

Katie Abercrombie

Katie Abercrombie is captivated by science and the natural world. She is also passionate about social justice and civil rights and has walked the talk by participating in events and activities that support both. In addition, she has volunteered with the Salish Sea School and Skagit Animals in Need. Katie will take this passion to University of Victoria next year where she will pursue biology or environmental science as a path to a career in marine biology, conservation or wildlife rehabilitation. Congratulations, Katie.

Allyson Adam

Allyson Adam will head north to Trinity Western, BC next fall to study nursing so that she can not only help people heal but can instill hope. In her spare time, Allyson has deep connections to music and dance and has been a Dance TA for Fidalgo Danceworks for the past three years. AP English teacher Brian Backman describes Allyson as "intelligent and insightful" and someone he could always count on to spark discussion in class. Congratulations, Allyson.

Quinn Adkison

Because he had so many teachers to support and inspire him through his years, Quinn Adkison plans to go into education. Specifically, he will focus on elementary education when he attends Western Washington University. Quinn's passions include softball, which he has played for 13 years, and drama, which he participated in all four years of high school. It's no surprise that Quinn is pursuing elementary ed as he's been a youth soccer camp leader and is currently assistant coaching a little league softball team. Congratulations, Quinn.

Danielle Augustoni

"Danielle Augustoni is approachable and kind and has a quiet confidence that others respect and want to follow," says AP math teacher Michelle Hackstadt. These traits will come in handy as Danielle works toward a nursing degree at Arizona State University. Eventually, Danielle hopes to go into pediatric nursing. With a 3.9 GPA, Danielle has a total of 223 community service hours under her belt. More proof that nursing and helping others is clearly a calling. Congratulations, Danielle.

Maverick Ball

Maverick Ball has a long range plan: he will study biochemistry at Gonzaga University, and then begin the challenging path of becoming an Army Green Beret and eventually a general surgeon or anesthesiologist. Determination and hard work are no strangers to Maverick having been a cross country runner for four years and qualifying for state twice. His discipline also shows through his multiple award-winning years with Wind Ensemble and Fidalgo Youth Symphony. Skagit Valley English instructor Ted O'Connell says Maverick's "intelligence, attention to detail, work ethic, and growth mindset are all off the charts" and has no doubt he will succeed in fulfilling his very demanding goals. Congratulations, Maverick.

Jerry Benson

With a 3.9 GPA, it's not a stretch for Jerry Benson to head to the University of Washington in the fall to study mechanical engineering. What might come as a surprise is how prolific he is in other

areas, such as reading, writing, and even playing the violin. AP English teacher Ruth Masters says Jerry has a "rare combination of high intelligence and humility." One of his passions is the process of design, whether that is 3D animation, CAD or even designing and creating something in the woodshop. This passion should take Jerry beyond college when he plans to either pursue a career in engineering or perhaps go to law school to study patent law. Congratulations, Jerry.

Holly Berard

You wouldn't think that a degree in public relations would lead to a career as a pediatric occupational therapist. But Holly Berard's plan links the understanding of communication with the importance of relationships. She will take the first step of that plan at George Fox University next fall. Captain of the cheerleading team, Holly cheered all four years of high school. Principal Erin Duez says, "Holly perseveres and continues to push herself, even when faced with challenges." Good luck on your path and congratulations, Holly.

Carter Bowman

Having played basketball, tennis, and volleyball all four years of her high school career, Carter Bowman is used to working hard and managing her time. When she's not playing sports, she loves spending time outdoors. Carter wants to make a positive impact and help others feel confident, so next year at Brigham Young University, she will begin studies in the healthcare field. Congratulations, Carter.

Riley Boxx

Cross country and track coach Brad Templeton says Riley Boxx has "maturity and grit" and "steps up when it matters most." In addition to sports, Riley has held two jobs and still maintains a 3.9 GPA. Next year at Eastern Washington University, Riley will pursue her goal in becoming a dental hygienist. Congratulations, Riley.

Lawrence Broersma

Lawrence Broersma has his eye in the sky. Even though he has been a member of the Anacortes Mountain biking club for five years, he has most enjoyed his time trap shooting with the trap and skeet club for four years, as it challenges his patience. His long term goals also revolve around the sky. Lawrence plans to study aeronautical science and aviation management next year at Rocky Mountain College in Montana with a goal of becoming a pilot, either commercial or for the Navy or Air Force. Congratulations, Lawrence.

Lauryn Campbell

According to math and science teacher Kristen Moore, Lauryn Campbell is "a great communicator who naturally bridges gaps and works collaboratively and effectively with a highly diverse set of students." She is also a giver, having volunteered 130 hours for community service. She has a passion for the connections and meaning that come from the performing arts and has participated in choir all four years of high school. Lauryn will make more connections as a business/marketing major at Western Washington University next fall.

Brendan Cutter

Brendan Cutter loves sports, but more importantly, he loves being a part of something bigger. He is competitive, yes, and has played football and lacrosse all four years of high school while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. But he also appreciates the camaraderie and leadership aspects of athletics. A three-year National Honor Society member, Brendan heads to Auburn University in the fall, where he will study construction management. Congratulations, Brendan.

Hayden Davies

Hayden Davies is someone "who has earned her growth through effort, reflection, tenacity, and a willingness to engage deeply rather than superficially," says social studies teacher Jessica Pullen. Hayden's engagement includes serving as president and lieutenant governor of Key Club, 305 hours of community service and four years of softball while balancing multiple AP courses and holding a part-time job. In what spare time she has, Hayden loves to read, crochet, quilt and snowboard. At the University of Idaho, Hayden will pursue a degree in civil engineering in hopes of breaking into a field underrepresented by women. Congratulations, Hayden.

