SPIRIT OF METHACTON AWARDS

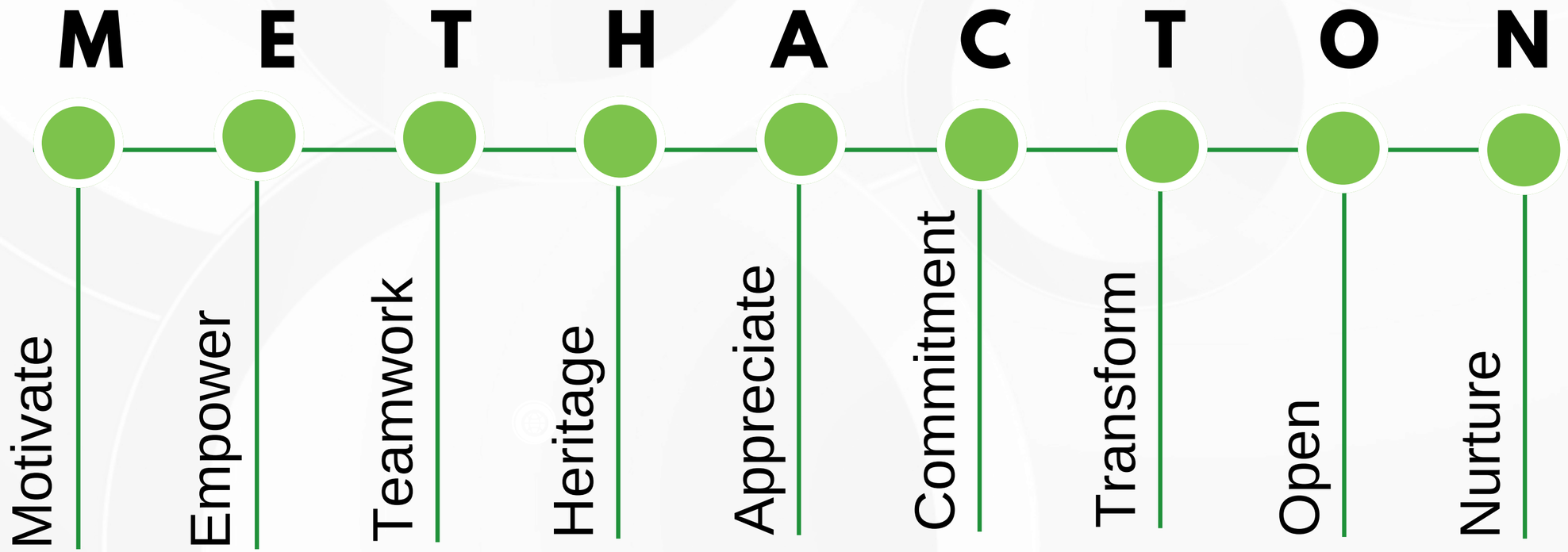
Methacton High School

APRIL 2026 - AWARDEES



Our Core Values

The Spirit of Methacton Award is an opportunity to recognize our students, staff, and volunteers. Spirit of Methacton Award recipients are individuals who **consistently model the qualities of the 9 core values** of the Methacton School District. These individuals enrich our school community with their knowledge, commitment and support.





David Light

Math Teacher

Mr. Light creates an inclusive environment where every student feels seen, supported, and valued. His involvement in the musical, the play, and as the emcee for Mr. Methacton reflects his energy and his dedication to building a vibrant school culture. Mr. Light even volunteered for the student–staff basketball game. Though it didn't end as he hoped, his effort sent a clear "I CAN" message to Methacton High School students. Mr. Light leads with authenticity, wearing his heart on his sleeve and consistently putting students first. David has a way of connecting to his students that helps them develop the confidence they need to take academic risks. His compassion, presence, and genuine care make him a highly deserving nominee for the Spirit of Methacton.

Jen Naples

Science Teacher



Mrs. Naples consistently demonstrates a calm, caring, and student-centered approach to teaching and learning. A standout example of her commitment to authentic learning is the way all of her classes participate in hands-on projects, culminating in a showcase in the library where students proudly present their work to the broader school community. Within her classroom, Mrs. Naples intentionally builds a strong sense of belonging, ensuring that every student feels seen, valued, and supported, while celebrating both big and small successes along the way. By forming strong, positive relationships with her students, they are not only engaged in her class but are truly excited to be part of it, making her an outstanding and well-deserving recipient of the Spirit of Methacton.

