



Congratulations, Seniors!

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Klickitat PUD congratulates the Class of 2021 on their hard work and success.

This year's seniors exemplify resilience for their ability to commit to their education, whether it was online, in person or a hybrid option. Klickitat PUD applauds each graduate and is proud of their commitment to their education under nontraditional circumstances.

Not all was lost. Communities put their heads together to

provide meaningful ceremonies for this special time, including a senior parade, outdoor graduations and senior banners along the roadside throughout Klickitat County.

Since family is important at Klickitat PUD, we are highlighting a few graduating seniors. The following seniors are special to our utility, since their parents work for KPUD and we have shared stories about them through the years.

We asked these seniors a number of questions about their memories and aspirations. Thank you, Danielle, Dane, Eli, Josie, Justin, Kody and Tiana. Good luck with all your endeavors!



Danielle Guthrie

Danielle Guthrie graduated from Goldendale High School.

Her father, Bill Rogers, has worked for the PUD as a warehouseman for 23 years.

Danielle plans to stay in town and head straight to work.

Her favorite memory about high school was going into her first day of freshman year not knowing anyone, but having many friends by the end of year.

Danielle was involved in judging for FFA.



Tiana Watson

Tiana Watson graduated from Goldendale High School.

She is the daughter of Greg Watson, who has worked at the PUD for 13 years in the water wastewater department.

Tiana will attend Dixie State University this fall to pursue a degree in nursing.

Her favorite high school memories involved sports. Tiana won the Spaulding Athletic award at Goldendale High School for her athletic and academic achievements.

Her overall favorite memory was going to nationals for FFA. Outside of school, Tiana enjoys boating and hanging out with her friends.



Eli Evans

Eli Evans graduated from Goldendale High School.

He is the son of Chris Evans, who has worked at the PUD since 2008.

Eli enjoys playing video games and soccer. His favorite movie is "Kingsman: The Secret Service."

Some of his favorite memories while growing up include playing sports—especially baseball—and going on vacation with his dad.

Eli said if he won the lottery, with his winnings he "would save up and invest."



Dane O’Leary

Dane O’Leary graduated from Goldendale High School.

He is the son of Kirt O’Leary, a longtime PUD employee, currently working as a warehouseman.

Dane competed in football, golf and wrestling, and participated in drama.

Dane says his family has always had a big impact on his life.

He plans to become a journeyman electrician and start his own business.



Kody Kiser

Kody Kiser graduated from Goldendale High School.

He is the son of Rodney Kiser, a PUD water wastewater operator since 2008.

Kody plans to take a gap year to save up and prepare for his future.

Kody really enjoyed Spanish classes and being able to learn a new language, as well as his time spent volunteering at the hospital.



Josie Quantrell

Josie Quantrell graduated from Insight School of Washington, an online program.

She is the daughter of Billie Quantrell, a 15-year PUD power analyst.

Josie plans to attend Columbia Basin College.

Some of her favorite memories growing up include spending time with her family, fishing and camping. One fun road trip was to Alaska with her grandparents.

Josie enjoys comedy movies and would like to travel the world.



Justin DeMott

Justin DeMott graduated from Goldendale High School.

He is the son of Michael DeMott, who has worked at the PUD for 11 years.

Justin will attend Montana State University in Billings to pursue a degree in psychology.

Some of his favorite memories growing up are hanging out with friends and playing games all night at birthday parties.

In high school, Justin participated in many school activities. His favorite was band with Mr. Schneider, who made class enjoyable and fun.

Justin is thankful to have been surrounded by intelligent people.