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ALLISON BENTLEY

Allison Bentley, the daughter of John and Gina Bentley, has had a positive Regatta experience. Her family has been very positive too, she said, as they've watched her grow.

"They think it's kind of funny because I've never been the girliest of girls," she said. "I'm a princess now."

Bentley, an incoming senior at Warrenton High School, plays varsity golf and volleyball, and has been an active participant in the Columbia Empire Volleyball Association since 2012. Bentley is an active member of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Bentley's volunteer involvement stretches from cleaning up parks to collecting food for the food bank. She has a great passion for young people. She was a cadet teacher last fall at Astor Elementary School and is a counselor at Camp Kick-A-Lot each summer.

"I've been given so much, so the least I can do is help out and return the favor," she said.

She plans on attending the University of Portland, where she hopes to pursue a career in elementary education.



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KATRINA DIEGO

Katrina Diego, an incoming senior at Warrenton High School, said the best part of being a Regatta princess is the children.

"They think you're a real princess," she said. There is also the parades.

"The parades are wonderful," she said.

Diego, the daughter of Mina and Rafael Ferrer, is active in student government and clubs; for instance, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and Key Club. She is involved with the youth group at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Diego is also an active member of the WHS State Championship Band.

Diego moved to the area from the Philippines in second grade.

She has always wanted to be like her mother, a nurse, and help people.

After graduating, she plans on applying to Oregon Health and Sciences University; ultimately, she'd like to travel to developing countries to help bring medical resources to the children there.



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SOPHIA THOMAS

Being a Regatta princess has shown Warrenton High School incoming senior Sophia Thomas what she can do.

"I've got the courage to go up and talk to a room full of 40 people, and I wouldn't care," she said.

She's also seen that she can have an impact on others.

Thomas, the daughter of Dennis Thomas and Gretchen Berg, excels in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She's her class Vice President and the student body Sergeant-at-Arms. Thomas plays the clarinet in her high school's award-winning band. But all that doesn't slow her down. Thomas volunteers and holds down a job at Astoria Dutch Bros. Coffee.

Once she's graduated, Thomas plans on attending Oregon State University to study forensic anthropology, inspired by her father — a police officer — and the show "Bones," which features a team of scientists who use anthropology to solve crimes.

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