

# PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT



# COMPASS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PSD 2023 GRADUATES!

Summer 2023



## From Superintendent Krestin Bahr

**Happy Summer Break!** Congratulations to our Class of 2023 high school graduates. We are so proud of all you have accomplished during your time in the Peninsula School District. Watching you grow and soar has been incredible, and we cannot wait to see what you all will do next.

The enthusiasm in our schools throughout this school year and especially near the end was palpable, as we witnessed student growth and

achievements and celebrated milestones and a wonderful year together. I had the opportunity to attend many year-end celebrations, graduations, and moving-on ceremonies at schools across our district.

In exciting news as we look ahead to next school year, College in High School will be free this fall. Senate Bill 5048 provides funding directly to the University of Washington and Central Washington University, opening doors for students where the cost for college credits was previously a barrier. For the 2023-2024 school year, all K-12 students will be provided with basic school supplies at no cost, to ensure every student has the tools to succeed.

We have made remarkable progress this year as a district, working toward our five strategic plan goals of academic excellence, innovation, fiscal responsibility, learning environment and community engagement. This fall promises new opportunities for students and staff alike.

Take some time to enjoy our beautiful northwest summer and celebrate our amazing 2023 graduates. Kindergarten and returning student enrollment are both open now. Go to [psd401.net/registration](https://psd401.net/registration) to register your child today, and we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom on September 5!



## THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR RETIREES!

On Wednesday, June 14, PSD administrators had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate and honor our retiring staff members. We wish the following retirees all the best!

- Lee Dove
- Michelle Pappuleas
- Katherine Seymour
- Ronald Witter
- Anne Artley
- Melissa Wisner
- Lorraine McCormick
- Amy Barber
- Nancy Cox
- Todd Davis
- Joyce Kilner
- Amie Smith
- David Whitesell
- George Fairhart
- Heidi Steele
- Julie Allison
- Pamela Cook
- Kathleen Morford
- Laurie Kinner
- Barbara Pierce
- Kathy Soden
- Suzanne Johnson
- Kristen Harkson
- Stephen Gernon
- Jeri Goebel
- Patty Rivers
- Claudia Jones
- Richard Brotherton
- Doreen Kipfer
- Cheryl Maertins
- Diane Tacher
- Sandra Fox
- Vickey Birch
- Elise Bullinger-Sandstrom
- Patricia Helgeson
- Gay Clarke
- Vanette Mower
- Roxie Kirk
- Theresa Rybin
- William Fors
- John McCormack
- Cristel Wiltbank
- Deirdra Arena
- Wendy Komen
- Kim Schock Rosenbach
- Lynn Tachell
- Julie Barnett
- Teresa Seim
- Sheri Ahlheim





# Congratulations to the 2023 Community Transition Program Graduates!

- Austin Spikes
- Cole Schauer
- Grace Wellman

- Ian Nelson
- Justin Alfaro
- Levi Myers

- Micah Hester

The Community Transition Program (CTP) supports young adults as they transition to life after high school in achieving the greatest degree of independence and quality of life.





# RECORD NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN VARSITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

In a remarkable display of dedication and commitment to their communities, a record-breaking number of high school students recently earned their varsity letter in community service. A total of 65 students from all three high schools in the Peninsula School District proudly received this recognition for their outstanding contributions.

This accomplishment highlights the students' individual achievements and showcases the importance of community engagement and its positive impact.

To earn a varsity letter in community service, students must complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service, demonstrating their willingness to go above and beyond in giving back. They must also maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher, balancing academic success with community involvement.

**#InspiredAndEmpoweredPSD**

PSD takes great pride in acknowledging and honoring the exceptional efforts of its high school students who engage in volunteer work. By awarding a varsity letter in community service, the district not only encourages the spirit of giving back but also recognizes the impact these students have on their community.

Some of the organizations and nonprofits students volunteered at include:

- Lifting Hearts with Arts
- FISH Food Bank
- Food Backpacks 4 Kids
- S.A.V.E. Thrift Store
- The YMCA
- PenMet Parks
- Tacoma Rescue Mission
- Race For A Soldier
- Harbor Wild Watch
- And so many more!

