

# WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

## 121st

# Commencement

## *Class of 2025*



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**99 Total Days**

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1907



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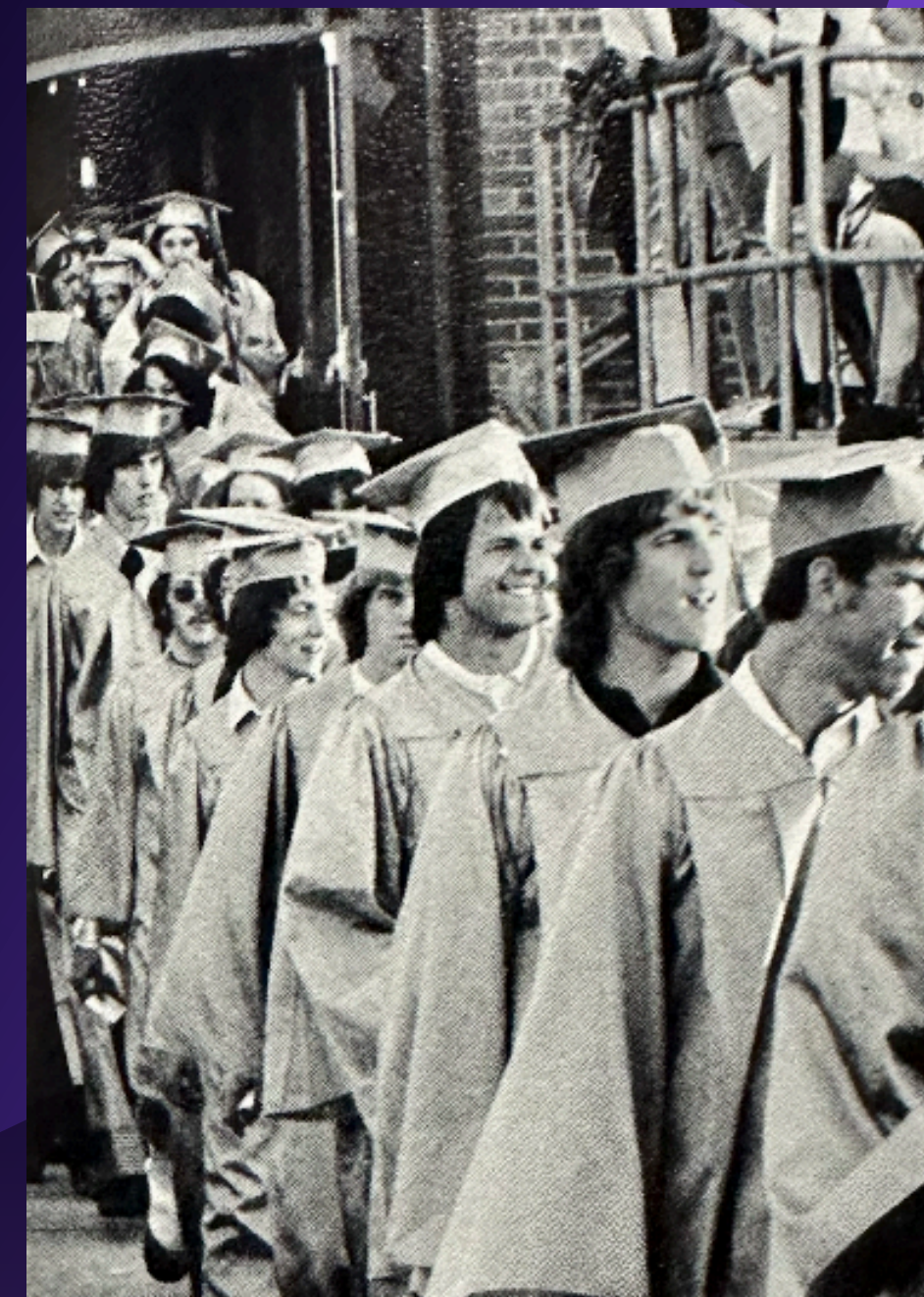
