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HILANDER highlights

SUMMER 2024




2024
class of

BY THE NUMBERS

328 total graduates

108 students (33%) recognized for academic achievement and scholarships

38 students (12%) graduated with an AA degree from Lower Columbia College

81 students (25%) received scholarships

\$1.1 million in total scholarships

13 colleges & universities gave a total of \$533,769

99 scholarships totaling \$180,450 awarded by Kelso Public Schools Foundation

44 awards were given from community organizations totaling \$85,007

4 scholarships totaling \$350,572 awarded by branches of the military

GRAD RATES

We continue
working towards...

OUR GOAL
— OF —
100%



BOND CONSTRUCTION

Construction TIMELINE



Planning/Design



Construction



Completion



Demolition

BARNES ELEMENTARY, COWEEMAN MIDDLE, KELSO HIGH SECURITY UPGRADES

Mar 2021 – Mar 2022

Apr 2022 – 2023

ROSE VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Jun 2021 – Sep 2022

Oct 2022 – Jul 2024

Aug '24

BUTLER ACRES & CARROLLS ELEMENTARY MODERNIZATIONS

Feb 2019 – Apr 2020

May 2020 – Aug 2021

Sep '21

LEXINGTON ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION

May 2018 – Jul 2019

Aug 2019 – Jun 2021

Jul '21

WALLACE ELEMENTARY REPLACEMENT

May 2018 – May 2019

Jun 2019 – Aug 2020

Fall '20

Nov '20 – Mar '21

HUNTINGTON MIDDLE MODERNIZATION

Feb 2020 – Apr 2021

May 2021 – Sep 2022

Oct '22

KELSO HIGH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CLASSROOM UPDATES

Jul 2018 – Mar 2019

Apr – Dec 2019

Jan '20

ATHLETIC FIELD UPGRADES, KELSO HIGH STADIUM & GYM, MIDDLE SCHOOLS TRACKS & IRRIGATION

Spr '18

Summer 2018 – Summer 2023

Sum '23

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

THE FINAL LAP: 100% of bond promises will be fulfilled and within budget

By fall 2024...

- ✓ all school modernizations and replacements will be completed
- ✓ upgrades to the stadium, high school practice fields, middle school track and fields will be complete
- ✓ All remaining projects within the bond program will have been completed or be in final closeout

SCHOOL BOARD:
Jeane Conrad, President
Mike Haas, Vice President
Rich Fletcher
Karen Grafton
Leah Moore

SUPERINTENDENT: Mary Beth Tack

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PROGRESS

Updates on our 6 priorities:

SAFETY & SECURITY



Completed:

- District-wide phone system/communications upgrade/improvement/replacement
- Security upgrades including cameras and access control at Butler Acres, Carrolls, Coweeman, KHS, & the stadium
- Newly constructed schools (Lexington & Wallace) set safety standards for the district
- Barnes & Huntington: security upgrades

In progress:

- Rose Valley: security upgrades and accessibility through Summer 2024

TWO SCHOOL REPLACEMENTS



Completed:

- Wallace & Lexington

SCHOOL MODERNIZATIONS



Completed:

- Butler Acres, Carrolls, & Huntington

In progress:

- Rose Valley through summer 2024
- Coweeman mechanical upgrades through summer 2024

ADDING & UPDATING CLASSROOMS



Completed:

- KHS Career & Technical Education (CTE) projects
- Butler Acres classrooms replacing portables

In progress:

- Rose Valley classrooms through summer 2024

ATHLETIC FACILITIES



Completed:

- Artificial turf at Schroeder Field
- Handrails, elevator, sound system in stadium
- KHS gym floor, bleachers, handrails
- KHS pool refinish/relining
- Additional gym for Huntington
- KHS practice field improvements
- Stadium moisture improvements
- Stadium HVAC and mechanical upgrades
- Coweeman and Huntington all-weather tracks and field irrigation
- KHS tennis court resurfacing

TRAFFIC & PARKING



Completed:

- 13 properties purchased to improve traffic flow at Butler Acres, Carrolls, Wallace
- Redesigned traffic patterns for buses & student drop-off at Butler Acres, Carrolls, Lexington, Wallace
- Increased parking capacity at Carrolls, Wallace, Butler Acres

WE ARE KELSO

Staff Excellence Awards



Becky Richards
Elementary Educator



Krista Rothwell
Secondary Educator



Zach Claypool
Instructional Support



Olivia Stephenson
Operational Support



Melissa Boudreau
Admin./Supervisor



Angela Dyer
Heart of a Highlander



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A very special THANK YOU

We are so very grateful for everyone who contributed to the Class of 2024 scholarships. Your gifts make all the difference. Thank you.

KELSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Arne Lund Memorial
Austin Cortes Memorial
Baker Family
Barnes Elementary
Bill & Nancy Lehning Family
Breakthrough
Chuck & Anita Klawitter
Chuck & Judy Bailey
Chuck Stover (Class of '37)
Cindy Armstrong
Class 45 HOF/Kaiser Perma
Class of '45 - Al Laakso
Class of '45 - Alan St. Onge
Class of '45 - Colleene Armstrong
Class of '45 - Don & Vivian Ames
Class of '45 - Tommy Jabusch
Class of '45 - Vronia Bailey
Class of '45 - Willard Chinn
Class of '48 - Roy Dennis
Class of '52
Class of '58 - Mike Lyons
Cliff Furness Award
Emmett & Opal Schroeder
Frieda Walworth Wallace Elementary
Gordon & Pauline Murphy
Gross Family
Huntington
Huntington Promise
"It's Sweet to be in the Middle"
Jabusch Family Memorial
Jack Elms
Jim Perkins
Joe Stewart Memorial
Julia Hiatt Memorial

Justin DeRosier
Kate Long
Kelso Lions Club
Kevin Hanks Memorial
Cross Country
Kiwanis Dr. Herron
Larry & Darlene Wilgus
Living Educator/Kathy Williamson
Lois Moore
Lori Hamm Memorial
Lucille E. Calhoun
Marlene Worley Laufman
Maurice & Betty Cummings
Max Moore
Mike & Linda Saville
Mobbs Family
Mury Family
Randy & Linda Zmrhal
Rich McCool
Robert Dykstra (Class of '54)
Ron & Dot Joslin
Rose Valley PTO
Rosemary Kingsley
Ruth and Marion Clark
Schleif Family (Eddy)
Sharon & Leroy Faling Education
Sharon Bergman
Sid Snyder
Terri Clary
Vandecar Family
Vern King
Veryl & Larry Anderson
Virgil Hopkins Memorial
Wallace Elementary
Walt & Marty Piper
Zandi/Hrehla Family

COMMUNITY & MILITARY

Altrusa
Butler Acres PTO
Careers that Work
Carrolls PTO Scholarship

Community Foundation
SW WA - Gerald Bergquist
Athletic Scholarship
Community Foundation
SW WA - Robert & Margaret Pulliam
Scholarship
Cowlitz USBC Youth League
Cowlitz Valley Runners
Donna Smith Memorial/
PSE Kelso 1 Scholarship
Dr. Phyllis Cavens
Downtown Quarterbacks
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- Brad Thiery Award
Downtown Quarterbacks -
Ed Laulainen Award
Downtown Quarterbacks
- Mike Heuer Award
Downtown Quarterbacks
- Walt Piper Award
Edgar Vazquez Memorial
Scholarship
Ethnic Support Council
Scholarship
Fellowship of Christian
Athletes
Greater St. Helens
League Dick Grabenhorst
Hilander Dental
Hilander Hoop Club
Hugh Ingram & Stu
Wasser Memorial
(Earlybird Lion's Club)
ILWU Auxiliary 14
International Longshore
& Warehouse Union
Local #21 and Stevedore
Services of America
Scholarship
Jim & Elsie Davies
Scottish Freemasonry
Scholarship
John Reichert
Scholarship
Kelso Longview Kiwanis
Dave Spencer Memorial
Kelso Longview Kiwanis
Key Club

Kelso Recreation Council
Kelso Rotary
Kelso Volleyball Boosters
KHS Soccer Booster
KLOG Student of the
Month
KLOG Student of the Year
Lonnie Knowles Memorial
- Chamber of Commerce
Lower Columbia
Professionals
Lower Columbia School
Retirees Association
Marie Harris- Chamber of
Commerce
Marine Corps
Mission Trip
Moe Jubitz
Navy
Oregon Potters Assoc.
PeaceHealth Volunteer
Honor Cords
PEO Chapter CO
UA Local 290 (Plumbers
& Steamfitters Union)
WA Army National Guard
WA State Opportunity

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Central Washington
University
Clark College
George Fox University
Lower Columbia College
Michigan State University
New York Conservatory of
Dramatic Arts
Oregon State University
Pacific University
Rocky Mountain College
University of Oregon
University of Washington
Washington State
University
Wenatchee Valley College
Whitworth University

Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to all of our scholarship awardees!

Alexa Rasmussen
Alisha Milne
Andrew Richards
Avery Schlecht
Baylie Collins
Bentley Jacobs
Blaze Carlson
Brannon Rheame
Brooke Fischer
Brycen Kynaston
Caitlyn Williams
Carter LaBerge
Clayton Abruzini
Connor Wesemann
Deianeira Henriquez-Gonzalez
Destinee Boggs
Dhalia-Emerald Fallar
Easton Marshall
Eli Schafer
Elle Waller
Ellie Moore
Eric Long-Erickson
Evan Sweet
Gracie Vossen
Haley Lopez
Hayden Yore
Honesty Sraphanh

Jacob Beavers
Jacob Rivera
Jake Beck
Javier Sanchez
Jaydon Eubanks
Jaylen Mitchell
Jerry Lunsford
John Piprude
Jorgen Kysar
Josaphine Saccio-Devine
Josue Gonzalez
Kate McWilliam
Khloe Palmer
Lana Osman
Livillian Linden
Logan Barker
Logan Hiatt
Lucy Kosa
Madyson Caballero
Makoa Perez
Mason Woodruff
Matthew Crowe
Matthew Gray
Maya Modin
McKenzie Milligan
Michael Henderson
Miguel Carrillo
Mitchell Smith
Natalia Bautista-Hernandez

Natalie Bair
Parks Chennault
Payton Stewart
Revan DeLeon
Rilyn Weitman
Rylee Brown
Sadie Schierscher
Sadona Holm
Sam McGhee
Serrius Treadway
Silas Watkins
Sophia Contreras
Sophia Wickham
Soren Guttormsen
Tayson Thompson
Toren Meredith
Trent Walter
Tyler Davis
Violet Kaiser
Whitney Jabusch
Wyatt Little
Yaquelin Sanchez-Bueno
Zati Brown
Zoe Fortner
Zoe Spreadborough