



AOS Graduation Edition

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A Word from the Principal

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Dear AOS Students and Families,

Congratulations on completing a historic and monumentally challenging year. We are excited to share our final newsletter of the year, where we will celebrate our graduates, GED completers, scholarship recipients, and more! Thank you to all of the students, parents and guardians, teachers, and staff who worked tirelessly this year to make it to this point. I am humbled and honored to be your principal.

This year, fifty-three students earned their high school diploma and twenty-six earned their GED! What an outstanding accomplishment to each and every one of them. Congratulations to every single one of you! We wish you all nothing but success in life and cannot wait to hear about the great things you all go on to do in life. Don't be strangers!

I would like to share that Mrs. Glass, who has been our Special Education and Choices program teacher for the past six years, is retiring. We are grateful to her for her love and service to our school and students, and wish her the best in her future adventures. Mrs. Glass has spent the past twelve years in our district, the last six of which were at AOS. In addition to being the Special Education teacher and running the Choices program, many will remember her for Zumba and yoga lessons, her kind smile, and her ability to get along with everyone. Mrs. Glass is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren, working on projects around the house, and spending lots of time at the gym. We are excited that Mrs. Glass will continue to stay involved with the AOS family by being a substitute teacher here. Congratulations to you and thank you for your service to education.




Lastly, have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer vacation. We are already getting excited as we plan for the great things to come next year. If you have not done so already, please make sure you have completed the registration process for school next Fall. If you need any assistance, please call our school and our registrar will happily assist you. Additional information can be found on our website at aos.albany.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,
Mr. Hannan

June, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20	21 Summer School: Session 1 (8-12)	22 Summer School: Session 1 (8-12)	23 Summer School: Session 1 (8-12)	24 Summer School: Session 1 (8-12)	25 Summer School: Session 1 (8-12)	26
27	28 Summer School: Session 2 (8-12)	29 Summer School: Session 2 (8-12)	30 Summer School: Session 2 (8-12)			

July, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Summer School: Session 2 (8-12)	2 Summer School: Session 2 (8-12)	3
4 	5 Holiday observed: school offices closed	Remainder of July: Building closed. Please call at (541) 967-4563 if you need assistance, or visit our website at aos.albany.k12.or.us/staff/ to access staff email addresses. Please note that the teaching staff does not work during the month of July.				

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16 Return student registration w/ appointments (7am to 11am, 12pm to 4pm)	17 Return student registration w/ appointments (10am to 1pm, 3pm to 6:30pm)	18 Return student registration w/ appointments (10am to 1pm, 3pm to 6:30pm)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

To All of You—from Mr. Hannan



To All of My AOS Students,

It is hard to believe that this year has come to an end and it is already summer. Joining the AOS family this year has been an honor, and I am already excited thinking about all of the great things to come next year. Below is the speech I gave at graduation, but I wanted to share it with all of you as you head off for your summer break. Have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Class of 2021, You have worked hard during your time in high school to complete your education and prepare for the world beyond Albany Options School. This past year has been especially challenging and you have not only endured, you have succeeded. As your principal, I have appreciated watching your class grow academically and socially. I am so proud of each and every one of you and you have made my first year at AOS very special.

As I was thinking about the message I wanted to pass along tonight, it seemed impossible not to acknowledge the past 15 months. I know ending last year in quarantine and then spending over half of this year in distance learning is not what you signed up for. It also wasn't what the staff of AOS signed up for, which made for an interesting year. Although it was challenging at times, it also came with many rewards. Obviously, you participating tonight is one of those rewards. But maybe as important is the experience of living through a world-wide pandemic and being able to share that experience with generations to come. You are literally part of history now.

In light of your experience this past year, I'd like to send you away with 3 considerations that I think will serve you well. They are meant to guide your decision-making process as you enter life after AOS.

Be safe. This takes on a whole new meaning considering what you have experienced over the course of the past school year. You are going to experience life with the expectations of an adult, but the reality is that you are still kids. And because you are still kids, you will make kid mistakes. Try not to make mistakes that put your safety at risk however. Trust yourself when something doesn't feel right....it most likely isn't. Be aware of your surroundings and enjoy the ride of your life safely.

Be respectful. Accept people and their differences. Abraham Lincoln once said, "I don't like that man, I must get to know him better." Take the time to really get to know people. It's easy to condemn people for what they look like or believe, but it takes work to respect people even when you disagree with them. Unfortunately, due in large part to social media, civil discourse is no longer the norm. Being comfortable in the discomfort of disagreement is important. It's also important to note that you will spend the rest of your life learning about yourself and what you believe. Oftentimes, the best lessons are learned from those that you disagree with....and you may just find that your beliefs will change over time.

Lastly....Be responsible. Realize that it's your responsibility to take care of the less fortunate and the elderly. Dr. Martin Luther King said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?" The teachers and staff of this school have modeled what responsibility looks like. It's now on you to take that lesson and create a better world to live in. Make sure you live a responsible life by "Paying it Forward".

So graduates, as you consider your life after AOS, remember to be safe, be respectful and be responsible.

