

SENIOR AWARDS

Graduation Awards

P.E.O. Community Service Award
Gavin Roberts

Wallace Mc Crae
Byron Schorzman

Senior Cup
Samantha Lee

Principals Awards

Leadership Award Recipient
Outstanding Leadership
Tim Pillow, David Allen

Senior Project Awards
Recipient
Outstanding Presentation
Tara Ostrander

Runner Up
Nick Young
2nd Runner Up
Taylor Smith
Outstanding Senior Project
Tyler Owen
Runner Up
Tyler Clines
2nd Runner Up
Amber Eastlick

Presidential Scholars Recipients
[3.5 & Above H.S. Cumulative GPA]
Samantha Lee
Nick Young
Rebekah Young
Tricia Levenseller
Ashley Paleck
Joseph Fergusson
Byron Schorzman
Keli Krieger

McEntire Math Award
Nick Young

Advanced Biology
Samantha Lee

World Literature
Outstanding Senior
Samantha Lee

Honors World Literature
Outstanding Senior
Tim Pillow

Alvida Hearing English Award
Tricia Levenseller

Band/John Philip Sousa Award
Gillian Cheney

Band Director's Award
Allee Chadek

6 Year Band Award
Nick Young
Gillian Cheney

Outstanding Choir Member
Tara Ostrander

Personal Finance
Tricia Levenseller

Modern Problems
Gavin Roberts

Government
Rebekah Young

Physical Education/Weights
Caleb Rice
David Allen
Ashley Paleck

Spanish 2
Chelsea Patton

Graphic Design
Amber Eastlick

Outstanding Advanced
Woodworker
David Allen
Outstanding Metals
Eric Budge

Outstanding Office Aide
Joey Fergusson

Marine Corps
Distinguished
Athlete Award
Byron Schorzman
Tricia Levenseller

Marine Corps
Scholastic Excellence
Samantha Lee

Albert Brunzman Memorial Award
Athletic Sportsmanship
Gavin Roberts

Terry Smith Memorial Most Inspirational
Senior Athlete
Byron Schorzman

Outstanding Athlete
Byron Schorzman

VERNONIA HIGH SCHOOL class of 2009

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elks Lodge - Forest Grove
Samantha Lee, \$ 250

Gene Weller Memorial
Taylor Smith, \$ 500

Hancock Forest Management
Tara Ostrander, \$ 500

Holce Logging
Taylor Smith, \$1000
Rebekah Young, \$1000
Nicholas Young, \$1500
Samantha Lee, \$1500
Megan Hieronimus, \$1500
Tricia Levenseller, \$2000
Class of 2006
Kristin Cota, \$2500

Kaiser Permanente
Gavin Roberts, \$2000

Karen Pitt/Kilgore Memorial
Alexandria Chadek, \$ 500
Justin Caputo, \$ 500

Kris Duane Crowston Memorial
Gavin Roberts, \$ 500
Byron Schorzman, \$1000
Nicholas Young, \$1000

Mike Busch Memorial
Taylor Smith, \$ 500

Mist/Birkenfeld Helping Circle
Megan Hieronimus, \$ 750

Vernonia Boosters
Samantha Lee, \$ 500
Rebekah Young, \$ 500
Nicholas Young, \$ 500
Gavin Roberts, \$ 500

PEO
Rebekah Young, \$ 500
Tara Ostrander, \$ 500

Vernonia Education Assoc.
Tara Ostrander, \$ 400
Byron Schorzman, \$ 800

Vernonia Lions' Club
Blake Moeller, \$ 500
Gavin Roberts, \$ 500
Samantha Lee, \$ 500
Rebekah Young, \$ 500
Nicholas Young, \$ 500

VOLTA - WOE Vocational Training
Eric Budge, \$2500

VHS Alumni
Gavin Roberts, \$1000

Wauna Federal Credit Union
Gavin Roberts, \$1000

Windermere
Gavin Roberts, \$ 500

WOEC, Sam Hearing
Taylor Smith, \$ 500
Gavin Roberts, \$ 500
Nicholas Young, \$ 500

Zack Rumbolz Memorial
Ashley Paleck, \$ 750
Justin Caputo, \$ 750
Blake Moeller, \$ 750
Gavin Roberts, \$ 750
Eric Budge, \$1000
David Allen, \$1000
Taylor Smith, \$1000
Tara Ostrander, \$1000

Chance to Become Scholarship
Ashley Paleck, \$5000
Justin Caputo, \$5000

CLASS OFFICERS:

Byron Schorzman, President
Tara Ostrander, Vice President
Megan Hieronimus, Secretary
Rebekah Young, Treasurer

Hi, I'm Matias Singers and I'm from Denmark

Last year I was sitting watching *The OC* with my friends and started dreaming of a year in America. I imagined living like the characters in the show, living the cool life in Orange County, next to Hollywood, LA, Laguna Beach, Newport and everything else that seems so great about California. I hoped I would end up in warm and sunny California. But.. No, I was going to Vernonia.

Vernonia? Does anybody even know where that is?, I thought. But I ended up loving this little town in the middle of nowhere. The people and the atmosphere here are just great. The fact that this is a small town is a huge plus for a foreign exchange student, I think. It's easier to get involved in the community and meet new people. The word spreads faster, which can also be a bad thing.

I arrived here in Vernonia 280 days ago. It doesn't seem that long at all, but the time flies when you are having fun. The first thing I remember when I came here was the drive out here from Portland. I was sitting in the car looking for signs saying something about Vernonia, but didn't see any signs for a long time. Then suddenly I saw a sign about the Vernonia-Banks trail and I thought, "Wow, finally we are almost there." But no. We turned onto 47 and I was thinking, "Hmm, well it must be just around the corner now." But

once again I was wrong. We kept driving in between all the trees and it felt like it took hours to get from Staley's to Vernonia. Finally we drove into Vernonia and my first impression was, "Wow, this really is small." But I really like Vernonia, especially because of it's size and the people here are very nice.

The students here at Vernonia High School have been really nice welcoming me and they all made this year amazing. I remember the Super Bowl game at the Moeller's house. That was a lot of fun and it seemed like something real American to do. The bus rides to track meets were always fun, something would always happen.

I really hope that more students here from Vernonia would go be a foreign exchange student. It's a great experience and you learn so much about yourself and other people. I am a lot more confident in my decisions and myself and know that I can do

pretty much whatever I set my mind to.

I am truly grateful for all the help and support from all the students and staff here at Vernonia High. And thanks a lot to Sally Harrison, Kathy Denckla and Frazier Rohm and Donna and Dale Webb for letting me stay with them all. Thanks to all of you for making this year amazing! Congratulations Class of '09!