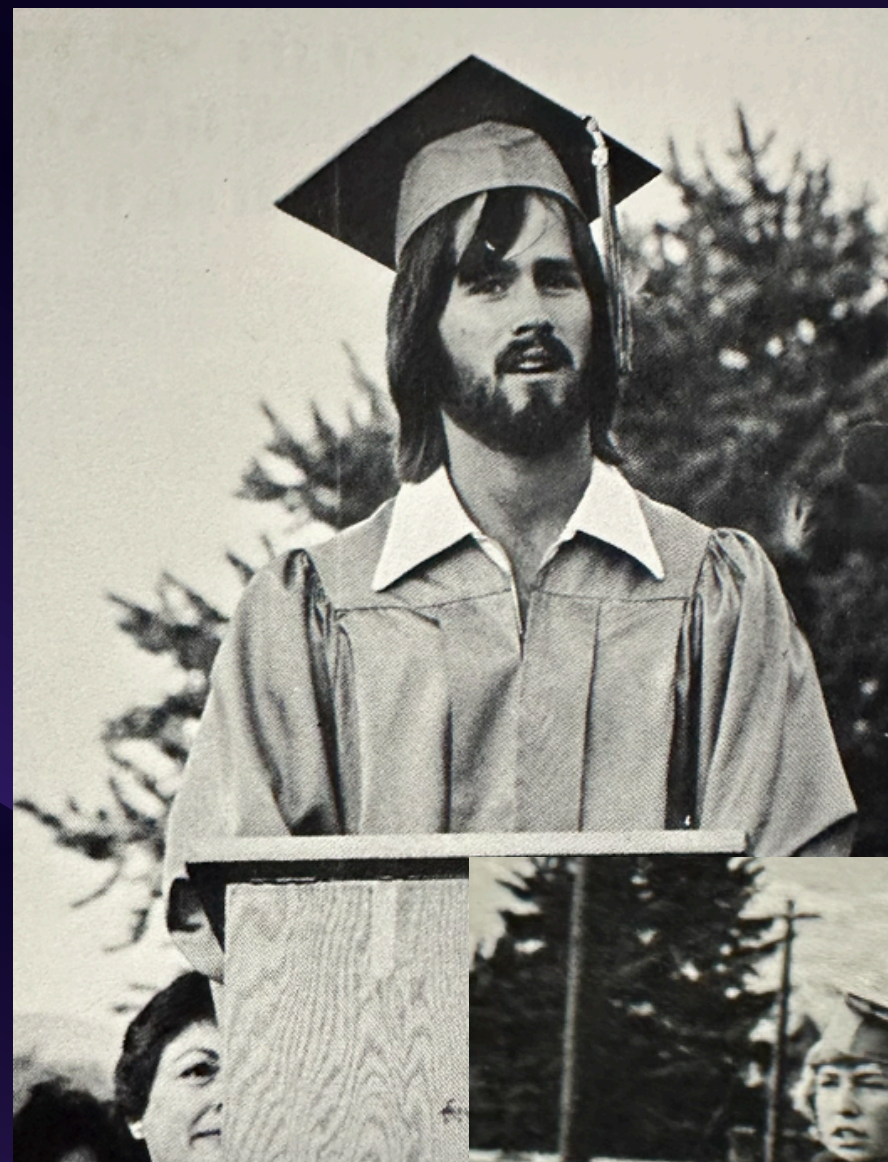
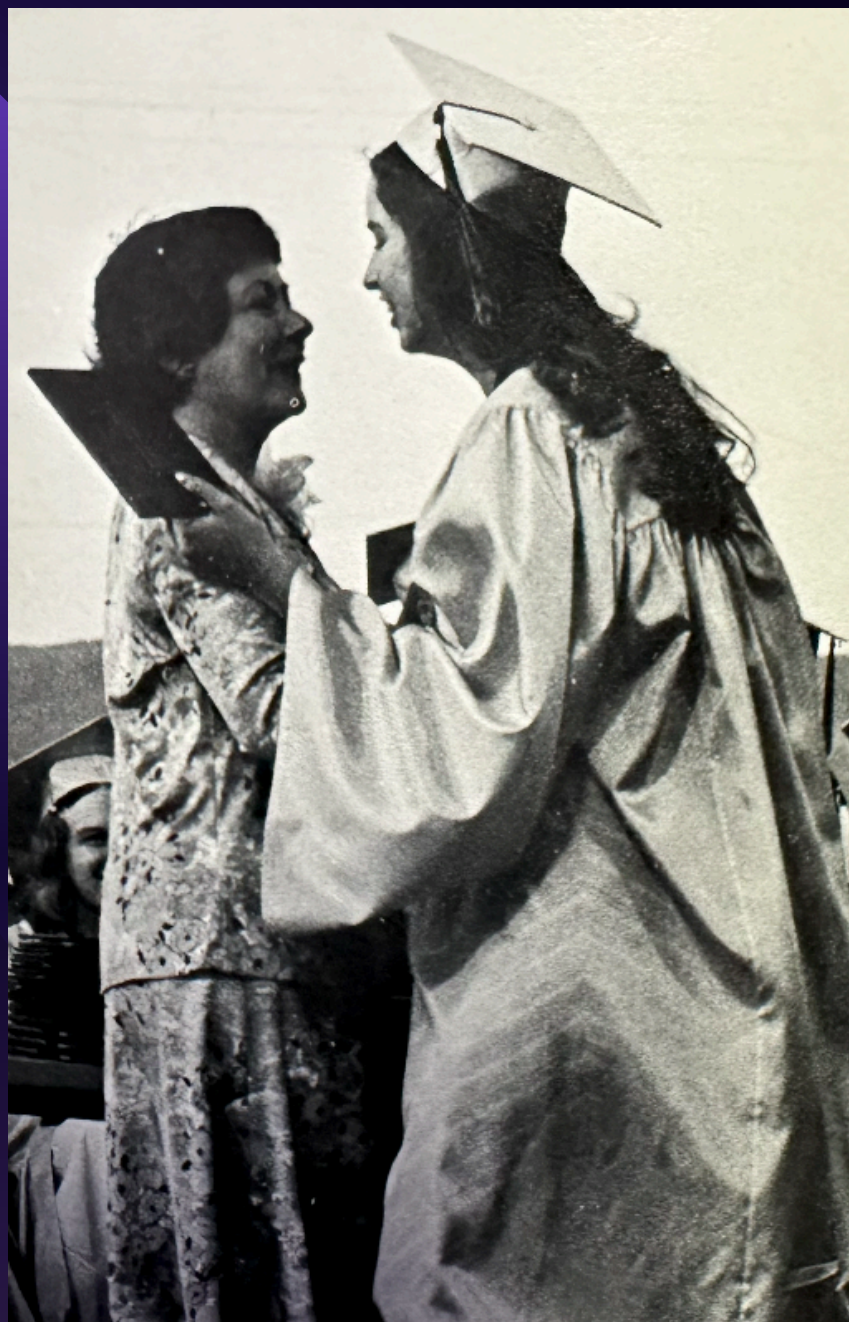
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2007

