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A graduate with a career on the way



"We are so very proud of him," said 91-year-old Lorna Ward, Noah Kieffer's great-grandmother, who was chosen to present Kieffer with his diploma at the Quilcene High School graduation on June 8. "I could not have done it without her," Kieffer said. "She was always there for me, to talk to and to help with my assignments." Leader photo by Lily Haight

Quilcene grad full-time at Naval Shipyard

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For the last semester of high school, while Noah Kieffer's classmates packed their lunches, waited for the bus and walked through the doors of Quilcene High School for their last year of school, he was suiting up for a day at the shipyard.

Seventeen-year-old Kieffer may have missed out on the last semester of his classmates' inside jokes, on school assemblies and nagging from teachers. But instead he was getting his hands deft and dirty, learning skills he will be able to use for the rest of his life.

After completing a welding course at the West Sound Technical Skills Center, a summer job at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and a full-time semester at the shipyard in the student work study program, Kieffer had been offered a full-time position, kickstarting his career in shipbuilding.

"I don't really like book work," Kieffer said. "I'm more of a hands-on learner."

Though he does not categorize himself as a book-learner, Kieffer graduated from Quilcene High School on June 8 as valedictorian of his class, earning top marks despite finishing up his

courses early to begin working at the shipyard his last semester. Welding had piqued his interest because of his desire to get out of the classroom and do hands-on work. After studying in their welding program, he learned from an instructor at the school about the opportunity to apply for a summer job at the Bremerton Naval Shipyard.

"It's all about showing up and turning in work. As long as you show up and turn in your work, you'll do fine."

NOAH KIEFFER
VALEDICTORIAN
QUILCENE HIGH SCHOOL

That led to a full-time job at the shipyard during his last semester of school. He finished up all his graduation requirements early and stayed with family in Bremerton so he could get up and go to work every day, immersing himself in learning shipbuilding skills.

"He really connected himself, working with his counselor, working with two different schools, so that directly after high school he has a clear path to the workforce," said Quilcene Principal Sean Moss. "His level of independence shows that he's ready to be an adult."

Part of the draw for Kieffer was having a full-time job with benefits as soon as he graduated. But he was also drawn to the work itself: crafting things by hand, learning welding and electrical wiring and being part of a large team of shipwrights. "All of what you learn is how much you put into it," he said. "It's self-motivating. That's what I like about work. It teaches you life skills; to show up and to have pride in what you do."

Going into the marine trades directly after school also means that Kieffer will be able to earn a living wage and still live close to home.

"His family has lived in Quilcene for four or more generations," Moss said. "The reality is that in Jefferson County, students who go to college might not be able to come back and find a career."

And while Kieffer did end up missing his school friends while he was away working at the shipyard, he said the tradeoff was worth it to know that he has a permanent position and career at the shipyard.

"I think he wants to stick close to home because family is so important to him," said Jodi Kieffer, Noah's mom. "None of my kids want to go far from Grandma Lorna right now."

At graduation on June 8, Kieffer stood at the front of his class and thanked his family, his friends and teachers for helping him along the way, especially his great-grandmother Lorna Ward, who was there to present him with his diploma.

"I had so much help along the way," he said.

His advice to future students at Quilcene schools?

"It's all about showing up and turning in work," he said. "As long as you show up and turn in your work, you'll do fine."

She's the amplifier

PT activist noted for her inclusive style

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As the lunch bell rang out, 17-year-old Hannah Bahls stood at the flagpole outside her school with a megaphone, telling students to circle up to participate in the second climate action rally at Port Townsend High School.

Once everyone was together, she handed the megaphone to someone else, giving them a chance to lead the group in a chant. As students marched from the flagpole down Benton Street to the baseball field, Bahls marched in front until others followed and then she marched alongside.

Once on the field, Bahls encouraged the crowd to break into groups to discuss how they could get involved in different areas of climate change impacts or solutions. Those interested in transportation,



Hannah Bahls, 17, graduated from PTHS June 8. In August she's headed to UC Berkeley where she is excited about the vast array of new opportunities. Leader photo by Carmen Jaramillo

for instance, had community members from The Recyclery explaining how students could commute to school more sustainably. Nearby, groups coalesced to talk about local politics, food and other issues.

The whole point, Bahls said,

was not only to draw attention to the issue and urge those in power to wake up to climate change issues, but also to empower people to make change for themselves by giving them the necessary tools and opportunity.

That's Bahls' style. It's not about her, it's about everyone else. It seems to work.

Organized by Bahls and her friend Zinnia Hansen, the event attracted well over 50 students and community members.

Bahls stood with the marine health group, but listened earnestly as she let someone else lead the discussion.

Bahls is Port Townsend bred, having lived here since she was in diapers. She grew up on downtown streets in the salt spray of the Puget Sound. She's ridden her bike everywhere from the fort to the port since she was 11. She got her grit in the mud of the Plant-A-Thon, an

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Chimacum grad aims for shark waters

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Coming from a family of diving enthusiasts, Delana Horner dreams of a day when she can study the migration patterns of Great White Sharks around the world.

"I want to go into shark genetics," she said. "I grew up loving sharks and there is so much more we need to know about their family trees and why they migrate where they do."

Horner, 17, graduated from Chimacum High School with a 3.0 GPA and will attend the University of Hawaii at Minoa where she plans to major in Marine Biology and minor in Zoology.

The Chimacum native is the daughter of Brian and Kristina Horner.

"I have a feeling I will

probably end up in Southern California, but I would love to study abroad in either Australia, New Zealand or South Africa," Horner said.

Those locations are near Great White hot spots, she said.

While many may fear the Great White, Horner has a soft spot for them.

"They are actually really sweet. I call them puppies of the sea."

During a trip to the Isle of Guadalupe, which is 189 nautical miles off Ensenada, Mexico, Horner got a glimpse of the future she's planning. During the trip, she, her mother and her grandfather went down in shark cages to see Great Whites up close.

"My first time in the cage, I looked up and it was peacefully

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Athlete mathlete hopes for aerospace career

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Whoever said football players aren't smart never met Garon Terry.

The 18-year-old high school senior, who graduated as salutatorian from Quilcene High School on June 8, was not only the captain of the school's football team when they made the State semifinals, but he also went to the state competition in the Mathletes competition every year of his high school career.

But his list of high school accomplishments goes way beyond that. He graduated with top marks under his belt, as well as a resume that includes ASB Secretary, class president, knowledge bowl and mathletes champion, Math Student of the Year and student representative in the Quilcene School District's strategic planning meetings.

"I remember when he was the student representative for our board's strategic planning meetings, the football coach would release him five minutes early from practice, he would shower, put on a polo shirt and be in the boardroom on time and ready to go," said Principal Sean Moss.

In the face of many personal family obstacles, Terry was self-driven and resilient, said Pam Mack, who has had Terry live with



Garon Terry accepts his diploma from Principal Sean Moss at the Quilcene graduation ceremony on June 8. Leader photo by Lily Haight

her family off and on for many years, and says Terry is like her second son. Whether it's his ability to compartmentalize, or a pure strength of will, Terry's is a story of success, she said.

"He has had to be resilient," she

said. "But from his hard work he's received so many good things back from the universe."

Terry has big goals for the future.

"I'm hoping to go to become an officer for the Air Force as an

aerospace engineer," he said, while sitting outside on graduation day at Quilcene High School on June 8. "I'm good with science and math, and I pick up well on mechanical things."

According to his teachers,

Terry's own description of his abilities is an understatement.

"He qualified for state in the math championship all four years he was here," said Quilcene math teacher Jim Weller. "Garon was certainly the top math student in Quilcene this year. He's hard-working, and he cares that he understands the things we're working on. It's not just about the grade with him."

Maybe it's his humility that helped Terry accomplish so much, or his sense of humor, which shone through in his salutatorian speech at graduation.

"In classic senioritis fashion, I turned to Urban Dictionary.com to explain what it means to be a salutatorian," he said. "A salutatorian is the person who just missed Valedictorian by a few GPA points. Also known as 'the first loser.'"

But, as he said in his speech, neither Terry nor his fellow graduates were losers that day, as they accepted their diplomas and prepared for their future.

And Terry is one that teachers, parents and community members will be keeping an eye on as he begins his career.

"With his work ethic, I just can't imagine what he will accomplish when he's out of here," Moss said. "He's a kid that always plays to his potential."

Basketball: Horner finds camaraderie in teamwork

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swimming toward me. The way they swim is so graceful. I wasn't scared at all."

She was told not to look them in the eye because they may perceive them as a threat, but Horner could not help doing so.

