



## 2022 Newberg Boosters Scholarship Recipient



### **Josephine Willcuts**

**NHS Cross Country, Ski, Track & Field, Trapshooting**

**Oregon State University**

- I have chosen to attend Oregon State University because I am interested in pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. They provide a top rate program where I will be able to be immersed in a like minded community where we are challenged to use our logical and problem solving skills to understand and clarify difficult mechanical concepts. This community of fellow engineering students will share my passion for science and technology. I have also chosen to attend Oregon State University because they offer an Army ROTC program that I am eager to be a part of. I am aiming to pursue service in the military in order to use my Mechanical Engineering Degree in the capacity of serving my country first and in civilian life later. My goal is to work in aviation engineering and the science of aeronautics design and how engines impact the operation of helicopters. The ROTC program will help me to grow in my leadership development, interpersonal communication, and problem solving/ decision making skills.
- My high school athletic career is winding down with lots of memorable moments of reflection. One experience that stands out above the rest was pushing myself outside of my comfort zone and taking a “risk”. This word “risk” expresses many of the feelings that I was having during my four years of high school. The noun and verb synonyms convey how I was feeling about athletic sports; possibility, chance, prospect, putting it all on the line. I wanted to take risks and try athletic endeavors that were out of my comfort zone that I would not have normally participated in. For example, my comfort zone was running Cross Country for two years because I came from a family of runners. So I took a “risk” and joined the Alpine Downhill Ski Racing Team and the Trap Shooting Team. These sports sounded exciting yet full of risk and possibility. I fell in love with both sports and excelled at them with tenacity and practice. The amazing memories that I have from Cross Country, Alpine Downhill Ski Racing, Trap Shooting, and Track and Field will always be remembered and cherished for the rest of my life. So my advice to any incoming NHS athlete is to take a “risk”, you may not feel confident, but grace will find you and you will blossom. You will be transformed into a better you that is full of prospect and possibility. I guarantee the chances that you take to try new things and put your physical and mental abilities on the line will develop you into the best version of yourself.