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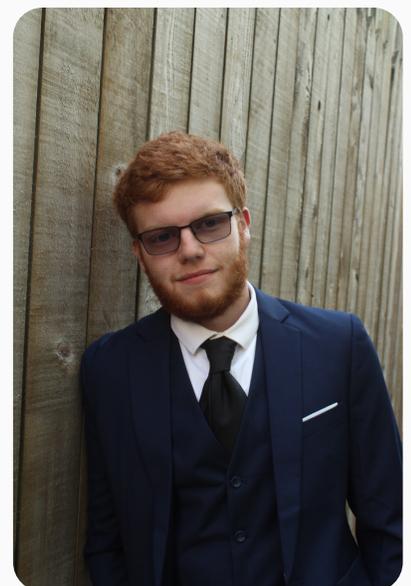
## Two Molalla High School Students receive prestigious Ford Family Foundation Scholarships

Please join us in celebrating Tanner Foss-Howard and Diego Vasquez, two Molalla High School seniors, who were awarded the Ford Family Scholarship. Tanner and Diego were recognized by the Foundation for demonstrating an understanding of the value of education, hard work, taking responsibility, giving back and helping others. This prestigious award covers 90% of unmet college expenses including tuition, fees, room and board, personal expenses while in school.



*Diego Vasquez*

*Tanner Foss-Howard*



# High School Summer Program

Molalla High School will again be offering a credit recovery program this summer. This is a great opportunity for any student that has failed a class this school year or even in a previous year. Utilize the link(s) below to learn more about the summer school credit recovery opportunities offered at Molalla High School. We will be offering both in-person and online (e-school) options.

Included at the end of the document, you will find links that take you to a registration form to express your interest in taking summer school courses. Please note that there is one form for in-person course offerings and a second form for e-school options. A student could choose to use a combination of these two offerings. Please read the attached documents for all of the important details. As noted at the end of the document, questions can be directed to our counselors, Ms. McKenzie and Mr. Rubrecht, or to our summer school lead teacher, Ms. Ellis.

[Summer School 2022 Application \(English\)](#)

[Summer School 2022 Application \(Spanish\)](#)

## OHA/ODE Seeking Public Comment for Covid Vaccine Requirements

The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education are currently revisiting the covid vaccine requirements and are accepting public comment through May 31st.

You can share your comment with OHA and ODE using the below email address:

[publichealth.rules@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:publichealth.rules@dhsoha.state.or.us)

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

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5/30- Memorial Day Holiday  
No School- All Students

6/11- MHS Commencement

6/15- Last Day of School/ Half Day

### GET CONNECTED- STAY CONNECTED

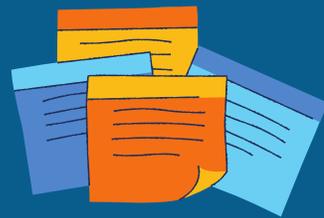
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[District Website](#)

[Flash Alert](#)  
(Emergency Notification System)

[Facebook](#)

[Covid-19 Resources](#)



### 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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The Molalla River School Board adopted the 2022-23 School Calendar at their March 10th Board meeting.

[Click to view the 2022-23 school year calendar!](#)

CONGRATS!

# Ford Family Foundation Scholar

## Meet Diego Vasquez



Diego is a very amazing young man. He has the ability to accomplish many great things and he tends to always bring humor to brighten days.

Possessing skills to either be a leader or follower depending on the situation at hand shows true maturity.

~ Matthew Rubrecht  
Counselor

Diego will be studying chemistry at the University of Oregon in the fall in preparation of a pre-med track. Diego said he was drawn to the medical field as it supports his interest and desire to study science while helping others.

Mackenzie Behrle remarked, "I have only taught Diego this year and I'm so glad I've had that opportunity. Diego brings so much personality and light into any classroom. I appreciate Diego's work ethic, creativity and sense of style. Diego is extremely self assured and that confidence will take him far."

