

Senate: WHS senior to represent Oregon

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parents from Guatemala and Mexico. She is the first in her family to attend high school, much less college. Alejandra plans to pursue an education and career in public policy.

At an early age, she discovered she had a passion for political advocacy to better her community.

"Equity is the driving force behind my extracurricular activities and the reason why I strive to be a leader of the

communities I am a part of," she said. "I hope to continue making a difference in my school, community, and beyond through efforts such as the Multicultural Club and advocating for policy that suits the needs of youth."

Alejandra is WHS senior class secretary and secretary of the National Honor Society. She is an Astoria Regatta princess.

She interned with Oregon House Speaker Pro Tempore Paul Holvey and recently com-

pleted a position as a Clatsop County Community Development administrative assistant, helping put together the Clatsop County Comprehensive Plan.

She is co-executive director of State of the Students, a student-led civic organization working to bridge the gap between students and elected officials. As a leading voice for underrepresented students from rural Oregon, she also served as the school improvement student intern for the

Northwest Regional Education Service District, elevating student voices and talking about problems surrounding education in rural school districts.

"I have met many amazing teachers who have helped me flourish during high school, whether it's guiding me through the college process or school work," she said.

Teachers and administrators Ian O'Brien, Dan Stein, Dana McMakin, and Brian Vollner have been a great support to her in particular, she said.

Due to the continuing pandemic, the 2022 Senate Youth

Program will be held online.

The program was created in 1962. It's sponsored by the U.S. Senate and funded by the Hearst Foundation.

The goal is to increase young Americans' understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, learn the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and emphasize the vital importance of democratic decision-making, not only for America but for people around the world.

CMH has two new doctors

Two new doctors have joined Columbia Memorial Hospital, one in the emergency room and one in the CMH-OHSU Health Cardiology Clinic.

Dr. Bassel Beitinjaneh earned his medical and undergraduate degrees from the University of Damascus in Syria.



Beitinjaneh

He completed three fellowships through Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, focusing on heart failure, heart transplants, cardiovascular disease and clinical electrophysiology medicine.



Triller

Dr. Michael Triller is assigned to the Emergency Department, where he began working this week as a part-time provider.

Triller earned his medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. He also earned bachelor's degrees in Spanish and biology, with a chemistry minor.

Triller completed a residency in emergency medicine at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland.

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