn and Jenna Cox have participated in showing cattle in year round events. And when they say year-round, they mean it! An average year for them begins in December and ends in November of the following year. They choose their cattle for the Milton-Freewater Jr. Show in December, going on to sell them in May. Their only "break time" occurs from January-March, when calving season occurs. Once this concludes however, they jump straight into jackpot season. During this time, Taryn and Jenna show cattle at these small regional shows leading up to Jr. Show. After Jr. Show, preparation for the Walla Walla Fair starts up. After showing and selling steers at the fair, they move on to their two major fall shows, the NILE in Billings, Montana, and the Red Western Classic in Reno, Nevada. Once those are completed, they get about a month off before starting the cycle over again. When reflecting on their favorite memories with cattle, Taryn stated that receiving the "Outstanding Junior Award" from the Western States Red Angus Association for her participation, helpful attitude, and work to reinstate the Junior Western States Red Angus Association as her proudest accomplishment, while Jenna said her favorite memory was winning Reserve Champion Futurity Heifer and Reserve Champion Senior Showman at last year's Red Western Classic with her heifer, Dolly. Taryn and Jenna treat cattle showing as a sport, as it is a major time commitment that is a truly rewarding experience for both of them. The hard work put in by both of them is reflected by the numerous achievements they have earned participating in something they love.

-Macy Chvatal



Luke Nelson: Civil Air Patrol

Luke Nelson, a senior at DeSales, is involved in an organization that is pretty unique to teenagers. Luke is a member of the Civil Air Patrol which is a civilian organization that works alongside the military. The Civil Air Patrol provides Luke the opportunity to chase his passion of aviation and planes all while being able to provide support to his community. He has been a part of the CAP since the end of 2021.

Luke meets with other members of the Civil Air Patrol once a week on Mondays to have regular meetings and discuss events. You often see members of the CAP fundraising for charities in the community or volunteering. Youth development and promotion of new technologies like air and space are essential to the CAP as an organization. Luke would like to remind everyone that volunteers are always needed and the CAP would love to have new members. If you are interested, please talk to Luke Nelson. - Taryn Cox



This year's spring play is *Almost, Maine*. It contains many stories taking place on the same night as the northern lights. It's full of magical moments, romance, and comedy. Its main purpose is to resonate all of these moments with the audience as confirmed by the director, Mr. Rohde. "The stories are supposed to relate to the audience, make them remember and be like 'Oh yeah, I've had that sad and glad moment' and with new actors and actresses, we can hopefully pull that off."

Come out and support the drama department's spring show.

Fri, May 5 @7:30PM
Sun, May 7 @2PM
Thurs, May 11 @7:30PM
Sun, May 14 @2PM
Sun, May 14 @7:30PM

Tickets may be purchased online or at the door.

\$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Students

Datu Perez: Jiu Jitsu

Every Tuesday and Thursday Datu Perez, an 8th grade student here at DeSales, practices Jiu-Jitsu in order to go to competitions and tournaments around the state. He has been participating since 2018.

Datu has explained that, "Jiu-Jitsu is a martial art where you learn how to defend yourself and your loved ones." When asked how he started practicing Jiu Jitsu, he stated, "I first started training at the Siri academy in the Tri-cities. After teaching us Filipino stick-fighting, my dad decided to try non-striking art, one that won't cause any trouble," Datu explained. "My professor helps me and encourages me a lot and always tries to give me more than enough training to carry on. Team Siri also has tremendous help and as well as my own faith in God that helps me persevere."

With motivation, determination, and rigorous training, Datu Perez will keep on working on his Jiu-jitsu. - Martin Cervantes



Gonzaga Basketball Comes to DeSales

On Friday, April 14, DeSales student received a surprise visit from two of the best players in Gonzaga Basketball history, Drew Timme and Anton Watson. The visit was kept secret by administration and staff until the moment the two stars entered the gym.

The school was called to the gym for a "special assembly" in which they were told that Mr. Lesko needed to talk to the entire student body. They were introduced to a guest speaker who was there to talk about personal finance and banking. Imagine the excitement of the student body as they were "treated" to a subject that was to hold them on the "edge of their seats." Soon they were introduced to a former Zag player, Matt Santangelo, who was on Gonzaga's first team to make it to the Elite 8. Lastly, and most importantly, out walked Drew and Anton, which led to a standing ovation from the student body. A big thanks to Dennis Murphy for arranging for this special treat. The students will never forget this moment.

Go Zags!



The Importance of Music... Student Editorial

Most people will agree with the sentiment that music is an important part of their lives. It can be a solace in times of struggle or a way to relax after a stressful day. Sadly, many people when asked whether they can play an instrument respond that they are unable to do so. I have found in my life that the ability to create your own music with the tactile use of your own hands provides an added level of comfort, even if one is not "very good" with their target instrument.

