



#### Catching up with The Gate

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope and a future.**

Jeremiah 29:11

Check out our new Gate website at [thegateyouth.org](http://thegateyouth.org).  
On line giving is now an option.

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The Gate . . . a place for teens to be known as individuals, to be encouraged to grow and learn and to encounter Christ's love.

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# Inside THE GATE

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## THE YOU RIGHT NOW AND THE YOU, YOU WILL BE?

As the school year came to an end and seniors graduated and all the other students attending Gate activities moved another year closer to the completion of high school, we once again were reminded of the important work our volunteers do at The Gate. That is, using the opportunities given us to partner with parents, schools, churches and other youth service providers to work together to prepare students for bright futures full of plans, hope, and the skills necessary to thrive now and beyond high school...academically, socially and spiritually.

CHS teacher, Young Life coordinator and Gate supporter, Prindi Flug, spoke to Tuesday Lunch students about the two "You's" that they all are...The "You Right Now" and The "You, You Will Be". Like parents and Prindi, we at The Gate care deeply about both of the You's. Supporting The You Right Now through meaningful Gate activities is important to us because as Prindi said, "The 'You Right Now' influences the ultimate you, 'The You, You Will Be', the person who will go forth and create and be all that he or she is meant to be!"

The mission of The Gate is to provide academic, social/recreational and spiritual activities for the youth of our community ("The You Right Now"). On the back are some of the ways that we supported our community's youth, "The You Right Now", this past school year. Check it out and let us know how we did at [www.thegateyouth.org](http://www.thegateyouth.org).



Over 30 students shared life goals at Church Lunch finale

## 2013-14 SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE "YOU RIGHT NOW"

- An average of 125 students heard 32 inspirational messages each Tuesday Lunch.
- 30 students attended Pure Rebellion ([www.purerebellion.org](http://www.purerebellion.org)) with Gate volunteers and learned about personal challenges bombarding today's youth and how they can still find hope in Jesus.
- 47 different students attended ACCESS, a Gate sponsored weekly Bible study.
- Ben shared 28 life applications lessons at his famous Thursday 5@5 speeches.
- Gate students spoke at CHS Baccalaureate, led morning worship and volunteered at AWANA and local other children's ministry programs throughout the school year.



## 2013-14 ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE "YOU RIGHT NOW"

- An average of 25 students attended the CHS/Gate afterschool homework help partnership daily.
- Over 400 different students attended throughout the year.
- Gate volunteers mentored several senior projects including the one selected as "Most Outstanding"!
- Scholarships were received by students who were helped with post high school paperwork by Gate volunteers.
- Ten Thursday @ The Gate students helped plan, implement and attended the iLead Youth Leadership Conference and are planning next year's event .
- Students attending Gate programming were Chemeketa Scholars, Rotary Scholarship winners, and Ivy B. Thomas Scholarship recipients plus many others received scholarship awards to various colleges, universities and trade schools.
- Gate students received CHS senior awards in technology, horticulture, art, band, choir, writing, drama, and leadership.



## 2013-14 RECREATION/SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE "YOU RIGHT NOW"

- Students had the opportunity to have lunch each Tuesday with 10 caring, warm hearted Lunch Ladies and up to 150 other CHS students.
- An average of 75 students gathered each Thursday to be to be "invisibly mentored" by a caring cadre of 12 volunteers from WOU and our local community.
- Students reported that The Gate is great place to meet new people, be refreshed and accepted as they are.
- Thursday students learned to cook, craft, explore the fine arts and play games with friends.
- Others exercised via DDR, outdoor basketball, volleyball, rugby and other student led games.
- Thursday students always enjoyed school district super snacks and a volunteer cooked dinner before heading home.
- Senior Church Lunch students received outstanding citizenship, best sportsmanship and scholar-athlete awards.

It was a very busy school year at The Gate. Much positive change and wise decision making occurred in the lives of our students (Right Now and for the Future) because of the continuous encouragement, support, and unconditional love extended by our host of dedicated volunteers and champions. Thank you all. Because of you, students' lives are being filled with hope, plans and caring adults. The Gate truly is a place where students are known, encouraged and experience Christ's unconditional love.