Mitchell Debruler

A two-time state qualifier for Future Business Leaders of America, Mitchell Debruler plans to use the leadership skills he learned from that club to make a meaningful change in how people live. He will pursue a mechanical engineering degree at Washington State University and plans to continue participating in STEM related clubs, like the Robotics teams he was a part of in high school: FIRST Robotics and Black Box, the team he co-founded with a friend. Congratulations, Mitchell.

Tristian Detering

Tristan Detering is fascinated by the pursuit of knowledge, whether it's a deep dive into something esoteric or uncovering a record or narrative about one of his favorite sports, track and field. Tristan competed with the track and field team all four years of high school and played football for three years. He also held a part-time job and employer Tom Murphy describes Tristan as "accommodating, willing to try anything, determined and a quick learner." These skills will come in handy as he pursues a business degree at the University of Washington in the fall. Congratulations, Tristan.

Micah Dickison

Because Micah Dickison played football for four years and baseball and basketball each for three years, you would be tempted to say sports are his number one passion. But he cares deeply about many other things, including family, hunting, fishing and helping others by giving back. His genuine desire to make connections and give of himself have led him to pursue a career in elementary education. Next fall he heads to Central Washington University where he will study education while also playing football for the Wildcats. Congratulations, Micah.

Kierstan Dotzauer

Social studies teacher Jessica Pullen says that "Kierstan Dotzauer has a clear sense of purpose coupled with an affinity for the sciences." Her 3.96 GPA which included two extra years of

science credits no doubt led to her direct acceptance into Gonzaga University's nursing program. Kierstan's long term goal is to become a nurse practitioner. In her spare time, Kierstan is devoted to riding and competing horses, a passion she found in middle school and plans to continue throughout her life. Congratulations Kierstan.

Austin Duchene

Competing on the track and field team for four years has inspired Austin Duchene to weave his passion outside of school into his future studies. At Central Washington University, Austin will study business with the goal of one day starting a company that focuses on track runners. Congratulations, Austin.

Lily Dumas

Lily Dumas finds purpose in creating things that others can experience and enjoy, whether that's designing murals, playing the piano or even taking photographs. She will take this passion to Boise State University where she plans to study business combined with fine arts in the hopes of one day starting her own design company. No stranger to design, Lily has worked as a floral arranger with Atterberry Gardens for the last four years. When she wasn't working or studying, you could most likely find Lily cheering at either football or basketball games as a cheerleader for three of her four years. Congratulations, Lily.

Angus Edelman

Valedictorian Angus Edelman has a passion for cars and a drive (no pun intended) for solving and optimizing mechanisms, code, and systems that work together. His time with FBLA and FIRST Robotics has inspired him to pursue engineering so that he can transform lives and change the world. In the fall, Angus will study mechanical engineering with an aerospace engineering minor, at Rice University in Texas. Congratulations, Angus.

Ethan Ehrheart

Ethan Ehrheart loves bugs. He also loves intertidal organisms and learning about the natural world around him. And according to science teacher Jonathan Frostad, he "possesses a deep sense of compassion and willingness to help those in need. He has the curiosity of a scientist and the heart of a community leader." This combination should help the Eagle Scout succeed next year at Skagit Valley College where he will study environmental science with the plan of transferring and earning a BS in environmental studies. The end goal for Ethan is to improve the quality of the environment in marine and freshwater areas in Washington State. Congratulations, Ethan.

Zephrin Ehrheart

According to drama and social studies teacher Scott Burnett, Zephrin Ehrheart is "a good leader, thoughtful and deliberate." As a school board student representative, Zephrin dedicated countless hours advocating for students. His leadership extended beyond the school board as he held positions in Broadcast Club, Choir and Scouting America. His community service hours total a whopping 451 and include Anacortes Music Project, ASD School Board, Anacortes Arts Festival and Scouting America to name only a few. It makes perfect sense that Zephrin will use

this leadership to improve the future by studying education at Skagit Valley College next year. Congratulations, Zephrin.

Gabriel Ellertson

Gabriel Ellertson's love of wrestling can be credited for his academic goal of becoming an elementary teacher. Wrestling inspired Gabriel to become a better person and to work hard. These are the skills he wants to pass on to his future students. His time at Northwest Career and Technical Academy also grew his passion for the culinary arts. Gabriel hopes to make an impact on his students by sparking their curiosity about all things. He heads to Washington State University in the fall to start that journey. Congratulations, Gabriel.

Reese Erickson

Sport Medicine teacher Josh Emery says that Reese Erickson has "a high level of maturity and approaches challenging learning with determination and a genuine desire to learn." She has maintained a 3.9 GPA while holding two part-time jobs and volunteering regularly at Thrifty Kitty. What captivates Reese is traveling and art, specifically drawing. But her educational goals include studying health sciences. She will start in the fall at Spokane Community College and then hopefully transfer to Washington State university to study exercise physiology and nutrition. Congratulations, Reese.

Natalie Ertel

As a cheerleader for four years in high school Natalie Ertel had already started down her career path of inspiring and engaging others. Next year at Central Washington University, Natalie plans to study business administration with the long term goal of becoming a marketing manager. History teacher Ken Welk calls Natalie "naturally inquisitive, hardworking and responsible." All of these will serve her well. Congratulations, Natalie.

Samantha Feller

You might think that Samantha Feller is more at home in the water than on land, having swum for 16 years. But she is equally at ease in front of a crowd as a cheerleader or singing in the choir, which she did for three and four years respectively. In fact, music is Samantha's passion. It has taught her discipline and patience and has resulted in lasting connections, but that's not what inspired her future academic studies. Shadowing the school's athletic trainer sparked a desire to study kinesiology with a long term goal of becoming an athletic trainer. Samantha will follow this path at the University of Alabama in the fall. Congratulations, Samantha.

