

Graduating Seniors Receive \$1.2 Million in Scholarships

Port Angeles High School staff recognized 130 graduating high school seniors at Scholarship Recognition Night on May 22 in the high school's auditorium. Community donors, 135 in total, gave approximately \$323,254 in award money, which combined with college awards yielded about \$1.2 million for Port Angeles students. Several students received renewable awards and these amounts are not calculated in overall totals. Donors review student scholarship notebooks and make the scholarship recommendations and choices. The Peninsula Daily News will publish an insert in late June listing all scholarships and recipients.

Congratulations to all students who received scholarship awards! A huge round of applause to Marielle Eykemans, Mary Ann Unger and the high school staff for their hard work throughout the scholarship award process. Another huge round of applause to community groups and individuals for their contributions! Thank you for your continued support of students in your community! Here are a few of the graduates and their plans:



Carl Bissonette

Future Plans: Central Washington University
Major: Dentist
"Being honest, hard working, determined, and respectful is how I plan to change the world. There aren't too many people like that anymore."



Holly Earl

Future Plans: Seattle University
Major: Diagnostic Sonography
"I will help by my hard work and positive attitude. I hope to cure people in pain so they can live healthy and happily."



Jordan Gallauher

Future Plans: Peninsula College
Major: Chef/Criminal Justice
"To make the world a better place I will follow the Roughrider football motto: pride, perseverance, character. Be proud, never quit, and have the character of a man."



Sydney Gordon

Future Plans: University of Washington
Major: English
"I will bring back the dinosaurs."



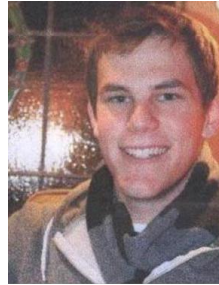
Loni Grinnell

Future Plans: Pacific Lutheran University
Major: Pre-Med
"I am in a unique position. Being American Indian allows me to walk in both worlds. What I contribute to this world is knowledge without prejudice."



Lauren Herring

Future Plans: University of California, Santa Barbara
Major: Psychology
"There are many negative issues facing today's youth. I will use my positive attitude and outlook to make a difference in the lives of others."



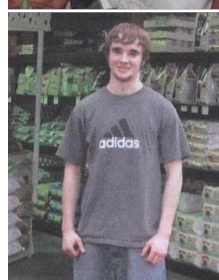
Owen Kajfasz

Future Plans: University of Washington
Major: Education/Secondary
"I will continue to live a life of compassion and keep fighting the good fight."



Melissa Sakor

Future Plans: University of Washington
Major: Nursing
"I will contribute to making the world a better place by staying away from crime. While some teenagers are independent and able to take care of themselves, and make good decisions; the majority are irresponsible and unprepared for life. This is causing a lot of social problems in our society because millions of teens end up on the streets or in jail, living hopeless lives."



Tyler Wollam

Future Plans: University of Washington
Major: Engineering
"I will contribute to making the world a better place by making smart and ethical choices for not only myself but the community."

Graduation Plans

Port Angeles High School's class of 2008 will graduate on Friday, June 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the school's main gymnasium. Students' guests will be admitted by ticket only. Lincoln High School's graduation will be held on Monday, June 16 at 3:00 p.m. at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center.



A round of applause for Paige Dickerson, education writer for the Peninsula Daily News, and Todd Ortloff, co-owner of Radio Pacific, Inc. and general manager for KONP-AM! Both were presented with Community Leadership Awards from the Washington Association of School Administrators at its Region 114 Community Leadership Dinner. Paige and Todd have wonderfully different styles and diverse backgrounds, and yet both have the same sense of fidelity to honesty, fairness and quality in their work. Because of the absolute necessity of continuing communications between our school district and the Port Angeles community, its families and students, we rely on Paige and Todd, now more than ever, particularly in these tough economic times, to tell the real story of our schools and our students. Thanks for your support of our students, staff and schools!

Skills Center Open Enrollment

Enrollment in summer programs at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center, 905 West 9th Street, is now open. Classes will be offered in applied math, cosmetology, culinary arts, custom painting, DigiPen-3D Animation, DigiPen-Programming and digital media technology. To register, students must be entering ninth through twelfth grades in the fall and be 14 through 21 years old. Call the Skills Center at 360.565.1533, or visit www.nopsc.org, for more info.

Weekly Meeting Schedule

June 5 **ILT**
4:00 @ CSB

Current Job Opportunities: For a complete list of job openings, check: www.portangelesschools.org

Fourth Grade Bee Success!

Three finalists from each district elementary school advanced to the city-wide bee finals on Thursday, May 22 in the Port Angeles City Hall Council Chambers. The annual Port Angeles School District spelling is sponsored by Soroptimist International of Port Angeles-Jet Set. First place was awarded to Maryanne Lee from Roosevelt Elementary; second place to Landon Groves and third place to Lacey Shore, both from Hamilton Elementary. Congratulations to all student participants and their teachers! Finalists and their teachers are:



Dry Creek:

Gabe Calabria (Jeanne Wolfley)
Mazie Reidel (Jeanne Wolfley)
Ciara Gentry (Nancy McHenry)

Franklin:

Hope Wegener (Terri Longin)
Jason Pederson (Terri Longin)
Greta Gieseke (Maria Kays)

Jefferson:

Shinna Dankert (Sue Ellen Kraft)
Evan Huxtable (Sue Ellen Kraft)
Jaimz Kopp (Jason Lynch)

Hamilton:

Emily Johnson, 3rd place (Trent Pomeroy)
Lacey Shore (Helen Bunch)
Landon Groves, 2nd place (Helen Bunch)

Roosevelt:

Erina Dougherty (Teresa Haller)
Ryan Rodocker (Mary O'Kief)
Maryanne Lee, 1st place (Kristen Lunt)

ProCert (Professional Certification) Info Meeting

If you are interested in participating in the ProCert (Professional Certification) program next year, Hester Hill will facilitate a new cohort in September through Pacific Lutheran University. On Wednesday, June 4, there will be an informational meeting from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Franklin Elementary library.

New teachers must be entering their third year of teaching next year. After your first two provisional years, you have five more years to get your Professional Certification. The PLU program is a two-year program. You can start in your third year or wait a year or two. Teachers new to the district with five or more out-of-state years of experience who are on a Residency Certificate may qualify for an Advanced Track program.

We will meet once a month starting in September, ending in May. The cost for fall quarter is \$140. The cost for the whole two-year ProCert program through PLU is \$850. Other universities charge up to \$3,000, so this is a bargain. Plus, you can apply for staff development reimbursement. If you are not able to attend on June 4 but are still interested, please e-mail hhill@portangelesschools.org.

Kindergarten Open House Scheduled

Students entering kindergarten in September and their parents and/or guardians are invited to participate in a district-wide Full Day Kindergarten Open House on June 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary, 218 East Twelfth Street. All Port Angeles School District elementary schools will be represented at this event. Principals and teachers from each elementary school will be in attendance to answer questions and meet future students and families.

Representatives from district food services, medical services and transportation services will be in attendance, and breakout sessions will be offered on attendance, school handbooks, PTO and PTA and school schedules.