

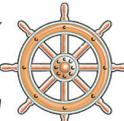


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## Note from the Principal

When it was determined that school would resume via distance learning in the fall, I could hear the collective sigh of disappointment from you. We all had to learn the world of zoom and teachers' digital platforms. We relied on spotty wifi and "chatted" our responses to the teachers in the chat box. Some probably attended zoom from your bed. And don't forget the fires from September where the sky turned red and ash fell like

snowflakes. School was cancelled for a day, which was weird to have a "fire day". Days passed, weeks passed, and in order to get some normal schooling and kids in the building, we changed the schedule midstream to 3 classes at a time. A brave new hybrid learning model. What a year. Dancers and musicians posted their performances online--socially distanced and masked, of course. Sports seasons finally started in

March with 3-5 week seasons, weekly or daily covid testing, and socially distanced and masked, of course. Many of you took jobs, spending your free time earning money. Many of you worked on carpentry or auto projects, either rebuilding engines or repairing fences for neighbors. And many of you took care of your siblings and helped them become successful in their schooling. While this year certainly posed challenges and obstacles, you

rallied. You persisted. You persevered. You found skills and talents you didn't know you had. These talents and skills will follow you as you move to the next chapter in your book, whether you enter the workforce, gain more education, or take a gap year. You know how to advocate for yourselves and have your voice heard. You, class of 2021, not only wear masks, but you wear capes: you are superheroes.



Isaiah Abasolo



Angelica Aflague



Miguel Alvarado



Viviana Alvarado



Danya Anguiano



Jayce Bachmann



Anna Barneburg



Jacob Bustamante



Shayne Camillo



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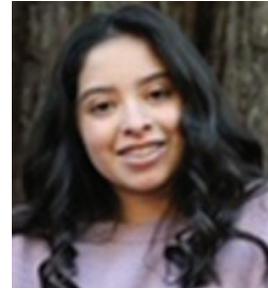
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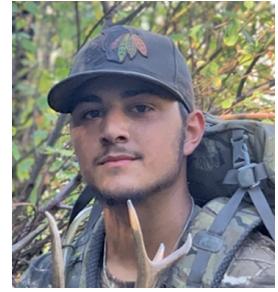
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Sarah Appel  
Humberto Arciniega-Chavez  
Adrian Arias-Chavez  
Dixie Ault  
Jayce Bachmann  
Anna Barneburg  
Darian Bernal  
Christina Boone  
Kirsten Brous  
Jacob Bustamante  
Adriana Calderon-Moreno  
Shayne Camillo  
Adam Cantrall  
Gage Carson  
MaKaylee Casarez  
Suwimol Chang  
Rylan Clewell  
Jadence Clifton  
Belle Clough  
Miranda Countess  
Levi Cox-Coolley  
Anthony Craig  
Michael Culligan  
Kolton Cumbra  
Natalie Elizabeth  
Morgan Darting

Mikah Deas  
Joshua Diffey  
Gabriel Dixon  
Kaylee Eiserich  
Omar Esquivel  
Madison Farley  
Emily Feeny  
Yonathan Ferrer  
Brett Floyd  
Tanner Forkner  
Anamaris Gamez  
David Garcia  
Walker Gensaw  
Michael Germain  
Jacob Gibson  
Jovanni Gonzalez-Avila  
Seth Gorbet  
Breanna Gragg  
Piper Gray  
Thalee Grogan  
Joel Gruden  
Carson Gustafson  
Jacqueline Gutierrez  
Taelyn Halls  
Hailey Hambrick-Thatcher  
Caroline Hamm  
Mason Haney  
Christian Harlick-Raymore  
Chaz Harrison  
Emalee Hartwick  
Keadon Henderson  
Sepherah Henderson  
Victoria Henry  
Avery Hernandez  
Garrett Holmes

