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The **CLASS** *of*
2025

Tillamook High School



Valedictorian

Kelsey Leonnig

4.6 weighted GPA

Kelsey will be attending Boise State University
to study nursing.



Salutarian

Cole Affolter

4.5345 weighted GPA

Cole will be attending Pacific University
to study secondary education to teach mathematics.



Neah-Kah-Nie High School



Valedictorian

Anna Roddy

Earning the highest academic honors, the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Valedictorian is Anna Roddy. During high school, Anna has been involved in Cross Country, Track, and dancing. Following graduation, Anna plans to attend OSU to study nutrition in order to pursue a career as a dietician.

Anna would like to thank Mrs. Gores for her invaluable support in the higher-level math classes that meant so much to her. Mrs. Gores made complex concepts easier to understand and helped Anna succeed in areas she might have struggled with on her own.



Salutarian

Madison Scott

The Neah-Kah-Nie High School Salutarian for the class of 2025 is Madison Scott. During high school, Madison has been involved in Yearbook, been the Basketball team manager, and held down jobs at Flamingo Jims and the Bunker Grille. Following graduation, Madison is going to finish her prerequisites at Linn Benton Community College and then transfer to Mt. Hood Community College to complete their dental hygiene program to pursue a career as a dental hygienist. She would like to thank Ms. Scott for being not only a great teacher but also a genuinely wonderful person. Whether it's about school or life, Ms. Scott is always easy to talk to and offers guidance with kindness and understanding.



Nestucca High School



Valedictorian

Vanessa Perez Gonzalez

Vanessa Perez Gonzalez has been a varsity athlete all four years of high school and has played volleyball, basketball, and track. She is also an active member at her school having participated in various activities such as student body activities director, class president, National Honor Society member, band, 9th grade success student internship, and will have completed 57 college credits at the end of her senior year. Vanessa will be attending the University of Portland this fall, where she plans to double major in nursing and Spanish. She hopes to heal language barriers as a medical professional, as her end goal is to become a nurse practitioner.



Salutatorian

Draven Marsh

Draven Marsh has accomplished a lot in his high school career, ranging from academics, sports, bridge building, community service, and much more. During high school, Draven has been involved in a tremendous amount of activities. Draven is a three sport athlete competing in football, wrestling, and track. On the football field, Draven has earned multiple all league awards, was awarded Defensive Player of The Year last season, and earned two district championships with the team. After wrestling for 9 years, he has won a solo and team district title his senior year. At state, he earned a respectable 3rd place finish his junior year and 4th his senior year.

In track and field, he placed 8th in the pole vault his junior year.

During his junior year, he competed in a regional bridge building competition where he placed 1st and got to go to nationals in Ohio, where continued onwards to earn a 4th place finish. Draven is also an active member of Nestucca's chapter of the National Honor Society who has maintained a 3.959 unweighted and a 4.166 weighted GPA.

After high school, Draven plans to attend college to pursue a Bachelors of science in nursing, and work up to a nurse anesthetist from there.



