GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE

Seven Grays Harbor College students have been awarded a combined $33,000 in funding toward their bachelor’s degrees in the college’s Forest Resource Management program.

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

Through a partnership between the college and the Quinault Indian Nation, grant funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation assisted the college 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.

“An outstanding opportunity for GHC, our students and local employers, and the natural resources we have in our beautiful area,” said Lance Ricks, dean for workforce education.

The program allows for career Advancement for Washington state local employers, both private and governmental, and also continues learning in areas of managing working forests, the healthy timber lifecycle, conservation science, wildland fire and surveys.

We have a great opportunity available locally for anyone who enjoys working with their hands and lives being outdoors.”

“This is such a great opportunity,” said first-year student Jennifer 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 at least one year of work experience.

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

For more information, visit www.ghc.edu or contact GHC Bachelor Completion Facilitator Kate Davel at 360-533-8300 or kate.davel@ghc.edu.

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

She will move on to the 2018 Miss Washington scholarship pageant, to be held June 28-30. Her previous crowns include Miss Grays Harbor Outstanding Teen and Miss Whatcom County.

Grace Allen of Montesano and Kyle Shepard of Ocean Shores also competed April 8.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Youth art is showcased

OCEAN SHORES

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FOR THE KIDS

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

The Red Time Bags project is focusing on 200 children living in foster care and homeless shelters across Grays Harbor County. To help them feel at home, each child will receive a stuffed animal, a book and a blanket in a "Red Time Bag." These items are meant to offer a source of security during a time of turmoil.

"We want to thank Anermogroup for stepping up and helping to support foster care and homeless children," said Lucy Mackover, CEO of CCA.

These Washington kids face the challenges and hardships that no child should ever have to experience, so we are committed to making sure they have the tools they need to support our efforts in bring joy and normalcy into their lives."

For more information, visit www.coastalaction.org.

BIRTHS

GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

To Sameetha and Thomas Long, Aberdeen, April 3, a son, Charles David.

To Lauren and Donald Eriksen Jr., Aberdeen, April 3, a son, James David.

CAPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

To Marcus Blankenship and Sam Winkler, Mc Dias, March 28, a daughter, Anna Rose.

To Louis Bailey and Steven Dunlap, Ocean, March 10, a daughter, Ashlynn.

MISS NORTHWEST


ABOVE: McKenzie Brooks of Cosmopolis was crowned Miss Northwest after being crowned Miss Northwest.

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