

Al Tauscher

JUNIOR AND TEEN AWARDS

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Multnomah Athletic Club partners with the Multnomah Athletic Foundation to honor remarkable young people actively engaged in athletics, school, and community with the Al Tauscher Junior and Teen Recognition Award. Bestowed upon more than 100 outstanding young MAC members since 1995, the award recognizes MAC members from grades 6 through 12 who have experience in various athletic and social opportunities. This award emphasizes overall participation, rather than excellence in a single activity, in honor of Al Tauscher.

Candidates for this award are inspirational to others; participate in extracurricular activities; devote time and energy to their community; and demonstrate leadership and the ability to be a valued team player. To honor these MAC members' community connections and leadership, the Multnomah Athletic Foundation (MAF) provides a \$300 grant for each recipient to donate to a foundation community grant partner. The foundation is thrilled to support youth leadership and its positive impact on the community. MAC also hosts a banquet for the families and mentors of the winners on May 1.



About Al Tauscher:

Al Tauscher was an inspirational instructor, coach, and youth mentor who joined MAC as an athletic member in 1915. He became assistant athletic director in 1923 and director in 1928. His impact at the club was felt at social events, the father-son and mother-daughter banquets, MAC's Junior May Festival, tours and trips, and photography and craft classes. He was a legend at the annual Junior Christmas Party, where he handed out more than 400 bags of candy yearly. In 1953, Tauscher became a full-time instructor and still taught golf, tap dancing, archery, badminton, and other sports in his 80s. He marked his 50th anniversary at MAC before retiring in 1983.

JUNIORS

Marcus Fong

Robert Gray Middle School

Grade 8

MAF Grant: LEAP

Marcus is a remarkably driven individual. He puts in the time, and he cares about the little things that will lead to his success. Already a 4.0 student, he took the initiative to accelerate his math studies during the pandemic, and he understands the importance of commitment and practice in everything he does. He participated in the MAF Youth Grant Initiative last fall and is looking forward to participating in YGI 2.0 this spring. Marcus is an accomplished climber on the MAC Climbing Team, and an exceptional ski racer who continued to support his team even after a season-ending injury last year. His ski coach describes him as, "driven, passionate, a good team player, a leader, and an all-around great kid."



Gorman Jaeger

West Sylvan Middle School

Grade 7

MAF Grant: Adaptive Sports Northwest

Gorman has played on a MAC basketball team for the past three years. Basketball is his favorite sport, and he hopes to continue to play for MAC in the future. Gorman also runs track. He is a 4.0 student in middle school, and he participated in the Friday Evening Dance class program this year. Gorman tries to be a role model for his friends and other students in doing the right thing, even when teachers are not watching. He has volunteered his time with the Children's Book Bank, Rose Haven, and Cascade Aids Project.



Layla Stevens

French International School of Oregon

Grade 6

MAF Grant: Community Transitional School

Layla is an impressive young person. She competes for MAC on the Gold swim team, practicing four or five times per week. She also practices tennis at MAC four times per week. Her swim coach describes her as, "consistent and hard-working." Layla greatly values the relationships she has developed with her teammates and friends and tries to be a leader and set a good example in all her activities. She is a strong student, with classes taught in English, Spanish, and French. She has volunteered with the Refugee Care Collective and plans to expand her community involvement with her mother through the National Charity League.



TEENS

Annie Chang

Catlin Gabel

Grade: 12

MAF Grant: Big Yard Foundation

Annie Chang is an example of excellence in service to others. She has participated in MAC athletics from an early age and in recent years has become an integral part of the nationally competitive MAC squash community. Annie has received funding from national organizations to bring mental health resources to her school community. In addition to volunteering for Youthline, an organization that supports young people in times of need, Annie founded POC Voices Heard in her school. Together, they strive to highlight the remarkable talents and voices of students of color. Annie is a dedicated student, accomplished cellist, and role model to all.



Dillon Garg

Jesuit High School

Grade 10

MAF Grant: Elite Sports Academy

Dillon Garg is clearly a driven individual. Participation in the prestigious Kumon Leadership Conference and summer NASA camps have set him on a course toward STEM career. He plays year-round baseball for Jesuit High School and Gunderson Baseball while maintaining a 4.2 GPA, including AP classes. As a lifelong member, Dillon has been involved in junior sports and activities at the club, including the Junior Events Committee and the MAF Youth Grant Initiative. He is a community volunteer with service to many organizations including the Young Men's Service League, which is a mother-and-son leadership and service organization, and as a member of the Youth Leadership Council of Lake Oswego. Dillon is committed to continuing deep engagement through community service around issues he is passionate about.



Ella Kim

Lincoln High School

Grade: 10

MAF Grant: Parrott Creek Family & Child Services

Ella Kim is a vibrant young person who cares deeply for under-served and marginalized community youth. Her community services include volunteering at Oregon Food Bank, tutoring students in rural Oregon, and joining MACorps community events. She has grown her leadership skills in Model United Nations and Lincoln's Constitutional Debate Team. Over the years, she has participated in MAC athletics, including artistic swimming, swim, and ski. Ella brings enthusiasm and passion to all she does and is eager to explore and grow her knowledge and general understanding of the world.



Miles Levine

Lincoln High School

Grade: 10

MAF Grant: Parrott Creek Child & Family services

Miles Levine is a fierce and committed advocate for those who are most vulnerable in our community. He has volunteered for those individuals experiencing houselessness in our community and commits ongoing time and energy to supporting and working with organizations that support those in need. Miles brings a fun-loving energy to all he does in his community, with his family, his classmates, and his time at MAC. Miles strives to ensure that student voices are heard by being a member of student government and working on his school newspaper. Miles has been involved with MAC since an early age participating in classes, camps, social activities, and spending lots of time in the pool!



