

# Graduation in the Time of Coronavirus

Thirteen years of learning, studying, testing and perseverance. The culmination of these efforts is usually marked at the beginning of June with graduation ceremonies, parties and celebrations.

For the senior class of 2020, many of those traditional celebratory moments did not happen. There was no gathering with classmates, friends and families in a gym or auditorium, no dignitary handing out diplomas as students walked across the stage, no hugs and tears from friends. Such is graduation in the time of COVID-19.

But all was not lost. Communities rallied to provide meaningful recognition of the time and effort put in to reach this milestone with a senior parade, a drive-in style graduation ceremony and notes from the community. These all helped to make a disappointing situation brighter.

Klickitat PUD staff is proud to have been able to help with these efforts by hanging banners for graduating seniors in Trout Lake, Klickitat, White Salmon/Bingen, Wishram, Lyle and Goldendale.

While it doesn't replace the experiences lost in this out-of-the-ordinary time, we hope these efforts remain with the graduates as an example of the faith and hope each community puts into these students as they go out to make our world a better place for all. ■

**BELOW AND RIGHT: Klickitat PUD linemen hang up banners recognizing seniors in the communities of Trout Lake and Goldendale.**





**ABOVE:** Goldendale High School seniors were honored during a parade June 4. **RIGHT AND BELOW:** Klickitat PUD linemen place senior banners on poles to salute graduates in Klickitat, White Salmon/Bingen and Wishram.