To end, I would like you to consider a quote from the late great doctor himself....Dr. Seuss, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go. And will you succeed? Yes! You will indeed! 98 and $\frac{1}{4}$ percent guaranteed."

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Congratulations, Class of 2021

Madison Mae Alderin
 Hunter Chance Allard
 Michael James Andersen
 Trenton Anthony Arriola
 Jazmyn Michele Barker
 Noah James Baske
 Derek Curtis Brenneman
 Haley Marie Brittain
 Kamarie Leilani-Shakota Buen
 Kameron Gregory Burford
 Chyra LeighAnn Carrillo
 Kaydence Marie Coats
 Pamela Angela Joy Coty
 Samantha Jewel Cumpiano
 Kylie Marie Durham
 Ryan Zachary Gaffke
 Maddison Sky Gregory-Names
 Kalea S Guyette

Braeden Matthew Hadlock
 Aaliyah Faith Halliwell
 Alexandria Ellen Nadine Herrera
 Isaac James Herrera
 Dakota Chance Hufeld
 Leslie Noemi Ibarra
 David Ray James
 Logan Allen Keyser
 Preslie Morgan Keyser
 Domenic Lamb
 Oliver Augustus Lee
 Mayah Janele Lesser
 Dalton Jacob Gregory Lucas
 Cloey Marie Marsh
 Samantha Marie McCormick
 Isaac Ryan Middleton
 Mason Nealy
 Bailey Lorraine Perkins

Isaac Luke Pierce
 Ben Thomas Prouty
 Trenton Joseph Rey
 Luis Armando Reyes
 Jyssame Iris Ridders
 Isabella Nora-Nicole Rodarte
 Riley Logan Rutland
 Natalya Allysandra Sajovic
 Briana Quenberlin Salas-Victorio
 Angelic Madeline Shaw
 Anthony Robert Sweat
 Kyleigh Taylor
 Roman Rey Torres-Aguilera
 Claudia Belen Villa-Lopez
 Zoe Elizabeth Wallace
 Lydia Amara Williams-Vasilie
 Summer Jean Wolford



Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the students who received scholarships this year:

Madison Alderin:

- Takena Kiwanis Scholarship Nominee

Zachary Cardin:

- Burnett Family Scholarship, \$500
- Diane Smith Family Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500
- Emboldened by Beauty Cosmetology Scholarship, \$1,250
- Arbuthnot Success Grant, \$1,500

Roman Casillas

- Dutch Bros Coffee of Albany Scholarship, \$1,000
- Roger Dasch Memorial Scholarship, \$2,500

Samantha Cumpiano:

- Albany Peace Award, \$500

Braeden Hadlock:

- Takena Kiwanis Scholarship Nominee

Aaliyah Halliwell:

- APSF Career and Technical Education Scholarship, \$1,000

Leslie Ibarra:

- Candy Baker Memorial Scholarship, \$1,700

Angelic Shaw:

- Burnett Family Scholarship, \$500
- New Horizon's Scholarship, \$2,500
- Arbuthnot Success Grant, \$1,500

Thank you to the Albany Public Schools Foundation, Albany Peace Seekers, and the Takena Kiwanis Club, Paul and Sandy Arbuthnot, and to all of the donors who made these scholarships possible.

Photos from the Graduation Ceremony

Thank you to Mrs. Gillispie who provided the photography services for the graduation ceremony. You can access the link to all of the photos (available to copying at no cost) on our website at aos.albany.k12.or.us.



Congratulations, GED Completers!

Cordel Curtis Adam
 Tabitha Jade Buren
 Zachery Ryan Cardin
 Roman Cristian Casillas
 Bridgett Nicole De Quillettes
 Douglas Wayne Faoa
 Zachery Gibson
 Abigail Kathleen Gillespie
 Alejandro Gonzalez
 Seth Andrew Grant
 Jayden Allen Guggenmos
 Peter Charles David Hannah
 Kiali Lyn Hernandez
 Jonathan Aaron Kollaer

Aiden Connor Lee
 Sequoia Lee Lehn
 Kassidy Leydens
 Trevor J. Lien
 Keagan Kay Maxfield
 Sidnee Kayde Meier
 Christian Neil Mowry
 Rodrigo Ortiz-Alvarado
 Nathaniel Aaron Parks
 Elaina Jean Pike
 Yahir Manuel Vega
 Ronald Evan Welsh
 Christopher Duke Woehlert

Fall Registration

Fall Registration is Open!

To complete the online registration, please visit:

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

If you need assistance, please call Mrs. Barker at:

(541) 967-4563

or email at:

gwen.barker@albany.k12.or.us

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MENTAL HEALTH

RESOURCES

MRS. HARRYMAN EMAIL (email to talk)
anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us

NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE:
1-800-273-8255

**LINEA DE AYUDA NACIONAL DE
PREVENCION DEL SUICIDIO:**
1-888-628-9454

LINN COUNTY CRISIS
1-800-304-7468

OREGONYOUTHLINE.ORG
1-877-968-8491
Text "TEEN2TEEN" to 839863

JACKSON STREET YOUTH SERVICES
Mental health and outreach
541-220-2955

CALL: 211 - INFORMATION HELPLINE
Connect to health and human services

EMERGENCY- 911