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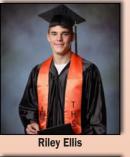




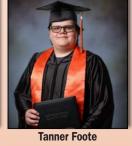


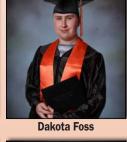














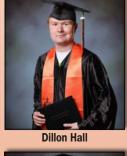






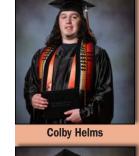


















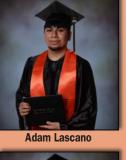




























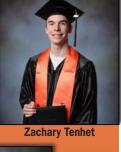






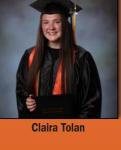
















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HIGH SCHOOL



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Brandon Colby Johnson



Emma Anne-Marie Kirkendall



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The Bateman Funeral Home Scholarship

has been awarding scholarships to high school seniors and college students since 2015. This year, Bateman will be giving out seven scholarships, six graduating seniors and one second year college scholarship. The scholarship can be applied toward a college, university, or trade school of the student's choice.

Congratulations to the 2021 Bateman Funeral Home Scholarship winners:

Daisy O'Hearn, Brendan Welch, Morgan Hinds, Kylie Burk, Jamie Demaris, Erin Gibson and Emma Rivers Bouchat.



The scholarship winner from Newport High School is **Daisy O'Hearn.** She will be continuing her education at Clark Honors College at University of Oregon. Daisy is looking to become a lawyer because she wants to help people in her community.



The Taft High School scholarship winner is **Brendan Welch**. He will be attending Oregon Coast Community College. Brendan is looking to become a business owner in digital media because he has a passion for creating art.



The scholarship winner from Toledo High School is **Morgan Hinds**. She plans to continue her education at Oregon Coast Community College. Morgan is following in her mother's footsteps in becoming a social worker in the DHS program.



Kylie Burk is the scholarship winner from Waldport High School. She will be continuing her education at Linfield University. Kylie wants to become a Physician's Assistant because she would like to help people and continue to be involved in sports.



There were two scholarship winners from Eddyville Charter School! **Jamie Demaris** plans to attend Oregon State University and Linn Benton Community College. Jamie dream is to become a unit forester because of the opportunities that she would get from becoming one.



Also from Eddyville Charter School is **Erin Gibson**, who plans on attending Oregon Coast Community College and pursue a career as an emergency responder.



Bateman Funeral Home awarded their first continuing education college scholarship to **Emma Rivers Bouchat**. She is currently studying to become an EMT. Emma is in her second year at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

This year, Bateman awarded their 26th scholarship making their grand total almost \$27,000. "Judy and Gene Bateman felt very strongly about education, as do I," said Brian Norris, Managing Partner. "So, in 2015 we came up with the Bateman Scholarship to honor their legacy that they started as Lifetime Boosters of Newport High School. Bateman is proud to help support our amazing youth and help them achieve their dreams." Brian Norris presented the scholarship awards to all the scholarship recipients.







Des Swisher Valedictorian

"I would like to especially thank Ms. Nikki Wolff and Ms. Karissa Snelling for pushing me to be the best I can be every single day. Also, thank you to my parents, sister, boyfriend Zane, and the boys -- Finn, Niko, Naph, and Toby -- for supporting me every step of the way. I wouldn't be who I am today without you."



Avery Nightingale Valedictorian "You will always gain something from working



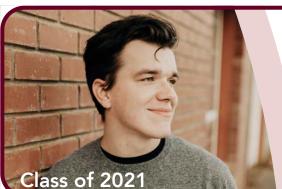
Yuritzi Cuellar-Pacheco

Salutatorian

"I would like to thank the class of 2021 for finding a way through the obstacles that were set in their path before graduating. I would also like to thank our families and our staff for aiding us through these past four years and for helping us achieve such an accomplishment."



Valedictorian "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."



Degen, Boil water. Boil egg 5 minutes. Let stand 5 more. Place in ice bath. Peel & Enjoy.