Professional Staff



Mary Meanix

English Teacher

Mrs. Meanix truly embodies the spirit of the school through her unwavering commitment to students and the broader school community. She is known for creating opportunities for students to express themselves and engage meaningfully in their learning. In her classroom, students are actively involved, whether acting out scenes from a play or participating in thoughtful, text-based debates, and her ability to make complex content both accessible and enjoyable sets her apart. Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Meanix dedicates her time to chaperoning events, running the senior Student Voice Nominee selection process and supporting school initiatives, all while being a deeply caring, highly engaging, and collaborative colleague. Students are genuinely excited to be in her class, a testament to the lasting impact she has on the Methacton community.

Roxane Henning

School Counselor



Mrs. Henning is exceptionally caring and takes the time to understand her students, helping guide both their immediate success in high school and their future goals. She is highly collaborative, working closely with fellow counselors and the entire high school staff to support students in a comprehensive way. Her office is a safe, welcoming space where students feel comfortable seeking guidance, whether for support or post-high school planning. Mrs. Henning's strong knowledge of college, career, and alternative pathways allows her to provide clear, personalized direction, helping students make confident decisions about their futures. Her calm, positive demeanor is a steady and essential part of the Methacton community, and her impact makes her deserving of this recognition.

Professional Staff



Kristi Simkins

Instructional Assistant

Kristi is one of the quiet heartbeats of our school because she is steadfast, compassionate, and endlessly devoted to the students of Methacton. She moves through each day with remarkable flexibility, stepping in wherever needed, often before anyone even asks. Whether it is in a history or math class, Kristi gives 100%. She supports struggling learners, adapts on the fly to meet new challenges, and also offers a reassuring presence. Kristi's kindness is not occasional; it is constant, woven into every interaction, every smile, and every patient moment she spends helping students feel seen and capable. Teachers also benefit from Kristi's support and presence, and she has been described as a pleasure to work with.

Donna Brown

Instructional Assistant



Donna Brown is new to the Methacton family. She has integrated herself into our community seamlessly, and it shows across each of the classrooms she works in. Donna has created strong bonds with the teachers she works with and connected with students to help them achieve all their academic goals. Donna helps celebrate small victories, encourages perseverance, and creates spaces where students feel safe to try, to fail, and to grow. Being such a positive presence in her first year at Methacton has benefited us all. Donna's work may not always be in the spotlight, but its impact is profound, shaping confidence, fostering resilience, and reminding students that they matter deeply.

Support Staff



Diane Gracie

Counseling Secretary

Diane’s flexibility is nothing short of inspiring. In a school environment where no two days are ever the same, Diane adapts seamlessly, shifting roles and responsibilities with positivity and professionalism. Diane gives students exactly what they need. She is the staff member responsible for organizing all the college visits to the school, and this is never without conflict. But Diane rolls with every obstacle with flexibility and grace. Diane is a problem-solver, a collaborator, and a steady partner to teachers and students alike. No task is too small, no challenge too great. Diane approaches each moment with a willingness to help and a belief that every effort contributes to a greater good. Diane’s mindset elevates our entire Methacton community.

Julie Hunsberger

Instructional Assistant



Julie’s kindness defines her. This is evident in the gentle way she redirects a student, the extra time she gives when no one is watching, and the genuine care she shows in every interaction. Teachers always request Julie to be a support in their rooms because she brings an excellent ability to relate to all students. Julie is known for creating an environment where students feel supported not just academically, but emotionally. She is able to help students understand difficult concepts, especially in math, in a gentle and nurturing way. Her dedication, heart, and belief in our students makes Julie truly invaluable. Our school is stronger, brighter, and more compassionate because of Julie Hunsberger.

Support Staff



Matt Alzamora

Asian Student Assoc. | Freshman Boys Basketball Coach | Unified Track Coach

Matt Alzamora is a true asset to Methacton and embodies the very best of our community. As a history teacher, coach, advisor, and proud Methacton parent, he brings energy, humor, and genuine care to everything he does. He consistently goes out of his way to include students, build connections, and create a positive environment where everyone feels valued. Whether leading international trips, coaching multiple teams, or advising student groups, his impact is both wide-reaching and deeply personal. His recognition across multiple categories reflects how much he means to our students and staff. We are incredibly fortunate to have someone as dedicated, caring, and authentic as Mr. Alzamora representing Methacton.

