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## A Letter from the Principal, Charlene Herron

Hello KU!

Well, we made it—the home stretch, the light at the end of the tunnel, the last lap—the closing of the 2016-17 school year. June is finally here and the countdown to the last day of school is almost in the single digits. Students and teachers alike are eagerly awaiting for their glorious summer vacation to begin!

The anticipation is strongest for our graduating class (and their families) as years of learning, growth, hard work—and probably some blood, sweat, and tears—will culminate in one special day when students walk with their classmates, hear their names announced, and take their diplomas into their hands. The futures that lie ahead for these seniors are as diverse as the students themselves, however the friendships and memories they have made while at KU will be something they will all cherish for years to come.

Along with our 2017 Seniors, we also bid farewell to several of our beloved teachers who have made KU a home, and we wish them all our very best in their journeys ahead. We especially honor our retiring teachers: **Iris Jacobson** (Spanish), **Doug Matheson** (Science), and **Brent Hakanson** (Orchestra) - each of them have had a significant impact on the students they have taught and we look forward to hearing of their adventures in retirement!

Amidst the buzz of graduation planning and year-end shenanigans, our Juniors are wrapping up the tail end of Smarter Balance Testing, and everyone is preparing for finals. This time every year is often a mad dash to get assignments completed, projects wrapped-up, and grades updated. Especially with the warmer weather, please encourage your student to attend classes and help them check their progress on the Family/Student Portal.

Finally, with the exception of Fourth of July weekend, the KU Office will be open for the summer Monday-Friday. Please be sure to register online in July for the 2017-18 school year—it's just around the corner!

GO PELS!

*Charlene Herron*, principal

# Congratulations Class of 2017



"ISN'T IT FUNNY  
HOW DAY BY DAY  
NOTHING CHANGES  
BUT WHEN YOU  
LOOK BACK  
EVERYTHING IS  
DIFFERENT."  
—C.S. LEWIS.

SHOULD  
WOULD  
COULD  
DID.

**SUCCESS**  
» *belongs to*  
THOSE WHO  
**DARE**  
*to achieve it.*

## What's New at KUHS

- Prom at the Woodland Ballroom, Running Y — Saturday June 3 at 8PM
- KU Pops Concert fundraiser at Pel Court — Sunday June 4 at 2PM
- Senior Boards Presentations—special schedule; **no classes for Freshmen and Sophomores** — Monday June 5
- KU Cheerleading Tryouts — Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday June 6-8
- Construction **Community Forum** in the KU Cafeteria — Monday June 12
- Third Grade **Future Pels** from Mills Elementary will be hanging out with KU students for field activities—Tuesday June 13
- **Finals Week** — Tuesday-Thursday June 13-15
- **Last Day** of School for Students — Thursday June 15
- Semester Two **Grades** Posted Online — Monday June 19
- Online **Registration** for 2017-18 School year opens—Wednesday July 5

PLEASE SEE BELOW  
FOR THE SPECIAL  
EVENTS SCHEDULE  
FOR SENIORS

## Seniors' Section - Class of 2017

### Important Senior Dates

- 6/1 Graduation Sensation
- 6/2 Last day of school for seniors
- 6/5 Senior Boards
- 6/5 Senior Awards Night
- 6/6 Graduation Walk at KFCS Elementary Schools
- 6/7 Baccalaureate
- 6/9 Graduation Practice (required), Senior BBQ, & Yearbook Signing
- 6/11 Graduation Ceremony at Modoc Field

If you have questions, please call Mrs. Headden

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## From the Dean's Desk... with Mr. Lemieux

This year has been amazing and I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and your student. While thinking about this year, I thought I would share something I heard from a parent while talking about my job and some of the challenges. She told me that high school should be seen as an environment for job training. Many of our students need to know the importance of being able to attain a job, but also need to have skills to retain that job.

1. **Attendance** - We have all heard schools harp on attendance. We have interventions in place for students who fall below that magic 90% mark. Statistically we know students who do not attend at this mark have a higher chance of not graduating. But more importantly, if we look at high school as job training, we need to make sure students know that any job they have expects them to report to their job site and be there on time. Many jobs allow a certain amount of days an employee can miss for vacation or illness. So, job sites are not asking for perfect attendance (just like schools), but expect their employees are there and working on time.
2. **Behavior** - job site behavior is also essential. Students need to learn to work with students who "drive them crazy." They have to work with people who have different points of view and who express it in ways that bother them. They have to have skills to respond in an appropriate manner or there is chaos in the work place. While working with discipline, one of my main goals was to help teach students the correct way or a better way to deal with a certain issue. Managers and bosses do the same thing in order to keep and retain the employee, as it is expensive and time consuming to retrain brand new employees.

