

Scholarships

American Red Cross

Quentin Skanes \$750

Chance to Become

Mahaila Fennell \$5,000

Columbia County Dairy Women

Quentin Skanes \$500

Jocie Roberts \$400

Jordan Brickley \$300

Community Scholarship Foundation

Bryanna Larson \$500

Hera Hopkins \$500

Erik Kesterson Memorial

Jacob Perry \$500

Five Star Trades

Benjamin Skanes \$1,500

Gene Weller Memorial

Emily Bergerson \$250

Benjamin Skanes \$250

Quentin Skanes \$500

Kassidy Fetch \$500

Jacob Perry \$500

Hancock Forest Management

Quentin Skanes \$750

Hands on Art

Mahaila Fennell \$300

Holce Logging

Sheyanne Pedersen \$1,500

Jocie Roberts \$1,500

Benjamin Skanes \$1,500

Jacob Perry \$1,500

Emily Bergerson \$3,000

Jordan Brickley \$3,000

Kaiser Permanente

Quentin Skanes \$2,000

Kayleigh's Senior Project Scholarship

Breanna Gardner \$200

Quentin Skanes \$150

Sheyanne Pedersen \$75

Oregon High School Equestrian

Sheyanne Pedersen \$500

Oregon School Employees Association

Kassidy Fetch \$1,250

Pacific Lumber & Shipping

Jordan Brickley \$1,000

Emily Bergerson \$1,000

PEO

Sheyanne Pedersen \$500

Jordan Brickley \$500

Sisters Memorial

Breanna Gardner \$1,000

Nichole Gardner \$1,000

Vernonia Boosters

Nichole Gardner \$500

Hera Hopkins \$500

Sheyanne Pedersen \$500

Jocie Roberts \$500

Vernonia Education Association

Sheyanne Pedersen \$200

Emily Bergerson \$600

VHS Alumni

Paige Smith \$1,000

Vernonia Lions Club

Mahaila Fennell \$500

Quentin Skanes \$500

McKenzie Titus \$500

Jocie Roberts \$1,000

Virgil & Marjorie Hiatt Memorial

Jordan Brickley \$1,000

Kassidy Fetch \$1,000

Hera Hopkins \$1,000

Kayleigh Lillethun \$1,000

Sheyanne Pedersen \$1,000

Quentin Skanes \$1,500

Wauna Federal Credit Union

Jocie Roberts \$2,000

WOEC, Sam Hearing

Jordan Brickley \$1,000

Zack Rumbolz Memorial

Jordan Brickley \$1,500

Quentin Skanes \$2,000

Au Revoir & Ela Eleqaa

Hola. Marhaba. Bonjour. Ahoy. Hay. Jambo. Prevet. Chao. Hallo.

These are the many ways we learned how to say "hello" in different languages this year.

But since we are in the United States, I think it would be appropriate to say "Hi guys!"

My name is Joud, not Jood, Joid or Jawd.

And my name is Justine, not Justin, or Joustine.

Those are the many ways Americans tried to pronounce our names.

Thank you for trying Mr Underwood.

I think that being an exchange student is like a dream. It's too short to realize what's going on, but it's long enough to create a relation with the world around you, and leave a part of you here.

Unlike many of you we weren't in this school since kindergarten or freshmen year, we came here 10 months ago but we definitely lived those 4 years of high school in those 10 months.

We started of as freshmen, knowing nobody and thinking that we probably would end up having lunch in the bathroom.

Most of us struggled with talking to people and understanding them.

Then after homecoming we felt like sophomores, interacting with more people, and realizing how caring this community is, offering us help when we need it.

After spring break passed we felt like juniors, talking about all the fun we had , adventures and unbreakable bonds we've made.

Most of us joined sports, became parts of teams and were treated like family.

And now we feel like seniors walking towards our diplomas.

Those 10 months have been extraordinary. In this limited time we've managed to make friends, memories and different experiences.

And I'm sure that every exchange student has their own experience that if they start talking about it they would never finish.

We're not saying that this experience was perfect. We faced some struggles and challenges too. But this experience was one thing, which is irreplaceable.

I think that after the time we exchange students spent together, we feel like we are all family now.

But we've lost 3 already; Andrea, the Italian.

Chloe Huot, who moved to Maupin. We wish she could've been with us.

And Anastasyia Panchenko, she left on June 2nd, 2 days before graduation. And I'm pretty sure that she would have loved to be here.

We are so glad we were given this opportunity to talk to you today.

And we would like to take this chance to thank our friends, teachers, host families, local coordinators, and everybody who guided us through this amazing experience.

Our year has ended and we don't know what the future holds for any of us.

But we know what we have now and that's what matters.

So congratulation to the class of 2016! You've made it.

And congratulations to all of the exchange students, I know that most of you aren't ready to go home. I know me and Justine aren't. But we've made it.

SO LET'S ENJOY THIS MOMENT !



Justine Larue, France
Joud Khalaf, Palestine