**Together, the 65 students dedicated an impressive 8,041 hours of community service throughout the school year.**

## STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A VARSITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Stella Demianiw
- Grace Ludlow
- Grace Mckee
- Skylar Anderson
- Penelope Van Galder
- Aiden Cain
- Violet Rolfes
- Haiden Scaduto
- Zachary Elder
- Hunter Hobbs
- Nicholas Bacon
- Liam Bass
- Amelia Schultz
- Violet Novak
- Adam Massry
- Dylan Shipman
- Ella Bossenbroek
- Alec Krishnadasan
- Hallee Ahrens
- Kaitlyn Mc Allister
- Abby Ray
- Gavin Henrickson
- Magdalene Francis
- Kaitlyn Larson

- Claire Cuthbert
- Lola Hawkins
- Sophia De Simas
- Avery Fowler
- Tyler Dowling
- Cassidy Kauppila
- Kaitlyn Somers
- Isabella Vitorino
- Jacob Standifer
- Bella Gordon
- Krystal Oranja
- Emma Barnes
- Tatiana Zabava
- James Mccourt
- Maddison Gaffaney
- Scarlet Marden
- Reed Vesely
- Sophia Fraser
- Isabella Rosenberger
- Libby Law
- Dominic Columbo
- Tate Kamasz
- Peyton O'brien
- Isabella Puccio

- Emily Bray
- Sarena Thoms
- Grace Holtzclaw
- Urszula Kunaszewska
- Lydia Magnuson
- Jack De Simas
- Luke Jolibois
- Hannah Lee
- Natalie Boden
- Douglas Vesely
- Lilly Dunn
- Veronica Wu
- Prince Charles
- Royal Charles
- Jacob Jarvis
- Sofia Andersen





# Congratulations to the Henderson Bay High School and Global Virtual Academy Class of 2023!

- William Allen
- Camryn Beckman
- Bjork Bisesto
- Jack Boldt
- Cameron Brown
- Ali Camel
- Hayden Canda
- Cierra Clapp
- Autumn Copeland
- Timothy Crocker
- Elijah Crosby
- Cole Drill
- Alexis Easter
- Liam Flynn
- Sierra Garlick
- Katelynn Gillespie

- Annaliese Guarin
- Riddick Hale
- Madelynn Hartley
- Zach Hayward
- Joel Hess
- Draco Hone
- Zane Hoskins
- Sarah Jones
- Dillon Kelley
- Troy Lange
- Quinlan Lehman-Gleim
- James Lester
- Christopher Lindberg
- Rachael Mack-Ward
- Tylor Martin
- Skylie Martin-Higgins

- Abby Mortenson
- Andiemae Murphy
- Gabriel Nieto
- Tyler Pappuleas
- Crystal Parker
- Ally Quinlisk
- Dakota Reed
- Darric Rife
- Hailey Ruckle
- Jack Sanford
- Cody Smith
- Sam Stout
- Grace Wehmeier
- Dylan Yeisley