Ezekiel Fernandez

"Zeke Fernandez is consistently inclusive, demonstrates a quiet bravery in recognizing and affirming his peers, and helps elevate the level of discussion in class." This from social studies teacher Jessica Pullen. His growth both in and out of the classroom was buoyed by his passions of baking, singing and acting, all of which bring him joy, but also help manage his emotions. And managing emotions is what interests Zeke. Next fall, he will pursue studies in psychology at Skagit Valley College to learn how the body makes certain decisions. Zeke hopes to become a

licensed therapist so he can help others with their emotions by understanding them. Congratulations, Zeke.

Xander Fischer

Xander Fischer has high expectations. Namely, he wants to change the world. Specifically, he wants to help create affordable and easy to use prostheses. His four years in robotics may have had something to do with this passion. He served as president of the robotics club and received the Extraordinary Leadership Award along with being an FTC Dean's List Finalist. In addition to robotics, Xander was part of broadcast club and drama for three years each. Next year he will start working on that big goal of his by studying engineering, specifically bioengineering and neuroscience, at Washington State University. Congratulations, Xander.

Owen Foley

Math teacher Michelle Hackstadt says Owen Foley's "commitment to excellence translates to being a person driven to doing his best and to being tenacious in reaching his goals." Owen committed most of his life to soccer, serving as team captain and volunteering to coach youth soccer camps. He is a four-time state cup winner for Northwest United FC and a two-time player for First Team All Conference. His commitment off the pitch is just as strong; Owen has excelled academically with 7 AP courses under his belt. He plans to quench his thirst for lifelong learning by starting a pre-med track with a biology major at University of Puget Sound. Congratulations, Owen.

Lucien Francioch

A leader on the mat and field, Lucien "influenced his teammates by encouraging them to raise their standards and modeling what that looks like," says wrestling coach John Seth. Lucien, captain of the wrestling team, wrestled and played football all four years of high school, while managing a rigorous academic course load. His strong work ethic should help him next year at University of California Santa Barbara where he will study business and entrepreneurship. Congratulations, Lucien.

Rakaela Franklin

When Rakaela Franklin arrives at Lake Erie College in Ohio in the fall, she will not only hit the books; she'll hit the gym. Rakaela will be competing with the school's cheer team, which combines her love of dance and community and will allow her to continue a lifelong passion. She looks forward to a career in management after college. Congratulations, Rakaela.

Tobias Fraser

How art connects people and can express emotion is something Tobias Fraser has always found compelling. Four years of choir and drama strengthened this passion, in addition to piano and art as avenues of expression. Tobias's natural curiosity in relationships and people inspired her to study environmental science next year at the University of Victoria. She will pursue a career in archaeology to help piece together the puzzle of recorded history and to preserve and protect the integrity of those historical records. Congratulations, Tobias.

Ellie Frost

A true jack of all trades, Ellie Frost's participation goes deep and wide. A state competitor in FBLA, Ellie has competed with track and field for four years, volleyball for two and has been in band for seven. She also has a talent for painting, which she uses to connect with others. Science teacher Jody Dylan says Ellie "elevates those around her and is motivated by a deep-seated belief in helping others and doing what is right." She will harness this motivation along with her passion for women's health at the University of Victoria in the fall where she will study biology with a minor in women and gender studies. Congratulations, Ellie.

Josiah Garner

Josiah Garner is captivated by how a society balances building cities with preserving nature. In addition to holding a job, Josiah also participated in robotics and Skills USA clubs. He hopes to make a difference in the world and will start by studying urban planning and sustainable development at Western Washington University next fall. Congratulations, Josiah.

Allison Geibig

Allison Geibig's fourteen years of dance do not define her. On the contrary, her academic achievement almost upstages her disciplined life on the dancefloor. With a 3.98 GPA and scoring 4's and 5's in four of her seven AP courses,(waiting for the last three scores), she is the epitome of drive. Social studies teacher Jessica Pullen says Allison "has a deepened sense of curiosity and is a thoughtful woman of action. A helper, capable, principled and most importantly committed to improving the community around her." Because her passions lie in both STEM subjects and the humanities, Allison has landed on studying public health at Clemson University next fall, which will allow her to pursue either med school or law school upon graduation. Congratulations, Allison.

Mallory Goe

Math team and Computer Science club advisor Nathaniel Peterson was consistently impressed with Mallory Goe's "intellectual drive, emerging leadership, remarkable initiative and enthusiasm for learning." Mallory was the president of AHS math team, Historian of AHS art club, VP of AHS coding club and VP of the speech and debate team. She was also a member of Key Club and GSA club, each for four years. Somehow she also finds time to volunteer at Anacortes Music Project. Her passion for chemistry and math have led her to study chemistry at the University of Washington where she hopes to blend her passion for research with her love of environmental justice. Congratulations, Mallory.

Kisen Goforth

Kisen Goforth is a master of balance. Training before and after school for club and school swim teams, holding a part-time job, participating in band all four years, and being an Eagle Scout requires a next level of commitment and dedication. In addition, Kisen is a leader. Swim Coach Leslie Mix says the team captain is "one of the most respected and influential members of the team, and was voted Most Inspiration Swimmer two years in a row." So it's no surprise that Kisen wants to continue inspiring others around him. His goal in becoming an elementary teacher is to help students enjoy learning the way many of his teachers helped him throughout

his years. In the fall, Kisen heads to George Fox University in Oregon to begin his journey into the world of teaching. Congratulations, Kisen.