Though learning an instrument can certainly be challenging and frustrating at times, the challenge it poses is an opportunity both to grow in virtue and in freedom. Someone who has never learned to play an instrument is not free to make music, whereas

someone who has practiced with an instrument even for a few months has a much greater degree of freedom to provide entertainment and relief of stress both to themselves and to others. I find it sad to know that so many people will never know the comfort of sitting cozy on the couch, gently strumming chords on a guitar, or playing a song on piano, or a tune on violin. Though the initial struggle can seem at first overwhelming, the long term benefits are more than worth the challenge.

- Ezra Scott



Anakin Houchin and Brooklyn Basel: Hockey

Interestingly, two students from DeSales play hockey, Anakin Houchin and Brooklyn Basel. Anakin, a freshman, has been playing hockey for fourteen years and plays defense. He is on a team that is based in the Tri Cities area. Anakin has loved hockey since he first started playing it. He really likes his hockey schedule which enables him to still be able to participate in school events.

Brooklyn, a 7th grader, has been playing for six years and plays defense. Brooklyn plays for two teams: the Tri-Cities Jr. Americans and an AA Coeur d'Alene girls team. Brooklyn plays all across America and even sometimes in Canada. Her team plays in many tournaments throughout the year and they are very competitive. Even though Brooklyn has to be absent from school for her various tournaments, she is always diligent about communicating with her teachers and turning in assignments on time.

Here's to many more years of ice hockey for these two!

- Moyse Manon



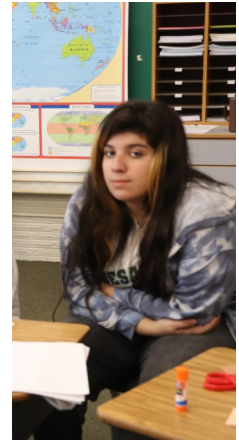
Ashley Perez: Ballet Folklorico

As different cultures have expanded in the community of Walla Walla, events such as festivals, holidays, and entertainment are able to be seen and appreciated by others. An example of this expansion is the Mexican entertainment of ballet folklorico.

Ashley Perez, a sophomore student here at DeSales, participates and has been involved in ballet for thirteen years. In her words, "Ballet Folklorico is a type of Mexican dancing entertainment that involves a group of women and men in costumes that coincide with their region..." As an example, she brought up how Michoacán has its personal dress as well as song.

Being a dancer takes skill and Ashley has been very dedicated to it. She said, "My older siblings did it so my mom placed me in it and I just never left." Ashley went on to explain, "Ever since my mom took over the ballet, I never really wanted to leave... plus the other girls are fun to hang around and I always feel so upbeat doing it."

Ballet folklorico is visually one of the most fun dances a person can see with its beautiful and very colorful dresses. It is one of pieces of Mexican dancing entertainment that has been expanding and continues to do so in the Walla Walla Community. - **Martin Cervantes**



The Touchet Equestrian Team

For many years here at Desales, opportunities to play sports that we do not offer, like soccer and swimming, exist at Wa-Hi. However, this opportunity extends to Touchet and their high school equestrian team, commonly referred to as WAHSET. WAHSET is a statewide organization that offers high school students the chance to compete in a variety of equestrian events, from barrel racing, cattle sorting, and drill, to performance pattern classes. Five students here at Desales are part of Touchet's co-op team. Junior Macy Chvatal is currently in her third year of the program and is the drill captain for the 8-man drill team this year. Her favorite events include reining, any gaming event she can do, drill, and cattle sorting. She enjoys the opportunity to participate in a large variety of events, being able to work on individual skills and grow as a team. Being around horses all her life, she was thrilled to be able to compete at a varsity level.



Helen Hellberg-Wilson, Heidi Scott, and Hailey Egbert are the current sophomores on the team. Helen, having also been around horses her whole life, was excited to have this opportunity once she learned about it. She enjoys all the gaming and cattle events, especially team sorting, but only when she has a successful go with her sorting partner, Heidi Scott. Heidi joined the program to have a chance to be more involved with horses and meet more people who also shared the interest. Her favorite events include trail, working rancher, cattle sorting and drill. Heidi considers WAHSET a special opportunity for her, and is looking forward to continue participating and enjoying the maple bars.

Hailey Egbert's favorite events include gaming events. She joined WAHSET as another way to be involved with horses, which she had been around her whole life. Tessa Klein, the sole freshman, joined WAHSET after hearing so many great things about it from fellow team members over the volleyball season. She enjoys cattle sorting, drill, birangle, and other gaming events. The best part for her is how supportive everyone on the team is, always cheering each other on. WAHSET is a truly unique program that has made and continues to impact our participating students throughout the years and one they will never forget. -**Macy Chvatal**