

Gateway Lodge 175 awards scholarships

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Gateway Lodge 175 held the 57th Warrenton High School Honor Student Banquet April 24 at the Warrenton High Gymnasium. There were about 200 in attendance for the event, which featured a prime rib dinner by Vic Kee and staff.

The guest speaker was Most Worshipful Brother Arthur L. Borland, Grand Master of Masons in Oregon. He talked about Freemasonry and historical information about Benjamin Franklin and his various contributions as a man and Mason.

Gateway Lodge 175 is the first Masonic Lodge in Oregon to hold a high school honor student banquet. Ervin L. Atkins Sr., a woodshop and mechanical drawing teacher at WHS, thought of the idea in 1960. He, along with lodge brothers, John T. Carden and Forrest Hensley, presented the idea to Gateway Lodge for consideration, and the idea was adopted.

The following scholarships were awarded: \$4,000 to Raymond Alcobendas, Krista Morrill, Nathan Ruscheinsky and Gabrielle Schenbeck; \$3,000 to Ryan Laforteza; \$2,000 to Katelynn Blodgett, Brenna Flores-Borup, Luke Liljenwall, Sierra Lyons and Taylor Owens; and \$1,500 to Rachel Najera. The Murl Peterson



Pictured, Gateway Lodge student scholarship winners. Back row, from left, Owain Gossett, Brenna Flores-Borup, Erika Meadows, Krista Morrill, Nathan Ruscheinsky, Gabrielle Schenbeck and Raymond Alcobendas. Front row, Ryan Laforteza, Asia Lambert and Brian Sheppard.

Award for \$500, and the Edwin L. Mowick Award for \$250, were both awarded to Krista Morrill.

This year's honor student banquet included 20 freshmen, 17 sophomores, nine juniors and 10 seniors. A total of 11 Baldwin Scholarships were awarded, totaling \$30,500 per year, renewable for four years, bringing the Gateway Scholarship total for 2017 to \$122,000. During the past 15 years, more than \$1.32 million has been awarded to WHS seniors.

Rainy Astoria rally celebrates science on Earth Day



Some 50 intrepid souls weathered the wet and windy conditions at the Earth Day Celebration of Science rally outside the Astoria Post Office April 22. The event occurred simultaneously with Marches for Science taking place worldwide. The Astoria branch of Indivisible North Coast Oregon organized the event. For information, go to <http://indivisiblenorthcoastor.blogspot.com>

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