Katie Hackstadt

Katie Hackstadt is "a stellar student who engenders respect from both staff and fellow classmates." This from AP English teacher Ruth Masters. The AP scholar played lacrosse all four years, was yearbook editor and founded the Anacortes Youth Pickleball club. Her deep interest in physics and calculus informed her decision to study mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado with the hopes of becoming a product design engineer. Congratulations, Katie.

Bella Hall

Valedictorian Bella Hall was also president of her class, both junior and senior years. Choir teacher Carole Leander describes Bella as "incredibly thoughtful, intelligent, determined and mature." The AP scholar was president of the Sports Medicine club, captain of her NW United FC soccer team, and placed in the top ten at State FBLA Conference in two events. Because Bella wants to help others, she will study economics and marketing at Whitworth University next year with the goal of owning her own community-centered non-profit company. Congratulations, Bella.

Amelie Harper

Amelie Harper has always been fascinated by nature, both flora and fauna, but particularly the wildlife. When she's not taking in the outdoor world, Amelie has enjoyed being a part of the math team and has been in drama all four years. With a 3.96 GPA, Amelie should excel next year at Western Washington University where she will study environmental science and pursue a career in a conservation/sustainability field. Congratulations, Amelie.

Camden Harriman

A leader in athletics and arts, Camden Harriman definitely is firing with both hemispheres of his brain. As a dedicated percussionist since middle school, Camden was a leader in the high school band. He helped establish the badminton club, was captain of the golf team - having played all four years, and was an officer for Key Club. He completed five AP courses and still found time to volunteer with the Salish Sea School and Sea cadets. His love of all math, science and hands-on problem solving led him to pursue an engineering degree at the Colorado School of Mines. Camden's hope is to use his mechanical engineering learning to help advance technology and create products that help prevent climate change and deforestation. Congratulations, Camden.

Owen Hofheimer

Owen Hofheimer has played many sports including cross country, tennis, track, wrestling and football, but his passion is rugby and his team placed second in the national championship last year. His competitive nature extends to the academic side of things as well, as he completed seven AP courses over his high school career. Owen's fascination with how the body moves

and works sparked an interest in physical therapy options, so he will begin pursuing that route by studying kinesiology at Colorado Mesa University next fall. Congratulations, Owen.

Jillian Hunter

Jillian Hunter "has the intellect, the work ethic and most importantly, the character to make a meaningful difference in the world," says science teacher Jonathan Frostad. And this is exactly what Jillian wants to do. For much of his high school career, Jillian was under water, or at least, at the pool, either swimming competitively, lifeguarding or coaching youth teams. When he wasn't near the water, he was probably playing the clarinet or bass as he's been in since middle school. Recently, Jillian also became a volunteer for the Mt. Erie Fire Department. So it makes perfect sense that he wants to combine his passions and study health sciences and education, with the eventual goal of becoming an occupational therapist in a school setting. He will start this path at University of Victoria next fall. Congratulations, Jillian.

Owen Jacobson

Sports Medicine teacher Josh Emery respects Owen Jacobson's "willingness to step outside his comfort zone, which reflects his desire to learn, improve and take risks in order to grow." Math teacher Michelle Hackstadt echoes this saying, "Owen's tenacity for the work, whatever it is, never wavers." This was true for both academics and athletics. Having played four years of soccer, Owen's passion for the sport was equaled only to his fascination with design, which grew when Owen took woodworking and design classes. Next year at the University of Washington, Owen will study architecture so that he can marry his passion for design with a career. Congratulations, Owen.

Clayton Jacobson

That Clayton Jacobson wants to study engineering might lead you to believe he is a one-dimensional, STEM-focused student. Nothing could be further from the truth. A well-rounded student with a 3.96 GPA, Clayton was a varsity/state swimmer and a varsity golfer; he founded the chess club; and he is an avid reader of history and class literature. In the fall Clayton will begin his journey to becoming an engineer at the University of Washington, although he hasn't decided between mechanical or aerospace. Congratulations, Clayton.

Eugenia Kim

Eugenia Kim's "resilience, adaptability and self awareness make her stand out as a young leader," says AP science teacher Jody Dylan. Eugenia's adaptability comes in many forms. She was vice president and treasurer of Key Club, secretary and president of Art Club, treasurer of Badminton Club, drum major of AHS band and an active member of the math team and National Honor Society. With a 3.99 GPA, she is an AP Scholar with Honor, but her passions lie in music and art. Having played the flute for seven years, Eugenia has been a participant in All-State solo and ensemble competitions every year of high school, and this year she led a mural project for the school. When Eugenia arrives at the University of Washington next fall, she will study chemistry in the hopes of pursuing a career in scientific research in the environmental sector so that she can study the effects of harmful chemicals and spread awareness. Congratulations, Eugenia.

Parker King

"Parker King stands out as a student who truly loves learning. He is meticulous, collaborative and insightful." This from science teacher Jody Dylan. In addition to taking on a rigorous academic schedule with multiple math classes each year, Parker was a math and science peer tutor and still found time to hold a part-time job while also being the treasurer of the Art Club and vice-president of Robotics Club. At Washington State University, Parker will study chemical engineering and eventually focus on either biochemical or energy engineering. Congratulations, Parker.

Kaycie Knight

We would be here all night if we were to list all of Kaycie Knight's achievements and awards. Some highlights include ASD School Board representative, Washington Association of School Administrators Student Leadership Award, AHS girls wrestling state wrestler, student director of this year's musical, and ASB Activities Coordinator. Kaycie has worked with youth for the past two years at a leadership camp and has found a passion for shining the light on all students to make sure each voice is heard and each student feels seen. She would love to harness this passion into a career in political science where she can build community and build bridges, particularly in the field of education. But she has no plans of abandoning her love of music, singing, and theatre and hopes to stay involved in performing arts next year at the University of Washington. Congratulations, Kaycie.