BASKETBALL

Since she was in the eighth grade, Horner has played for either the junior varsity or varsity basketball teams at CHS.

"My eighth grade year, they didn't have enough JV players, so the coach brought up four of us," she said. "I actually refused at first. I am not the greatest player. I caved in eventually."

That was the right choice, she said.

Horner is not tall by hoop standards, but still ended up playing power forward during much of her career.

"Funnily enough, we are a team of small short girls," she said. "I am a terrible shooter. I will admit that. However,

I will forever love the game."

Even though she does not shoot the lights out, Horner said it was the camaraderie she enjoyed most.

"It is the family aspect of it. These girls are my family. I cannot say that enough. We will always be backing each other, no matter where we are at."

Last season, the team went undefeated in their league.

They made it to district finals, but lost both games.

"It was hard," Horner

said.

Horner intends to play intramural basketball at the college level, but nothing more than that, so she can focus on her studies.

When asked what many people don't know about her, Horner said she has a great fondness for poetry.

"I love poetry and writing poetry."

With sharks, basketball and poetry, Horner is well pleased.

"That is all you need," she said.



Delana Horner has played basketball for Chimacum High School for the past five years. Leader photos by Chris McDaniel

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Quilcene senior stand-out Robert Comstock, #25, is an intimidating sight at 6 feet 5 inches and 218 pounds. Playing the wide-open 8-man style of football may not be a disadvantage. In 2018, the Dallas Cowboys used a first-round pick to draft Leighton Vander Esch, who played eight-man in high school, progressing to Boise State University. *Leader file photo*

Quilcene Football Standout Signs Letter of Intent to Play College Football

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Robert Comstock did it all for Quilcene. He caught passes as a tight end on offense, racked up tackles and sacks as a defensive lineman, and shone on special teams. And now he is taking his talents to California as the first Quilcene football player to sign on to play college football in more than 20 years.

On June 3, Comstock signed a letter of intent to play for College of the Siskiyous in Weed, California. Siskiyous is the northernmost of the California Community Colleges and a football powerhouse, with a steady stream of football players transferring to Division I programs. In 2017, 17 Siskiyous players signed on to play for Division I schools.

Comstock plans to join this group and eventually pursue football at the highest collegiate level. "I want to try and get a scholarship so I can get a good education and play my favorite sport," he said. After getting his bachelor's degree, Comstock plans to become a P.E. teacher.

He is happy with his choice of Siskiyous for now. "I chose it because I wanted to better myself before I go to a four-year college."

His coach, Trey Beathard, had sent game film of Comstock to the Siskiyous coach and recommended the college to Comstock based on the transfer rate of its football players.

Beathard believes Comstock, at 6 foot 5 inches and 218 pounds, is built to play at the collegiate level. "He has excellent hands and is physical as a tackler and blocker," he said.

Quilcene, with average graduating classes between 10 and 20 students, fields an eight-man football team. However, Comstock isn't worried about the learning curve of adjusting to eleven-man football.

"I have done it before, but there are a lot of challenges," he said. "I know what is supposed to happen on an eight-man team, but in eleven-man it's a lot more crowded and there are more people you have to worry about. The linebackers have a little different job, the defensive backs have a little different job. It's gonna take time to get used to it,

but once I do I should be fine."

He's not crazy to believe he can make it on the big field. In the 2018 draft, the Dallas Cowboys used a first-round pick to draft Leighton Vander Esch, who played eight-man in high school, progressing to Boise State University.

Since Quilcene competes at the 1B level, eighth graders can play varsity sports. Because of that, Comstock played for Quilcene for five years, where he grew into a first team all-state player on offense and defense. As a tight end, he caught 31 passes for 643 yards and 13 touchdowns, as well as 13 two point conversions. As a defensive lineman, he recorded 133 tackles, 13 quarterback sacks, and returned two fumbles for touchdowns. On special teams, he blocked three punts.

"He was the team's best blocker," said Beathard. Comstock was voted co-MVP for the Rangers this past season and was an integral part of their record-breaking 12-1 season, the best in the school's history, in which they reached the state semifinals before falling to the eventual state champions, Odessa.

CHS grad on the path to become a math teacher

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After discovering a love for high level math during his junior year, Chimacum High School graduate Braden Coleman is hoping to earn a teaching degree so he can help others learn to do it themselves.

"I found a love of math starting last year in pre-calculus, and I want to continue that on," he said. "A lot of people don't understand it."

That said, the best way to learn something difficult may be to teach it.

Coleman, 18, is a member of the class of 2019. He is graduating with a 3.7 GPA and has earned a full ride scholarship to earn his associates and bachelors degrees. Leader readers have seen his name time after time in the honor roll lists. Now, Coleman will attend Eastern Washington University come fall and hopes to return to high school, this time as

a math teacher, after completing his degrees.

He will be the first in his family to complete college, he said.

He said he hopes to foster a love of math in his future students.

"I feel like math is underappreciated and people should be enlightened in the ways of math," he said. "A cool thing about calculus is you can get into applications for more advanced sciences. You can know what is going on behind the scenes for physics or chemistry."

Essentially, calculus is the base for all the advanced mathematics, he said.

As a high school student, Coleman was involved in tennis, football and golf. He was also a member of the knowledge bowl team and historian for the National Honors Society.

Coleman's mother is Suzanne Ross and his father is Robert Coleman.



Braden Coleman hopes to earn a teaching degree so he can return to high school and share his passion for mathematics with his future students. *Leader photo by Chris McDaniel*



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It's not 'just Chimacum'

School sends message: Don't underestimate us

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Between an outgoing principal offering an impassioned plea for fair news coverage and several student speakers who exhorted their peers to dare to dream big, the Chimacum High School graduating class of 2019 sent the message loud and clear, during their June 8 commencement, that they are not to be underestimated.

Outgoing Principal Brian MacKenzie — who's transitioning into teaching next year — took both *The Leader* and the *Port Angeles* paper to task for what he saw as inadequate coverage of his students' achievements.

Superintendent Rick Thompson shared a number of comments his teachers had made about individual students, in which the word "determined" was repeated for several students.

Thompson also noted the 111 scholarships received by the class of 2019, with the local community contributing more than \$159,000 out of a total of more than \$600,000 that was awarded to these students.

"Please join me in thanking the many volunteers and the generous Chimacum community for making dreams come true," Thompson said.

Student-selected faculty speaker Bob Williams delivered an earnest, entertaining set of tips for life in his speech, similar in tone to the down-to-earth 1997 "Wear Sunscreen" speech by Chicago Tribune columnist Mary Schmich.

Williams offered advice as eclectic as car-care reminders to repeated urgings to make sure the women in their lives are happy, noting that not spending money on frivolous purchases can help them save up for long-term dreams.

"Have more than one job you'd like to do, because you may not like the one you have. Don't be afraid to start over, because a lot of us have," Williams said. "Help someone out, and you will be proud of yourself, as will we."

Co-Class President Polly Nole took aim at the phrase "It's just Chimacum" by defending the benefits of living in a close-knit community with a familial feel, even as she acknowledged its changes in administration.

"Yes, I know it's hard to be proud of something when you're frustrated and wishing things would just be different, but our Chimacum pride is actually the solution," Nole said.

"Everyone here wants to be proud of where they went to school and grew up, and we need to work as a school, as a community, as individuals and as alumni, to make that happen."

Class-elected speaker Cole Dotson defended following one's "crazy dreams," no matter how seemingly unattainable, not only out of a sense of obligation to their own untapped potential, but also to give back to the school that has given the class of 2019 and its predecessors so much.

"I can't count the number of times I've heard, 'Chimacum kids don't go anywhere,' but I say, 'Why not?'" Dotson said. "As the 101st graduating class, we have a responsibility to start the next 100 years of Chimacum off right."

Co-Salutatorians Lacey Bishop and Kaitlyn Ejde both related Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken" to events in their own lives — Bishop breaking her back, and Ejde sustaining a brain injury from a concussion — that forced them to approach their education in different ways from how they'd planned.

"Although I was succeeding in my classes, I felt disconnected from the school and my classmates. The way I was learning was different from my peers," Bishop said. "(But) the right path is the one which allows you to become successful."

"The overgrown road may have more obstacles, more sleepless nights. It may require the investment of more tears and more work than the easier road," Ejde said. "(But) all that hard work will shape you — no, it has shaped you into who you are today."

Valedictorian Renee Woods called for young people to use their own voices to advocate for positive societal change, even if they feel pressured to stay silent.

