

January 2011 Student-Athlete Winner:

Matthew Ferguson

Liberty High School

Sports: Football, Baseball

“Positive” and “supportive” are two words that often describe Matthew Ferguson. Matt is regularly recognized by coaches and team members as an all-around team player and a positive influence on the Varsity teams for both Leadership and Football.

Along with supporting his team members, Matt has also excelled in Liberty’s Student Government since 2008. Has been elected as the sophomore class President in September of 2009 and the all student body Vice President in September 2010, along with recognition with the homecoming and spring courts.

In December of 2008, Matt created “Matt’s Chemo Bags” in honor of his mother who was diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer. When visiting the oncology clinic, he was sad to see that some of the patients were by themselves when receiving their chemotherapy treatments. Matt created chemo comfort bags to give to breast cancer patients on their first day of chemotherapy. He wants to make sure that breast cancer patients know someone cares about them as they begin their breast cancer journey.

In 2010, Matt and his leadership team created “Falcons for the Cure”, Liberty’s first Race for the Cure team and held a “Think Pink” week at school to raise awareness of breast cancer prevention. In all Matt and his classmates raised \$2500 for Breast Friends of Oregon and Susan G. Komen of Oregon.

Not only is Matt dedicated to helping others, he is also dedicated to his studies. Matt is enrolled in many advanced placement classes, participates in numerous leadership projects, contributes to his 4-H club and operates his own company, “Matt’s Chemo Bags”. With all of this, Matt consistently holds above a 3.3 grade point average.

In 2010, Matt received the Presidential Service of Excellence award, Prudential Spirit of Community Bronze Medal, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Youth Award, Hillsboro Rotary Club’s Student of the Month award and Breast Cancer Friends of Oregon Compassion Award.

We congratulate Matthew Ferguson on winning January’s KGW Student Athlete of the Month award, generously sponsored by Portland-Salem Acura Dealers.