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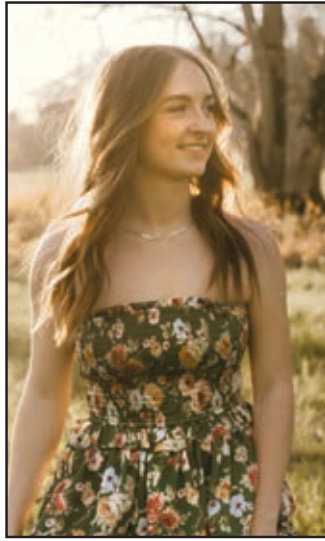
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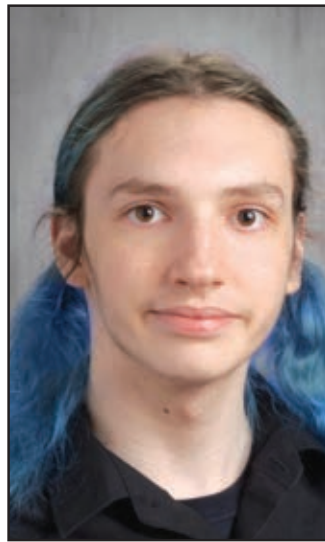
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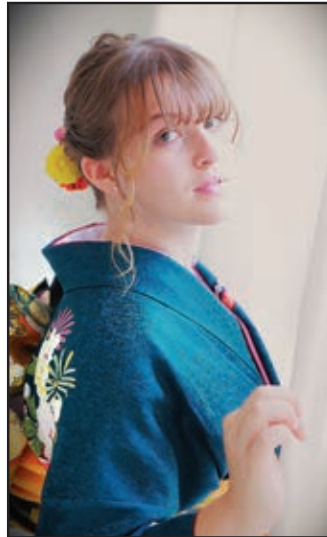
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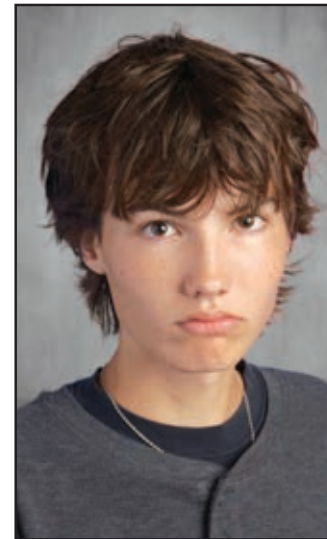
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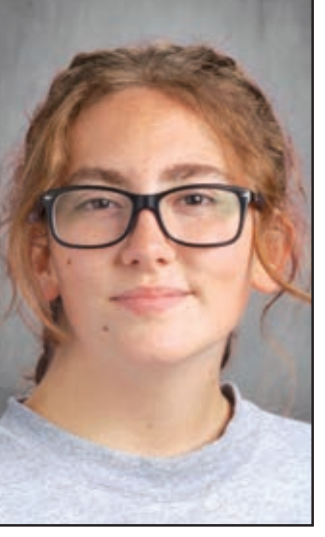
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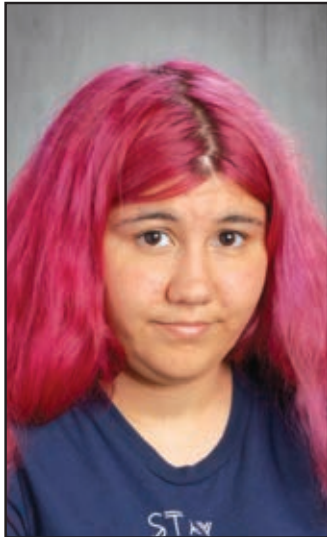
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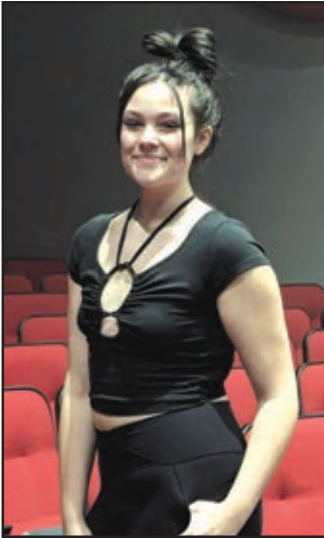
