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AOS Newsletter

Graduation Edition!

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AOS Graduates Record 61



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- * Courage
- * Knowledge
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On Monday, June 11th, AOS graduated a record breaking number of seniors. The previously held record for graduates was 57, which was broken with 61 graduates this year.

The graduation ceremony was held in the Russel Tripp Performing Arts Theater at Linn-Benton Community College. 54 students participated in the

ceremony, which included the AOS tradition of the teachers taking time to speak about each individual graduate.

Yuritzi Rivas-Romero was the class speaker, who shared her experience of turning her life around when she came to AOS and the incredible love and support she received here. She challenged her classmates to keep growing and improving as they leave high school and go on to the next phase of their journey.

As always, the AOS graduation ceremony was person-

al, emotional, and very special.



We wish all of the best to the Class of 2018.

Congratulations, graduates!



Turn to the next page to see the names of graduates and GED completers for the 2017-2018 school year.



Class of 2018

Mary Elizabeth Bursey	Jacob Kurt LaFond	Brittany Marie Ritter
Kesha Raelynn Collett	Noah Honor Lancaster	Yuritzi Aretzy Rivas Romero
Gerardo Cortez Ortiz	Leslie Lazcano Uriostegui	Abigail Trinity Ross
*Josh Countryman	Ryan Michael Long	Estefany Abigail Sanchez
Anabel Cortez-Alvarado	Maria Guadalupe Lopez Cordoba	Xavier Lee Schmidtke
Hailey Michelle Cotton	Briar Curtis Lynch	Krysten Schmult
Madeline Elizabeth Lynn Crocker	Eric Martinez Contreras	Deanna Marie Smith
Alyssa Theone Cumpiano	Jaden Rayne Mathis	Austin Cordell Stewart
*Trevor Davisson	Elver Antonio May Uc	*Kevin Shane Stevens Jackson
Talton Wayne Dunshee	Kobe Wayne McLaren	Matthew Strom
Laurel Tre Elliott	Jose Eduardo Mendoza Ramirez	Sebastian Xavier Taylor
Izze Sabian Rain Eppard	Andrew Thomas Middleton	Bryanna Raye Tetu
Timothy Gage Flaughner	*Ashtin Zakkery Gage Miller	Destiny Marie Thompson
Karla Elizabeth Franco Mireles	Tanner Brian Mills	Makenzie Ann Vineyard
Justus Dean Gile	Evelyn Mireles Robles	Breanna Jane Volkens
*Cameron James Helms	Israel Moreno	Lance Aaron Wallace
Adriana Hernandez Morales	Emily Ray Nelson	Bobby Jean Weatherford
Shyanne Jordan Hoggins	Tyler Lee Nofziger	Jared Albon Wolfe
*Gilbert Tyler Howell	Jennifer Joceline Orozco Sanabria	
Isac Aaron Huesca	Adela Anais Ortiz Vaca	*did not participate in the graduation ceremony
*Anessa Marie Johnson	Juan Guadalupe Ortiz Cortez	

GED Completers

Steven Birtwell	Rosa Mendoza	William Santa Maria
Ashley Cabrera	Tanner Mills	Keegen Schmult
Megan Carter	Lavon Monroe	Guillermo Scott
Gage Conklin	Cash Moore	Amber Scott
Heather Gallentine	Alex Munoz	Luis Sequiera
Marifer Garcia Medina	Ireland Nelson Hill	Logan Sherwood
Sophia Gonzalez-Bolen	Lidia Novak	Damien Sorric
Shyann Harris	Ashleigh Quinlan	Eduardo Tenorio
Izaak Herbst	Ashton Richmond	Lance Wallace
Krystal Hiner	Isaac Rimer	Dominic Walters
Nolan Langley	Whitney Rodgers	Andrew Warren
Chloe LeFever	Cecilio Romero	Kylre Willie
Gaby Lopez	Corbin Ruby	Eric Witney

Important Information

Important 2018-2019

Registration Information

Additional information about Online Registration for the 2018-19 school year was recently sent home or e-mailed.

If you did not receive this information flyer, please contact the school office or go to

<http://albany.k12.or.us/parents/online-registration>

to download the flyer.