Addison Lanker

Addison Lanker divided her time in high school almost equally between the outdoors, doing track and field, and the indoors, doing theatre. She was also a member of Honor Society for three years. Addison wants to make a difference by helping wild animals thrive in their environment. Science teacher Kristen Moore says that Addison has a rare combination of scientific rigor and creative expression" that will set her up for success when she studies animal science at Western Washington University in the fall. Congratulations, Addison.

Allison Lehmann

Valedictorian Allison Lehmann spent much of her high school time on the water as part of the high school sailing team, this year as captain. She also found time to participate in band all four years. Her love of design was inspired by the architecture classes she took, and CTE Director Joe Furin says that Allison is committed to both community and service, having assisted with peer tutoring in the architecture classes. She was also instrumental in developing instructional units that have become a part of the AHS architecture courses. Her dream is to earn a BA in environmental design and then a Masters of Architecture so that she can showcase her creativity and logical thinking. She heads to Montana State University next fall to start that journey. Congratulations, Allison.

Lucy Lemrick

Lucy Lemrick is as three dimensional as they come. Captain of her cross country team, she has participated in that sport and track and field all four years of high school. But she has also held a job, been a member of National Honor Society, attended Running Start and maintained a 3.98

GPA. Her love of STEM is balanced with her passion for creating art. Lucy's goal is to make a difference and protect wildlife and ecosystems in danger. So when she arrives at Gonzaga University next fall, she will study biology in hopes of possibly becoming a wildlife biologist. Congratulations, Lucy.

Hannah Lenander

A three-season athlete, Hannah kept herself busy playing volleyball, wrestling and doing track and field. When she wasn't participating in sports, or studying, she was probably volunteering as she has 200 completed hours of community service. This service-oriented mindset mirrors Hannah's passion for helping people, which will hopefully become a career for Hannah, who will enter the pre-nursing program at the University of Washington next fall. Eventually, Hannah sees herself as a traveling nurse where she can combine her desire to help others with her curiosity of different places. Congratulations, Hannah.

Teagan Littke

On the soccer pitch, Captain Teagan Littke is "fast, relentless and plays with an intensity that pushes everyone around her to do better," says coach Gretchen Hanson. But she also "has a servant's heart and embraced her leadership role with humility and care for others." A four-year soccer player, Teagan also participated in track and field and Key Club, each for four years as well. While sports are an obvious passion, she is also passionate about nature and wants to learn about ecology, sustainability, and critical thinking. To that end, she will study environmental science at the University of Idaho in the fall. Congratulations, Teagan.

Cage Littlefield

What distinguishes Cage Littlefield is not just a willingness to work hard, says employer Elizabeth Kuchling, but how he works, demonstrating ingenuity and creativity even in practical situations, always remaining calm and thoughtful when challenges arise. Cage completed the construction program at NCTA and will also graduate with his AA degree. His love of exploring new things and pushing himself can be seen in his activities: skiing, surfing, and rock climbing. As far as future studies goes, Cage is interested in sports medicine and physical therapy and will start by earning a degree in kinesiology at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. Congratulations, Cage.

Gwen Lopez

Valedictorian Gwen Lopez works hard at the books and on the field. She also has given her time, all four years in fact, to Green Club and club soccer where she was an officer and youth coach, respectively. English teacher Ruth Masters praises Gwen's "ability to be flexible and learn from new challenges." One challenge she wants to take on is the complexity of the human mind and how it works. As a start, she will study psychology at San Diego State University next fall. Congratulations, Gwen.

Emily Loska

Emily Loska is driven. She has to be. Her dream of becoming a professional pilot is mapped out down to the minute. Her love of nature comes from growing up in Alaska, but she is also

fascinated with space and even founded an astrophotography club in her former high school. In addition to maintaining a 3.98 GPA, Emily also was a Key Club member all four years. US Coast Guard Executive Assistant Captain Rich Kuzak says Emily has "initiative, perseverance, adaptability and compassion," which will all serve her well next year as she pursues a bachelor's degree in aviation technology at the University of Alaska. Congratulations, Emily.

Mia Loska

Mia Loska has not missed a single day in her high school career. In addition to perfect attendance, Mia was a member of Key Club and Art Club and managed to complete 7 AP classes. She "has an openness to new ideas, looks at things reasonably and keeps calm under pressure," says English teacher Ruth Masters. All of these will be important as Mia works to earn her bachelors of science in aviation technology at the University of Alaska in the fall. Her love of flying is only equaled to her love of creating and making art, including woodworking. Mia plans to continue doing both long into her future. Congratulations, Mia.

Cassiopeia Lynch

Cassie Lynch is well on her way to achieving her short and long term goals. Already at Cap Sante High School, she completed parenting and child development classes, principle of education training classes and volunteered in two classes at Island View Elementary. School Social Worker Melanie Engman describes Cassie as "strong and determined whose most prominent qualities are empathy for others and her interest in social justice." When not studying or volunteering, Cassie competed on the girls' swim and dive team for two years and was an active member of choir all four years. She plans to study elementary education at Whatcom Community College and then transfer to continue at a four-year university. Congratulations, Cassie.