After talking to the parent I referred to above, I started using this with students who came into my office. Many of them agreed with the logic of it! I think we need to change our thought process and outlook about the role of high school fulfills. High school is more than just a place for students to show proficiencies in order to move to the next level, it also prepares them to be successful in the workforce. As many of you have heard, I am moving to Ponderosa Middle School next year and will not be at Klamath Union next fall. Thank you for making my year memorable and such a great learning opportunity.

## From Curriculum: Accelerating Your Student's Education... with Ms. Cole

### Career Pathways this Fall

We are currently meeting with incoming 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students about our KU/KCC Career Pathways program. This unique program allows students to pursue career pathways in computer technology, emergency response operations, automotive/diesel technology, welding, and digital media. Students in the Pathways program attend their KU classes periods 1-5 and take Pathways classes at KCC during periods 6 and 7. Klamath Falls City Schools covers tuition, books, and other fees. Busing to KCC is provided by the KFCS and each student is issued a bus pass for return travel. Contact the Counseling Office for more info.

### Liberal Arts Academy

Seniors who have pursued an honor's track through high school can qualify to be a part of the KU/Oregon Tech Liberal Arts Academy. This rigorous academic program provides students with an integrated college classroom experience; students attend classes at Oregon Tech periods 1 and 2 and they return to campus to complete their other courses for graduation. This program provides up to 18 credits that can be transferred to Oregon colleges and universities. Busing is available. Honors students should stay on track in order to be a part of this exciting opportunity!

### Conversation Café

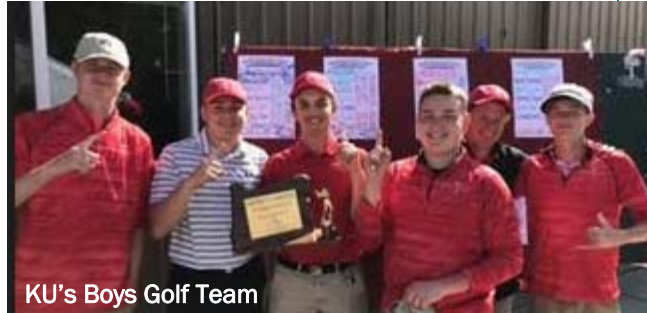
This fall students participating in KU's college programs will be invited to meet monthly with our KU/KCC/Oregon Tech Success Navigator to discuss challenges and obstacles to attending college during high school, post-secondary planning, and upcoming educational opportunities to extend learning. This will be a great opportunity for students to decompress and discuss their college experiences.



### KU Shout Outs

WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME,  
"WHAT DO YOU DO?"

I SAY,  
"WHATEVER IT TAKES."



KU's Boys Golf Team

Congratulations to these fine young men who placed second at state, as a team, and to **Craig Ronnie** who won the individual state championship!  
**GO PELS!!!**

Brian Palmer, Health & PE Teacher



Congratulations **Katelyn King** 3rd place winner, and **Alyssa DuBois** 1st place winner, in the Oregon Division of the national Wildlife Forever "Fish On" art contest.

Justin Coulter, Art Teacher

Cornelea Coffman, Counselor

Congrats to District Champions **Girls' Tennis!**

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st Place in the Academic All-State Award for **Band and Orchestra**—your groups had a combined GPA of **3.89** and **3.73** respectively - the highest in these activities! Way to go!

Charlene Herron, Principal



#### Be Like A Tree

- Stay Grounded
- Connect With Your Roots
- Turn Over a New Leaf
- Bend Before You Break
- Enjoy Your Unique Natural Beauty
- Keep Growing

Janine Rath

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## KU Won the 2017 48/48 Film Festival

The film, "48 Hours", under the direction Sophomore Cole Dillon (also the writer) took the first place honors followed by Ashland and Phoenix High School. Team members include Mason Gray and Cole DeGroot.

This is a difficult competition against mostly Rogue Valley 5A and 6A schools along with 4A Phoenix High School.

Rosallie Sanchez was named best actress—she is a senior at Mazama High School, but has been involved in my film camps since grade school and was asked to be one of the actors in senior Matt Limb's and Yulissa Garcia's film. She was a part of KU for this competition.