She cited the examples of Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan, who addressed the United Nations at the age of 16 to champion education for women, and the surviving students of the Parkland High School shooting in Florida last year, whose continued activism has led to updated gun control laws in 26 states.

"Remember that your age is not an excuse for others to dismiss you. Remember also that your social or economic standing does not limit you from expressing your opinions, nor does it somehow make them invalid," Woods said. "Now, class of 2019, go out and show everyone what a kid from Chimacum can do with their voice."



Class-elected speaker Cole Dotson offers high-fives to his fellow members of the Chimacum High School graduating class of 2019 during their June 8 commencement. *Leader photo by Kirk Boxleitner*

Chimacum Graduation Snapshot

Number of graduates: 72	These we will never sever. Those who have parted and gone on their way, Will be remembered as day passes day.	since 2012
Class song: "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell	And the blue and white lives on forever, Hail, oh hail, oh Chimacum." By Duane Montgomery	Mortarboard decorations: "I don't even go here."
Class flower: Sunflower	Notable events listed by speakers: Chimacum football, basketball and baseball team victories, including the latter becoming league champions for the first time	Notable footwear: Open-toed sandal, sneakers and at least one pair of Heelys
Class motto: "And I knew exactly what to do but in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do." — Michael Scott		Valedictorian: Renee Woods
Class lyrics: "In the valley near the water Stands our alma mater. Halls of learning, lifetime friendships		Salutatorians: Lacey Bishop and Kaitlyn Ejde
		Overheard: "Hey, everyone, Alex is high! I don't think anyone heard."
		"Good job. So, you're a man now."
		Duration of ceremony: 1.5 hours

Chimacum Scholarship Recipients

Kristopher Andrews Olympic College FOC - First Federal Bank \$500 FOC - Tina Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$500	Lacey Bishop Pacific University Brad Brown Memorial Scholarship \$500 Chimacum Alumni \$1,000 Clallam County Fair \$500 East Jefferson Rotary \$2,500 Elks BPO #317 \$2,500 FOC - Wes and Dinah Reed Scholarship \$1,000 Pacific Campus Residence Scholarship \$3,000 Pacific Grant \$11,000 Pacific University Music Talent	Alima Devas Eastern Washington University Eastern Washington University Dean's Scholarship \$2,000 FOC - Judy Gunther Memorial Scholarship \$500 Peace Lutheran \$500 Washington State College-bound Scholarship \$6,522	Jonah Diehl Oregon State University	Cole Dotson Olympic College Brad Brown Memorial	Big Blue Boosters \$500 Port Townsend Kiwanis Scholarship \$5,000 Brad Brown Memorial Scholarship \$500 FOC - Norm Christie Scholarship \$1,200 East Jefferson Little League \$500 Evergreen State Scholarship \$8,000 Oregon State University Tuition Grant Scholarship \$6,000 FOC - Jeannie and Duke Shold Scholarship \$2,000 Rakers Car Club \$500 East Jefferson Rotary \$1,500 Jodi Cossell Memorial Scholarship \$500	Scholarship \$500 East Jefferson Little League Scholarship \$500 Chimacum Alumni \$1,000 Madeline Dowling Olympic College FOC - Karen Jensen Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 Kaitlyn Ejde Linfield College Linfield College Trustee Scholarship \$22,500 Elks BPO #317 \$2,500 Linfield First Scholarship \$6,000 FOC - Community Enrichment Alliance Scholarship \$1,000 FOC - Chimacum Staff Payroll \$1,000
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- Drama:** Brooklyn Palmer
- English:** Alima Devas
- Foods:** Cayden Sevilla
- French:** Clara Noble
- History:** Kora Jensen
- Horticulture:** Amelia Foster
- Math:** Felix Aman
- Leadership:** Nina Haddenham
- Science:** Delana Horner
- Spanish:** Caleb Werner
- Yearbook:** Seth Richey
- PI:** Stan Raines

13-year seniors

Students who attended Chimacum schools from kindergarten through graduation:

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| Lacey Bishop | Mason Lawson |
| Kristen Cobb | Willow Mercer |
| Sean Decker | Magen Music |
| Jonah Diehl | Brady Palmer |
| Cole Dotson | Brooklyn Palmer |
| Maddy Dowling | Daniel Paterson |
| Zack Engle | Jillian Pernsteiner |
| Amelia Foster | Ben Preston |
| Kayla Gates | Stan Raines |
| Hunter Haralson | Tia Richards |
| Isabella Hill | Aaron Serrato |
| Delana Horner | Sam Stone |
| Kora Jensen | Kalyssa Strayer |
| Taylor Johnson | Jada Trafton |
| Adam Kinney | Hannah Walters |
| Desirae Kudronowicz | Renee Woods |

‘Like a family’: 20 Quilcene seniors graduate June 8

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In the “green room,” also known as a classroom at Quilcene High School, a group of 20 graduates milled about, pinning their caps into their hair, layering leis over their purple sashes, scrolling on their phones, taking photos and joking around.

“Could I have your attention for one last time?” asked principal Sean Moss, gathering the students for a pep talk before the graduation ceremony in Quilcene on June 8. “Or, for some of you, for the first time ever?”

As the small group of graduates gathered around their principal minutes before they would walk into the gym for their graduation ceremony, the closeness of this graduating class shone through.

“The majority of us have spent the last thirteen years together,” said valedictorian Noah Kieffer in his speech. “Even if we might not have always wanted to. We often clashed over what some might call trivial situations. And despite the fighting, we never hesitated to have each other’s backs.”

With only 20 students in the graduating class, these kids were more like siblings than classmates. And as they handed out white roses, their class flower, to their parents, family members, teachers and supporters in the crowd at the Quilcene High School gym at the ceremony on June 8, it was apparent that the community who filled the gym to watch the students graduate were like one big family.

“I consider myself lucky to know you all and to be part of the strong bond we have created,” Kieffer said.

This extremely tight-knit group of students had one of the most successful football seasons in Quilcene history, traveled to California for

“These kids have very differing personalities and interests, but it’s amazing how close they are and how they have each others’ backs.”

Jodi Kieffer
SENIOR ADVISOR
QUILCENE HIGH SCHOOL

a class trip, and nearly all were recipients of scholarships for academic success.

“These kids have very differing personalities and interests, but it’s amazing how close they are and how they have each others’ backs,” said Jodi Kieffer, the class advisor. “They kinda became like their own family.”

A slideshow of photos at graduation showed each student as they grew up into the young graduates they are today showed a group of kids who grew up outdoors, hiking, fishing, hunting, dirt biking and playing on the beach.

“They didn’t feel the need to impress people,” said Marji Mueller, who was a paraeducator for the students when they were in kindergarten. “But they were going places.”

This group of students take themselves seriously when it counts, such as when they’re on the football field, in an exam or in the midst of a knowledge bowl competition. But as they turned their tassels on June 8, they were a group of close friends ready for summer vacation. The crowd cheered, the students threw their caps in the air and then collectively burst into laughter as class football star Robert Comstock III’s cap got stuck in the ceiling rafters.



Quilcene graduates cheer and laugh as they throw their caps up in the air, noticing that one student’s cap got stuck in the rafters. *Leader photo by Lily Haight*

Quilcene Graduation Snapshot

Number of graduates: **20**

Class flower: **White Rose**

Class motto: **“If you want something you’ve never had, you must be willing to do something you’ve never done.”**

—Thomas Jefferson

Notable events listed by speakers:

Graduating class trip to California, football team going to state championships

Notable footwear: **From moccasins and socks to tennis shoes, to high heels.**

Valedictorian: **Noah Kieffer**

Salutatorian: **Garon Terry**

Duration of ceremony: **2 hours**

Quilcene scholarship recipients

Shelby Coryell

American Legion Marvin G Shields Memorial: 1,400

Autoworks Excellence in the Trades 250

Quilcene Harbor Yacht Club 500

Dosey Dux 500

Quilcene Alumni Association 750

Bergman Scholarship 3,000

Ruby-Jean Murray Memorial 500

QEA 500

Steward Beck

Allison Tomensis Memorial 500

Robert Comstock

Dosey Dux 500

Bergman Scholarship 4,000

Rochelle Orton Memorial 500

Rachael Hodgson-Ruiz Memorial 500

Brennan Filmer Bergman Scholarship 4,000

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Jandl/Ranchich Memorial 1,000