Sofia Martinez

For her four years of high school, Sofia Martinez was either in the pool on the girls swim team or on stage, singing in the jazz choir, playing in the band or participating in musical theatre and plays. Her love of music culminated in becoming drum major where she learned that leadership can mean making people feel welcome. She hopes to grow that skill by studying hospitality management, where she can create inclusive spaces for others. Sofia was secretary of Key Club and has volunteered with the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. Science teacher Jody Dylan credits Sofia's success to "a genuine desire to understand, a collaborative spirit and adaptability." Sofia will pursue her degree from Penn State in the fall. Congratulations, Sofia.

Ava Maxwell

Whether it's recipes, sports, or hobbies, Ava Maxwell loves to try new things. In addition to more than a decade of playing soccer, Ava found a new joy in cheerleading. In her spare time, she loves to listen to podcasts on everything from cooking to the mystery of the Egyptian pyramids. In her former high school, Ava participated in Debate Club and Model UN, and it's perhaps these experiences that inspired her to pursue a pre-law degree at Arizona State University. Congratulations, Ava.

Addie McClain

There's no doubt in Addie McClain's mind what she wants to do after high school. No stranger to choir and theatre, Addie has been in several school productions and concerts, so you'd think that might be her path. But Addie's passions lie in the impacts of cancer and the importance of compassion and support during a cancer battle. For these reasons, Addie will work towards a nursing degree with a focus on oncology. For Addie, providing emotional support is just as important as giving medical care. She'll start her journey to becoming an RN at Skagit Valley College in the fall. Congratulations, Addie.

Kate McFadyen

History teacher Ken Welk says Kate McFadyen displays "confidence, ambition and persistence alongside a strong leadership and commitment to her peers." Kate herself admits that she is driven by the process of learning, trying, and discovering. Growth is her passion. As yearbook editor and cheer captain, Kate excelled in leadership roles. She didn't shy away from academic rigor either, completing five AP courses. She hopes to blend her academic and leadership skills into a business degree with a minor in marketing. Kate's end goal is to create a business that makes a positive impact on her community. Next year she heads to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to start the journey. Congratulations, Kate.

Pam Moore

"Although Pam Moore has a dizzying array of activities and AP classes, she still has the maturity to manage her time effectively to make our school community a better place." This from English teacher Brian Backman. That challenging schedule includes leading as freshman and sophomore class president, ASB business manager and Link Crew officer. In addition Pam was a member of the cheer squad for four years and also played lacrosse. Her desire to help others has led her to pursue a biochemistry degree on a pre-med track. After earning this at the University of Southern California, Pam hopes to continue on to medical school to become a pediatric intensive care unit doctor. Congratulations, Pam.

Brennan Morgenthaler

With a 3.94 GPA, Brennan Morgenthaler "shines as a student athlete and leader." This from counselor Kara Fox. Winning a state track championship, playing at state in basketball and serving as captain of basketball in both his junior and senior years, Brennan clearly excels as an athlete. He transferred that love into community service by coaching and refereeing youth games and camps and volunteering at the middle school and his former elementary school. Next year at Boise State University, Brennan will chase his dreams of becoming a financial advisor. Congratulations, Brennan.

Liela Murray

Liela Murray has one true passion: animals. But she was deeply involved in other activities during high school, including choir for four years and track and field for three. What captivates Liela is the desire to learn about and care for animals, so she will study animal science next year at Washington State University with the long term goal of becoming a veterinarian. Congratulations, Liela.

Caleb O'Donnell

"What sets Caleb apart is his commitment to others. He is genuinely inclusive, a natural leader and a unifying presence." This from swim coach Leslie Mix. Caleb's accolades span deep and wide; in addition to his four years in band and swim, Caleb was team captain of the swim team, two-time county swimmer of the year, three-time state qualifier and perhaps most impressive, an Eagle Scout. Caleb's community service benefited our elementary schools, Anacortes Parks and Rec, and Salish Sea School. His desire to help others had led him to pursue the healthcare field, specifically a nursing or Physician's Assistant program where he can serve his community. He will not only study but also swim at the University of Puget Sound in the fall. Congratulations, Caleb.

Brennan Patt

Brennan Patt enjoys sports, staying active, and spending time with friends and family. He played basketball all four years of high school and was on the track and field team for three years. Next year at Western Washington University, Brennan plans to study business so that he can help others understand their financial earnings and goals. Congratulations, Brennan.

Dillon Piacentino

It's not a surprise that Dillin Piacentino is an AP Scholar, having completed nine AP courses over his high school career. Somehow with this rigorous academic schedule, he also played football and lacrosse for three years, serving as captain of the football team this year, held part-time jobs and found time to take up playing guitar, which he has come to love. Next year, Dillon will head across the country to Philadelphia to study business at Temple University. Congratulations, Dillon.

Emily Pianetta

"Consistent, dedicated, persistent, and dependable" is how cross country and track coach Brad Templeton describes Emily Pianetta. Her commitment and athletic prowess running all four years of high school earned her a county championship title for the 800m and a two-time trip to state for cross country. In addition, Emily received the prestigious, coach-nominated Dalls Kloke Leadership Award. She hopes to share her passion for making a difference by becoming an elementary education teacher who will inspire and shape young students' curiosity and confidence. And she'll begin that journey in Eugene at the University of Oregon. Congratulations, Emily.

Cole Portz

"A true student leader, Cole's guiding principle is to ensure that every student feels included and welcome." This from AHS principal Dr. Erin Duez. As ASB president, cheer captain, active member of equity council, drama and choir, Cole leads daily as an inspiring role model. Cole's managed a rigorous academic load with a demanding all-star cheer schedule and still maintained a 3.9 GPA. So he knows a thing or two about navigating the challenges of a student athlete, like anxiety, pressure, and burnout. Next year, Cole heads to San Diego State University to pursue a degree in psychology with the plan to continue further education towards sports

psychology so he can help support athletes in performance, balance, and mental strength. Congratulations, Cole.

