

**SEASIDE VALEDICTORIAN**

**Cosma Davis**

**Continuing education:** Santa Clara University.

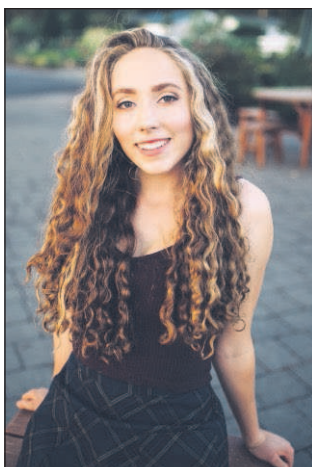
**Career plans:** After finishing graduate school, I hope to become a scientific researcher of some sort and live a long life of learning.

**Pacifica Project:** I taught equestrian vaulting to a group of kids on Sundays and Wednesdays at my vaulting club.

**Community/school involvement:** National Honor Society, class treasurer, Seaside Connections Science Club, Gay Straight Alliance.

**Honors/awards/scholarships:** Student of the Month, mathlete, Marine Biology Student of the Year, American Vaulting Association Zone 1 Copper Champion 2012, Bronze Champion 2013 and 2014, National Bronze Highpoint 2nd place 2014.

**Sports:** Equestrian vaulting, skiing.



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**Kyna Lin**

**Continuing education:** Loyola Marymount University.

**Career plans:** I plan to pursue a career in occupational therapy, specializing in pediatrics.

**Pacifica Project:** Raised money to buy holiday gifts for the children at Randall Children's Hospital. I raised more than \$8,000!

**Community/school involvement:** Jazz band, piano, student government, sophomore class president.

**Honors/awards/scholarships:** Loyola Marymount University Scholarship, Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, scholar athlete.

**Sports:** golf, swimming.



**SEASIDE SALUTATORIAN**

**Whitney Westerholm**

**Continuing Education:** Oregon State University.

**Career plans:** Own my very own vineyard and winery.

**Pacifica Project:** Summer camp for orphans in Ensenada, Mexico.

**Community/school involvement:** Student government.

**Honors/awards/scholarships:** Association of American University Women Breaking Barriers Achievement Award, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, Jerry Westerholm Memorial Scholarship.

**Sports:** Soccer, basketball, softball, football.



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# Walk: 'I wish they would have done that when we were kids'

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Senior Bronson Holthusen said the event gave him a chance to see his former teachers.

"I wish they would have done that when we were kids," he said, adding the younger students seemed to look up to the graduates. "I think they thought it was pretty cool."

"I think it's got great value, because it shows kids what they're aiming for, and it brings us together as a community."

Astoria Principal Lynn Jackson said he saw a post online from a school in Texas that had done a grad walk and thought it would work perfectly in a close-knit community like Astoria. He said he took the idea to administrators from other schools and got an overwhelmingly supportive response.

"The energy was different in every single building," he said. "Astor Elementary was amazing. I think the Class of 2027 ... had the sign 'congratulations Class of 2016 from the Class of 2027,' so just exciting energy."

"These students, many of them are K-12 kids," he said. "They've gone through the whole system. It gives them an opportunity to say 'thank you' to the teachers that they worked with, but also to help all of our little ones, our younger students, to see the end from the beginning."



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian  
River McDow shares a laugh with fellow Astoria High School classmates during their celebratory graduation walk in downtown Astoria Thursday.

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Lynn Jackson  
Astoria principal



Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian  
In the upper left, Astoria School Board Chairwoman Jeanette Sampson gets her picture taken with graduating senior Halie Korff, who has been a student liaison to the school board for the past two years.



ABOVE: The graduating class walks down Commercial Street Thursday.

LEFT: Clay Williams high-fives students at John Jacob Astor Elementary along with other students from Astoria High School's 2016 graduating class.

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