# Congratulations to the Gig Harbor High School Class of 2023!

- Vitaly Abernethy
- Jackson Akins
- Emma Albrecht
- Robert Allen
- Brady Altman
- Faith Amidon
- Elena Anderson
- Judd Anderson
- Kevin Anderson
- Kellyn Andonian
- Aaron Andrews
- Ethan Angell
- Hunter Ashlock
- William Atwell
- Sawyer Atwill
- Mason Auston
- Natalie Bahl
- Samuel Barber
- Cassian Barker
- Levi Barker
- Nicole Barone
- Jacob Bartlett
- Dylan Batista-Jallo
- Tenley Baxter
- Tobin Baxter
- Ezra Bean
- Ryan Beck
- Nicholas Beckman
- Camilla Beetham
- Miia Bell
- Maddy Bergren
- Maryann Berosh
- Emily Berry
- William Bird
- Leah Bishop
- Allison Blackwell
- Claire Bleistein
- Nori Boeholt
- Jacob Bonham
- Britton Born
- Gavin Boudet
- Chole Bowyer
- Charles Boynton
- Remi Brandt
- Luke Browne
- Samantha Bryant
- Benjamin Buehs
- Jenna Burch
- Victoria Burgess
- Lexi Burkhardt
- Paige Burr
- Hailey Burris
- Mikenzie Butler
- Roman Bystrov
- Chase Callow
- Tyler Campbell
- Samantha Campeau
- Anna Caplinger
- Beau Carbone
- Evan Carlson
- Linnea Carlsson
- Campbell Carpenter
- Gebben Cassell
- Peyton Caviezel
- Peter Cayo
- Britton Cedarland
- Liliana Chew
- Melody Chew
- Roan Church
- Jay Clark
- Tyler Cockayne
- River Cole
- Garrick Cosmos
- Ethan Cozad
- Ozzy Cridlebaugh
- Carson Cunningham
- Max Cutler
- Anna Daetwiler
- Kaleb Dalbec
- Kaya-Keir Darvill
- Gabriel Davis
- Delainey Derouin
- Ella Dier
- Eliana Dietrich
- Brandon Dietz
- Trevor Dixon
- Piper Dolnick
- Pouna Dorogova
- Anna Dubinsky
- Bradly Dupuy
- Aspen Dyea
- Paetyn Edwards
- Gideon Eilers
- Mason Elliott
- Matthew Embick
- Ava Engelland
- Levi Englebright
- Samantha Erlich
- Hayden Estler
- Ryan Farber
- Lukas Faulkner
- Xavier Feasey-Allen
- Kaley Fergus
- Kaitlin Fermstad
- Tristan Filbert
- Jordan Flaherty
- Grace Flynn
- Benjamin Forhan
- Brynn Fortner
- Nicholas Fortney
- Carlie Foster
- Lily Fouquette
- Hailey Fox
- Alexander Francis
- Andrew Francis
- Mikayla Franco
- Erika Frank
- Noah Freeman
- Paul Fritze
- Colton Frohlich
- Micah Galeana
- April Gamble
- Luke Garcia
- Easton Garner
- Tyler Gaskell
- Gabriel Gatch
- Noah Gest
- Owen Ghent
- Eryn Gibbs
- Grace Gilliam
- Elena Giovagnoli
- Lawrence Goodin
- Taylor Gore
- Isabelle Gould
- Charlotte Gray
- Annabella Grayson
- Clare Green
- Carson Griffin
- Brodie Grossman
- Nicholas Grover
- Nathan Gunder
- Samuel Haddon
- Jack Hand
- Olivia Hanson
- Porter Hanson
- Nathan Harlander
- Samuel Harlander
- Joshua Haroldsen
- Kathryn Harper
- Penelopi Harris
- Blake Harshman
- Xavier Hartley
- Kevaughn Harvey
- Mary Harvey
- Allie Heilig
- Samantha Heim
- Sawyer Henderson
- Annie Hendricks
- Sophia Henricksen
- Amelia Henzel
- Blaze Herbert
- Weston Hester
- Eleah Ho
- Triet Hoang
- Kyanne Hodgson
- Faith Hoff
- Sarah Holland
- Ahva Holmes
- Hallie Horrocks
- Samantha Huber
- Ethan Isenberg
- Richard Janzing Jr.
- Jacob Jarvis
- Reece Jennings
- Michael Johansen
- Derek Johnson
- Rune Johnston
- Harvin Jones
- Makena Jones
- Isabel Juan Mateo
- Camryn Kelly
- Conner Kendall
- Berkley King
- Helen Kirk
- Urszula Kunaszewska
- Makayla Labadie
- William Landram
- Ricky Lantano
- Jenifer Lara-Garcia
- Noah Larsen
- Alexa Lavinder
- Jacob Lavinder
- Sergio Linares Herrejon
- Camille Lindfors
- Jasmine Lopez
- Joseph Lopez
- Ian Loughren
- Matthew Ludlow
- Tomi Luther
- Lily Macwilliams
- Kaden Marler
- Isabela Marquez
- Zachary Marseglia
- Natalee Martin-Green
- Shelton Martinez
- Lucas Marvin
- Brendan Masini
- Dallin May
- Hannah McAlindon
- Sean McConaughy
- Madeline McDermott
- Graham McDougall
- Taylor McGhee-Patchell
- Zoe McIntosh
- Alexander McKenny
- Robert McMillian
- Gary Michael
- Carl Middleton
- Brooklyn Milbourn
- Allison Milner
- Clara Miquel
- Cole Mitchell
- Alison Mock
- Grace Moffitt-Friede