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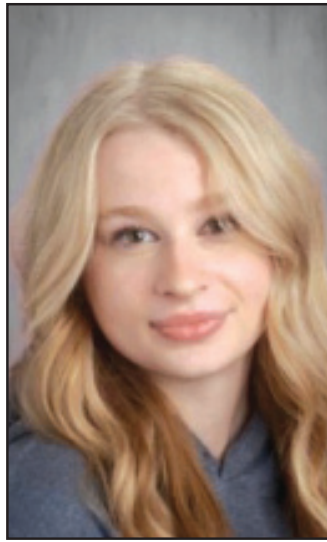
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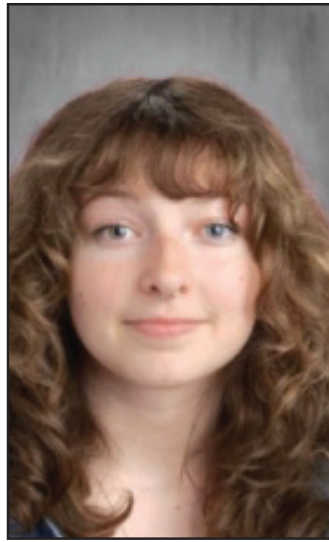
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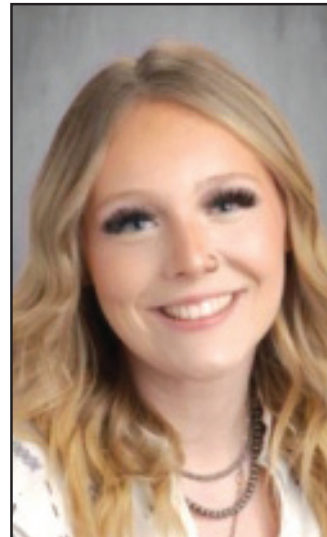
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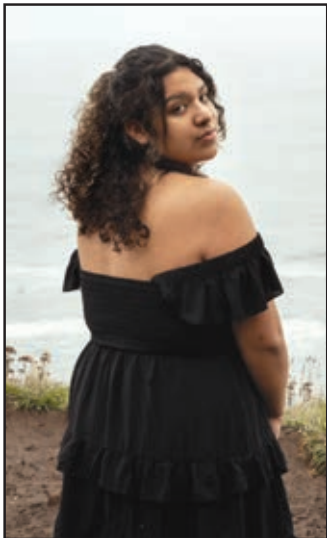
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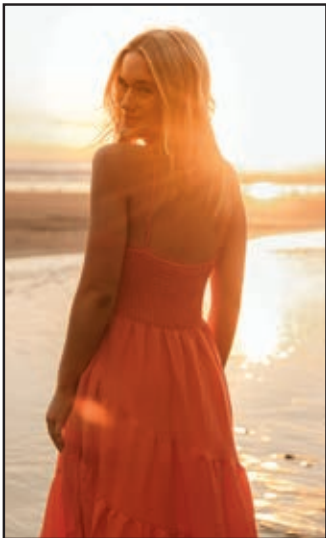
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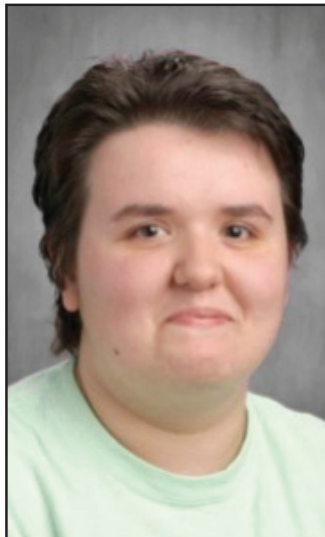
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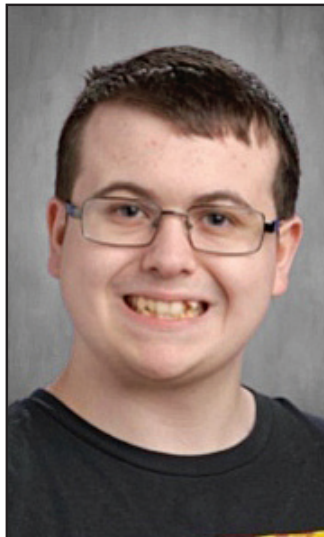
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How to land a job after graduation