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2008



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2016



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2014



2017



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2016

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# TRADITION

2019



2019



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2023



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# REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION



**ALL FINES/FEEES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY**

*Currently there are thousands of dollars in outstanding fines for Senior class alone*

**If you do not clear all fines by 4pm Friday May 30, 2025  
you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.**

**You must check with ASB Office to pay these fines/fees  
or to set up a payment plan. *This is your responsibility.***

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# CREDIT RETRIEVAL DEADLINE



All students **CURRENTLY** taking credit retrieval  
must have their courses completed by  
Wednesday April 30, 2025 - 4PM

If you are unable to meet the deadline, you can still earn your diploma by  
completing credits until the end of the school year.

**However, you will not be able to participate in the ceremony.**

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# NO NEW CREDIT RETRIEVAL WILL BE OFFERED FOR 2ND SEMESTER CLASS FAILURES



**Students failing a graduation requirement  
during 2nd semester will not be able to  
enter credit retrieval to complete.**

**If you are unable to pass your graduation requirements, you can still earn your diploma by completing credits after the end of the school year.**

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# HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN

***Due by 4PM Wednesday April 30, 2025***



Complete and provide your **Resumé**  
to your Class of 2025 Counselor

WHS Class of 2025 Students: Mrs. Jennifer Anaya

Running Start Students: Mrs. Samantha Holton



If you are unable to meet the deadline, you can still earn your diploma  
by completing classwork/credits June 9 - 13, 2025 .

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# GRADE/CREDIT DEADLINE



***For all of the Class of 2025***



All of your classwork must be graded AND entered into Skyward by Thursday June 5, 2025 - 4PM

If you are unable to meet the deadline, you can still earn your diploma by completing classwork/credits June 9 - 13, 2025 .

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# GRADUATION ORDERS



HELLO, PANTHERS!

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Change School

[www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

Type in

Wenatchee High School



*It is not too late  
to order.*

*Please do so as  
soon as possible  
so you can be  
assured a Cap &  
Gown in time for  
the Graduation  
Ceremony*

DELIVERY & DISTRIBUTION  
TUESDAY MARCH 18  
LUNCH  
WHS MAIN ENTRANCE

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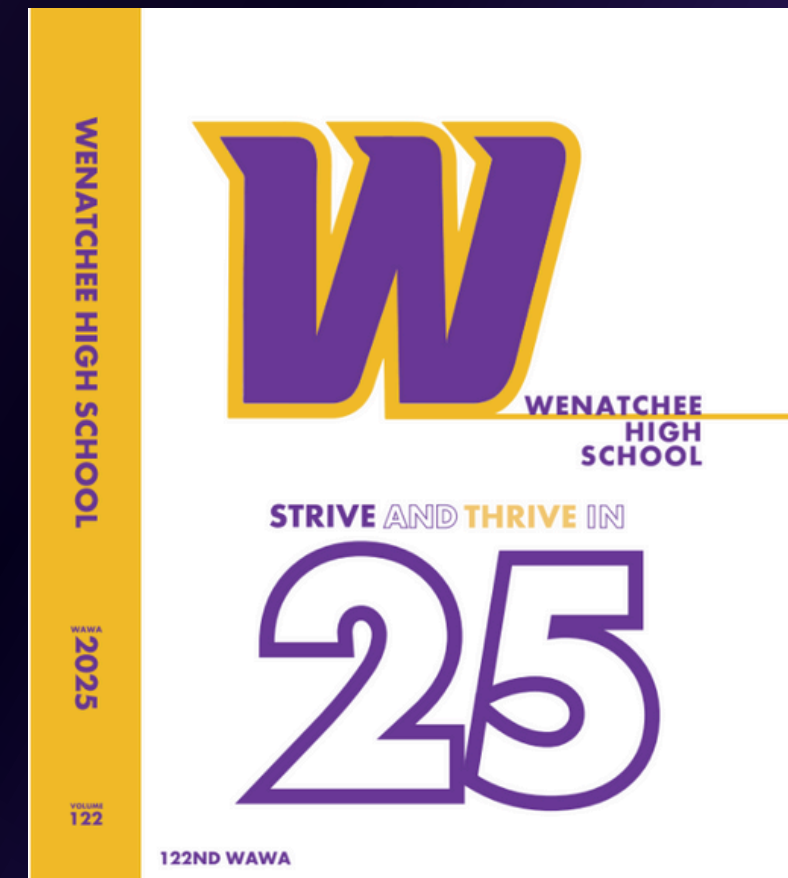
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# WHS 2025 WAWA YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY  
LAST FEW DAYS OF MAY 2025

