

SHS graduates coping in college

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Sisters High School graduates who are now well into their college careers are feeling the effects of COVID-19. Universities are closed, job interviews are conducted over zoom meetings, sporting events are canceled, and happy hours with friends are held through a screen during this time of social isolation.

A few Sisters High School graduates spoke with *The Nugget* about how they are coping with their school year being altered and what they are doing to keep busy and maintain a sense of normalcy.

Nina Horner, SHS grad in 2015, is going through a transitional period in her schooling at the University of Oregon. She recently changed her major to general science and is having to navigate changing classes and requirements during a time of transition to online learning.

"I don't love the online classes to be honest," she said. "I think it's better to be in person, and for me, it's harder to switch from work to school to home mode when it's all the same these days."

She said she was also able to process some things with the extra time for rest and

reflection.

"I am the epitome of a busy-bee and I am sort of forced to rest a bit more," she said.

To keep busy, Horner is taking her online classes, spending time with her family, reading, training and trying to keep a sense of normalcy in her life.

"I am excited to see what life is going to look like after all this, it is going to be different for sure," said Horner.

This time allows college students to slow down and get away from busy packed schedules and responsibilities and working on their own schedule a bit more. Seth Larson is trying to take in as much of this down time and free time as possible.

"Our generation is always looking towards the next thing and we will never have this time again with our families and free time, so I am really trying to be present and, in the moment," he said.

Larson graduated this year from Corban University in secondary physical education, getting his bachelor of science in teaching. Right before lockdown began, Larson was just getting into student teaching, working as a PE teacher after finishing all his required classes.

"I miss the kids and other coaches I was working with

now, and it was rough it being so abrupt," he said.

To keep busy, Larson has been spending time with his family, applying for jobs and spending time outdoors.

"I am doing well considering these times, but it is nice to have this unexpected time with my family before starting in on my career," he said.

A junior at the University of Oregon, Hogan Hernandez, is living in Eugene with her roommates, continuing to work and take classes online.

"I am only a junior so I feel like I still have time left and I actually am enjoying the online classes," said Hernandez.

Hernandez enjoys having some extra free time and the ability to work on school on her own schedule, not constantly inundated with school all day, every day. Hernandez works for a housing company, Chase Village, and has kept busy there in addition to doing school.

"I've learned a lot about what businesses are essential, including housing, and we are able to help people find

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(Paulina Springs Books).

In addition, a scholarship in the name of long-time GRO board chair and founder Karen Hensley was added this year as the Karen Hensley Service Scholarship and the local office of Premier Mortgage Resources (PMR) led by Kathy Kemper-Zanck, added an award called Three Simple Steps.

Tim Ross, the GRO board chair, said, "With the 11 new scholarships this year we have a great cross-section. They come from a diverse group of community members and are targeted towards students with differing post-high-school ambitions. This is one more example of what makes Sisters such a unique community. Many of our neighbors have a desire to pay it forward and Sisters GRO provides an easy method to do it."

Ross wants the entire Sisters community to become aware of Sisters GRO, so he invites parents of school-aged children to check out the GRO website to become more familiar with the wide variety of awards available to

Sisters graduates.

Additionally, prospective donors are encouraged to contact board members to learn more about sponsoring a scholarship. Contact information is available on the GRO website www.sistersgro.org, which can be accessed directly, but is also linked to the Sisters School District website at <http://shs.ssd6.org/sistersgro>.

According to school counselor Rick Kroytz, who helps run the ASPIRE mentorship program at Sisters High School, just under half of last year's graduating class applied for at least one scholarship "and every single one of them received at least one award" for a total of well over \$200,000 of local money distributed.

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CORRECTION

The broadcasting frequency to be used for the Sisters High School 2020

Commencement Ceremony to be held at Sisters Rodeo Grounds at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 12 will be 104.9 FM.

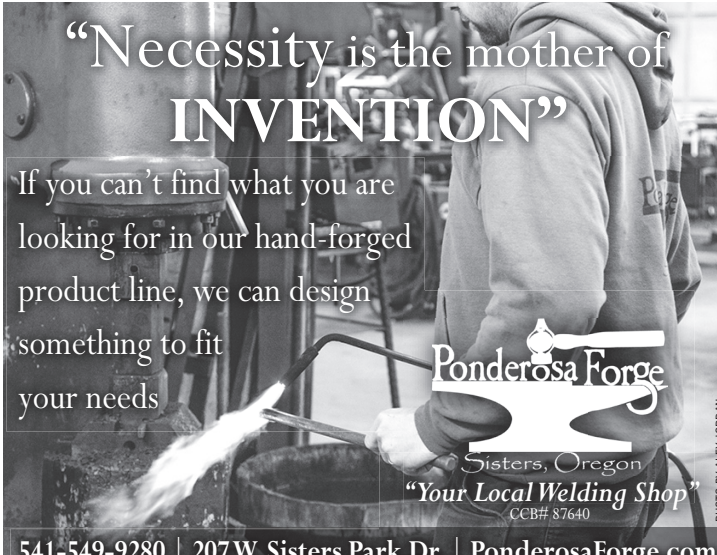


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- 4 cubic yards of yard debris or household waste. Bag all loose items and separate yard debris for recycling. Four yards equals a regular pickup truck filled to the cab.
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