Creighton Martz

Jesuit High School

Grade 12

MAF Grant: Adaptive Sports Northwest

Creighton Martz is a committed supporter of helping address Portland's homeless crisis. During his sophomore year at Jesuit High School and at the onset of the Covid pandemic, he co-founded the Portland chapter of Handle With Care. He and his partner raised over \$7,000 and distributed over 1,000 care kits through a partnership with Blanchet House. Later, he volunteered as an intern at CityTeam Portland and built meaningful relationships with the residents and staff, supporting their mission to address addiction and homelessness in our community. In addition to his academics and service work, Creighton is also a four-year football and baseball athlete. As a recent MAC member, he enjoys pick-up basketball, workouts, and socializing at Joe's with his Jesuit classmates.



Chloe Nelson

Ida B. Wells High School

Grade: 11

MAF Grant: Portland Tennis & Education

Chloe Nelson strives for excellence in all aspects of her life. She has channeled her love of science and math into volunteering with youth and family outreach at OMSI. Chloe's passion inspires and excites kids by providing opportunities for students to experience the joy in science and learning. She is a leader in the field of sports as well. Chloe competes in volleyball for both her high school and the MAC team. She is a teammate and person who is positive, caring, dedicated, and motivating to others, both on and off the court.





▲ Scholarship Recipients Celebrate at MAF's 2021 Scholarship Celebration Event

Make a Difference for Remarkable High School Seniors

The Multnomah Athletic Foundation's (MAF) 30 Futures Club is an incredible initiative that has already made a positive impact on the lives of many students. This initiative invites individuals to join the foundation in making a difference in the lives of high school seniors through the Loprinzi Scholarship Program. With the support of committed donors, the Loprinzi Scholarship Program can provide financial assistance to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding academic and athletic achievements, as well as community leadership.

The Multnomah Athletic Foundation recognizes that extracurricular activities and sports are not just hobbies but vital life skills that shape the character of young individuals and prepare them for a bright future. By becoming a part of the 30 Futures Club, donors become a part of a larger community who believe that their contribution, made through the Multnomah Athletic Foundation, can really make a difference in the lives of youth in the Portland community.

In the pursuit of building sustainable funding, consider joining the foundation with a one-time gift or three-year commitment of

\$3,000, as a minimum. With your gift, the program can provide a \$1,000 scholarship to three high school students. This scholarship program not only encourages students to strive for the finalist award at their school level, but it also shows them that their community believes in them and their future.

To all those who have already donated, MAF extends its gratitude for your generosity and unwavering commitment to the future of our community's youth. Your support has already made a difference by turning dreams about the future into a reality, and we are proud to have you as partners in this endeavor. Your support helps provide remarkable students that have financial need with access to education and opportunities.

Interested in becoming a part of the 30 Futures Club? Join by completing the commitment form on the foundation's website or contacting Lisa at Lisa@MultnomahAthleticFoundation.com. The foundation looks forward to celebrating all our donors throughout the 2023 scholarship season, because MAF knows that together we make a positive impact on the lives of the community's youth.

30 Futures Club Donors

Name listing as of April 2023

Marjorie Belson & Mel Shulevitz
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Add your name to this list by becoming a 30 Futures Club donor today.

MAF Tributes

Honor someone special or memorialize someone who has passed away by making a tribute gift to the Multnomah Athletic Foundation. Tributes are typically noted as memorial, anniversary, get well, birthday, or recognition.

May tributes are listed below, with the honored individuals' names in bold.

Sally Broughton (memorial)

Wilson H. Hulley

Mary & David Munro

(Celebrating of their wedding)

Janet Lueddemann

John & Paula Penrod

Beth Skillern

(memorial)

Missy Gerber and Steve Reinking

Multnomah Athletic Foundation provides community grants and post-secondary scholarships focused on increasing access in sports and education in the Portland metropolitan area. Contributions made to the foundation are tax-deductible. A written acknowledgment and tax receipt will be mailed following the contribution.



For more information, contact
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▲ Inaugural YGI 2.0 cohort presented at the 2022 Impact Award. Brady Vinh, Piper Winder, Avery Meyer, Jocelyn Luong, and Adin Joseph (pictured left to right) are all alumni of the YGI program.

Youth Grant Initiative

The Youth Grant Initiative program is an exciting opportunity for seventh and eighth graders who are passionate about community leadership and philanthropy. The program provides a hands-on experience in grant making and allows participants to make a positive impact within their community.

MAC members can encourage a young person in their life to apply for the Youth Grant Initiative program by helping them understand the program's goals and importance. The program is open to rising seventh and eighth graders as of fall 2023, and applications are accepted from May 1 to May 26 at 11:59 p.m.

During the program, the cohort meets six times between September and November, where they learn about leadership, nonprofit organizations, community engagement, and the grant-making process. The Multnomah

Athletic Foundation aims to recruit diverse members to ensure a wide range of perspectives and insights, which they believe fosters richer discussions and better decisions.

By the end of the program, the Youth Grant Initiative team collectively makes grant awards and funding recommendations to the foundation's Board of Directors. This is a unique and valuable opportunity for young individuals to develop valuable skills, build relationships, and make a positive impact in their community.

Encourage students to apply for the Youth Grant Initiative program and help them develop a deeper understanding of the importance of community engagement. To learn more and to apply, visit MultnomahAthleticFoundation.com.

Important Dates

Monday, May 1: Applications Open

Information Sessions: ask questions of past participants and program coordinators

Thursday, May 11: Informational Zoom Webinar — 4-4:45 p.m.

Monday, May 15: Informational Open House — Reading Lounge 4-6 p.m.

Friday, May 26: Applications Due by 11:59 p.m. PST

October–November: Program sessions held in person on Sunday afternoons