Phoebe Inta  
Maykala Garibay  
Emma James  
Hailee James  
Jadyn Johnson  
Patricia Johnson  
Edward Jones  
Nina Kent  
Ritik Khilnani  
Hannah Lea  
Kiana Lee  
Ariana Leon-DeLosSantos  
Miguel Leon-Esquivel  
Kevin Lo  
Renni Loftin  
Brandon Lopez  
Kylie Lopez  
Duangjai Lor  
Peter Lor  
Martin Luna  
Cha Ly  
Payton Machado  
Ashley Maita  
Emilio Marquez-Cervantes  
Holly Martell  
Kelsey Maxwell  
Jaelyn McCorkle  
Terran McCoy-Shafer  
Lance McKinney  
Isabel Mejia  
Sierra Moayed  
Perla Montanez  
Eilena Moore  
Jazlyn Morris  
Jayden Moua

Zachary Naliboff  
Donovan Natt  
Nalia Nechayev  
Kiernan Nichols  
Daylen O'Reilley  
Justin Ohman  
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Alvaro Ontiveros  
Angela Ortega  
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Gabiella Pantoja  
Jada Parra  
Haley Patapoff-Pruitt  
Hollie Peebles  
Logan Perry  
Sarah Peters  
Judson Pincombe  
Jodie Pingree  
Aubrey Pope  
Kaleb Price  
Itzel Ramirez  
Mitchel Ramirez  
Alonzo Ramirez-Lopez  
Josue Ramirez-Mendoza  
Andrea Ramirez-Moreno  
Kristian Raulfs  
Jose Regalado  
Emily Reneau  
Brandon Rippetoe  
Sophia Rodriguez  
Diana Sanchez-Velasco  
Bianca Sandoval  
Jenny Schaad  
Jacob Simmons  
David Sotelo-Sanchez

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Makensie Strickland  
Trevin Strickland  
Peyton Swan  
Stevie Tardif-Kramer  
Camille Taylor  
Pha Thao  
Jordan Thompson  
Anastaza Thompson  
Jasmin Tripp  
Brock Trone  
Orlando Trujillo-Ortiz  
Gavyn Tweed  
Michell Velasco-Ramos  
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Brandon Rippetoe



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Diana  
Sanchez-Velasco

Jenny Schaad



Makayla Stanshaw



Peyton Swan



Gavyn Tweed



Jasmin Tripp

## Colleges extending test-optional practices

For upperclassmen, the prospect of graduation is never far from the mind. Graduation marks the culmination of years of hard work and dedication in the classroom.

Graduating involves various steps, and testing is part of that equation, particularly for people who are planning on attending colleges, universities or going on to pursue advanced degrees. Standardized test requirements are slowly disappearing from schools' criteria for admissions. The COVID-19 pandemic may have helped accelerate that disappearing act.

According to Edmit, an educational financial planning resource, says the concept of a test-optional school is not new. Since the mid-2000s, various universities have included test-optional clauses in their admissions policies. This means that students' standardized test scores are not reviewed as part of the college application process. The standardized tests that are

normally part of admissions reviews include the SAT, which debuted in 1926, and the ACT, which has been around since 1959.

In lieu of COVID-related postponements or cancellations of standardized tests, a greater number of schools have announced they won't require future applicants to submit test scores with their applications. While some are saying this is a temporary revision to the process, other schools are calling it a pilot program for the next few years.

Seventy-two percent of colleges and universities adopted test-optional policies for the 2021-22 school year, and some schools are now extending that policy for the next one to two years, indicates IvyWise, an educational consulting company. Some of the schools that have suspended the SAT and ACT requirements, at least for the time being, include Cornell University, Penn State, Williams College, Amherst College,

Boston College, and Columbia University.

Many students have been hit hard by the pandemic and removing testing requirements means they do not have to face another challenge, especially in light of reduced testing capacities and a scarcity of test availability. The education and school resource Grown and Flown says a surprising side effect of test-optional amendments at selective universities is that applications have increased. Harvard announced it received more than 57,000 applications for the college class of 2025, which marks a 42 percent increase from the previous year.