Bob and Maggie Bergman Scholarship 4-yr. 12,000

Dustin Hughes

Bergman Scholarship 1,500

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Summer Jordan

Bob and Maggie Bergman Scholarship 4-yr. 10,000

AAUW 3,000

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship 22,500

Quilcene Alumni Association 750

Bob and Maggie Bergman Scholarship 4-yr. 10,000

Bergman Scholarship 1,500

McKenzie Kieffer

VFW 1,000

Lisa T. Painter Scholarship 3,100

Dosey Dux 500

Quilcene Alumni Association 750

Bergman Scholarship 1,500

Jandl/Ranchich Memorial 1,000

Bob and Maggie Bergman Scholarship 4-yr. 12,000

Noah Kieffer

Autoworks Excellence in the Trades 250

Quilcene Booster Club 250

Quilcene Alumni Association 250

Quilcene-Brinnon Dollars for Scholars 1,075

Alec Killam

Bob and Maggie Bergman

Scholarship 2-yr. 1,000

Cooper Killam

Bob and Maggie Bergman Scholarship 2-yr. 1,000

Scarlett McBride

VFW 1,000

Quilcene Booster Club 250

Dosey Dux 500

Bob and Maggie Bergman Scholarship 4-yr. 8,000

Olympic College Gold Star Tuition Waiver 10,404

Bergman Scholarship 1,500

Pearl Munn

VFW 1,000

Bergman Scholarship 1,500

Bob and Maggie Bergman Scholarship 2-yr. 4,000

Olin Reynolds

Quilcene Fair Board/Al Jakeway Memorial 500

Garon Terry

America Legion Marvin G Shields Memorial 2,500

Quilcene Booster Club 250

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June 7 saw the commencement of Port Townsend High School's 125th graduating class. Photo courtesy of Jan Boultiier

Small, but mighty

Port Townsend graduates 125th class

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The McCurdy Pavilion at Fort Worden saw a packed house for the 125th commencement ceremony for Port Townsend High School on the evening of June 7. At 69, this graduating class was the smallest in over a decade, but one with many accomplishments and achievements under their belts.

ASB Executive President Jules Short called her class "remarkable" in her opening speech alongside senior class president Story Walsh.

"You can see by the array of colors and medals decorating the students up here that most of them are a part of something," she said, motioning towards the stoles and cords draped over the students, dressed in robes of white and red. "It is unique that we have such a high level of involvement in a variety of activities, and that students feel comfortable taking part in what they love to do."

When principal Carrie Ehrhardt asked students who took part in after-school clubs, activities and sports to rise, almost the entire class stood up. Students were then recognized for participation in their specific sport or activity, which ranged from advanced culinary class to mock trial. Among those recognized were students who broke school, district or conference records in their sport, the sixteen students who received scholarships from their colleges or local organizations to attend college, and Short along with Gabe Petrick and Henry Stier, members of the 2019 PTHS state knowledge bowl champion team.

There were 20 students wearing honor

"You may be small in numbers but you are mighty in courage, perseverance and soul."

Carrie Ehrhardt

PRINCIPAL
PORT TOWNSEND HIGH SCHOOL

Valedictorian Raphael Bakin attempted to tie in lessons learned from Lord of the Flies and Hamlet into his speech, two texts studied in high school, in order to make his speech more practical for his class's post-grad life.

After giving grim synopses of their themes, Bakin concluded that the lessons drawn from those works are too dark for a recent graduate to have weighing on their minds, and perhaps opting for happy cliches is the best choice after all.

He then reflected on the challenges posed to a "privileged," 17 year old high school senior in trying to provide worldly insight on any topic, and decided to not try, and instead speak to the small victories in life that he's observed over the last four years, victories that he believes prepared him and his class to take on life's challenges. These include:

"Classmates working together to understand challenging literature.

Classmates battling together on the athletic fields, or in knowledge bowl classrooms.

Classmates debating world problems in Model United Nations.

Classmates standing together to protest the lack of climate change action."

Salutatorian Annika Carlson said Port Townsend students have an advantage thanks to the open-minded community surrounding them.

"Because Port Townsend High School is so small, it's easy to look at all of the opportunities it couldn't give us," she said. "I know I've been guilty of this. However, it is inarguable that being raised in PT gave us the ability to be who we want to be, something for which I'll forever be grateful."

Teacher Ben Dow gave his usual poem incorporating each graduating class member, this year imagining what roles his students could play in the production of the recent Avengers movie.

Class-selected speaker Ian Kjelgaard garnered the most laughs from his classmates, recounting the adventures his class had and the hurdles they had to overcome together. The faculty and administration laughed along or at the least smiled politely as he poked fun at them.

Kjelgaard balanced his humor with sincere words on his journey from a freshman who had been homeschooled his whole life, to being selected to speak for his class at graduation.

Faculty-selected speaker Ben Mattern prompted a lot of laughter as well from the packed McCurdy Pavilion with his story about his childhood superhero alter ego, Naked Man, and the lessons in self esteem and love that can be drawn from him, especially in an age where technology can instill unrealistic standards of perfection in people's minds.

With such a small class, the graduates were able to take their time as they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, hugging and high-fiving their friends, some popping off streamers.

After throwing their hats into the air, the students emptied out onto the adjacent Littlefield Green, where families took photos with their graduate.

It wasn't long before the fresh alumni began trickling across the field and disappearing into the Rhododendron Garden to catch a bus to senior night at the Elks Lodge, in what would be their last time together as a group until they arrive at the Port Townsend Alumni Association's annual June get-together, which is also held at the Elk's Lodge.

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Annika Carlson

SALUTATORIAN
PORT TOWNSEND HIGH SCHOOL

cords, representing a cumulative GPA of 3.33 or above throughout their high school years. Five students were recognized for attaining an academic letter for 2 years with a GPA of 3.8 or above.

Ehrhardt made a special note to honor the three students, Zach Dempsey, Rosalyn Salmon and Tiger Varah, who are the first people in their family to graduate high school, and Callay Boire-Shedd and Walsh, who graduated with their Associate's Degrees from Peninsula College through the Running Start Program.

"You may be small in numbers but you are mighty in courage, perseverance and soul," said Ehrhardt.

"Each of you walk your own individual path, and for some, I know that path has been tough," Ehrhardt said to them. "Some of you have battled homelessness, or you've gone to treatment to deal with an addiction. Some of you have suffered tragedy and loss of a family member or close friend. Some of you have had to persevere through significant medical or emotional health issues. And some of you have worked so hard to overcome learning challenges and disability.

"But through those struggles, you still got out of bed and faced the day, you did your best, and you worked as hard as you could. You showed up to school, even though for some of you, the school system did not always flex to meet your needs. You've maintained hope, a sense of humor, and the belief that you could do it...that the diploma was worth it."

Port Townsend Graduation Snapshots

- Number of Graduates: **69**
- Class Colors: **Red and White**
- Class Flower: **Red Rose**
- Class Song: **"Watch Me" by Jaden Smith (but it didn't play at graduation)**
- Shoe highlights: **Rainbow crocs, open toe sandals, colored vans and assorted dress shoes.**
- Fashion Trend: **Garlands of flowers or origami dollars bills, rings of flowers**
- around mortarboards.
- PTHS Alma Mater: **In a city by the water**
- Reared against the sky**
- Proudly stands our alma mater**
- As the years go by**
- Forward ever be our watchword**
- Conquer and prevail**
- Hail to thee our alma mater**
- Townsend High all hail!**
- Performers: **Bodie LaBrie,**
- piano: Can't Help Falling in Love by Elvis Presley**
- PTHS Orchestra: "A Million Dreams" from "The Greatest Showman"**
- Valedictorian: **Raphael Bakin**
- Salutatorian: **Annika Carlson**
- Class-Selected Speaker: **Ian Kjelgaard**
- Faculty-Selected Speaker: **Ben Mattern**
- Duration of Ceremony: **1 Hour, 45 Minutes**

Port Townsend Awards & Honors

Academic Letter – 1st Year, 3.8 GPA & above

Anika Avelino, Louis Babik, Hannah Bahls, Kincaid Gould, Jasmine Heuberger-Yearian, Mya Hossack, Aaron Lee, Ian Linn-Glasgow, Henry Manza, Lilly Montgomery, Sasha Mosier, Lily O'Shea, Orion Pendley, Benjamin Tyler

- Drama:** Boden LaBrie, Keagan Nordstrom, Rosalyn Salmon
- English:** Katherine Boatman, John Boyett, Pilar Ortiz Alburez, Julianne Short
- French:** Seamus Fraser, Kincaid Gould, Lilly Montgomery
- Jazz Band:** Gabriel Petrick
- Math:** Karen Absher, Kincaid Gould
- Orchestra:** Leianna Kunz
- Science:** Karen Absher, Louis Babik, Seamus Fraser, Kincaid Gould