- Logan Mommsen
- Jaxon Monroe
- Colin Montgomery
- Colin Morket
- Reese Morket
- Violet Morris
- Samuel Morse
- Izabell Mosley
- Lindsey Muske
- Ryan Nagata
- Nathaniel Nagel
- Gavin Nash
- Emily Negron
- Hailee Neiswender
- Connor Nelson
- Chase Newman
- Aver Ng
- Abigail Nicholson
- Reece O'Neil
- Josiah O'Neill
- Emma Oland
- Matthea Oliver
- Adyson Olson
- Kimberly Ortiz
- Caitlyn Owen
- Sophia Owens
- Colton Oyster
- Zackary Parris
- Christian Parrish

- Hailey Paul
- Olivia Paul
- Sofia Perses Verratti
- Riley Peschek
- Cameron Peterson
- Eli Peterson
- Erin Peterson
- Jenna Pitts
- Hayden Place
- Madyson Pontius
- Chase Pringle
- Karson Probst
- Conner Prothero-Cagle
- Christian Pugmire
- Caitlin Purcell
- Lily Raichle Rosing
- Skyler Rainbolt
- Andrea Raynz
- Tristen Reid
- Wilder Rideout
- Wren Rioux
- Leslie Rivera Henriquez
- Andrew Robbins
- Elle Robertson
- Julia Rockstom
- John Rodenbaugh
- Kylie Roppolo

- Ava Rosenbloom
- Chandler Rothschiller
- Milo Rudy
- Carlos Sanchez
- Jennifer Sanchez Gonzalez
- John Sandmann
- Kira Savage
- Jordan Schell
- Isabella Schindler
- Noelani Schultz
- Aria Schumacher
- Amanda Schupner
- Sydney Scott
- Adeleine Seher
- Anne Seim
- Alexander Brice-Sells
- Chloe Shafner
- George Shaw
- Ryan Shipley
- Geonicy Short Bull
- Kylie Sibley
- Kessler Sikes
- Scott Simonis
- Brandon Skinner
- Madison Smith
- Makennah Smith
- Savannah Smith

- Shamus Smith
- Jack Snyder
- Abigail Sokol
- Lissa Spakes
- Jackson Spikes
- Grace Stanton
- Rylee Steele
- Benjamin Stephens
- Carter Stevens
- Summer Stevens
- William Stewart
- Elliott Strachan
- Jace Strange
- Austin Stredicke
- Ellah Sundell
- Halle Sundell
- Katherine Swanson
- Ellawyn Talley
- Aubrey Templeton
- Liam Templeton
- Alexander Thyne
- Nichole Tian
- Leora Toy
- Alexis Trosclair
- Kieran Turnbaugh
- Leah Ugartechea
- Gavin Urvina
- Jocelyn Vasquez
- Alex Vela

- Douglas Vesely
- Maria Vevik
- Joseph Vincent
- Ryan Vorpahl
- Morgan Voss
- Anthony Voves
- Ava Wagner
- Kameron Wanner
- Ian Westcott
- Sydnee Wheelus
- Evan White
- Lucile White
- Grace Wiersma
- Andrew Williams
- Nicolas Willson
- Jacob Wilsie
- Aidan Winger Stiver
- Kathryn Wood
- Sarah Wormley
- Carissa Worth
- Granville Wright
- Jackson Wright
- Connor Wurts
- Sean Wurts
- Shane Wyatt
- Angela Young
- Saylee Young
- Zachary Zerngast
- Emmerson Zetterberg