Schools have modified admissions requirements in recent months, including removing standardized test scores from the equation. It is always wise to consult with the admissions department of schools to learn if their admissions requirements have been updated.



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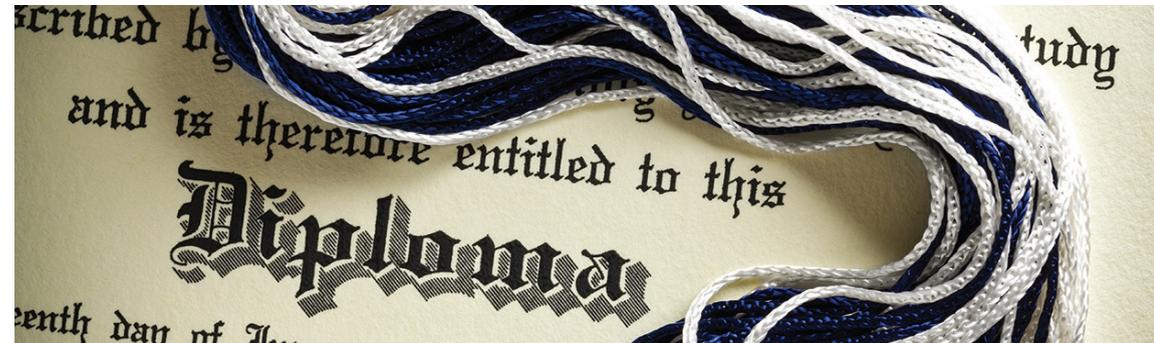
Blane Winingham



Brilee Williamson



Ian Williams



### What's the difference between valedictorians and salutatorians?



Being named a valedictorian or salutatorian is a significant achievement. Some students may not fully understand what these titles represent.

Every school has its own qualifications, but in general, valedictorians and salutatorians are those individuals who have reached the very highest levels of academic success.

#### VALEDICTORIAN

PrepScholar, a standardized testing preparation company, indicates that the valedictorian is the student who graduates with the highest cumulative grade point average of his or her class — the average of every year's

final grades. Grades from advanced placement classes are weighted to account for their rigor and extend extra points toward the GPA. Some schools do not immediately award the title to the highest-ranking student. They may ask students to apply for review and then consider various factors, including grades, level of academic program, essay submission, and even contribution to school and community life.

#### SALUTATORIAN

Certain schools may have one salutatorian, while others may have two or more. The college guidance resource Transizion says the salutatorian is usually the individual

ranked second in the graduating class. A salutatorian will deliver the salutation, otherwise known as the opening speech of the graduation ceremony. The valedictorian speaks later in the program.

High-ranking terms In addition to valedictorian and salutatorian, students also may become familiar with other terminology, including class rank and “cum laude” recognitions.

Class rank refers to a student's GPA in relation to other students in the same grade. Class rank may be an actual number, such as ranked 30 out of 900 students, or a percentage like the top 5 percent of

the graduating class. Cum laude is a Latin phrase that means “with praise/honor.” Educational institutions use one of three phrases to signify academic degrees that were awarded with honor. The phrases usually are utilized by colleges and universities. Schools have different criteria that must be met for these honors. Summa cum laude is the highest level of distinction, magna cum laude is next and that is followed by cum laude.

It is a great honor to be named valedictorian or salutatorian, and it is an honor worth celebrating at graduation and beyond.



# Brookings-Harbor High School

## Note from the Principal

We are pleased to announce the upcoming graduation of the Brookings-Harbor High School Class of 2021 and filled with pride at their accomplishments. They are a strong, resilient class who have overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles these past two years.

BHHS will celebrate with two ceremonies at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Elmer Bankus Field, 522 Fern Ave, Brookings. Teachers Kelly Garvin and Gregory Scott were selected by the senior class to give this year's keynote address.

I am pleased to recognize this year's four Valedictorians, Allison Graves, Mercedes Rodne, Alexis Schofield, and Adam Shew; and Salutatorian Aurora Harrington.