Importante información de la Inscripción 2018-2019

Información adicional sobre la Inscripción en el Internet para el año escolar 2018-2019, fue recientemente enviada a la casa o por correo electrónico.

Si usted no ha recibido este volante informativo, por favor contacte la oficina de la escuela o vaya a:

<http://albany.k12.or.us/parents/online-registration>

para descargar el volante.

Graduation Photos

Photos from the graduation ceremony will continue to be posted to our Instagram and Facebook social media accounts.

Be sure to follow us at:

[@AlbanyOptionsSchool](http://www.facebook.com/AlbanyOptions)

#AlbanyOptionsSchool

#AOSrocks

#AOSknights

Senior Awards Assembly



On Thursday, June 7th, the seniors completed their final high school classes for graduation.

That afternoon we held the Senior Awards Assembly followed by the annual Senior BBQ event for the whole school.

Congratulations to the students who were recognized with the following awards and scholarships:

Optimist Youth Awards:

Gerardo Cortez (\$50)

Adriana Hernandez Morales (\$50)

Takena Kiwanis Award:

Makenzie Vineyard
Juan Ortiz Cortez

Boys and Girls Club T3:

Madeline Crocker (\$500)
Bryanna Tetu (\$500)
Breanna Volkers (\$500)



Prudential Spirit of Community:

Eric Martinez-Contreras

Jose Mendoza

Shyanne Hoggins

Andrew Middleton

Anais Ortiz

Greater Albany Rotary Club Student of the Month:

Stefany Sanchez (\$200)

Greater Albany Rotary Club Scholarship:

Hailey Cotton (\$1000)

Juan Ortiz Cortez (\$1000)

Rotary Club of Albany Scholarship:

Hailey Cotton (\$1500)



No Dinx Scholarship (APSF):

Kesha Collett (\$5000)

Diane Smith Family Scholarship (APSF):

Adriana Hernandez (\$1500)

Candy Baker Memorial Scholarship (APSF):

Breanna Volkers (\$500)

Excellence in Academics Teacher Awards:

Alyssa Cumpiano (Mr. Corliss)

Matthew Strom (Mrs. Gillispie)

Austin Stewart (Mrs. Mitchell)

Brittany Ritter (Mr. Wolfe)

Karla Franco (Ms. Jansen)

Deanna Smith (Mrs. Roundy)

Isac Huesca (Mrs. Glass)

Abigail Ross (Ms. Fitzpatrick)

Maria Lopez Cordoba (Mrs. Harryman)

AOS Hosts Second Annual AOS Day of Service

On Wednesday, May 30th, Albany Options School held its second annual AOS Day of Service event. The whole high school was divided into four groups that volunteered out in the community to give back and show our appreciation to the community that is always so supportive of our school.



The students volunteered at the Youth Special Olympics, South Shore Elementary School, Safe Haven Humane Society, and Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge.

Since 2012 students from AOS have volunteered at the Youth Special Olympics, which are held on the South Albany High School track. AOS students help set up the events, run the events, help the youth participants, keep score, and clean up the event.

Student, Bre Volkens (17), has volunteered at the Youth Special Olympics two years in a row. When asked why she wanted to participate for a second year in a row she responded, "volunteering in the event last year was one of the highlights of the year for me. It was so much fun to be part

of something like that and to be able to make the day so special for the kids.

For the second year, a group of students went to South Shore Elementary School, where they partnered with second graders to

complete tasks around the school including weeding, cleaning, and organizing. The high school students were able to enjoy lunch with the second grade students before the end of the day.

AOS has an on-going relationship with South Shore, which has included creating a school garden,

performing service projects every year, and providing plant starts for their garden.

The third group went to Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, where students spent their time doing trail maintenance, which included trimming back overgrowth, blackberries, and bushes, cleaning trail signs, and picking up trash and litter.

At Safe Haven Humane Society, students volunteered by helping clean and weed the facilities, and spend time socializing with the animals.

This was the second year in a row where students volunteered at Safe Haven as part of the AOS Day of Service.