# Congratulations to the Peninsula High School Class of 2023!

- Grace Abrigo
- Miguel Agustin Alonzo
- Jonas Aldrich
- Sienna Aldridge
- Indigo Almeida
- Rose Alvare
- Tyler Amundsen
- Sam Babbitt
- Lexi Baldwin
- Caleb Barringer
- Cole Bashaw
- TK Baxter
- Leah Beal
- Olivia Beal
- Madison Beck
- Miya Beggerly
- Nicholas Behil
- Josie Behrens
- Luke Benoit
- Addison Bentley
- Riley Bertholf
- Nathaniel Bibeau
- Victoria Blanco Batiz
- Violette Blanvillain
- Jazzlyn Bleil-Geiselman
- Elija Blonski
- Mabel Bocanegra
- Isabella Bockhorn
- Natalie Boden
- Landin Bottcher
- John Bowen
- Brogan Braaten
- Lukas Brambila
- Liv Bramble
- Cole Brandt
- Addison Brent
- Abigail Brock
- Eliza Brown
- Reece Brown
- Connor Buchanan
- Logan Bugenig
- Emily Bunker
- Olivia Burich
- Thomas Burks
- Thomas Byram
- Bryce Carithers
- Maya Carnathan
- Ashley Carson
- Makenzi Carter
- AJ Casaus
- Sophia Casello
- Emmett Casey
- Sara Chandler
- Tom Chandler
- Austin Christensen
- Nevaeh Christensen
- Skyya Christensen
- Boden Clark
- Ryder Clarke
- Brady Cleave
- Taylor Condon
- Kayla Cook
- David Cooper
- Joselyn Cornelio
- Mason Cox
- Donovan Coxford
- Owen Crema
- Frankie Cross
- Brady Culver
- Zack Cusumano
- Mackenzie Dahl
- Amber Dalby
- Mia Davis
- Lillian Day
- Avery De Maine
- Kaylee Decker
- Grant Delong
- Stella Demianiw
- Logan Denney
- Kiale Deschenes
- Christian Desira
- Max Diaz Rosas
- Daniel Dickson
- Keira Dooley
- Rianne Dooley
- Torvin Dorny
- Kaycee Douglas
- Allyson Drouin
- Justin Duckworth
- Kacey Dupuis
- Heather Dutton
- Olivia Eagle
- Avery Easton
- Taylor Edmondson
- Zach Elder
- Selena Elliott
- Kate Embree
- Anais Escobar
- Glory Estabrook
- Grace Estabrook
- Aidan Eversull-Snively
- Blake Farrington
- Gabriella Feinstein
- Alexander Fendel
- Kaylee Ferreira
- Ethan Fias
- Emily Fordham
- Melissa Foreman
- Jerome Forslin
- Madison Foster
- Chris Hansen
- Grace Hansen
- Aidan Haro
- Logan Hart
- Halle Hastings
- Gabe Haver-Brown
- Joshua Helland
- Evante Heming
- Diana Hernandez
- Kol High
- Lea Hilarski
- Ethan Hill
- Hunter Hobbs
- Hayden Holt
- Kayleigh Hoover
- Gavin Houser
- Madison Ice
- Malea Isom
- Sierra Jackson
- Cole Jarrett
- Natthathida Jebb
- Jonah Jenkins
- Rajan Johal
- Anna Johnson
- Ella Johnson
- Grady Johnson
- Owen Johnson
- Ashlee Jones
- Calli Jordan
- Rylie Kalahiki
- Dominick Kantzer
- Trinity Kelderhouse
- Haley Keppler
- Aiden Kilcup
- Joshua Kim
- Allison Kimball
- Paci Kirkpatrick
- Aidan Klumker
- Payton Knowles
- Breanna Koch
- Brendyn Kolbaba
- Adriana Kreil
- Sidney Kreis
- Cassidy Krisman
- Ella Krusen
- Nathan Kuhnau
- Paris L'esperance
- Joel La Fleur
- Dylan Ladds
- Aealani Lagula
- Cailey Laprath
- Alyssa Laquet
- Brady Laybourn
- Hannah Lee
- Aiden Lester
- Zoe Libner
- Devin Lichau
- Alfredo Linares
- Emma Lindhartsen
- Jillian Lloyd
- Ella Lofdahl
- Deven Loska
- Jonah Lucero
- Talan Maggio
- Riley Martel
- Aidan Martin
- Brady Matheson
- Jania-Jo Matison
- Aidan Maxwell
- Austin Mayger
- Adrian McBee
- Adelyne McCleskey
- Wyatt McCurry
- Jacob McDonough
- Nathan McFarlane
- Jason McGraw
- Ava Mcialwain
- Henry McKee
- Heavianna McMickell
- Dane Meddaugh
- Alejandro Medina Manuel
- Alex Miller
- Mackenzie Miller
- Madison Miller
- Yarrow Miller
- Sierra Miller-Romero
- Mykal Mishko
- Makariy Mishkov
- Alex Moody
- Alec Moore
- Andrew Moore
- Brogyn Morgan
- Mabelle Mortensen