Lily Reeder

According to social studies teacher Jessica Pullen, Lily Reeder "gravitates towards roles that require reliability, community presence and emotional intelligence." A long-time piano student and choir member, Lily loves all kinds of art, but especially music and literature. She is particularly interested in music theory and how it can be both mathematical and intuitive. To give her a head start in her college pursuit of earning a Bachelor of Nursing degree, Lily has volunteered at Island Health for almost two years. Volunteer Supervisor Jordy Pratt says "Lily treats patients with empathy and respect, going out of her way to make them feel seen and supported during a vulnerable time." Next fall Lily will attend the University of Utah in the nursing program. Congratulations, Lily.

Owen Roberson

Although Owen Roberson plans to study mathematics, he is keenly interested in electrical, computer engineering, and environmental science as well. He even has experience building PCs and recently he dove into the fascinating world of mycology, foraging for mushrooms on our island. But his true passion is music, whether it's putting his creative writing skills to work creating songs or playing guitar and piano. Owen will work towards a Bachelor of Science next year at Western Washington University. Congratulations, Owen.

Jakob Rothlisberger

Football coach Tyler Dubuque says Jakob is the definition of perseverance, integrity and heart and has a genuine desire to learn and improve in everything he does." He has shown this on the football field, on the basketball court and in his design and art classes. Creating 3D designs of homes actually inspired Jakob to study architecture in college. He is also interested in construction management and interior design. Jakob will tackle these fields of study at Washington State University next fall. Congratulations, Jakob.

Maddyn Rueb

Maddyn Rueb knows precisely what she wants to do after college. An 11-year student of dance, Maddyn has also coached and taught dance. But what she wants to do more than that is care for others. She has already started her journey in nursing by working through some of the program at Skagit Valley College. She will continue studying to be a nurse practitioner at SVC in the fall. Congratulations, Maddyn.

Charlotte Santos

Supporting others and building relationships are two common denominators between Charlotte's biggest passion, soccer; and her career goal, nursing. Charlotte was a varsity player all four years of high school and was named All Conference 2nd Team Defender, All Conference 1st Team Midfield and All Conference State team. She plans to first earn a BSN degree and then, after gaining experience for a couple of years, Charlotte plans to work toward a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. But she'll be doing more than studying when she arrives at

Seattle Pacific University in the fall. Charlotte will also be on the pitch with the Falcon soccer team. Congratulations, Charlotte.

Madi Shafer

When Madi Shafer arrives at Pacific University in Oregon next fall, she will combine the two things that inspired her to go into kinesiology: athletics and her anatomy and sports medicine classes in high school. Madi wrestled all four years of high school, played softball for two, and holds a 3.95 GPA. Her kinesiology studies will help her continue her passion for sports either as a physical therapist or as an athletic trainer. Congratulations, Madi.

Allison Snipes

Allison Snipes has been inspired by not only her parents, but by her teachers throughout her time in Anacortes School District. Their care and interest in her learning is what led her to decide to pursue elementary education when she finishes her AA at Skagit Valley College. She has a few more quarters to go and then hopes to transfer to UW or a University of California school. Congratulations, Allison.

Inara Spatafore

You'd think eight AP courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.9 would keep Inara from doing anything but studying, but she found time to manage the boys' tennis team and volunteer as a trail ambassador for Friends of the ACFL. She was also an officer for National Honor Society, a badminton club officer and played on the varsity tennis team. Marketing and Business teacher Matt Wallis says Inara Spatafore "is one of the most insightful students" he's ever had. That insight, combined with her sense of curiosity should help her at the University of Washington next year where she plans to study political science and economics. Congratulations, Inara.

Breauna Sullivan

Breauna Sullivan is drawn to connection --- with people and with animals. In school, Bre connected with teammates on her volleyball team and while out of school, she made connections through horse riding. Counselor Ashlee Poggie says Bre is "an endless well of empathy, industry and perseverance, who evokes patience and reliability." In addition to academics, she has held two jobs for most of her high school career, one of which is giving her the skills and motivation to pursue a career in construction management at Eastern Washington University. Congratulations, Bre.

Maxwell Swetnam

On the mat or off, Max Swetnam is a hard worker. A two-time state competitor, district champion and volunteer middle school coach, Max dedicated much of his high school career to wrestling. As a lover of fishing, camping, and the great outdoors, Max sure did choose the right college. And despite having started his own business with his brother, Max is not drawn to entrepreneurship. Rather, he will begin the pre-med track at the University of Montana in hopes of entering medical school upon completing his undergraduate studies. Congratulations, Max.

Presly Thomas

Counselor Ashlee Poggie calls Presly Thomas "highly relational, grace-filled and uplifting." Presley is interested in many areas including nature and the outdoors, visual arts, and cultural understanding. But what she wants to pursue most is the area where she can help others and make a difference. For this reason, Presly will study healthcare and social services at Whatcom Community College with the ultimate goal of becoming an OB/GYN ultrasound technician. Congratulations, Presly.

Alexander Tull

From his very first competition, the Future Business Leaders of America president, has been intrigued by consumer behavior and advertising. He participated in FBLA all four years, was a two-time national qualifier, and a four-time regional champion in various categories. Alex was also a two-time conference champion and a district champion in both singles and double tennis. A valedictorian, Alex completed 12 AP courses in his four years. Counselor Ashlee Poggie says Alex "has always sought to elevate the learning environment he is immersed within and engage in enriching opportunities to expand his critical thinking." Next year at Rice University in Texas, Alex will use those skills to study what he's been curious about for years by pursuing a degree in marketing and entrepreneurship with a possible minor in finance or a double major in kinesiology. Congratulations, Alex.

