

Albany Options School Greater Albany Public School District

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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

In January we finished up our third grading period, officially marking the halfway point of the school year. It is hard to believe we are already this far into the year and so close to graduation!

With that comes the reminder as to why we are here, graduation! I would like to urge every student to work hard, pass classes, earn credits, and check with the counselor to make sure you are doing everything you should to graduate.

This year we are excited to be sending stu-

dents off to 4-year colleges, which is a first for AOS.

Later this month a dozen students will be attending the CTE Signing Day at LBCC, as they prepare to graduate and start working on their careers and post-secondary education.

I am so proud of the students who have worked so hard to graduate early, get into college, and figure out their next steps. They did this by coming to school every day, working hard, asking for help, meeting with the counselor regularly, and always keeping an eye on their grades and

I would like to thank all of the staff and students who made my birthday so special. I cannot express how much I love my job, this school, and the students. I have never gotten up in the morning and didn't want to go to work. I am so fortunate to be able to call myself your principal. You all make me so proud every day.

A special thank you to the students in Mrs. Gillispie's Art Class, who not only decorated my office for my birthday, but made the following Vector Drawings of me!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mr. Hunter's birthday	2	3
4	5 Cou	⁶ Inselor	7 Early Release	* lation	9 Week	10
11	12	13	Valentine 's Day Early Release	15 CTE Signing Day—LBCC Seniors: Miners Grad at Lunch	16	17
18	NO SCHOOL: President's Day	20	21 Early Release	22	23 Spanish Proficiency Testing	24
25	26	27 ACT Testing—all Juniors	28 Early Release			
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference	3
4	5	6	7 Early Release	8	9 End of Grading Period FINALS	10
Daylight Savings Time Starts	NO SCHOOL Grading Day	Start of new Trimester	14 Early Release	15	16	iRun 5K
18 No. 10	19	20 First Day of Spring!	21 Early Release	22	23	24
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Important Information

CALL 2-1-1

Looking for local health and social services?

Dial 2-1-1 and someone will answer to help you find local health and social services in the area that meet your needs.

The number is toll free and anonymous.

You can also text your zip code to 898211 or email them at help@211info.org

GRADUATING SENIORS:

Miners Graduate Services, which provides our caps, gowns, invitations, and other graduation related items such as class rings and clothing, will be at AOS on Thursday, February 15th during lunch near the cafeteria.

Be sure to stop by and check out their booth. You will also be getting packets to order your caps and gowns. See Mrs. Barker if you have any questions or concerns.

You can also go online and begin browsing and ordering at: <u>minersgrad.com</u>

Have a Job?

If you have a job see the counselor, Mrs. Harryman, to find out how you can earn up to 2.0 Elective credits for the work you are doing.

Want to Earn More Credits?

Mrs. Harryman also has some packets or can set you up with Odyssey if you are interested in earning additional credits this year on top of your classes.

Word from a Teacher: Ms. Fitzpatrick on GED

The GED Program has been moving along wonderfully this time of year. I had seven students complete the GED program in the month of January alone! See below for the names of our most recent completers.

As the GED Instructor and a graduate student at Western Oregon University, I have chosen to do my applied research on my GED program. The point of my research is to help them not only obtain their certificate of completion, but to help them also advance on to post-secondary education if that is their goal.

In order to accomplish this, I have started a few exciting changes in the program. We are now focusing more on goal setting, stress management, and career advancement. Some opportunities include a field

trip to LBCC on Feb 16th for a private tour of the college and the time to talk

to school advisors.

We also have guest speakers from a local CNA and an X-Ray technician program coming to share about their school.

I am excited for the opportunities my GED students will

have to open doors to

their future, and to help motivate them to complete their GED!

GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who completed their GED during the month of January:

William Santa Maria Keegan Schmult Luis Sequeria Izaak Herbst Cash Moore Gabriella Lopez Corbin Ruby

Pic of the Month



Student Leslie (senior) and Ms. Fitzpatrick shared a birthday in January.

Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who completed the requirements for a high school diploma during the month of January:

Justus Gile Krysten Schmult Jared Wolfe Tyler Nofziger

Students Accepted to 4-Year Colleges

AOS reached a new milestone in its growth this year. For the first time, AOS had students accepted directly into a 4-year



college straight out of high school.

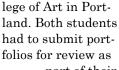
Hailey Cotton and Adriana Hernandez have both been accept-



ed to the nursing program at Western Oregon University in Monmouth and plan to attend Fall

term. Both are the first in their families to be accepted into college!

Juan Ortiz Cortez and Kesha Collett have been accepted into Pacific Northwest Col-



part of their application, demonstrating their skills and innovation.



Congratulations!

Student Article by Annaliese Papesh-Schmidt

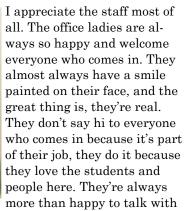
AOS has been one of the most futurechanging places I've come across. I went from maybe three complete credits to having almost a 4.0 GPA. Here at AOS you actually have a chance at high school. You have the option to go

far and do great things.

Here, the teachers give you a voice. You can ask a million questions in a row and have each and every one answered without the attitude or frustration of a teacher at a bigger school. On that note, the teachers are easy to get along with and they make sure you can take care

of yourself and succeed. They don't make you feel like you're just another ordinary student, they make you feel like an individual. You aren't labeled as the junior class, or sophomore class, or freshmen class, you're you.