Academic Letter – 2nd Year, 3.8 GPA & above

Raphael Bakin, Annika Carlson, Tao Johnston, Jason Kunz, Julianne Short

Honor Cords 3.33 or above

Hannah Bahls, Raphael Bakin, Callay Boire-Shedd, Annika Carlson, Zachary Dempsey, Logan Flanagan, Skayna Iardella, Tao Johnston, Jason Kunz, Leianna Kunz, Sarah Lee, Benjamin Mattern, Sasha Mosier, Mia Nebel, Sarena Obert-Silva, Gabriel Petrick, Taryn Rogers, Teagan Rubida, Julianne Short, Henry Stier

ASB President's Award - Leadership Award chosen by the ASB President

Annika Carlson, Karlee Kellogg, Jason Kunz, Leianna Kunz, Eileen Leoso, Benjamin Mattern, Keagan Nordstrom, Gabriel Petrick, Jaden Watkins, Nicholas Winegar

MVP

- Art:** Taryn Rogers
- English:** Annika Carlson
- French:** Raphael Bakin
- Math:** Zachary Dempsey
- Media Studies:** Jakob Minor
- Music:** Jason Kunz
- Science:** Raphael Bakin
- Social Studies:** Julianne Short
- Woodworking:** Sarah Rogers
- Yearbook:** Berit Schultz

College and Career Ready

Raphael Bakin, Callay Boire-Shedd, Aaron Brown, Annika Carlson, Zachary Dempsey, Aidan Falge, Logan Flanagan, Brenna Franklin, Elijah Harding, Tao Johnston, Payton Kienle, Lenora Kingsley, Ian Kjelgaard, Leianna Kunz, Boden LaBrie, Randy Lawson, Sarah Lee, Margeaux Manuel, Nicholas Massie, Benjamin Mattern, Elena McConaghy, Jakob Minor, Sasha Mosier, Mia Nebel, Gabriel Petrick, Sarah Rogers, Taryn Rogers, Ashley Rosser, Teagan Rubida, Owen Scanlon, Berit Schultz, Julianne Short, Daniel Stenberg, Henry Stier, Abel Tolpin, Story Walsh, Jaden Watkins, Viggo Watson, Nicholas Winegar

Phi Beta Kappa Book Award

Gabriel Petrick

Department Awards for Juniors & Seniors

Band: Sarah Lee

Washington State Honors

Hannah Bahls, Raphael Bakin, Annika Carlson, Tao Johnston, Julianne Short

You have brains in your head,
You have feet in your shoes,
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
— Dr. Seuss

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PTHS: Salmon succeeds despite turbulent home life

Credits high school teacher for success

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Before she arrived in Port Townsend in eighth grade, Port Townsend High School graduating senior Rosalyn Salmon's home life was somewhat turbulent.

Her dad was a single father for much of her upbringing, and at one point, their family was split up into several different foster homes, but he was able to bring them all back under one roof by the time they moved to Port Townsend.

"It was really rough, going from six or seven together to living with just one of my siblings," Salmon said. "It inspired me to keep my head and make sure that, if I ever have kids, they'll never go through what I did, because I'd want the best possible life for them."

The 17-year-old is heading to Central Western University to study environmental science in the fall, because she enjoys



Port Townsend High School graduating senior Rosalyn Salmon succeeds despite challenges. Leader photo by Kirk Boxleitner

science and wants to benefit the environment, but there was no guarantee that she would reach graduation in the first place, especially after she and her siblings were

split up into foster care.

Salmon's troubles didn't end after she arrived in Port Townsend, but she is thankful for the supportiveness of her high school classmates and instructors alike.

"It's so loving," Salmon said. "Even though every school says something like this, there's no bullying here."

Nonetheless, when a close family friend who'd been especially supportive of her efforts in school went away, Salmon felt like she'd lost an external driver for her academic career.

"I saw my grades drop during my sophomore year as a result," Salmon said. "She always pushed me to do better, and without her, all my motivation was gone."

Salmon rebounded with the encouragement of one of her teachers, Tom Gambill.

"He saw things in me that I didn't see in myself," Salmon said. "He told me I could do great things, if I just kept at it."

If Salmon has any advice for other students facing similarly turbulent circumstances, it's to offer them the hope that, regardless of their family's situation or other people's choices, they can still do what they want to do with their lives.

PTHS: Winegar copes with father's death

Kept himself on track by focusing on studies

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Nico Winegar was born in Littleton, Colorado, but since his family moved to Port Townsend six months later, the 18-year-old graduating senior at Port Townsend High School considers himself born and raised in PT.

Winegar is heading off to Pacific University in the fall, to play football and study finance.

However, his impending departure leaves him a bit melancholy about losing relationships he's been building since kindergarten here.

"It's so inclusive here," Winegar said of PTHS. "No one feels left out. Everyone knows each other. Even if we don't hang out, we still talk."

Winegar wound up leaning on that support network more than he expected this school year, when his father, former Port Townsend reserve police officer Jerome David Winegar, died of a heart attack at his home Dec. 22.

"It's been tough, especially these last couple of months," Winegar said. "But I've felt supported by the school's staff and students. They're an amazing group, and they've helped a lot."

Rather than making Winegar's hectic graduation schedule feel more stressful, the death of his father has motivated him to redouble his studies, to keep his mind occupied.

"I've been staying busy and getting involved," Winegar said. "Instead of just sitting at home, I've been doing as much homework as possible, and doing more weights and sports, from football and basketball to soccer."

He added: "You'd think I'd want to drop everything, but I don't want to get off track."

Winegar admitted that one of the rougher aspects of graduation has been his father's absence, right around the time he would have been supplying advice to his son for the future.

"Him not being here sucks," Winegar said. "There was no way we expected this to happen, but I knew my dad would be proud of me, which was all I wanted, to make him as proud as possible."

Port Townsend Police Chief Mike

"I knew my dad would be proud of me, which was all I wanted, to make him as proud as possible."

Nico Winegar
PORT TOWNSEND GRADUATE

Evans told The Leader that he and his fellow officers attended the ceremonies because Winegar's father couldn't be there.

"We're here in support of Nico, but we're also here for all the kids," Evans said. "This has been traumatic for Nico and his family, but also his friends."

Evans described Winegar as "an amazing kid" and "a leader like his father."

In addition to offering their support to Winegar and his classmates, Evans and his fellow officers wanted to wish the PTHS graduating class of 2019 congratulations and good luck in the future.

"It's an honor for us to be here, even if it is unfortunately under sad circumstances," Evans said.



Nico Winegar is heading off to Pacific University in the fall, to play football and study finance. Leader photo by Kirk Boxleitner

2019 PTHS Scholarship Recipients and Post-Secondary Choice

Bakin, Raphael

University of Washington
KC Nomura STEM Scholarship - \$2,000
Port Ludlow Amateur Radio Scholarship - \$1,000
Port Townsend High School Scholarship Foundation - \$2,000
University of Washington College of the Environment Scholarship - \$2,000
University of Washington Nancy Wilcox Scholarship for Environmental Studies - \$2,650

Boire-Shedd, Callay

Linfield College
American Association of University Women Scholarship - \$3,000
The Leader PTHS Student of the Year - \$250
Francis R. Linfield Scholarship &

other Linfield Scholarships totaling \$33,000

Campbell, Chase

Hamlin University Academic Scholarship - \$19,000
Hamlin University

Carlson, Annika

Macalester College
Port Townsend High School Scholarship Foundation - \$2,000
Glenn Abraham Memorial Scholarship - \$5,000
DeWitt Wallace Distinguished Scholarship - \$10,000
honorary Wallace Scholarship for each year at Macalester, totaling \$40,000

Flanagan, Logan

Western Washington University
Western Washington University

Admission Scholars Award - \$1,000

Iardella, Skyanna

US Navy
Rhododendron Festival Royalty Scholarship - \$1,000

Johnston, Tao

University of Washington
Windermere Realty Scholarship - \$500

Kunz, Jason

Bellingham Technical College
Andy Palmer Memorial Scholarship - \$3,000
PTHS Male Activity Leader of the Year - \$500
Port Townsend High School Alumni Association Scholarship - \$2,000

Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary VocTech Scholarship - \$1,000

Port Townsend Kiwanis Scholarship - \$5,000

Kitsap Credit Union Educational Grants Foundation - \$1,500

Worldwide Assurance for Employees of Public Agencies Scholarship - \$1,250

Kunz, Leianna

Washington State University
Ginger Doolittle Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship through the Port Townsend High School Alumni Association - \$2,000

Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary Club "Service Above Self" Scholarship - \$1,000

Holiday Wreath Scholarship - \$1,500

Port Townsend Kiwanis Scholarship - \$5,000

Manuel, Margeaux

Peninsula College
PTHS Female Athlete of the Year - \$500

Mattern, Ben

University of Portland
Port Townsend High School Scholarship Foundation - \$4,500

Mosier, Sasha

Western Washington University
Tyrrell Perseverance Award - \$200
Port Townsend High School Scholarship Foundation - \$7,000

Salmon, Rosalyn

Central Washington University
Port Townsend High School Scholarship Foundation - \$4,500
Terri Purviance Martin Memorial

Scholarship - \$10,000

Scanlon, Owen

The Evergreen State College
Holiday Wreath Scholarship - \$1,500

Glenn Abraham Memorial Scholarship - \$5,000

Deb Johnson Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Short, Julianne

Syracuse University
PTHS Female Activity Leader of the Year - \$500

Winegar, Nico

Pacific University
PTHS Male Athlete of the Year - \$500

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PORT TOWNSEND STUDENT ART

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Art is alive in Port Townsend. From wizened old sculptors to children just starting school with a pack of crayons, it's one way we make sense of our world. This is a small selection of what students make all year. Many thanks to students whose work is represented here, the Leader, and our colleagues who reviewed submissions. Thanks also to our sponsors for their support of the arts.



PT Artscape
Port Townsend Community Consortium



Sophia LaDue



Adelle Carr



Blais Wilkinson

Where Am I?

Boom goes the fireworks
Gulp goes a person looking at a really big ride.
Crash goes a Volcano ride
Stomp goes everyone walking
Crunch goes a person eating potato chips
Splash goes the big pirate ride

At an amusement
Park.

By: Lexi Rodrigues
2nd grade, Dawn Braden

Where Am I?

Screech goes the shower curtain
Flash goes the toilet!
Splat goes the shampoo on the floor
Crank goes the shower knob.
Shhh goes the water down the drain.
In the bathroom.

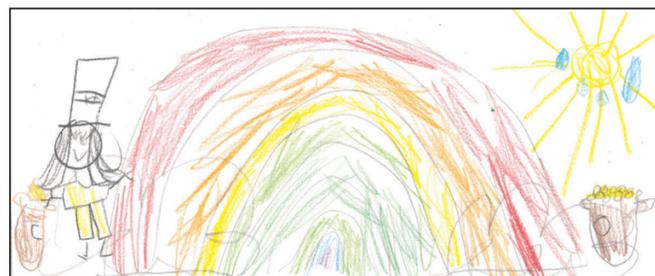
By: Jaxzen Berg
2nd grade, Cheryl Garnett



Buddy Wiley



Charlie Buckham



Joy

Happy

Happy likes to sing at the waterfall.
It eats the sad away.
Happy wears a smile - Happy has a pet bunny.

By: Addie Hoffman,
1st grade, Disco Rabbit Class
(Dorothy Stengel and Peter Braden)

Mad

Mad is as mean and ferocious as a lion.
Mad wears a black leather jacket.
Mad has a rain cloud face.
Mad has fire hair.
Mad's friend is Angry - they kick and push people.

By: Arrow Watson,
1st grade, Disco Rabbit Class
(Peter Braden and Dorothy Stengel)

Silly

Silly is riding his unicorn to school.
Silly is eating ice cream and drinking milk shakes on a trampoline.
Silly wears underwear on his head.
Silly's friends are Banana, Peanut and Goofy - they do back flips on the trampoline with Silly.

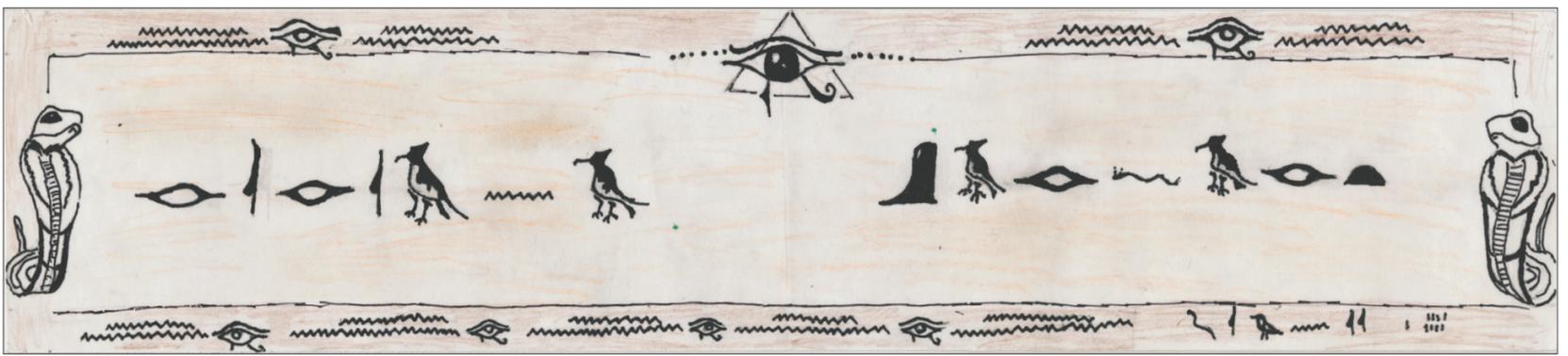
By: Grayce Swindler,
2nd grade, Disco Rabbit Class
(Peter Braden and Dorothy Stengel)

Anger

Anger is best friends with...
Pain, Blood, War!
He wears red mixed with orange and black.
He has a phoenix for a pet.
Anger sound like nothing creeping up behind you... then...

THWACK! On the head!

by Owen Griffith,
2nd grade, Disco Rabbit Class
(Peter Braden and Dorothy Stengel)



Lilliana Calvert



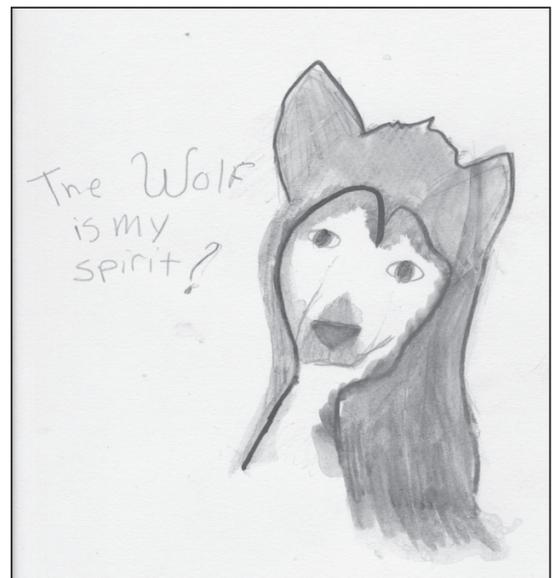
Alice Tyler



Arlo Klontz



Tia York



Sophia Yates

Time

time
eats away like a
caterpillar eats
away at a
Leaf
time never stops
it only keeps on
going
going
going
and going
time never sleeps
time is not forgiving
there's never enough time
in life

By Rigel Sloat
3rd grade, Bonnie Stenehjem

Flying

Flying is like
The wind picking
You up in the air:
It's like the beautiful
White clouds flying in the
Air slowly moving.
It's like thunder through the sky.
It's like a plane gliding in the sky.
Flying is freedom.

By Malachi W.
Grade 3, Molly O'Brien

Ode to Potato

The potato rose from the ground a brown potato brown as dirt it feels like a unicorn it flies into your mouth you feel happy when you eat it and this thing is a POTATO. The potatoes are back in the oven with sour cream and cheese on top on wrap the foil and potato and Baked Potato it's on the plate about to be eaten it's gone. Time to make another.

By: Finn Schultz
4th grade, Lisa Olsen

Fire flames

Fire flames shining
In the dark
Waters wave glimmering in the daylight
Together they're one.

By Silas M.
4th grade, Betsy Hart

Titanic In History

White like the moon on the breast, falling snow.
black smoke stacks are tall like mountains reaching for the clouds above you.

You were several layers steel like the levels of math so hard and strong.
Like a bald eagle soaring through sky, searching for prey.

But SNAP you hit that ice berg like lightning striking a tree.
Fire spreads across the land like freezing water; drowning you slowly, icy cold waters.

You had few survivors.

Still a fascination to many today.

Why were you called the indestructible?