- Brooke Olmstead
- Carson Ormsby
- Breanna Ostrom
- Quinton Overman
- Amelia Oxford
- Ariel Padberg
- Nyla Page
- Brennan Parker
- Logan Parrish
- Lauren Pawson
- Zach Pearson-Carson
- Jack Pena
- James Perkins
- Ben Peterson
- Eden Petroski
- Tyler Phipps
- Dylan Pierce
- Andrew Pohwat
- Violet Portteus
- Payton Prendiville
- Ashton Purser
- Ryan Quillo
- Mariana Quintanilla Martinez
- Charlotte Radcliffe
- Gabriel Radke-Reeves
- Jana Ramones
- Kayla Reballosa

- Zachariah Reeves
- Kaiden Richardson
- Kyler Richardson
- Evelyn Rios
- Madison Robbins
- Asher Roberts
- Molly Rogers
- Ryann Rollins
- Conor Rosenberger
- Emma Rosinski
- Dannikah Rowland
- Leon Ryder
- Ella Sacco
- Natalie Salazar
- Bentley Sanders
- Gabriel Sarno
- Tyler Schaefer
- Tyler Schicker
- Brookelynn Schmelzle
- Jeremiah Schmitt
- Mackenzie Schuller
- Kya Schumacher
- Dorian Shaffer
- Elliot Siddall
- Joaco Sierra
- Megan Silver
- Olivia Simmonds

- Alexandra Sims
- Brayden Smith
- Connor Smith
- Faith Smith
- Isaac Smith
- Laney Sneva
- Isaiah Sniadoski
- Tanner Staben
- Jones Stalker
- Kaylee Stanton
- Campbell Stegeman
- Nicholas Stegeman
- Julia Stein
- Mia Stitt
- Faith Stock
- Samuel Sutherland
- Mia Sykes
- David Takehara
- Joey Talbot
- Andrew Taylor
- Gavin Teale
- Hannah Teasley
- Christopher Terry
- Olivia Thoennes
- Chloe Thomas
- Connor Thompson
- Aiden Thomsen
- Annelicia Timmer

- Sydney Tucker
- Jackson Tull
- Jakob Van Komen
- Julia Van
- Sidney Vanscoyk
- Shayne Vidovic
- Mia Vittori
- Logan Wagner
- Savannah Waring
- Austin Watters
- Makenna Wedel
- Kailey Welch
- Aiden White
- Clara Whitmarsh
- Carter Wilcox
- Ronnie Wiley
- Connor Wilkins
- Emily Williams
- Lacie Williams
- Rhiannon Woods
- Christina Wren
- Veronica Wu
- Nick Yefimov
- Foster Young
- Brooke Zimmermann
- Korey Ziss





# PHS, GHHS, AND HBHS STUDENTS EARN THEIR SEAL OF BILITERACY AWARD

The Seal of Biliteracy is a special award given to students who show a proficiency in English and at least one other language before their high school graduation. This year, over 40 students at Peninsula High School, Gig Harbor High School and Henderson Bay High School earned their certificates and seals. Students can wear their medallions at graduation.

Being able to speak more than one language is a valuable skill that can open up opportunities for students throughout their adult life. Each PSD student

who earns the award must take a proficiency test, where they are ranked in the state and nationally.

This year's class of Seal of Biliteracy recipients is one of the larger classes in PSD's recent history. Here is a list of the recipients from each school.

