

Gladstone High celebrates top scholars

Gladstone High School this week celebrated the school's top 2018 graduates

"These students are not just outstanding scholars," said Principal Kevin Taylor. "They have also made substantial contributions to school leadership, athletics, community service, and the performing arts. They have made our school a stronger, more caring community."

Valedictorian Andrew Gehrke was part of several teams in high school, from basketball, baseball, and football to ultimate Frisbee and robotics. "As an Outdoor School counselor junior and senior years, teaching and being a role model for sixth graders brought me so much joy, memories, and new friends," he said. Gehrke will study computer engineering at Oregon State University and hopes to someday create cutting edge graphics cards, computer processors and hardware for a company like Intel or Nvidia.

Valedictorian Yalin Li is a 12-year graduate of the Gladstone School District. She has been a leader in Key Club, and active in National Honor Society, band, and swim team. The first in her family to go to college, she is grateful to her family for their sacrifices on her behalf. Li will study natural sciences with a focus in biology at the University of Oregon. Her goal is to develop new ways for humans to live harmoniously with wild animals, and to preserve endangered species.

Valedictorian Lydia Rivers has been involved in Key Club for three years, serving as bulletin editor and president. She has also been involved in cross-country, ultimate frisbee, and National Honor Society. As an intern at Portland State University, she worked with graduate students to research water purification. This fall she will attend Northwestern University in Illinois to study chemical engineering. She plans to continue both community service and research, addressing contemporary problems in medicine through a bio molecular approach.

Salutatorian Kyle Anderson was a four-year athlete on both the football and track teams. As the football team captain his senior year, he earned recognition for athletic excellence through all-league and all-state honors. He also served as president of the National Honor Society his senior year. This fall he will attend Oregon State University to study civil engineering, with the goal of building a more sustainable world.

Salutatorian Cameron Cronin is a 13-year graduate of the Gladstone School District. She was a three-sport athlete for all four years, participating in soccer, basketball, and track, and serving as a varsity captain of all three teams her senior year. In two years with the National Honor Society and Key Club, she performed more than 150 hours of community service. Cronin will attend Oregon State University this fall to study bioengineering, with the goal of developing medications that will contribute to safer and healthier communities.

Gladstone Schools honors partner in teen mental health

The Gladstone School Board presented a Growing Great People award to Clackamas County for their newly developed partnership to provide Gladstone High students with easy access to mental health services at the Gladstone Health Clinic located across the street from the school.

Gladstone’s high school counselors Jamie Jenson and Heidi Sause developed the program in collaboration with health center director Deborah Cockrell, clinic manager Melody McKeel, and Ben DeGiulio, the county’s Mental Health and Addictions Program Supervisor.

“In an era in which teen depression, anxiety, and suicide are on the rise, we are grateful to have this partnership, which allows for referrals and same-day intake for students in need of mental health support,” said Director of Student and Family Supports Lennie Bjornsen. “Having the health clinic right across the street makes it easy for teens to get the care they need.”

PHOTO: The Gladstone School Board recognized Clackamas County health professionals Melody McKeel, Ben DeGiulio, and Deborah Cockrell for their work to provide easy, access to mental health services to students from Gladstone High School.

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Gladstone High to live-stream graduation ceremony

For far away relatives and community members unable to attend, Gladstone High School will provide a live video feed of graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2018.

Graduation will take place at the high school stadium on Thursday, June 14, at 7 p.m. The live feed can be accessed at <http://www.ktvapdx.com/GladstoneHS/Graduation3104.html>

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Scholarships flow to Gladstone High graduates

The 157 graduates in Gladstone High’s Class of 2018 have a lot to be proud of. Collectively they earned nearly \$1.5 million in college scholarships.

“These students have taken full advantage of the academics, arts, athletics, and leadership opportunities Gladstone offers,” said Principal Kevin Taylor. “We can’t wait to see what they’ll do next!”

Graduates plan to continue their educations at colleges and universities across the nation, from Northwestern University, Beloit College, and Trinity College to over a dozen universities and colleges in the Pacific Northwest.

PHOTO: Gladstone’s Class of 2018 was awarded nearly \$1.5 million in college scholarships.