By Hunter K.
4th grade, Betsy Hart

Ode to a BOOK

Walking in the park, found a book under a tree,
pages of black and white like a zebra running in the savanna.

An ocean of words, scared I might drown,

The park disappears, I am in the book, a world of pirates and fairies, dragons and mermaids.

I could not keep my eyes off it. Like a box of twilight, like the dream I'd always had came true. It was the fuel to my imagination.

How could anyone leave this book.

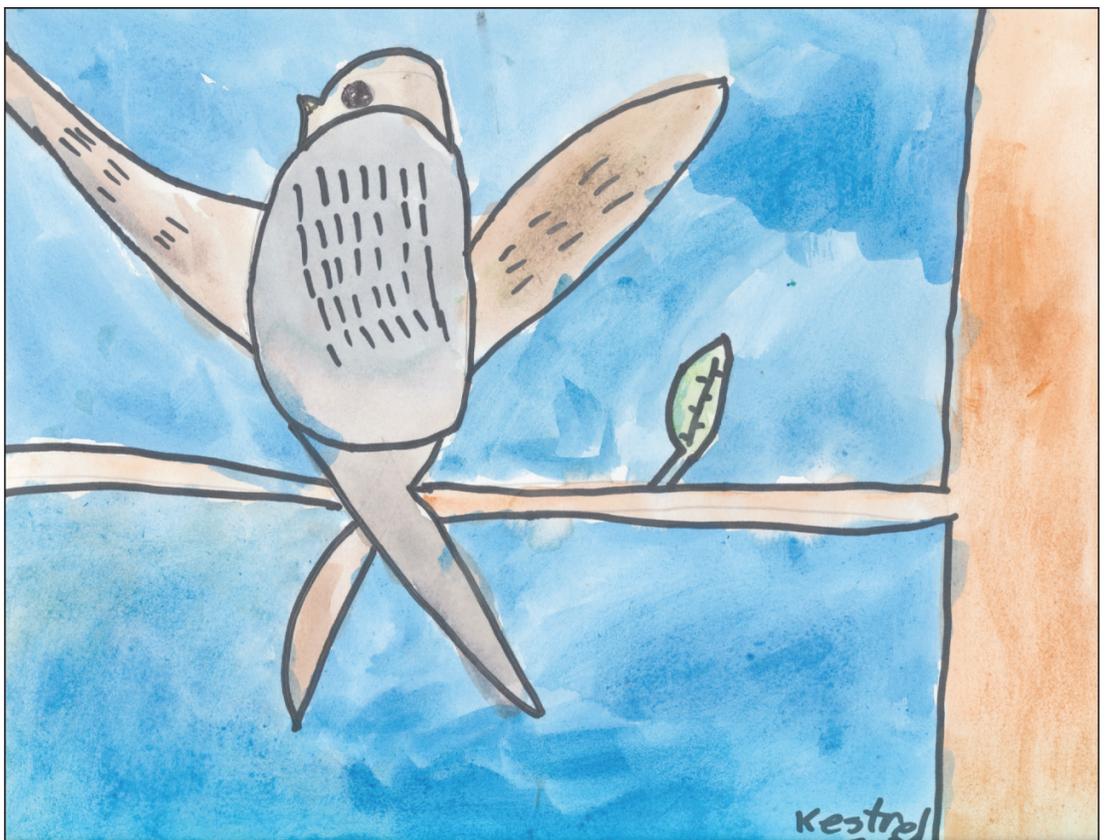
It put the wings on the fairies, and sharpened the swords of the pirates.

By Bella Ferland
4th grade, Lisa Olsen

Hidden World

A magnificently majestic triangle rock
 A shadow of hidden secrets
 Lost and forgotten
 Lost but not found
 Smooth and soft but, at the same time rough and bumpy
 Gray with white spots
 It looks almost like a harbor seal from the outside
 There is door, but it's rarely noticed
 Cold and wet
 Straight from the under lighthouse
 Not long ago it was being tossed around in the water
 Then it landed on the sand
 Only hearing the crashing of the waves the crunching footsteps
 But now silent and still
 It seems lifeless and hopeless
 But there is a hidden world in there
 A world that only be reached roaming imagination
 Few humans have ever been there
 Turn the brass doorknob
 Push on the wooden door
 Bright light will spill out like you just knocked over a cup of light
 Beyond that door are trees that could touch the sun
 The sky in there is bigger than you ever imagined it could be
 Beep blue sea as clear as a glass of water
 Oak trees, tall and strong every way you look
 How could a world so big look so small from the outside?
 No one knows

By Zella Mack
 5th grade, Megan Addison



Kestrel Campbell



Kaida Rodrigues

THE FLYING PAPER AND THE GOLDEN WELL

Paper flying like a bird gliding
 a person a paper person
 just walking through a tornado,
 trees just about to pull out of the ground
 walk by a golden well
 gold popping out like popcorn
 The paper gets shiny like the gold.

By Hayden Mason
 5th grade, Megan Addison



Cyan Adams



Sophie Kunka

Night

The night comes in one big shadow
The only light is the moon shining on silk trails of the snails oh how it glides and sails

The only sound is a whisper from the trees
And creaking of their branches

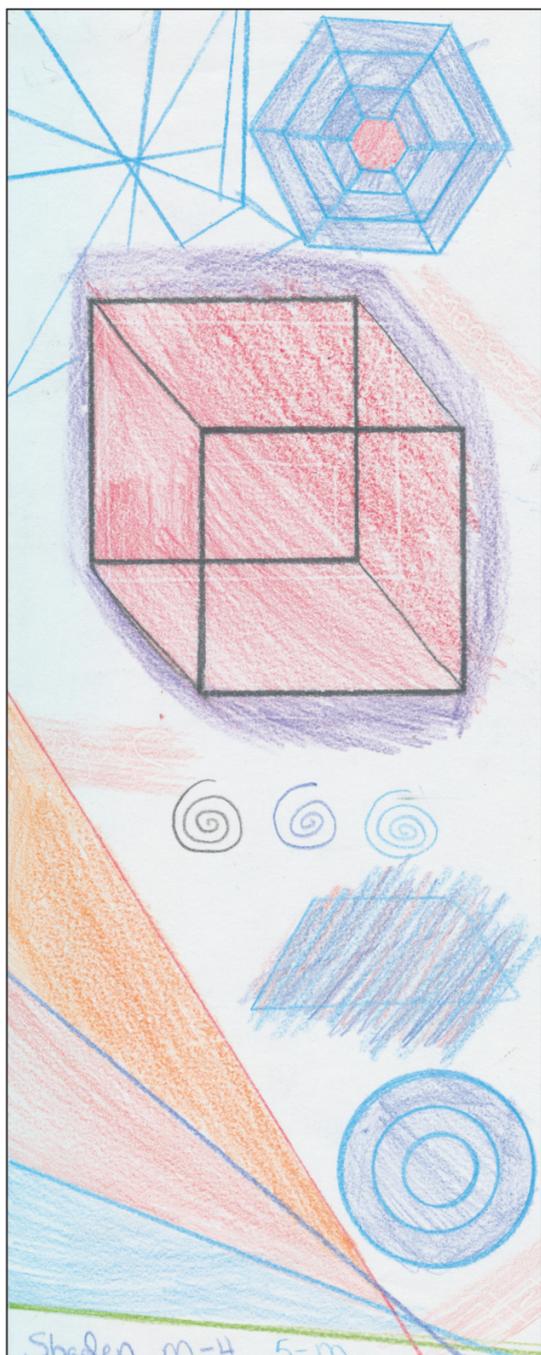
See the bats napping and gnawing
See the wolves shadows
Oh see the spiders work till dawn
Oh whats this darkness into light

Don't worry the night shall come again soon, very soon.

By: Emma Kauzlarich
Grade 6



Dahlia Dexter



Shaden Marlow



Thatcher Camp

Worthless

I started as a bottle
I was a deep dark blue
Started as something
I had no clue

I ended up as a sin
Thrown on a beach
I should have gone in a bin
But I went into the ocean
While I drifted out to sea
I thought
What has become of me

I shattered on a rock
Then I thought
And thought

I drifted
Onto Poseidon's throne
After I shattered
I shifted.