SENIOR PORTRAITS WERE  
DUE DECEMBER 31, 2024



A LIMITED NUMBER WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN ASB. **\$65**

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# ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL VISITS

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED:  
THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2025 - 10AM - 12PM



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## AGENDA FOR THE DAY:

**8:30-9:30** TURN IN FINALS, PAY FINES, HANDLE YOUR FINAL BUSINESS!

**9:30-11:30** VISIT ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**11:30** LAST LUNCH @ WHS!

**12:00** GET ON THE BUS FOR SLIDEWATERS

**1:00-6:00 PARTY @ SLIDEWATERS!**

- GO ON THE SLIDES
- HANG OUT IN THE LAZY RIVER
- PLAY YARD GAMES AND LOUNGE WITH FRIENDS IN THE SHADE
- DANCE TO THE DJ
- ENJOY THE FOOD TRUCKS



**Tickets**  
**\$40**

**SENIOR  
PARTY**

@ SLIDEWATERS



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# SENIOR CLASS PARTY – SLIDEWATERS

**PURCHASE  
YOUR  
TICKETS!**

- THIS LINK WILL ALLOW YOU TO PURCHASE VIA VENMO OR PAYPAL
- YOU MAY PAY WITH CASH OR CHECK (CHECKS MADE TO WHS SENIOR PARENT PARTY GROUP) IN THE MAIN OFFICE. MUST BE IN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT!
- PARTIAL PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

**THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2025  
DEPART WHS BY BUS ABOUT 12PM**







**GRADUATION DAY – JUNE 6, 2025**

**ARRIVE AT WHS AROUND- 8AM**

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# GRADUATION DAY – JUNE 6, 2025

## 8:40AM - "VICTORY LAP" TO GYM FOR CLASS PICTURE



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# GRADUATION DAY – JUNE 6, 2025

9:15AM - 9:40 "REQUIRED CHECK IN"  
CLASS MEETING - WHS AUDITORIUM



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# GRADUATION REHEARSAL

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**This is Wenatchee School District Board Policy.**  
**If you have a legitimate conflict,**  
**please communicate with Mr. Anderson (Example: Running Start)**

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WE DO A FULL RUN THROUGH  
(NO SPEECHES OR MUSIC)  
WE WILL BE DONE BY NOON



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# GRADUATION REHEARSAL

## "WHO DO I GET TO SIT WITH?"

**WE CAN ONLY GUARANTEE YOU CAN PICK WHO YOU WALK WITH.**



**We reserve a few seats in the first row for students that need to have assistance.**



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# GRADUATION CEREMONY

GRADUATES WILL BEGIN CHECK IN AT  
PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM STARTING AT 6PM



YOU WILL RECEIVE THE CARD AT CHECK IN THAT OUR  
READERS WILL USE TO ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME

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# GRADUATION CEREMONY

AFTER CHECK IN, ENJOY YOUR TIME WITH YOUR FELLOW GRADUATES. TAKE PHOTOS, CELEBRATE!



HOLD ON TO YOUR CARD! YOU CANNOT HAVE YOUR NAME READ WITHOUT IT.

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# GRADUATION CEREMONY



***Apple Bowl Seating – No Tickets Required***

***Rain or Shine***

**YOU WILL LINE UP IN THE GYM STARTING ABOUT 7:35  
WALK TO THE APPLE BOWL - 8PM START**

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# GRADUATION CEREMONY

DECORATED CAPS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED  
DURING CEREMONY.