Alexis Vance

Lexi Vance is most interested in helping others, to be seen and heard. Which has inspired her to go into the field of psychology next year at Skagit Valley College. During her high school years, Lexi volunteered at Anacortes Music Project. Her plan is to transfer to a four-year university to pursue a career as a licensed social worker, specifically a forensic social worker. Congratulations, Lexi.

Adam VanEgdom

"A natural leader, Adam's leadership is grounded in respect and encouragement. He leads with confidence and humility as he sets a positive tone for those around him." This from math teacher Leslie Mix. Adam was a three-year varsity athlete on the tennis, baseball and trap teams, placing 2nd for team competition at the Trap State Championship and being named Skagit Valley Player of the Year for tennis. And while he loves sports, his passions are rooted in the outdoors. Hunting, fishing, and crabbing allow him to connect with nature and find a sense of calm and peace. He hopes to combine this passion along with his leadership skills and commitment to community with a business degree in the hopes of becoming a conservation officer. Adam heads to Arizona in the fall to study at Ottawa University. Congratulations, Adam.

Kira Wade

Kira Wade is driven and focused. A four-year athlete in basketball and soccer, she volunteered 400 hours of community service to coaching youth soccer, basketball, and lacrosse teams. Some of those hours were also spent volunteering at Island View in the Life Skills classrooms and coaching for Special Olympics. Kira has a heart for students with special needs or need a little extra support and wants to work toward a career that will allow her to build meaningful connections and create a positive learning environment. To start this, she will study elementary

education at Skagit Valley College in the fall, with the goal of transferring to Western Washington University to finish her degree in special education. Congratulations, Kira.

Elliott Wallis

Counselor Ashlee Poggie says Elliott "seeks rigor, while also ensuring his learning is immersed in content he is passionate about." His passion and curiosity led him to spend hundreds of hours with FTC Robotics club, as president, secretary, and lead designer over his four years. A few highlights include FTC Robotics Dean's list semi-finalist and FTC Robotics Interleague Control Award. Elliott also spent a great deal of time with Future Business Leaders of America and won 2nd place at state in Information Technology. His curiosity for knowing how things work inspired him to build a keyboard entirely from scratch. This resulted in an invitation to Github headquarters in San Francisco for a three-day conference with other teens from across the country. Elliott also played golf all four years and participated in Skills USA for three years. He plans to study mechanical engineering next year at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Congratulations, Elliott!

Lorelai Wassom

Lorelai Wassom is a leader who combines service to others with an artistic flair, having been involved with leadership and yearbook all four years, serving as ASB vice-president and yearbook editor most recently. Counselor Ashlee Poggie says Lorelai "strives to contribute in a way that is purposeful; and works toward the greater good of others." Her interests vary from reading, cooking, and learning about new cultures to photography and design. Next year, she starts her journey at Skagit Valley College. Congratulations, Lorelai.

Shia Webster

It will come as no surprise that Shia Webster, a four-year athlete in football, track and field, and wrestling is interested in studying kinesiology in college. Shia was a WIAA regional qualifier in wrestling and most recently made the varsity baseball team. In addition to pursuing a career that combines health science with athletics, he is also driven to be a model for his younger siblings. In the fall, Shia heads to Eastern Oregon University to begin his journey in kinesiology. Congratulations, Shia.

Kadyn Whittall

Red Salon employer Corinna Carter describes Kadyn as "consistently reliable, hardworking and eager to learn." Kadyn's years of working at the salon will come in handy when she heads to Evergreen Beauty College in the fall to study cosmetology. In addition to working, Kadyn was a part of the trap and skeet team. Counselor Ashlee Poggie says that Kadyn "was steadfast and resolute in her academic goals and set a high standard for how a high school student can successfully navigate the responsibility of being a full time Running Start student." This month she graduates from both AHS and from Skagit Valley College, earning her AA degree. Congratulations, Kadyn.

Gunner Willoughby

Math teacher Michelle Hackstadt says Gunner Willoughby "demonstrated a persistence and leadership, not only in class, but in athletics, as well." His four years of basketball, cross country and track and field are evidence of his commitment and work ethic. He will wrap this passion around a degree in kinesiology from Whitworth University, which is the first step of Gunner's long-term goal of earning a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Congratulations, Gunner.

Jordan Zaharris

"Jordan Zaharris is a rare individual --- driven, selfless and deeply committed to both her personal goals and to the people she cares about." Playing on two soccer teams is demanding enough, but Jordan managed to also squeeze in two years of lacrosse, two years of track and field, and two years of Future Business Leaders of America. And while she loves all things athletics, she also enjoys playing the guitar. Her interest in athletics will continue through college where she will play soccer for the University of Oregon while studying business in hopes of finding a career that involves women's sports. Congratulations, Jordan.

Diego Zavala

When four-year baseball athlete Diego Zavala isn't on the field, he enjoys almost anything else outdoors, including fishing, hiking or other sports. Family is also one of his priorities, and he enjoys being a role model for his nephews. His goal is to become a radiology technician, and he plans to pursue this career at Bellingham Technical College in the fall. Congratulations, Diego.

Cynthia Zimmerman

Cynthia Zimmerman does a little of everything. Or a lot, actually. She has played trumpet for seven years, but also plays trombone and piano. She was a member of the sailing team for three years and volunteered for three years as a camp counselor at Twilight Camp. In addition, she enjoys horseback riding. Cynthia wants to research cleaner and more efficient ways to power the housing and transportation systems to produce cleaner electricity and minimize the environmental impact. To do this, she will study mechanical engineering at Washington State University Congratulations, Cynthia.