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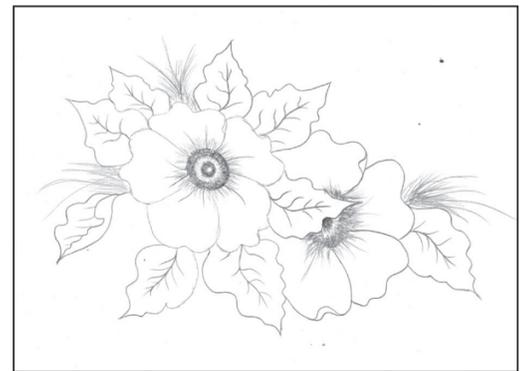
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Addison Asbell



Cristal Gomez



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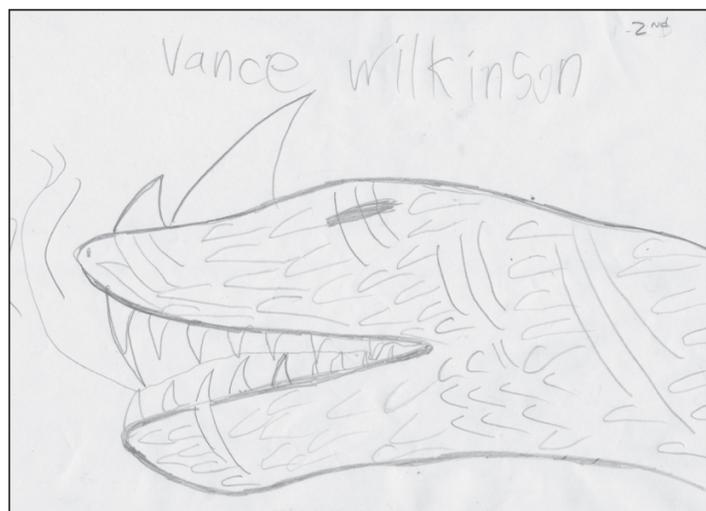
Mistress* Night * Woman of Power

I respect The Night,
 Her darkness creeps into the hearts of the human race, encouraging
 them to see the evil they refuse to believe.
 Scaring,
 spooking,
 teaching those whom do not desire to be taught.
 Yet, however, she also comforts,
 and cradles,
 those who need her, of simply know her as a friend.
 The soothing heartbeat,
 that tells us to run, then to stay and dance in swirling
 patterns across the sky.
 Constellations guard you from what you think you fear,
 for Night,
 has friends and acquaintances,
 not as cruel,
 nor as forgiving.
 The Moon's pale face smiles at the cage Night is trapped in,
 Earth's Night,
 only respected within the glass walls of our
 atmosphere.
 Night should be respected more,
 feared more,
 thanked more.
 She is the cloak that holds the sky together,
 when The Sun has gone to frolic with others.
 Our guardian,
 who wakes the crickets, and the stars.
 Commands The Moon, and quiets cars.
 Dewy lips whisper for us to hide,
 then to run and embrace her.
 I respect The Night.

By: Samara Kingfisher
 Grade 6



Katalena Perka



Vance Wilkinson



Lianna P



Sylvia Butterfield

An Ode to my Flute

The flute is shiny and long,
 The light reflects off of its silvery surface,
 Slender; the brand name shows between the head and middle joints,
 The keys are round with circular depressions in the center for the
 fingers of the player,
 The only thing breaking the monotone is the brown of the corks.
 The flute shows the flavor of the music it plays,
 Spicy songs with sixteenth and thirty-second notes,
 Rich slurs that fill you up as quickly as chocolate cakes,
 The crunch and sweetness of rhythms by Handel and Bizet,
 Songs played by flutes are culinary masterpieces.
 For some the flute may have no odor of its own,
 But it is truly a complex web of scents,
 When you hear Vivaldi's Spring played by a flute, you can smell the
 flowers,
 When Dvorák's New World Symphony is played, it's as if you're on the
 sea smelling the salt,
 The flute can make you smell anything from a cow farm to freshly
 baked bread.
 Click click go the keys of the flute, almost like a computer mouse,
 The soft low notes and the loud high notes,
 A soft ringing noise when a fingernail taps against it,
 The squeak of the cleaner rubbing against the spit,
 A much higher pitch than any other instrument of the band.
 The flute feels both hard and soft in the metal and the corks,
 Sharp on the nails that poke out,
 Wet with spit on the inside,
 As cold to touch as a flagpole on a winter day,
 But above all, the flute feels familiar to me.
 Some may not like the flute,
 Some may think that the flute is too high pitched,
 But I think that it is just right,
 The only instrument that can pull off the best solos in classical songs.

By: Indigo Gould
 Grade 7



Owen Griffith



Micah Katz



Callin Johnson

The Day That Shook the World

This day will be remembered
 In America's history forever
 The day of grief and terror
 The day that shook the world

It is a story to tell
 The day the towers fell
 The day of courage for many
 The day that shook the world

But that is for another time
 As I'm sure you've heard
 The tale of 9/11
 The day that shook the world

For now let's just remember it
 Join us in our silence
 The lives we've come to lose
 The day that shook the world

By: Halie Jones
 8th Grade

A Love of Ravioli

I knew at three, that we were meant to be.
 I love your taste, so juicy and timely.
 Ravioli, you are the one for me.
 If only your texture wasn't so slimy

Every time I take you out of the can,
 My mouth trembles and tears fill my eyes.
 Emotions hitting me hard, like a pan.
 Without you, my hunger would intensify.

My mother always had you on hand.
 You were engineered to perfection,
 Always meeting the never ending demands.
 Because of you I know true affection.

You will forever be a part of me,
 Even when I reach the age, ninety-three.

By: Blake Walters
 10th grade



Robin Haney



Gabe Hefley

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- Addison Asbell
- Adelle Carr
- Alice Tyler
- Arlo Klontz
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- Callin Johnson
- Charlie Buckham
- Cristal Gomez
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- Gabe Hefley
- Joy
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- Katalena Perka
- Kestrel Campbell
- Lianna P
- Lilliana Calvert
- Marie
- Micah Katz
- Owen Griffith
- Robin Haney
- Shaden Marlow
- Sophie Kunka
- Sophia LaDue
- Sophia Yates
- Sylvia Butterfield
- Thatcher Camp
- Tia York
- Vance Wilkinson
- Zane Nichols

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- Arrow Watson
- Grayce Swindler
- Jaxzen Berg
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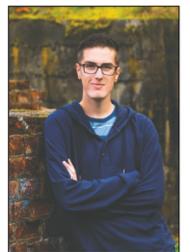
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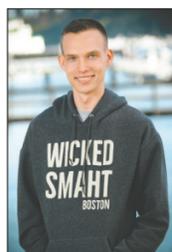
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Activism: Bahls hopes to highlight the voice of youth

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planting project known locally as an often-muddy slog, which her environmental biologist parents started.

Like so many Port Townsend youth before her, Bahls has spent her evenings and weekends ripping ticket stubs and popping popcorn at The Rose Theatre, where owner Rocky Friedman said she was one of his best and most responsible employees, a natural leader who brightens every room she's in.

In a college letter of recommendation, community chef and educator Sidonie Maroon, Bahls' mentor, credits Hannah with remarkable emotional and social intelligence. Bahls' has the ability to draw out others stories and personalities she said.

She's known as The Activist, being involved in the organization of the Port Townsend Women's March, the Poetic Justice Theatre Ensemble and the climate change strike from school this past March which saw students skip school in solidarity with thousands of other students nationwide.

But Bahls doesn't love the spotlight, it's just a necessary part of her larger goal, to build others up and give them the tools they



Hannah Bahls, like so many other teen nationwide, thinks climate change demands immediate action. She hopes she can help others find ways to combat climate change locally.. *Leader photo by Carmen Jaramillo*

need to help themselves. Climate change is a personal, not political, issue, Bahls said. And it's one that she and millions of other teens across the nation

think needs immediate action. "It's not about Democrat or Republican," Bahls said. "I want to have the ability to live a livable life without having to flee from

natural disaster and be able to breathe and drink clean water and I don't think that is a possibility at this speed unless we actually do something now"

A common theme among people who interact with Bahls, is the description of her as being so mature and wise for her years that they often forget she's 17.

Bahls thinks the national climate action movement has been challenging adults to view kids in a different way. Teenagers can't vote, yet they will be the ones to feel the worst effects of climate change, she says, so why aren't they an authority on the issue?

"I think this movement is waking people up to the fact that students and teenagers and middle schoolers are really capable and we have good ideas," Bahls said. "If I have to wait until I'm 35 to make change it will be too late. Doing nothing is doing something"

In August, Bahls will be heading to UC Berkeley. To study what? She doesn't know yet. Maybe radio journalism or anthropology or education or spanish or an interesting major she heard about called Peace and Conflict.

Scholarships: Chimacum students prepare for college

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Linfield College Competitive Scholarship
\$4,000
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