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SCHOOL APPROPRIATE  
CLOTHING MUST BE WORN  
UNDER YOUR GOWN



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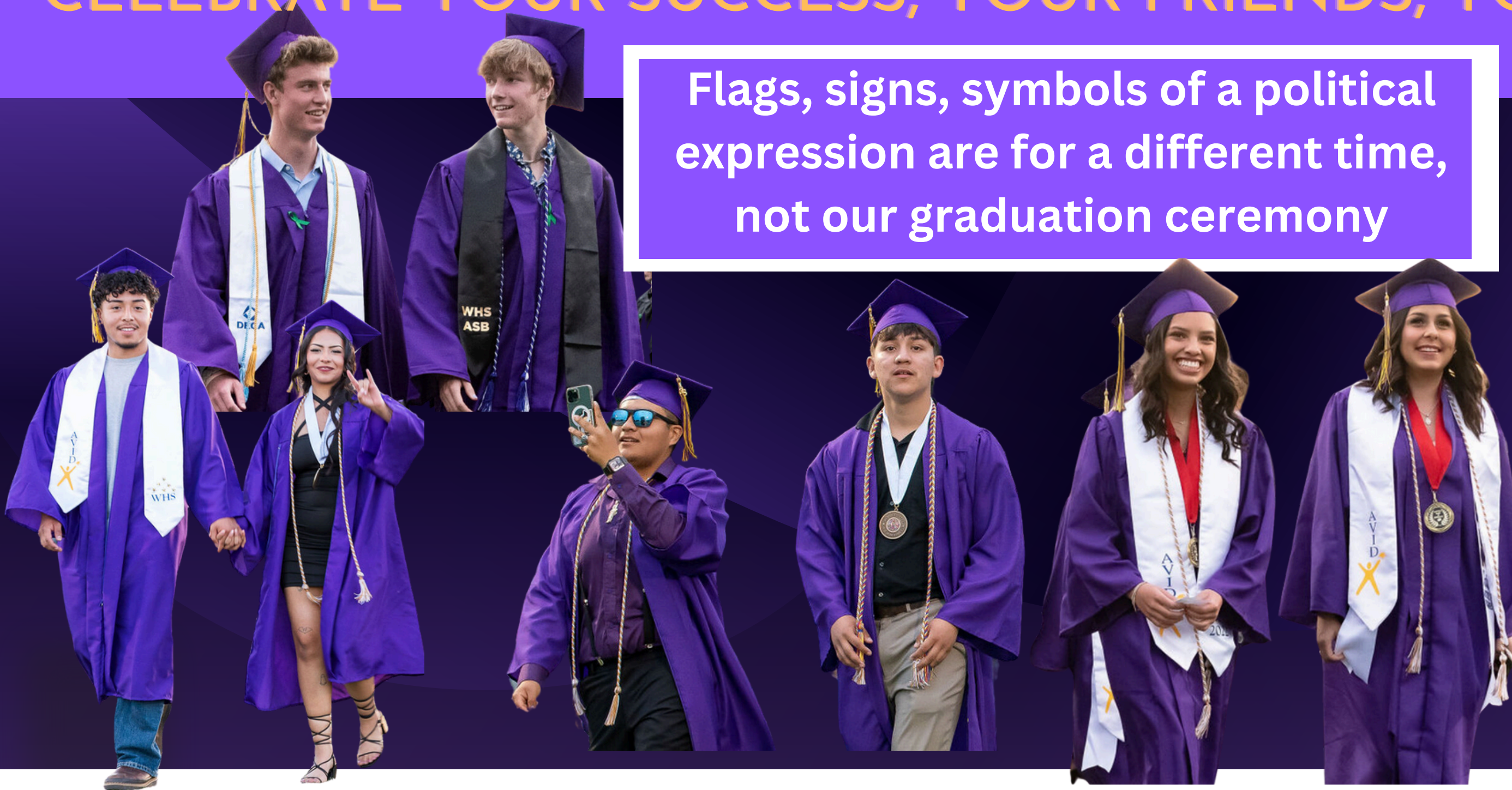
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# GRADUATION CEREMONY

CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR CLASSMATES

Flags, signs, symbols of a political expression are for a different time, not our graduation ceremony



Some of the items not approved, set aside at check-in for pick-up after ceremony

Culturally relevant leis/stoles must be approved by Mr. Anderson to later than 4PM June 5, 2025

**Only school issued chords, stoles, medals may be worn. To be confirmed at grad check-in.**

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# GRADUATION CLASS SPEAKERS

NOMINATE TWO STUDENTS FROM THE ONLINE BALLOT.  
YOU WILL RECEIVE A FINAL BALLOT IN MARCH. CHECK EMAIL



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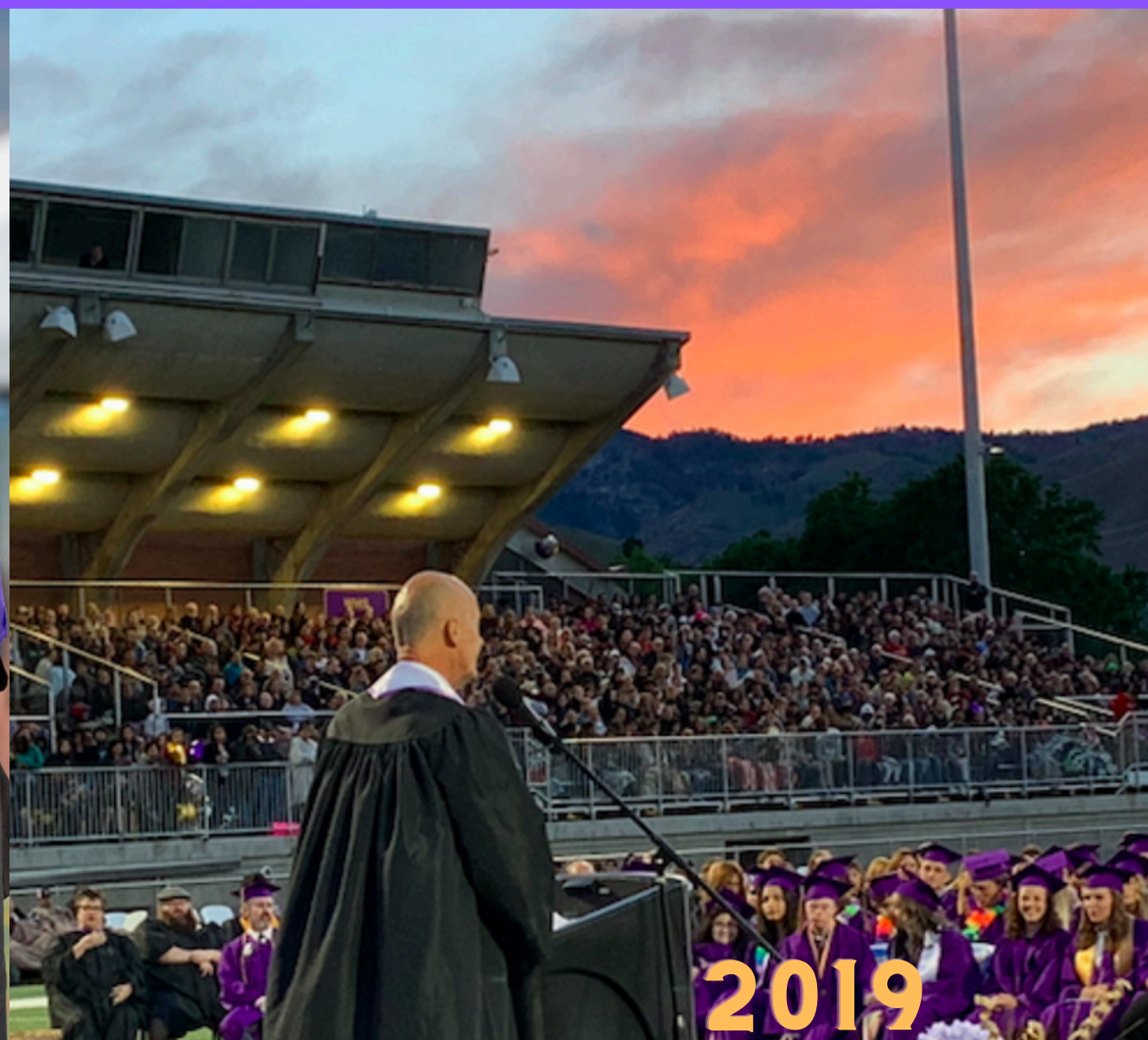