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Taft principal reflects on a long challenging year

CHERI BRUBAKER, **Guest Contributor**

Taft 7-12 Principal Nick Lupo reflected on the Class of 2021. "They got hit the hardest - missing school last spring, then their junior prom," he pointed out, even before the isolating summer and the many months of remote learning.

"There were some seniors we never saw again," Lupo continued, as if he had to acknowledge them, the ones they never found. By the

end of the year, most students were located, but some did not re-enroll.

"I'm thankful for my team," Lupo said, which met weekly to discuss missing students. Most were eventually contacted, but it was a challenge.

Lupo acknowledged the many changes imposed in school this year, from remote learning to a hybrid and then back to school.

Many seniors, said Lupo, were able to complete their required credits at the end of the first

semester. Some went to college, some entered the workforce, some were accepted to internships. Five Taft students participated in an internship, traveling twice weekly to work at the Port of Toledo.

Forty-nine of 105 Taft seniors left school early, getting a head head start on the next phase of their lives. It was an unusual opportunity they were able to make the most of, Lupo said, putting a positive spin on a year that was, by most accounts, difficult, challenging and isolating.

The downside was the number of students who disengaged this year. In addition to COVID, the fires in Otis had a large effect with so many students displaced, said Lupo.

"Our students are resilient. Our teachers are resilient," he said. "But, we're tired, and we're ready for the summer to hit." Lupo laughed, but he looked tired. "We've done a lot of work this year. I applaud our teachers. I applaud our students," Lupo said.

Lupo first knew the Class of 2021 as their principal in 2015, in 6th grade. Meeting back up with them at Taft their sophomore year, Lupo related, "It's awesome as an educator to see kids go through the process.

"I'm sad they didn't get the senior year they should have, but I'm proud of them, proud of their successes."

Taft's graduation will be held at 11:21 a.m. on June 12 at Voris Field. Each senior is allowed four guests.

What school leadership looks like during a pandemic

CHERI BRUBAKER Guest Contributor

Oregon Association of Student Council high school Leadership students at Taft 7-12 joined The News Guard via Zoom to discuss what school leadership looked like during the unprecedented school year impacted by the global pandemic.

Senior Ethan Sorensen, who asked to be identified by the pronoun 'their,' is headed to Middlebury College in Vermont. Sorensen's eventual goal is to make environmental change through policy work, either as politician or as a political staffer.

Their experience on a recent local political campaign drove Sorensen's interest in a career in politics, A dual major in political science and environmental studies will set them on a path to make environmental change through policy work. "Whether I run for office myself, or work as a campaign staffer or a staff member inside the legislature. I want to drive the environmental side of public

policy," they explained.

Sorensen explained they struggled initially with being in the leadership class — the social part of leadership. Collaborating with others was difficult, they said. Joining leadership led to them being able to voice their opinion, and also represent the voices and opinions of their classmates, some who might not otherwise be heard.

Now, with graduation looming, they are hopeful. "We haven't been able to collaborate and be with each other. I'm looking

forward to coming out of the pandemic, Sorensen expressed. "People are coming out of this a lot more willing to collaborate with each other, and to be more willing to work with each other to do the best for everyone around them."

Freshman Jay Riggs, also a Leadership student, noted the significance of the transition from middle school to high schools. "It was definitely a challenge to be confined to our homes. I am proud of a lot of us for how we reacted to it. We're still here. We're

persevering. I'm proud to be one of those people who does that," he said.

Alicenn Tolan, also in 9th grade, explained how leadership students were able to fulfill their mission "to make our school a unified, spirited, equitable, and welcoming place where all students are accepted, included, and empowered to be the change they want to see." Leadership students used social media to reach out to new students.

"We planned a lot of mutual events," said Tolan. There was game night, a scavenger hunt, a variety of challenges and a virtual Spirit Week.

"I feel like if you use social media in a correct way, it won't be that rabbit hole," she said. Social media was necessary to make sure people are seeing positive things, not just the negativity that can be prevalent on social media.

Junior Divine Matthews ran Leadership's social media accounts, interacting with other students.

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