In addition, many of our students will graduate with more than a high school diploma, having already earned valuable certifications or dual credits toward college degrees.

With pride, we wish all of our graduates well as they embark on new journeys to college and career. They have been accepted to trade and technical schools,

colleges, and universities. Some have plans to join a military or civil service branch, while others will take religious missions. These are the future business and entrepreneurship leaders of our community, and many already have years of on-the-job and volunteer experience as they graduate high school. Thank you to our families, teachers and staff, and community for supporting the Class of 2021.

Graduates, you are a shining beacon amongst these unprecedented times. You make all of us proud! Go Bruins!

- DeAnne Varitek, BHHS Principal

## Graduating Class

J'Lea Alto	Shelynn Collins	Alia Graves	Evangeline Lampley	Carroll Quentin - Not Pictured	Valerie Tribble
Faith App-Eades	Josiah Contreras	Robert Green	Cheyenne Leonard	McKhenna Riese	Derek Tuttle
Peyton Armentrout	Christy Covington	Jason Gwillim	Andrew Lepe-Manilla	Lorelei Rios - Not Pictured	Jasper Vineyard
Bly Badger	Christina Davis	Gayler Haley - Not Pictured	Jose Lepe-Manilla	Mercedes Rodne	Abryana Walker
Serena Barnard	Kelvon'te Dawsey	Tarin Hargrove	Kyla MacLauchlin	Connor Ryan	Jorden Wentz
Andru Bates	Elaina Doyle	Travis Hargrove	Eleanor Marks	Trenton Sample - Not Pictured	Anisa Whisenant
Josie Bessinger	Deven Duran - Not Pictured	Gracie Harms	Isabella Martinez	Alexis Schofield	Dominic Whisenant
Deegan Bircher	Naomi Elliot	Aurora Harrington	Jacob McCollum	Adam Shew	Michael Winn
Ashley Blair	Jace Engle	Alana Hatch	William Miller	Billy Skinner	Mathew Worton
Rylan Bruce	Joshua Estes	Juan Hernandez-Zepeda	Ashanti Montanez (Franks)	Christopher Skinner	
Andrew Burger	Thomas Farley	Caleb Hoffman	Lexee Murray	Harold Soule	
Aden Carpenter	Nohemi Fernandez	Logan Holler	Annie Nation	Kyle Stebbins	
Keenen Carroll	Sierra Fitzhugh	Ariel Hoskinson	Kailee Newcombe	Christian Steendahl	
Quentin Carroll	Ariadna Fuentes Olivera	Shea Hudson	Hunter Ocaio	Breanna Stevenson	
Joseph Cavazos	Elizabeth Garcia	Esperanza Ibarra	Laisha Olmedo	Ashleigh Strain	
Connor Childress	Haley Gayler	Alicia James	Aaron Parkinson	Adalind Stumpenhous	
Kayson Christensen	Joseph Gollaher	Shelby Jirsa	Celeste Pepple	Analisa Sweeten	
Jennifer Christow	Allison Graves	Jada Kenyon	Tilly Peters	Troy Tatro	



# Meet the GRADUATES



J'Lea Alto



Faith App-Eades



Peyton  
Armentrout



Ogden Badger



Serena Barnard



Andru Bates



Josie Bessinger



Ashley Blair



Rylan Bruce



Andrew Burger



Aden Carpenter



Keenan Carroll



Joseph Cavazos



Connor Childress



Kayson  
Christensen



Jennifer Christow



Shelynn Collins



Joshiah Contreras



Christy Covington



Christina Davis



Kelvon'Te Dawsey



Elaina Doyle



Naomi Elliott



Jace Engle

## -----Brookings-Harbor High School Graduating Class-----



Joshua Estes



Thomas Farley



Noheimi  
Fernandez



Sierra Fitzhugh



Ariadna  
Fuentes Olivera



Elizabeth Garcia



Joseph Gollaher



Alia Graves



Allison Graves



Robert Green



Jason Gwillium



Tarin Hargrove



Travis Hargrove



Gracie Harms



Aurora Harrington



Alana Hatch



Juan Hernandez-  
Zepeda



Caleb Hoffman



Logan Holler



Ariel Hoskinson



Shea Hudson



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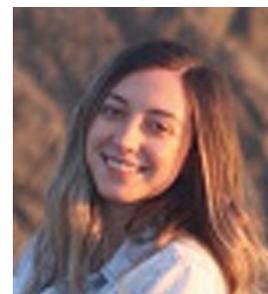
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Laisha Olmedo



