

GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE



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From left, BAS-FRM students Theodore Elson, Chase Fletmetis, James Garman, Riley Mowry, Jennilyn Franklin, Ryan Rohr and Michael Snyder, with Professor Alex Bastos.

Forestry students' tuition covered for 2 years through federal grants

Seven Grays Harbor College students have been awarded a combined \$26,000 in funding toward their bachelor's degrees in the college's Forest Resource Management program.

Every student in the two-year program will have their tuition paid, and enough funding is available to cover tuition for all students enrolled in the program for the next two years.

Through a partnership between GHC and Green River College, grant funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation assisted the colleges with startup resources for the bachelor programs last year and provided financial support for outreach specialists focusing on veterans and tribal relationships. The grants also cover student fees

and tuition for the two-year bachelor's degree programs in forestry.

The program involves natural resources management, ecology research, forest harvesting, and drone and GPS technology.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for GHC, our students and local employers, and the natural resources we have in our beautiful area," said Lucas Rucks, dean for workforce education. "This program allows for career advancement with some wonderful local employers, both private and government, but also continued learning in areas of managing working forests, the healthy timber lifecycle, conservation science, wildland fire, and surveying. We have a great opportunity available locally for anyone that enjoys working with their hands

and loves being outdoors."

"This is such a great opportunity," said first-year student Jennilyn Franklin. "With this extra help, I won't have to worry so much about working next year as I complete the bachelor's degree. I can focus on my studies and graduating!"

Students applying for the program must have earned an associate degree in Natural Resources, Forestry Technician or a related field with a 2.0 GPA before the next application deadline of June 30.

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Forestry Resource Management program is limited to 25 students per academic year.

For more information, visit www.ghc.edu or contact GHC Bachelor Completion Facilitator Katie Dailey at 360-538-4030 or katie.dailey@ghc.edu.

MISS NORTHWEST



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ABOVE: McKenzie Brooks of Cosmopolis waves to the crowd after being crowned Miss Northwest.

BELOW: Grace Aiken of Montesano, left, and Kylie Shepard of Ocean Shores also represented the Harbor.



McKenzie Brooks of Cosmopolis was crowned Miss Northwest at the Miss Washington Sweeper Pageant held April 8 in Renton.

She will move on to the 2018 Miss Washington scholarship pageant, to be held June 29-30. Her previous crowns include Miss Grays Harbor Outstanding Teen and Miss Whatcom County.

Grace Aiken of Montesano and Kylie Shepard of Ocean Shores also competed April 8.

FOR THE KIDS



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Volunteers display items to be included in "Bed Time Bags."

Coastal Community Action Program and Amerigroup are launching a program to provide objects of comfort to help reduce trauma and offer emotional support for children in need.

The Bed Time Bags project is focusing on 300 children living in foster care and homeless shelters across Grays Harbor County. To help them feel at home, welcome, safe and protected, each child will receive a stuffed animal, a book and a blanket in a "Bed Time Bag." These items are meant to offer a

source of security during a time of turmoil.

"We want to thank Amerigroup for stepping up and helping to support foster care and homeless children," said Lucy Machowek, CFO of CCAP. "These Washington kids face challenges and hardships that no child should ever have to experience, so we commend Amerigroup for their compassion and support our efforts to bring joy and normalcy into their lives."

For more information, visit www.coastalcap.org.

BIRTHS

GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

To Samantha and Thomas Long, Aberdeen, April 3, a son, Franklin Thomas.

To Laurel and Donald Ernsland Jr., Aberdeen, April 3, a son, Charles David.

CAPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

To Maren Blankenship and Sam Wiedeman, McCleary, March 19, a daughter, Vanessa Elaine.

To Lexis Ralkey and Steven Duniap, Elma, March 24, a daughter, Ariah Mae.

OCEAN SHORES

Youth art is showcased

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The meeting room at Ocean Shores Public Library became a gallery March 30-31 for the second annual Youth Fine Art Open Show, produced by Associated Arts of Ocean Shores.

The North Beach Jr./Sr. High School students of art teacher Richard Villar entered 120 pieces this year. Sixty were chosen to be displayed, and 25 of those received Award of Distinction, with judging done by local artist Judy Horn.

The show is a lead-in to one of the North Coast's longest running annual events, the AAOS Fine Arts, 3-D and Photography Show, to be held at the Ocean Shores Convention Center the weekend of April 27-29. All 60 pieces from the Youth Art show

will be showcased at this event, where they will also compete for cash awards. The free event displays hundreds of pieces of art in a variety of juried and open categories.

"The quality of the students' work is amazing," said Kathy Harris, who chairs the AAOS Youth Art Show. Villar agreed: "I think we can compete with much larger schools, based on the quality of work and variety of media."

The art teacher noted that AAOS continues to "partner" with the local schools, by providing materials and also offering scholarships. "Whatever I need, they get it to me. I couldn't ask for a more supportive group," he said.

Harris explained that AAOS, with the help of groups such as the Seabrook Foundation and Grays Harbor Community

Foundation, provides about \$2,500 in art supplies yearly, and offers other help including one or more \$1,000 scholarships. The group's goal is that art can "keep these kids interested in school through graduation."

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Mia Loudenback: "Tiger," "Sneakers," "Painted Dog" and "Give Me Love"

Abby Loudenback: "Sea Turtle" and "Chameleon"

Rylie Holt: "Pondering" and "Isolation"

Brenden Cheney: "Hour Glass" and "Chuck Taylors"

Tawni Blankenship: "Unknown" and "Sunrise Mandala"

Trinity Schmidt: "Far Out"

Myriam Wilkerson: "Purple Haze"

Wade Melton: "City"

Jeri Herbrand: "Hot & Cold"

Khyra Chism: "Golden Skies"

Fay Jurriaanse: "Verdriet"

Robert Oban: "Batman Lives!"

Morgan Gillihan: "The Moon"

Calista Hyde: "Portrait"

Lyndsay Meyers: "Elephant"

Darin Cornado: "Queen"

Kenzie Wilson: "I Am Batman"

Robert Oban: "Buddies"



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North Beach High School sophomores Mia and Abby Loudenback are flanked by AAOS Youth Art Show Chairwoman Kathy Harris and art teacher Richard Villar at the March 30 show. The sisters received six awards between them.