The road to graduation can be long and winding. Graduation often is an exciting time in a person’s life. However, it also may spark some anxiety as newly minted grads prepare to look for jobs and begin their careers.

An unpredictable economic climate coupled with the rising cost of education can make soon-to-be graduates curious about what awaits them after graduation. According to the market data reporting firm Gitnux, 86 percent of college graduates can expect to find jobs within six months of graduation.

While the economy can affect how quickly new grads begin their careers, it’s not the only variable that affects where grads go after tossing their caps in the air. Students on the cusp of graduation can employ various strategies to increase their chances of finding a job.

- Start while in school.

It’s never too early to think about the hiring process and what can be done to improve your profile as a candidate. Maintain a grade point average that will impress employers, suggests Indeed. Also, part-time jobs and internships in your field will help you gain valuable experience and determine if working in a particular field is a good fit.

- Select an off-peak time to search for a job. Many people start searching and applying for jobs at the same time, typically after graduation ceremonies in December and May. That floods the market with applicants. Increase the chances your résumé is read by staggering when you apply for jobs and sending out inquiries before you graduate.
- Streamline your résumé. Many companies receive thousands of applications per position, so it is essential to cater your résumé to the specific job

to which you are applying. Include key words that match those in the job listing and will attract the attention of hiring managers. If you do not yet have experience, replace that section on the résumé with your accomplishments or special projects you have worked on.

- Network as much as possible. Many job openings are learned about through personal relationships. Employers may not advertise widely and hope that word of mouth will bring applicants to their doors, or through recommendations from other employees. Reach out to academic advisors, former professors and colleagues in your academic department. Be sure to maintain these networking relationships.
- Consider growth-stage companies. The University of Missouri Career Center says growth-stage companies tend to hire entry level professionals who do not



necessarily have a lot of experience. These are fast-growing companies looking to expand their operations and build company culture.

- Utilize networking social media apps. Indeed and LinkedIn enable people

to network and make it easy to apply for jobs directly through their sites or apps. There’s even the option to passively apply for jobs by having a résumé uploaded where companies can search and find you if your

skills are a match.

Finding a job after graduation is a priority for graduates anxious to begin their careers. Various strategies can help new grads find work sooner rather than later.

Financial tips for young professionals

Young adults confront something of a juggling act once they begin their professional lives. For many, that challenge begins with landing and starting a first job, arranging a payment plan for student loans, finding a place to live, and determining savings and personal finance goals. Although entering the workforce and taking a big step toward financial independence can be exciting, it also comes with financial responsibility.

Setting a strong financial foundation as early as possible helps establish long-term financial security. These tips can help young professionals manage their money more effectively.

- Take a money management course. Young professionals may be tired of heading to class or making the grade at this point in life, but educating oneself about some

of the basic rules of personal finance can help bridge knowledge gaps in this arena. Many young adults have never been taught the basics of applying for credit and staying out of debt. If you’ve been riding your parents’ financial coattails throughout school, now is the time to learn more, whether it’s through an online course or reading up on the subject.

- Set SMART goals. The acronym SMART stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound, and can serve as a roadmap to achieving various goals, including those related to money. Develop a clear plan for your money, which can make it easier to budget and achieve savings-related goals.
- Minimize debt. The Education Data Initiative says university graduates owe an average of \$28,244 on student loans after they leave school,



with a monthly payment between \$200 and \$299. Some graduates have even more debt and higher payments. Managing debt is vital to anyone’s finances. Create a debt repayment plan at the earliest opportunity. With a “snowball” strategy, borrowers pay off their smallest debts first. Once a debt is paid off, the payment amount for that debt is then applied to the next smallest debt, gaining momentum with each payment. The “avalanche” approach involves paying off the debt with the highest interest rate first.

- Aim to pay with cash more often. Unless you can afford to pay off the balance in full every month, using credit cards a lot can contribute to debt accumulation. LendingTree says that, as of September 2024, the average APR on all new card offers was 24.92 percent. Buying items with

cash or debit will reduce the likelihood of spending what you don’t have, offers Investopedia.

- Set up an emergency fund. It might be challenging to set aside a lot of money right now when you have an entry-level position and some

debt. But setting aside as little as \$1,000 for unexpected life events separate from your own personal savings can shield you from issues that arise from unexpected expenses.

- Participate in employer benefit plans. Look for the various ways that your employer

can help you save money. This may include participating in retirement plans (including those with employer contribution matches), health spending accounts, gym memberships, and additional opportunities.

- Start saving and investing now. According to SmartAsset, if you start investing \$150 a paycheck at age 25 and your investments have an average annualized return of 8 percent, after 40 years you’ll have about \$1.1 million in your account. Investing the same at age 35 means cutting nearly half of that total simply by procrastinating.

There are many ways young professionals can develop strong financial skills. Working with a certified financial planner also can help young professionals grow wealth over the course of their lives.



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