Steve Savitz

Electric Car Club | Environmental Club | Boys Head Cross Country Coach



Steve Savitz is a true asset to Methacton and a cornerstone of our school community. As a longtime science teacher, coach, and advisor, he consistently goes above and beyond to create meaningful opportunities for students. From leading cross country to running hydroponic farming, environmental club, and the electric car club, he brings passion and purpose to everything he does. Steve is known for how deeply he cares about his students and the time he invests in helping them grow both in and out of the classroom. He builds strong relationships and supports students in ways that truly make a difference. Methacton is better because of his dedication, commitment, and impact on our students.

Coaches, Advisors & Volunteers



Sara Markley

Head Girls Track & Field Coach | Game Help (Tickets, Scoreboard)

Sara Markley embodies the heart and spirit of Methacton in everything she does. A proud alum, she gives her time and energy selflessly, whether she is leading the girls track program, supporting events, or stepping in wherever help is needed. She brings enthusiasm, care, and a genuine love for the school that is felt by every student she works with. Sara has a unique ability to make every athlete feel seen, included, and valued, while always keeping their best interests at the center of her work. Her commitment goes far beyond her role, consistently creating positive and meaningful experiences for students. Methacton is truly fortunate to have someone so dedicated and deeply invested in its community.

Greg Webb

Volunteer Coach for Boys Soccer



Greg Webb represents the strength and pride of the Methacton community in a truly meaningful way. A proud alum and former standout soccer player, he continues to give back while also supporting his three children in the district. While serving as a volunteer with the soccer program, Greg became much more than an extra set of hands, he became a steady, trusted presence for our student-athletes. He stepped up as a voice for players, helping them feel heard and supported, while also bringing a calm, grounded approach to the coaching staff. Students know they can rely on him, and that trust speaks volumes about his character. Greg truly bleeds green, and Methacton is fortunate to have someone so invested in its students and community.

Coaches, Advisors & Volunteers



Kayla Murphy

Kayla is a dedicated member of the Methacton track team who consistently represents her school with pride. She is known for her strong work ethic, giving full effort in every practice and competition. Kayla never gives up, demonstrating perseverance and determination even when faced with challenges. She is always positive, encouraging her teammates and helping to create a supportive team environment. Her attitude and commitment make a meaningful impact on those around her. Kayla truly embodies what it means to be a Methacton student-athlete and is a deserving recipient of this award.

Jackson Lecky



Jackson Lecky exemplifies the Spirit of Methacton through his consistent leadership and commitment across multiple activities. As a leader on the football team, he sets the tone with his work ethic, accountability, and ability to bring teammates together. He carries that same impact into lacrosse, where he competes with intensity and supports his peers. Jackson also plays a key role as a leader of the Tribe, helping build school pride and a strong sense of community. His character, influence, and dedication make him a clear and deserving nominee for the Spirit of Methacton.

Students



Taya Tuggle

Taya is awesome. She is involved in multiple clubs and shows support for other clubs and sports as well. As president of the BSU, she is in charge of almost everything. She organizes fundraising events and trips, reaches out to members of the community for support, and communicates with all members on a regular basis. As a member of Community Cares she always greets everyone with a smile, includes everyone, and always brings a positive attitude. On a daily basis, in classes and in the hallways, she engages with students and staff in a way that makes them feel important and appreciated. She consistently models the core values of Methacton to enrich our school community.

Roberto Vargas



Roberto was the main planner for both of FCA's outreach events this school year to encourage Methacton students and brighten their day. Neither event would have happened if Roberto didn't take the initiative to make those ideas a reality. His initiative and effort on those events demonstrate his commitment to making Methacton a positive place where students serve others. Moreover, Roberto always makes students feel welcome at FCA. He goes out of his way to introduce himself to newcomers and make sure everyone feels included. He truly values not only his studies and the extracurriculars he is involved in, but he also cares about his fellow students and their well-being. He is a model student.

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