Monica Aguilar Hermiston High School

The school: Linn-Benton Community College

The dream: Aguilar considered several career ideas such as baker, general surgeon and teacher, then chose the latter. What ties all the choices together is Aguilar's hope to find a career that helps others. "My desire has always been to help people in any way I could," she said. In high school, she joined the Key Club (community service organization) and said the experience taught her "to give back, be humble and appreciate what I have."

The means: An Oregon Opportunity Grant will cover tuition, books and fees. She plans to work a part-time job to pay for living expenses.

The role model: Hermiston High English teacher Kasia Hoover who "teaches with so much passion."

The advice: "Don't procrastinate — ever. I procrastinated in applying for colleges and scholarships and I struggled at the end. It's easier to start right away."

Kodie Arnold Hermiston High School

The school: Oregon Commission for the Blind Independent Living Program and then Blue Mountain Community College

The dream: Kodie Arnold, though blind since birth, navigated the hallways of Hermiston High School without missing a beat. She played flute in the HHS marching band and served on the Link Crew of students who helped new freshmen transition into high school life. She writes music. She hopes to inspire others down the road as a high school Spanish teacher. Before she can jump into college life, however, she will go through the Oregon Commission for the Blind Independent Living Program in Portland. The program will hone Arnold's abilities to prepare meals, shop, do laundry and other skills necessary for her to live on her own. Arnold will live in her own apartment during her time in the program.

The means: Arnold has received funding for college from the Oregon Commission for the Blind.

The role model: Spanish teacher Heather Brown.

The advice: "Try to do every activity you can. Once you've graduated, you'll realize, 'I should have done gone to prom or done this or that.'"

Patrick Collins Heppner High School

The school: Eastern Oregon University

The dream: Collins, a standout athlete and student at Heppner High School, will continue to combine athletics and academics at the college level. Recruited to the EOU football team, he plans to show EOU fans why he was selected 2A defensive player of the year last season. Collins will study business with a minor in mathematics. His career aspirations include teaching high school business.

The means: Academic and athletic scholarships and savings will allow Collins to attend college without needing to work a part-time job.

The role model: Jeremy Rosenbalm, who teaches business and coaches boys basketball and football at Heppner High School.

The advice: "Don't procrastinate. Get everything done. Managing time and conquering your to-do list in a timely fashion is key."

Laura Dewey Hermiston High School

The school: Blue Mountain Community College, then probably Oregon State University

The dream: Dewey dreams of one day having her own veterinary practice or partnering with another veterinarian.

To gain experience, the Hermiston High School student did two internships — one at the Hermiston Veterinary Clinic and another with Double M Ranch. Dewey hasn't quite pinpointed if she'll treat large or small animals or both. Time will tell.

The means: She will finance her first year of college with a couple of scholarships, a part-time job and earnings from summer employment at the Hermiston Aquatic Center.

The role model: Choosing just one role model isn't easy for Dewey, but one rises to the top. "My mom," she said, "pushes me to do better and be better."

The advice: "Don't limit yourself and the possibilities of what you can become. Take the time to enjoy life."

CeCe Hoffman Pendleton High School

The school: The University of Washington

The dream: Hoffman isn't entirely sure what she wants to do with a major in public health, but she sees herself helping people in rural areas. She can imagine returning to the Umatilla Indian Reservation one day, where she currently serves as the treasurer for the tribes' youth council.

The means: Hoffman had previously considered attending Portland State University and Lewis & Clark College before she decided to go to UW. As a tribal member, Hoffman will pay in-state tuition, which will make the move to Seattle more economically feasible. Still, Hoffman will have to take out some loans to add on to the scholarships and grants she received.

The role model: Besides her parents, who she said were always supportive and encouraging, Hoffman named Pendleton High School leadership teacher Stu Clem as one of her chief mentors. Throughout middle school and high school, Hoffman said Clem opened up many opportunities for her and inspired her to always try her best.

The advice: Hoffman advised seniors not to procrastinate but still have fun. She also urged students to fill out as many scholarship applications as possible, something she's still in the midst of doing.

Ryan Lacey Pendleton High School

The school: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Dayton Beach, Florida)

The dream: Thanks to picture books and elementary school projects, Lacey has long been interested in space and aviation. Over time, he developed a very specific goal — to work in research and development at NASA as an aeronautical engineer. After considering several schools across the country, Lacey picked Embry-Riddle because of its top-flight engineering program and its internships with NASA.

The means: Lacey is well aware that attending a private school is expensive. Embry-Riddle estimates the cost of an undergraduate degree is more than $46,000. While Lacey will have take out some loans to cover tuition, he is encouraged by Embry-Riddle's high return on investment rating, which was recently ranked second in the state of Florida.

The role model: Lacey said he is keeping in mind some tips from family friends while in school.

The advice: While he knows that not everyone has the same career path in mind, Lacey recommended taking the hardest courses in high school and doing well on the SATs to put students in the best position to attend college.

Emily Ross Pendleton High School

The school: Blue Mountain Community College

The dream: Having grown up taking care of her little cousins, nieces and nephews on a daily basis, Ross would like to translate her babysitting skills into a day care business. In addition to her babysitting experience, Ross also volunteered in the high school's nursery and at West Hills Intermediate School. She intends to take classes toward an early childhood education degree with plans to eventually try cosmetology and business classes in Walla Walla.

The means: Ross is looking to pay for her schooling using an Oregon Promise grant, as well as receive some financial help from her father.

The role model: Ross said she had many mentors help her graduate high school and reach college, but she singled out three in particular. Special education instructor Beth Smith helped her in academic areas where she struggled. Jodi Emerick, another special education instructor, offered her extra emotional support. Ross also gave credit to guidance counselor Karen Demianew, who kept pushing her to "stay strong" throughout her last years in high school.

The advice: Ross advised students to stay away from drama and persevere despite criticism. Ross has a learning disability and ADD, which was compounded by moving from city to city. She settled in Pendleton last year and has since earned all her credits for a modified diploma.

Laura Zepeda Hermiston High School

The school: Oregon State University

The dream: Zepeda will be the first in her immediate family to attend college. She envisions a career as a pharmacist. The dream involves graduating high school with honors, acing her pre-pharmacy classes (which will be heavy in chemistry and math) and finally focusing on pharmacy school.

The means: When asked how she will afford college, Zepeda reels off dollar amounts — she's obviously put much thought into financing her dreams. The list includes grants, federal aid, summer job earnings, working part-time during college, scholarships and contributions from her parents.

Her college bill will be lower because of the 50-or-so college credits she earned in high school at a discounted price.

The role model: Zepeda's "aunt" (really a good friend of the family) and Walmart pharmacist Araceli Renteria.

The advice: "Take every opportunity offered in high school. Apply early for colleges and scholarships. Believe in yourself."

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