

# Wyatt Uc-Sipler

## David Douglas Scotsman

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David Douglas High School is one of the most diverse schools in Portland and has over 3,000 students. Douglas is filled with so many different kinds of cultures and ethnicities, while at the same time, we're all one family. Being surrounded by so many different beliefs and values opens up the mind to a new kind of freedom. The environment gives you a taste of real life, and how diverse the world is. A Scotsman is an extraordinary individual who is apart of a larger family that gives way to the freedom of thought and life.

The hardest thing to do is be unique in a world that is trying to blend everyone in with the crowd. Douglas's programs cover a wide array of subjects such as art, theater, athletics, language, and health. All of these classes are being taken by some of the most unique people anyone has ever met. It is so easy to be accepted for being different that kids can't help but be themselves. A huge part of why Douglas is so diverse is because of not only the student body but also the staff members and their various styles of teaching. The teachers drive their kids to think independently and make their own decisions about how and who they want to be. The norm at David Douglas isn't to be an everybody, it's to be a somebody.

To be apart of something as important as a family eliminates the element of feeling alone. Going up to a kid who is eating alone at lunch, and joining them, is what being a Scotsman is all about. The bonds people make at this school will be some of the strongest relationships they ever have. In Scots athletics, where kids experience some of their first big wins and losses, hold some of the strongest connections in Douglas. The football team is a band of brothers that has stuck together through thick and thin, and will always have each others back. That is the type of family

that David Douglas has created over its 63 years of existence.

Every student should have the ability to live the way they want, but not every student feels that they have the opportunity to be spectacular. The freedom to be distinctive is advertised in monumental amounts within the Scotsman's community. Freedom of faith, ethnicity, character, and morals are and always will be available to anyone at DDHS. This outstanding Grey and scarlet school conveys the chance to turn dreams into reality while having fun in the process. The feeling of a Scot is the freedom to be singular.

An unparalleled family member with the ability to dictate their own pursuit of happiness is the definition of a Scot. With the unique staff and students of David Douglas, finding the path to success becomes clear. People need to do what they love and love what they do. This place people call Douglas is greatly more significant than just a school, it's a family. Being a Scot isn't just a title, it's a way of life.