When asked what advice he might give current students at MHS, Diego said, "Try and be as involved as you can and make the most out of High School, because it goes by really fast !"

Additionally, Diego would like to thank Prof. Sotelo. During Diego's freshman year, Prof. Sotelo told him to really try, succeed in high school and graduate. "That really pushed me to do my best and at times go beyond expectations. In the end, it really did pay off. Because now, thanks to the Ford Family Foundation, I will be able to further my education without any financial burden.

Congratulations, Diego! Best of Luck at U of O!

# Ford Family Foundation Scholar

## Meet Tanner Foss-Howard

Tanner will continue to pursue his passions by going to the University of Oregon and studying business administration to earn a bachelor's degree. He then hopes to continue on to earn an MBA with a focus in finance. Tanner adds, "My long-term career goal is to become a financial advisor. I chose this career pathway because, at a young age, I came to realize the impact that financial ignorance and poor money management can have on one's life. Although economic status is hard for one to control, being educated and smart with money is a way to better someone's potential. This experience of growing up near the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder sparked a passion in me to help others reach their maximum potential by improving their knowledge of their financial capabilities."

Tanner has the following advice for current MHS students, "It may be hard to realize, but Molalla offers so many opportunities to explore your interests and find your passion. I was lucky enough to find mine; business and leadership. But there is no way I would have been able to discover this if I didn't have access to the opportunities Molalla provides. From Theater to Music to Cooking to Agriculture to Woodworking and Welding and so much more, Molalla High School really attempts to give a broad range of classes to appeal to all interests. So my advice to current MHS students is to take that first step and take a risk, take a class that might interest you, and if that class doesn't, try another until you find your passion. Because once you find your passion, the path to success becomes clearer and you are more driven to achieve it."

Tanner is grateful for all of his experiences at MHS, in part due to two individuals who have really made a huge impact on his life. "Ms. Behrle is the current ASB advisor at the High School and who I credit most for any of my successes. I cannot put into words how much Ms. Behrle has done for me and impacted my life. Her teaching style is unconventional and intimidating for some, but extremely effective. Over my four years at MHS, Ms. Behrle has repeatedly pushed me outside of my comfort zone in different projects to force me to improve on my weaknesses. Along with that, her unwavering support in all ventures I have taken throughout high school has really convinced me to push myself to take advantage of all opportunities given to me. I'd like to thank Ms. Behrle for being my Mentor" states Tanner.



Tanner Foss-Howard is one of the best student leaders I've worked with in my 22 year career. Tanner is bright, industrious, hard working and can think outside the box. I especially appreciate the fact that he stands up and speaks up for what he believes in. On a personal level Tanner has a fantastic sense of humor and I will miss him dearly when he graduates.

~MacKenzie Behrle  
MHS Teacher



# CONGRATS!

*Diego Vasquez*

*Tanner Foss-Howard*

*"If you can dream it,  
you can do it!"*

*~Walt Disney*



## Ford Family Foundation Scholar Meet Tanner Foss-Howard

Additionally, Tanner remarks, "Mr. Berzinski is the current principal at Molalla High School and is whom I look up to the most. There is most likely nothing I can say about Mr. Berzinski that you don't already know, he is an amazing administrator who is adored by the staff, students, and community alike. There is good reason for that; his willingness to listen to and take input from students, his ability to problem-solve, and his effective leadership style. all make him fantastic at his job. Serving as ASB President at Molalla High School, I have worked closely with Mr. Berzinski over the last year, and I was surprised to find how truly authentic, goodhearted, and hardworking the man actually is. It has been a hard year for us all with what's happened in this world and community as of late, especially Berzinski, who is living apart from his family to finish off this school year in Molalla. Through the hardships, Mr. Berzinski has kept a smile on his face and an optimistic view. He has made returning to normal school seamless and safe and improved school morale along the way. He has inspired me to become a better leader and to better myself every day. I'd like to thank Mr. Berzinski for being my role model.

Congratulations, Tanner. Oregon is lucky to have you!! Go Ducks!