Aaron Parkinson



Celeste Pepple



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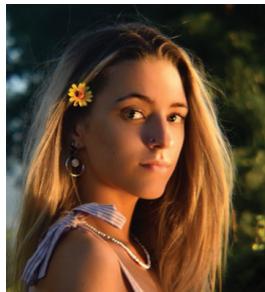
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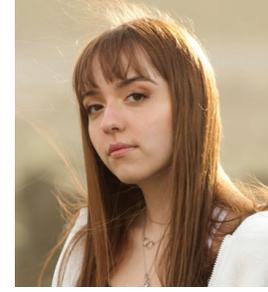
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Brandon L. Loveless-Smalley  
Jessikka L. Marrington  
Matthew W. Smith  
Brandon J. Smithers  
Veronica M. Vannorsdel  
Amy C. Vick  
Neil R. Watson

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Bailey M. Lesina  
Tiffany E. Maple  
Jamie L. Sperling  
Zenaide K. Welch  
  
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Melissa A. Beavers  
Giada T. Champlain  
Brycen S. Common  
Lindsey E. Gibson  
Maria J. Goodman  
Angel M. Lampke  
Caren B. Remy-Vastine

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Gardino-Bulas



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Susanna Gray



Desiree Greer



Mya Hilton



Noah Johnson



Emma Kay



Jenna Kay



Nufrius Laurino



Marisa Margolis



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Marshall Dickson

Desiree Greer

Noah Johnson

Emma Kay

Nuf Laurino

Marisa Margolis

Jasmyn Merica

Seth O'Dwyer

Charles &amp; Effa Sage

Reyes-Mendoza Augusto

Rossi Bella

Alan &amp; Adele Corbin Vocational

&amp; Technical

Saadat Kasey

### Port Orford Masonic

#### Scholarship:

Marshall Dickson

### Raelyn Cherie McNair

#### Memorial Scholarship:

Marisa Margolis

Jasmyn Merica

Kasey Saadat

### Curry Anadromous Fisherman:

Nuf Laurino

### Pistol River Friendship Club:

Nuf Laurino

### Rotary Scholarships:

Marisa Margolis

Seth O'Dwyer

Desiree Greer

Nuf Laurino

Kasey Saadat

Bella Rossi

Rosalee Damron

Jasmyn Merica

Marshall Dickson

### Ellensburg Theater Company:

Marisa Margolis

### Soroptimist:

Yellow Rose Scholarship

Marisa Margolis

### Clarence Ringer Family

#### Scholarship:

Noah Johnson

Augusto Reyes-Mendoza

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Joshua Rodriguez  
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Kasey Saadat  
Hailey Somers - no photo  
Isabelle Stender  
Nick Taylor  
Thatcher Timm  
Jaden White

## Note from the Principal

### To the Class of 2021:

No class that passes through a high school is ever "typical". They all have their unique characteristics, personalities, and quirks, but to say that the class of 2021 is unique is an understatement. Last year you saw the end of the school year for the Class of 2020 end abruptly, and you were left to wonder what the next year would hold for you.

You returned in the Fall to a whole new world of regulations, rules, and expectations. Your senior year was not what you expected, and this is where you truly showed your exceptionalism. Despite the challenges and changes that seemed to come almost daily, you adjusted, persevered, and overcame in ways that seemed beyond your years. Most classes make a slow and challenging transition into young adulthood in their last year of high school, we saw you all grow into young adults we were proud of so quickly it was astounding.

