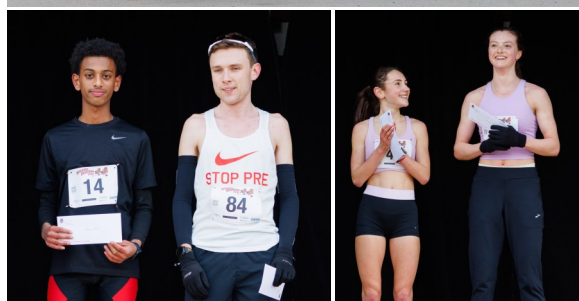


RUNNING of the BEAVERS 2026




The Ballard High School Foundation's **Running of the Beavers** was back at Golden Gardens on March 21 with an enthusiastic field of 318 racers. Race organizers, sponsors, volunteers, Ballard's Pep Band and Cheer Squad also helped make this community event another great success. This year's top finishers got a pair of Brooks shoes, thanks to our great awards sponsor and Fremont neighbor, Brooks Running.



Top finishers included former and current Ballard HS Cross Country and Track athletes **Simon Hagos '27** (left, 2nd) and **Jack Rousseau** (right, 1st); and **Cassidy Armstrong '26** (left, 1st), **Ciana Johnson '28** (right, 3rd).

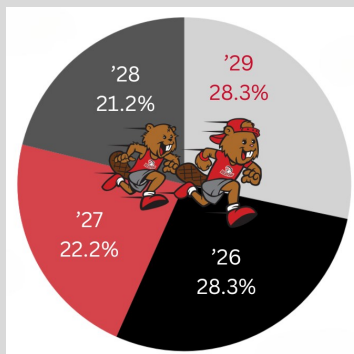
Men's Division:

1. **Jack Rousseau '23** 16:12.54
2. **Simon Hagos '27** 16:48.33
3. **Luke Bonagofski** 18:05.27

Women's Division:

1. **Cassidy Armstrong '26** 16:48.74
2. **Ari Bonagofski** 18:03.62
3. **Ciana Johnson '28** 18:22.43

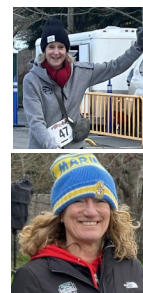
The 7th Annual **Running of the Beavers** raised funds for Ballard Athletics, Band, Cheer and Dance. The Senior and Freshmen classes tied for the most amount of participation for this year's **Class Competition**, meaning they split the \$500 for their ASB class accounts. This marked a great comeback for the seniors, who were trailing the freshmen class throughout the early registration process!



Thanks to our sponsors, led by Presenting Sponsor **DY Sports** (Johnny Verduin '13), who helped make our 7th Annual Running of the Beavers event a success!



Special thanks to Presenting Sponsor **DY Sports**, Event Chair **Sue Stimac Verduin '78** (above), and Retired Board Member **Beth Sylves** (below); Executive Director & Co-Founder **Dick Lee '61**; the **Athletic Booster Club** (President **Suzanne Dale Estey**); Emcee/Principal **Abby Hunt**; ASB/Activities Coordinator **Laura Lehni**; **BHS Pep Band** (Director **Jay Gillespie**); **BHS Cheer Team** (Coach **Alicia Egerly**); **Orswell** (Orswell Events); **Erick Vazquez** (Ready, Set ... Time!); Photographer **Briane Henak** (Rowland Studio); Vice President **Paul Plumis**; Caterer **Dan Shadle**; Promotion **Gloria Kruzner**. Thanks to **BHS Lacrosse** teams (Co-President **Ryan Carlisle '93**) for volunteer support!



Thank you to all who donated food at bib pickup and race day to support Ballard Food Bank!





Running of the Beavers raised \$14,601.50 from registrations, stipends, sponsorships, and donations, distributed as follows:

ASB ('26 and '29)	500.00
Boys Lacrosse	1,197.00
Band	1,068.50
Baseball	233.00
Boys Basketball	168.00
Boys Soccer	394.50
Boys Swim	113.00
Cheer	717.00
Cross Country	1,230.00
Dance	592.50
Football	112.00
Girls Basketball	217.00
Girls Bowling	21.00
Girls Flag Football	28.00
Girls Lacrosse	3,999.00
Girls Soccer	207.00
Girls Swim	409.00
Girls Volleyball	112.00
Golf	21.00
Gymnastics	14.00
Mental Health	736.00
Softball	365.50
Strength & Conditioning	14.50
Talisman	450.00
Tennis	229.00
Track and Field	1,221.00
Ultimate	157.50
Unified	24.50
Wrestling	50.00

