

generation we have good careers right here in Grant County. It's a good job. It's a county job." Winegar adds, "I think every business should take advantage of the program. It benefits the students, the school, and the businesses."

As a special education teacher, Andrea Combs uses the work study program to connect her students with valuable work skills and life experience. Two students are currently working every school day, one at the Humbolt Childcare Center and another at Pioneer Feed Farm and Country Store. Ari Montwheeler works three days a week at the John Day Senior Center. Montwheeler and classmate Rayne Thomas are also gaining paid work experience in the Grant Union Jr/Sr High School cafeteria, washing trays and dishes after

the lunch crowd. "One of the really neat things that has come up this year is navigating the hiring paperwork, how to handle paychecks, and simply how everything works," Combs said. "A school job can be a really good introduction to the workforce, where they can be supported in filling out paperwork and understanding the details that go into a job."

Whether students choose to round out their time with online college classes, a Teaching Assistant position, or to leave campus for work experience, they are all using the flexibility in their schedules to create their own education and prepare themselves for future success. For additional information on any student scheduling questions, please contact Grant Union's Career Coordinator, Tonia Seebart.



Left: Ari Montwheeler at the John Day Senior Center, Center: Tate Waddel at Pioneer Feed, Right: Ari Montwheeler and Rayne Thomas in the Grant Union Jr/Sr High School cafeteria.

Students Thank Local Businesses

Students at Grant Union Jr/Sr High School have been searching for ways to express their gratefulness to local businesses and community partners. The students recently delivered mugs and handwritten thank you notes to many local businesses, and they recorded a video communicating their appreciation for the sponsorship of athletic events and clubs, job shadow and internship opportunities, and all of the other amazing ways the community continues to support the students of Grant School District 3.

"Continued support from our community allows us to have a wide range of opportunities," said sophomore Morgan Cole. "Our community is more than just a place on a map, it's a group of people who believe in our students, invest in their futures, and remind them everyday that they are valued."

This video can be found on the Grant Union Facebook page, at the Grant Union website at <https://guhs.grantschooldistrict.org/the-mining-report>, or by following the QR code.