## Gig Harbor High School

- Matthew Blake
- Roman Bystrov\*
- Atzel Chavez Avelar
- Polina Dorogova\*
- Magdalene Francis
- Elena Giovagnoli
- Shimokawa Haramy
- Triet Hoang\*

- Urszula Kunaszewska\*
- Jenifer Lara-Garcia\*
- Sergio Linares\*
- Peter Mitin
- Tenshi Paler
- Sofia Peres\*
- Leslie Rivera Henriquez\*
- Anjolian Schlacks
- Jennifer Sanchez\*

## Peninsula High School

- Victoria Blanco Batiz\*
- Thomas Byram\*
- Alexander Delatorre
- Samantha Dietrich
- Phillip Dorokhov
- Isabel Figueroa-Riedl
- Diana Hernandez\*
- Nattathida Jebb\*
- Constanza Johnson
- Paula Johnson

- Louise Loisel
- Jhoanna Lopez
- Alejandro Medina\*
- Neekon Mishkov\*
- Febb Natthathida
- Kayla Reballosa\*
- Mike Shylovskiy
- Laney Sveva
- Stephanie Rodriguez
- Perla Torres-Alcantar
- Fiorella Vivani Laiz
- Veronica Wu
- Axel Zapata

## Henderson Bay High School

- Ali Camel\*

*\*Student earned the National and Washington Seal of Biliteracy*





## PSD LEADERS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING PASS PURPLE STAR BILL

Governor Jay Inslee signed House Bill 1346 into law on May 15, creating the Purple Star Designation to recognize military-friendly school districts in our state that show a commitment to military students and families.

Superintendent Krestin Bahr and Board President Natalie Wimberley were instrumental in supporting the bill after similar legislation failed. Bahr and Wimberley attended the signing in Olympia with Gig Harbor High School senior Brendan Masini.

The Purple Star Schools program supports children as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station. According to the Military Child Education Coalition, "Military children move every two to three years. The Purple Star Schools program is designed to help schools respond to the educational and social-emotional challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track."

Bahr and Wimberley gathered superintendents and board directors

from around the state to develop the current bill. They partnered with Tammie Perreault, Department of Defense Regional State Liaison. Perreault secured Senator T'wina Nobles as the companion Senate bill's sponsor. Bahr identified the Washington Association of School Administrators as the agency the state will partner with for the administration of the designation.

Together with Masini, Bahr and Wimberley testified in support of the bill in front of the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee and House Education Committee in Olympia, with local State Senator Emily Randall and State Representatives Spencer Hutchins and Michelle Caldier.

As a child, Masini moved four times, and his father was also deployed four times. Masini was always facing change and said he was often the "new kid."

"I am a military child," Masini said. "That means moving every few years and constantly fighting change. Whether those changes were new schools, new people, new surroundings, or watching my dad leave on deployments and

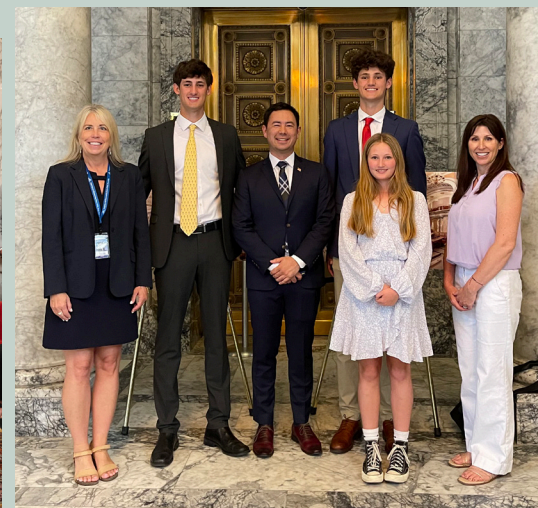
missing important parts of my life, change rocked my world, change shaped me, and change throughout my childhood left me vulnerable even as I sought stability."

He hopes the Purple Star Bill will spread awareness to help educators and students welcome military students. All the little things that can help military students in schools will add up to create a big change in the lives of those who need it the most, Masini added.

Wimberley is married to a retired Air Force pilot, so when her three boys were younger, their family moved frequently within the United States and beyond. Her oldest son attended five different elementary schools in six years.

"I learned very early just how disruptive the frequent moves are to children and it was incredibly frustrating to have to start over with the advocacy for my children at each school," Wimberley said.

The Purple Star Designation provides a framework for school districts to ensure staff are properly trained and provide additional support to military families,







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