

2017 Senior Awards

1. Outstanding Instrumentalist- Eli Lary
 - a. The award for outstanding instrumentalist is selected from students that have been members of the band for four years and have demonstrated outstanding commitment to music, musicality, and constant musical improvement.
2. Awesome Award- Philip Pompel
 - a. This award has always existed as long as we've had awesome students. This award goes to a student who is not only awesome, but who represents the foundation upon which the Oregon City band is built.
3. Outstanding Musical Improvement- Kaden Lafferty
 - a. This award is given to the student who has shown the biggest improvement over their years in the band program. The award is given to the student who has demonstrated improvement by participating in pep band and any 3 of the concert bands. This student also seeks assistance for improvement by taking lessons outside of the school and by leading sectionals outside of school.
4. Director's Award- Logan McDonald
 - a. The director's award is something that I have the delight to select. This student has shown exceptional knowledge in music. In addition, his sense of humor is second to none. He can always bring a smile to my face.
5. Woody Herman Jazz Award- Abbey McDonald
 - a. Woody Herman was a clarinetist and big band leader from the 1930s and 1940s. His band, the "Herd", distinguished itself because it was often experimental with music. He is known as both a great musician and a great innovator.
6. Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award- Rachel Mallen
 - a. Patrick S. Gilmore was an Irish-American composer and military officer from the American Civil War. This award in his honor is given to students that demonstrate a commitment to outstanding musicianship and dedication to the program.
7. National School Marching Award- Brendan Warford
 - a. This award is given to students to recognize outstanding contributions on the field. It honors the students for their dedication and leadership that inspires others.

8. Pep Band Director Award- Matthew Tolstrup
 - a. This award is selected by our drum majors honoring a senior who has demonstrated great leadership, musicality, and brings a feeling of fun to all of our pep band performances during football and basketball seasons.

9. Drum Major Award- Austin Kendall
 - a. Our leader on the field, in the classroom, and during parade season, the drum major is in charge of the student leadership team. Motivating section leaders and students alike. She helps with every aspect of the band in organizing meetings, rallying the band for performances, and always striving for excellence. We thank our Drum Major,

10. Louis Armstrong Jazz Award- Sam Parker
 - a. The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award is a highly prestigious and nationally recognized honor given to recognize the dedication and musical achievement of a student.

11. Semper Fi Award- Braeden Myers
 - a. The Semper Fi award hearkens back to the days of John Philip Sousa, who, as a part of the Marine Corps, built the President's Own band to the institution it is today. It honors members of the band for their musical achievement and the balance they have achieved between giving 110% for band, maintaining academic standards, and still having a willingness to do more.

12. John Philip Sousa Award- Ryan Phillips
 - a. This last award is also nationally recognized. Throughout the United States, students are honored with this award for superior musicianship, dependability, loyalty, and cooperation. It is with pleasure that I introduce the newest student to join their ranks.