I've noticed that people, such as myself, who have an anxiety disorder can strive and make friends here. There isn't the usual high school drama, or kids who say "oh, I don't like this person or that person." Everyone can get along. It feels like you're part of a family. I was extremely anxious to start at a new school but after a week of being in the high school program I made a ton of friends. I'm comfortable dressing the way I want, or acting the way I want.



the lonelier or quieter students,

All of the teachers care about their students. If they notice a kid slipping behind they tell that student and they try to motivate them and help them with any of the extra help they need to get their grades back up. The teachers actually notice every student, they notice if you're feeling down. They recognize where you're improving and where you need help, and they don't put you down or make you feel bad for needing the help.

AOS truly is a big family. We all help each other and can get along. We're heard, we're not labeled as a 'bad kid' or the 'dumb kid.' We were all given the second chance we needed. We're given the help we all need. We're all given a place to succeed and make really good friends.

I speak for every student at AOS when I say thank you to everyone here. Thank you for giving me, and the rest of us, the chance we needed to graduate. Thank you for pushing us the respectful way we needed. I can happily say I'm going to be able to graduate on time only because of AOS. I'm glad I got on the list for AOS and I'm glad I was given the choice to come.

AOS has changed my life and has made me actually want to go to school. AOS has given me the option to have a successful high school career, and it gave me a place to start thinking of my future in a positive way. Thank you so much AOS for making me see that kids like me really can go far and succeed when I felt like I never would be able

Annaliese is a junior at AOS and is exploring career paths in journalism and art.

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Academic Awards for Trimester 2, Grading Period 1

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic awards:

Mr. Corliss:

Ethan Sjolander—Geometry Annaliese Papesh—Prob and Stats Gavin Maloney—Algebra I Madeline Crocker—Programming Kobe McLaren—Algebra II

Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Izze Eppard—Music
Mackenzie Gruenhagen—Music
Stefany Sanchez—Geometry
Lilianna Childress—Math Proficiency
Breanna Volkers—Math Proficiency

Mrs. Gillispie:

Annaliese Papesh—Art
Bryanna Tetu—Art
Pedro Tecpile—Physics
Hailey Cotton—Physics
Laurel Elliott—Chemistry
Ethan Sjolander—Astronomy
Breanna Volkers—Astronomy

Mrs. Harryman:

Karla Franco—Foods Adriana Hernandez—Foods

Ms. Jansen:

Gerardo Cortez Ortiz—Digital Media Izze Eppard—Western Europe Lit Madeline Crocker—Western Europe Alex Sandoval—Western Europe Lit Gerardo Cortez Ortiz—Sci Fi as Lit Jordan Gaede—Science Fiction as Lit Anais Ortiz—Science Fiction as Lit

Mrs. Mitchell:

Alyssa Cumpiano—Theater Hunter Colwell—US History Madeline Crocker—Writer Workshop Gavin Maloney—Economics

Mrs. Roundy:

Bryanna Tetu—World History Lilianna Childress—World History Annaliese Papesh—Mythology Deanna Smith—Poetry Matthew Strom—Poetry Anais Ortiz—Poetry Alex Sandoval—Poetry

Mr. Wolfe:

Matthew Strom—American Gov Deanna Smith—Creative Writing Laurel Elliott—Psychology II Mary Bursey—Running

Perfect Attendance:

Laurel Elliott Izze Eppard Deanna Smith Alex Sandoval Sebastian Taylor

Congratulations to the following Honor Roll students:

4.0 GPA:

Annaliese Papesh Madeline Crocker Andrew Middleton Deanna Smith

3.5-3.99 GPA:

Laurel Elliott
Bryanna Tetu
Makenzie Vineyard
Hunter Colwell
Lilianna Childress
Ethan Sjolander
Alyssa Cumpiano
Hailey Cotton
Izze Eppard
Gavin Maloney
Breanna Volkers
Matthew Strom

Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to Hailey Cotton, who was recognized by the Greater Albany Rotary Club as their Student of the Month.

Hailey was recognized for her major accomplishments despite having to overcome great obstacles.

Hailey spoke to the



Greater Albany Rotary Club, sharing her story and experience, during their weekly meeting at the Fair Grounds on Mon-

day, January 8th.

She was then recognized with a certificate of recognition and a \$200 gift card to the LBCC bookstore.

Hailey was nominated by AOS for the award. Hailey is a senior at AOS and is on track to complete the requirements for graduation by the end of the

second trimester. She has been accepted to WOU for the nursing program.

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Visit us online at: www.aos.albany.k12.or.us AOS encourages students and families to take advantage of the many resources our community has to offer. Below is a list of services and organizations available throughout Linn County that are available to the public.

- <u>Family Connections</u>: The people to call for child care, parenting information, family activities and more............(541)917-4899 or 1-800-845-1363
- Oregon Health Plan (OHP): Provides health insurance to qualified citizens, includes dental services......1-800-359-9517
- Families and Agencies Coming Together (FACT): Community resources for families with children in the Albany School District541-924-3720
- Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center: Overnight and drop-in resources for youth in Albany, Corvallis......541-207-2958
- Call <u>211</u> for free and confidential information regarding help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more.

**For more community resources please visit the Albany Option School webpage: www.albany.k12.or.us/AOS/

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