Principal John Hunter shared that this day is significant because "part of learning to become a good citizen is giving back to the community." Counselor An-



na Harryman added that "our community is always so generous and supportive of our little school. It is important that we show our gratitude and return the support and kindness." Hunter concluded that "this is a special day

where we come together as a school and give back. It is meaningful, it is fun, and it is always a positive experience for everyone involved. We are already looking forward to our AOS Day of Service next year."

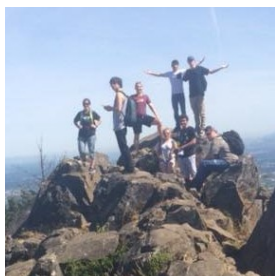


You can see more photos from the event on our Instagram page @AlbanyOptionsSchool or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/albanyoptions.

Check out: #AlbanyOptionsSchool
#AOScares #AOSdayofservice
#AOSrocks #AOSknights



Students Participate in Mini Sessions



Intro to Backpacking

Hiking, zip lining, survival skills, shelter building, map reading...these are just a few

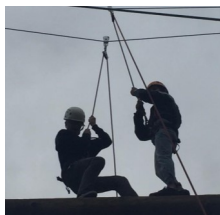
of the things the students have been learning in the 'Intro to Backpacking' PE class Mrs. Mitchell and Ms. Fitzpatrick have been teaching. The students started out the week exploring Peavy Arboretum, where they had to use their mapping skills to get to a lake in the quickest time possible.



Other places tackled were Mary's Peak, where students competed in shelter and fire building challenges, Spencer

Butte, where students engaged in plant identification, OSU High Ropes Challenge course, and McDowell Creek.

Thank you to Oregon Freeze Dried for their generous donation of Mountain House Meals so students could experience what food true backpackers eat on the trail.



Fanfiction Literature

Fanfiction, or fan-created works about existing media, provides an easy entry point for reluctant readers or writers, as they are reading or writing about something they love.

Students went to see The Avengers: Infinity War to learn about plot structure and development. Using the film Black Panther, students rewrote scenes from the perspective

of other characters. Students also read a variety of selected fanfictions.

Fanfiction takes a lot of research to do well, so students also visited the Valley Library at Oregon State University to find out more about researching, reading, and writing.



While there, they had lunch at American Dream Pizza in downtown Corvallis, where pizzas were generously donated by Mark O'Brien of American Dream.

Students produced their own fanfiction as part of their final.



Mock Trial

This year, Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Roundy, taught a Mock Trial mini-session. Students focused on a case about a shooting, where they had to become the lawyers and witnesses, requiring that they prepare opening statements, witness testimonies, cross examinations, and closing statements.

Students finished the week by presenting their side of the case, prosecution or defense, to a real-life jury of community adults and an audience in the Linn County Courthouse.



Students got to have a break from law as they enjoyed the carousel downtown on Mon-

day. Then the Mock Trial class toured the jail with Officer Langley. It was a very interesting tour through the different cell blocks, towers, medical offices, laundry room, kitchen, and intake.



The class also visited the Linn County Courthouse to watch a custody trial and tour the courtroom where they would be holding their Mock Trial, and were able to meet with District Attorney Jonathan Crow.

Lego Robotics

This years Robotics course took on some new adventures. The students built and programmed robots that had to navigate different obstacle courses. The students were also able to build robots of their choosing. We had three groups build gyro-bots, that are on two wheels

and have to self balance, one group built a dog that could bark, sit and stand, and we had one student build a crane that could pick up and move small objects.

We also took a field trip to the OSU College of Engineering, where we received a general tour that introduced us to all

the different kinds of engineering. We also stopped in the Robotics Engineering Department to watch a PhD student test his program on the two-legged robot Cassie.



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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.

- **Family Connections:** The people to call for child care, parenting information, family activities and more.....(541)917-4899 or 1-800-845-1363
- **Comcast Internet Essentials:** Affordable internet may be available for families with a child receiving free school lunches.....1-855-846-8376
- **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
- **FISH Clothes Closet:** Free clothing available; must bring name with current address. 1880 Hill St. SE. Albany.....928-4460
- **Call 211** 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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