It is always bittersweet to say goodbye to a class as they leave our hallways. Educators always feel a tremendous pride and joy at the completion of your time with us, but also a sadness as we see you leave after a short four years with us. This class was there with us as we all faced a challenge that there was no game plan for. The Class of 2021 will always have a special place in the hearts of Gold Beach High School staff and in our community. We wish you the best on the next stage of your journey and look forward to seeing what you bring to this new world that you step in to.

### Go Panthers!

The Staff of Gold Beach High School

## Is now the time for a gap year?

Uncertainty has reigned over many students for the last year-plus. As the COVID-19 virus spread across the globe, schools were forced to transition to virtual learning. Some did so full-time, while others offered hybrid learning plans that combined virtual learning with in person instruction.

Confronting that transition proved exhausting for parents and educators, but students also could not be blamed if they felt a little academic fatigue as they navigated learning during the pandemic.

Some students may have no choice but to carry on with their studies until schools return to more traditional, full-time classroom settings. But students about to graduate from high school or college may be wondering if now isn't an ideal time to take a gap year. Others may be intrigued by gap years but not be entirely certain what they are. The following information can help students determine if a gap year is right for them.

### What is a gap year?

The Gap Year Association defines a gap year as “a semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one’s practical, professional, and personal awareness.” The GYA notes that no two gap years are alike, though the spirit of a gap year is to afford students a chance to expand their comfort zones and have a cross-cultural experience while ensuring they have the time to reflect on those experiences.

### Do gap years derail students’ academic careers?

Parents might be concerned that a gap year will derail students’ academic careers by decreasing the likelihood that they will ultimately return to school. However, the GYA reports that 90 percent of students who take gap years enroll in a four-year institution within one year of completing their gap year. That can quell some of the concerns parents and even students may

have about taking a year off from school at a time when many of their peers may be moving forward with their educations.

### What do students do during their gap years?

Though the GYA notes that some space and time to explore the unknown is vital to a gap year, students who think a gap year may be right for them should know that such years are most effective when students engage themselves in activities designed to expand their horizons. Many students spend their gap years volunteering with a service organization while others may accept an internship to see what life in a given profession may be like.

Students have had to confront many challenges during the pandemic. Recent grads experiencing fatigue as a result of those challenges may find that now is the ideal time to take a gap year.

## Popular graduation traditions

Graduation is steeped in tradition. Come the day of graduation, many grads-to-be might be focusing on receiving their diplomas and then celebrating after the ceremony. The hard work students put in affords them every right to celebrate once they’re officially anointed as new grads, but before the party begins it can be fun to reflect on the many traditions associated with graduation ceremonies.

### CAP AND GOWN

Graduation ceremonies simply wouldn’t be the same without caps and gowns. The tradition is anything but new, as Columbia University notes caps and gowns have been linked to academia since the 12th century. Back then, students wore gowns and hoods to emulate the clergy who taught them, but also to stay warm. Many universities dressed their scholars in gowns from the 1700s onward. In 1786, one school, Brown University, even mandated that degree candidates be clad in flowing robes and caps at commencement ceremonies. Though educators and students may no longer wear caps and gowns when attending class or around campus, the tradition of doing so at commencement ceremonies has endured.

### TASSEL TURNING

The tradition of turning the tassel does not have the lengthy history of the cap and gown, dating back only decades rather than centuries. Graduates typically turn the tassels after everyone has received their degrees during the ceremony. The turn is symbolic of their transition from student to graduate. Tassels start

on the right for high school students and college undergraduates and are then turned to the left, while recipients of master’s degrees and doctorates keep their tassels on the left throughout the commencement ceremonies.

### TOSSING CAPS IN THE AIR

The tossing of graduation caps in the air is believed to date back more than 100 years. Prior to 1912, graduates of the United States Naval Academy had to serve as midshipmen for two years before they were commissioned as officers. As a result, they still needed their graduation caps. But beginning with the class of 1912, graduates were automatically commissioned as officers, so they no longer needed their hats. That led the graduates to throw them in the air, thus beginning one of the more fun and photo-worthy graduation traditions.

