



Manitou Springs High School: creating opportunities

As a teacher, coach, athletic and activities director, and now the principal, I've witnessed students and teachers accomplish extraordinary things here at Manitou Springs High School. I've had the pleasure of building lifelong relationships with many inspiring colleagues. I'm proud to have served as a mentor to both students and teachers and hope that in my 24 years, I have made a difference in the community I care so deeply about.

During recent years, I've become increasingly aware of the need for rigorous opportunities for all students

— whether they are career or college bound. In two articles this year, I will highlight some ways we are doing just that.

We've created multiple opportunities for students to acquire college level credit — in our building, with our teachers. These teachers serve as adjunct professors and have been vetted by either the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) or Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC). This process is extremely rigorous and is a tribute to those teachers. Due to their commitment to serve kids, we currently offer the following PPCC courses: Math 107, College Algebra 121, and Theater Arts 105. Through the CU-Succeed program with UCCS we offer Pre-Calculus 1050. Students earn both high school and college credit through this process.

In addition, our recently established Advanced Placement (AP) program provides students with even more opportunities for developing college readiness. And, by scoring a 3 or higher on AP exams, students can acquire college credit.

We initiated this program for the 2017-2018 school year by offering: Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, World History, US History, and Psychology. Due to the incredible commitment of both our teachers and students, we're experiencing tremendous success.

During that first year, 127 AP exams were challenged with 118 scores meeting or exceeding the college readiness benchmark.

Eight students were recognized as AP scholars due to their success on

three or more AP exams.

Three students were recognized as AP Scholars with Honors by achieving success on four total exams.

An additional three students achieved the AP Scholar with Distinction rating by succeeding on five or more AP exams.

We continued to expand the AP program this school year by adding three more AP opportunities in Physics, Computer Science Principles, and Statistics. This school year, 242 students enrolled in AP courses.

While all of these are successful additions to our high school programming, we haven't lost what matters, which is providing a safe, comfortable and kind place to grow and learn.

~ Glenn Hard
MSHS Principal



Healing Our Youth: get educated!

MSSD14 is hosting an educational program for parents, community members, and schools (teachers, administrative staff, school employees), who are involved with youth regarding mental disorders.

The event includes a 90-minute panelist presentation and a resource fair.

The exhibitors present at the resource fair will include: local mental health hospitals/clinics/networks, suicide awareness programs, nutritionists, private practice counselors and many more. Registration is required and free.

Free registration at: www.healingouryouth.org/calendar/

When: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018

Where: Manitou Springs High School,
401 El Monte Pl.
Manitou Springs, CO 80829



- Listen to a parent's perspective on raising a child with a mental disorder
- Learn important facts/statistics about mental disorders and the basic biology of mental disorders
- Learn about the adolescent brain and teen substance use
- Learn to identify unhealthy adolescent behavior
- Learn what treatments are available for mental disorders and the steps to take to access treatment
- Connect with experts and resources in mental health
- Talk one-on-one with mental health professionals
- 2 CE credits offered
- Light refreshments included

SPEAKERS



Gina Moore, JD



Amy Gensler, MD



Halcy Driskell,
LPC, CAC III



Julie Slivka



Jean Miller,
PhD, LPC

Employment Opportunities

You can become a part of the Manitou Springs School District staff! We have job postings at www.mssd14.org/district_information/employment_opportunities

Currently, the district is looking to fill High School Chemistry and substitute Para-Professional and Teacher positions! Come be a part of our Manitou Herd!

Artist of the Week



Artist: Kaitlynn Moore, 12th grade
Medium: digital photography

Kiwanis donations: from and for the Heart

Great news! The Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Foundation will be providing \$2,400 to MSSD14; that funding, plus \$1,000 from the Kiwanis Club of Manitou Springs will provide the District with \$3,400 for two additional AED units! Thank you for this generous contribution and to Dan Stewart for the presentation of the check at the Oct. 22 Board of Education meeting!



Connect14 registration opens Nov. 14 for next term!

<https://www.connect14.org>

Connect14 is an after-school program bringing students together with local volunteers and district staff to help kids "disconnect to reconnect!"

Students have been gardening, playing sand volleyball and street soccer, baking muffins for a cause, designing and building Trax racecars, and taking martial arts, dance, music, art, film and theater classes!

Next term's classes will include creative writing, book club, "Minds on Hands on" engineering application and an elementary school folk tale theater class, along with many returning favorites!

Connect14 will also be offering a child



Students can explore their artistic sides in the open studio art class.

care class to allow parents flexibility in registering their students for later classes during the next term! Visit our website or contact Arts14 Director Joye Levy at jlevy@mssd14.org or Sports14 Coordinator Danny Gieck at dgieck@mssd14.org.

