

Project Based Learning Class Awards Grants

Representatives from Vernonia High School's Project Based Learning Class presented \$5,000 in grants to local organizations during the May 10, 2018 School Board meeting.

The grant funding comes from the Oregon Community Foundation through their Community 101 program, and the Portland Trailblazers.

The Project Based Learning classes are taught by Jim Krahn. They offer students in two classes, one for freshman and sophomores and one for juniors and seniors, the opportunity to learn by investigating real world issues and finding solutions through the development of group projects. The freshman and sophomore class focuses on public speaking, being responsible

and accountable, and smaller activities like "recess buddies," where students interact with elementary students. The junior and senior class tackles larger projects by creating activities for students, working to improve morale and respect among students, and attempting to positively impact the children of Vernonia. This year the class painted the Vernonia gymnasium floor and a mural, worked with Middle School students, and brought in a motivational speaker. They are also working on a reader board in town, speaker system in the gym, and a water bottle fountain in the school.

Grant awards focus on providing opportunities not normally available for youth who live in remote locations. For the past two years the class has col-



Tobie Finzel (center) accepts a \$1,500 grant on behalf of Vernonia Cares, from Project Based Learning students (left to right) MacKenzie Fassold, Kendra Stefan, Alexa Cook, and Alura Byler.

laborated with the Oregon Community Foundation to receive the grant funding. The classes then accept applications and award funding to worthy community organizations and in-school programs.

This year's grant award recipients were:

- Vernonia Cares Food Bank, \$1,500 – for emergency groceries for low income families with children.
- Friends of Vernonia Public Library, \$900 – to provide a performer and books for youth during the Summer Reading Program.

- Vernonia Hands on Art, \$700 – for a special presentation of Cinderella for youth by Bag&Baggage theater group.
- Vernonia Education Foundation, \$900 – for all K-3 students to attend an age-appropriate performance by Oregon Children's Theatre in Portland.
- High School Career Development, \$600 – to provide transportation for students to attend career days in Hillsboro.
- Middle School hallway mural, \$400 – a mural will provide a welcoming, positive message, with quotes to promote kindness.



Vernonia Students Receive Scholarships

Three Vernonia High School seniors received a Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship, and attended a ceremony in Portland on May 2.

The Al Forthan Memorial Scholarships are awarded, through Volunteers of America (VOA), to Oregon high school seniors from a family that has been affected by alcohol or drug addiction.

The scholarship was created in honor of Al Forthan, who was the first alumnus to work at the VOA Oregon Men's Residential Center. He touched hundreds of lives and brought love, wisdom, integrity, humility, and a deep passion and commitment to recovery. The

purpose of the scholarship is to support students in their education, encourage students to explore how addiction affects their community, and think about solutions to this complex problem.

The three Vernonia seniors honored with the scholarships were:

- Kailia Jackson, \$500
- Courtney Barklow, \$1,000
- Brook Naron, \$1,000



L-R: Kailia Jackson, Courtney Barklow, and Brook Naron

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