### “POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE”

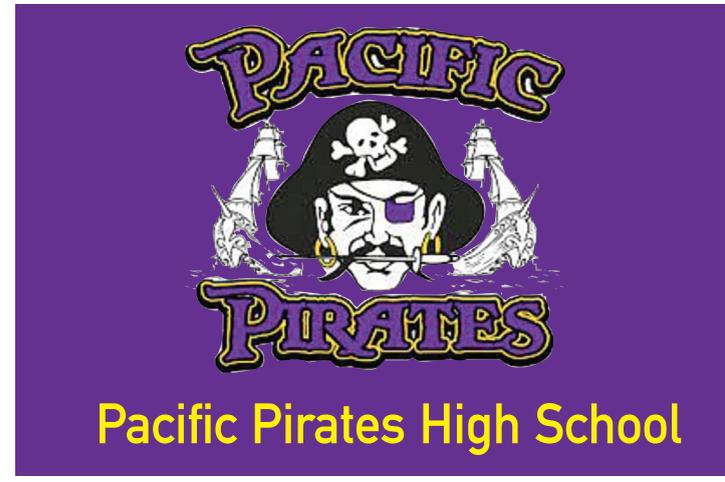
This tradition marked by the playing of “Pomp and Circumstance” is rooted in the work of William Shakespeare, which makes it seem like a perfect fit for graduation ceremonies. Sir Edward Elgar composed “Pomp and Circumstance” in 1901 and the title for the song was inspired by a line in the bard’s “Othello.” Elgar received an honorary degree from Yale University in 1905, and during that ceremony “Pomp and Circumstance” was played. The song apparently made a strong impression, as it soon began to be played at various commencement ceremonies, a tradition that continues today.



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**KYLIE KLINE**

## Valedictorian

Kylie Kline is graduating with a 3.622 cumulative GPA. She lives with her grandmother, Patty Rickel. During high school, she has participated in National Honor Society, Future business Leaders of America, Student Council, Peaceful Schools, yearbook, cross country, and the Bacon newspaper. She has also been a volunteer firefighter for the Port Orford Fire Department, the Pacific High School correspondent for the Port Orford Newspaper, a national competitor for Future Business Leaders of America, a RYLA camp-goer, and a classroom assistant for the Ready, Set, Learn program. Kylie plans to attend Portland State University honors college to major in psychology.

*Class Quote: "It's Fine. Everything's Fine"*



Elizabeth Kelly



Hunter Jordan



Kylie Kline



Mason MacFarlane



Nikkie Marlatt



Nikolas Patterson



Raemond Steiger



Hailey Valet



Jordan Walker



Amelia Wright

## Pacific High School Note from the Principal

It's been a wild last two years for our seniors, and these years have been HARD. This class definitely has not had the "traditional" high school experience, but they have continued to work to make sure that they are still preparing themselves for the future. Like I said last year, Pacific's motto has always been that we welcome our alumni home with open arms and I hope that this year's graduates remember that the Pacific community of staff, alumni, and

students will always be here, ready to support them in their journey and cheering them on. Thank you to the senior families and the communities of Port Orford and Langlois for the support they have given our graduates and staff during the past four years. The support of our communities is the main reason our students are as successful as they are. Thank you, seniors, for allowing me and the Pacific staff to be a part of your journey and we wish you noth-

ing but the best as you move into the next stages of your lives. The great Dr. Seuss once said, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." Pacific seniors, you have all the tools to be as successful as you want to be. Now go out and work for it! Godspeed and Good Luck!! Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate. --Krista Nieraeth, Principal

### Graduating Class

Hunter Jordan  
Elizabeth Kelly  
Kylie Kline  
Mason MacFarlane

Nikkie Marlatt  
Nikolas Patterson  
Raemond Steiger  
Hailey Valet

Jordan Walker  
Amelia Wright