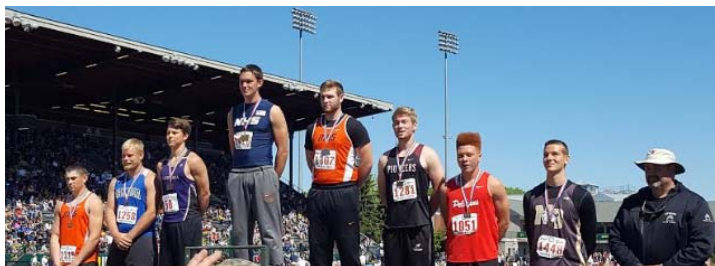
Congratulations to instructor Dan Stearns, these students, and our KU Media/Design school. This year's honors is a follow-up to last year's second place finish.



## KU Track Athletes Compete at State

Congratulations to all the athletes who competed at State!

- 3rd place—Nishi Chase—Pole Vault
- 4th place—Mickey Luce—Javelin
- 6th place—Kiya Wilder—Shot Put
- 6th place—Darius Holmes—Discus
- 7th place—Hunter Ellis—300 hurdles
- 11th place—Paul Jennings, Pole Vault
- 11th place—Mikayla Najjar—Javelin
- 13th place—Kiya Wilder—Discus
- 11th place—1600 Relay. Bryce Miles, Chris Case, Paul Jennings, Hunter Ellis



## The Ultimate in Evening Fun



KU's **Ultimate Frisbee Club** meets under the lights—where disks are flying and fun is had by all —on Modoc Field three nights a week. Hosted by Mr. Marvin Dykstra

**All of our sport  
schedules are  
online at**

[www.skylineoregonconference.org](http://www.skylineoregonconference.org)

**or just click  
'Athletics' on the  
KU webpage**

**GO PELS!**

## **Athletic News... with Mr. Mason**

As we come to the end of our school year we have some great news out of athletics. We made our final trip to Ponderosa to talk to next year's freshman about playing sports at KU and it looks like we will have a great crop of incoming freshman.



In boys tennis we had one player qualify for state (Hayden Lam). Girls tennis we had one doubles team qualify for state (Grace Cox and Elyse Englestadter) Courtlyn Lam won district singles then went on and finished third at state.

For track we had several athletes that did well at districts. Nishi Chase 1<sup>st</sup> in pole vault, 4<sup>th</sup> in high jump Darius Holmes 1<sup>st</sup> in discus Kiya Wilder 1<sup>st</sup> in discus, 1<sup>st</sup> in shot put Mickey Luce 1<sup>st</sup> in jav Paul Jennings 1<sup>st</sup> in pole vault Hunter Ellis 2<sup>nd</sup> in 300 m hurdle, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 110 m hurdles Mikayla Najjar 2<sup>nd</sup> in jav Tyler Jordan 3<sup>rd</sup> in shot put Nicolette Coffman 3<sup>rd</sup> in 3000 m, 4<sup>th</sup> in 1500 m Tim Hole 3<sup>rd</sup> in pole vault Taylor Mynear 3<sup>rd</sup> in 800 m Edgar Perez 4<sup>th</sup> in

110 m hurdles Zoe Long 4<sup>th</sup> in pole vault Bryce Miles 4<sup>th</sup> in 400 m Kayleigh Haupt 4<sup>th</sup> in shot put and we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4x400 relay with Chris Case, Paul Jennings, Bryce Miles and Hunter Ellis.

For state we had 7 qualify Nishi Chase, Darius Holmes, Kiya Wilder, Mickey Luce, Paul Jennings, Hunter Ellis, Mikayla Najjar plus our 4x400 mens relay team. Placing at state were Nishi Chase pole vault 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Mickey Luce 4<sup>th</sup> place jav, Kiya Wilder 6<sup>th</sup> place shot put, Darius Holmes 6<sup>th</sup> place discus, and Hunter Ellis 7<sup>th</sup> place 300 m hurdles.

Our boys golf team (Craig Ronne, Jesse Hunt, Luke Arnold, Grant Ysen, Andrew Able ) took first in district competition and second at state. Craig Ronne won districts and first at state.

We had two athletes nominated for the Oregon Sports Awards Mickey Luce and Craig Ronne. Craig Ronne was selected as a finalist and will attend the awards ceremony at the Tiger Woods Nike Headquarters on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Craig!

We will be looking forward to next year and a successful upcoming fall sports season.

**"IF YOU ARE ALWAYS  
TRYING TO BE  
NORMAL  
YOU WILL NEVER  
KNOW  
HOW AMAZING  
YOU CAN BE."**

*Maya Angelou*