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# GRADUATION FACULTY SPEAKER

THE CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR SENATE HAS NOMINATED FIVE WHS STAFF MEMBERS. VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE IN THE ONLINE FORM.



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**MRS.  
JENNIFER  
ANAYA**

Class of 2025  
WHS Counselor



**MRS.  
MOLLY  
BUTLER**

WHS  
Assistant Principal



**MR.  
TANNER  
DOTZAUER**

WHS AVID & Social  
Studies Teacher



**MR.  
ARMANDO  
ESTRADA**

WHS Family & Consumer  
Science Teacher



**MR.  
BOB  
SANFORD**

WHS Social  
Worker

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# SENIOR PROFILES

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JORDAN GONZALEZ, STAFF REPORTER

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## ANDY JOHNSON

Senior Class President and musician plans to major in broadcast

RENO FRANKLIN  
STAFF REPORTER

The sounds of the drums roar across the gym; a crescendo of music can be heard for miles. Now behold a luscious green golf course, where the swing of a golf club sends a ball rolling to achieve a hole-in-one. Senior class president Andy Johnson can be described with a few words: section leader for the drum line and a team captain for golf. Holding an avid passion for both golfing and drumming, he has spent the last four years of high school playing on the drum line and roaming golf courses.

"Seeing his passion in band and ever since sixth grade he was like, 'I'm going to be center snare one day at the high school,' and just seeing that determination up until last year when he was center snare and he is this year too," friend and senior Josey Meats said.

Staying home by himself when he was younger was not an option, instead he had the opportunity to attend all of

his older sister's band functions. From watching the drumline, it piqued his interest and from there he began playing drums.

"I started playing drums when I was in sixth grade in the band and ever since then I loved it," Johnson said.

He had never touched a golf club before his freshman year. Johnson's mother, Susan, wanted him to be more involved, so he attended a golf meeting. After the meeting his mother made him attend lessons a month before tryouts. He moved on to tryouts, although he was cut his freshman year. He then practiced and made it his sophomore year and now has achieved being the golf team captain.

"I was like, 'Mom, I can't do this. I don't know what's going on. I've never touched a golf club.' I kinda threw a little temper tantrum. I was freaking out 'cause I was so afraid I was going to go out and embarrass myself, but my mom made me do it. So she got me a couple of

lessons like a month before tryouts, and I was hooked from then on the moment I had my first lesson," Johnson said.

"My mom pushes me to do everything. I would be a lazy bum on the couch if it wasn't for my mom... It just goes to show you always listen to your mom; she's always right."

Next year he will be going to Washington State University and is planning on majoring in broadcast, where he is interested in becoming a producer for television shows.

"Conan O'Brien, people like that, are my idols. I love people like that. Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel, David Letterman. I really like Craig Ferguson," Johnson said.

But when it comes to all of Johnson's success and accomplishments he said his source is closer to home.

"I've got to credit a lot of my success to my mom, my success so far," Johnson said.



"I started playing drums when I was in the sixth grade in the band, and ever since then I have loved it."

-Andy Johnson, 12

## JOSUE GONZALEZ

MECHA member inspired by older brother to succeed in school

JORDAN GONZALEZ  
STAFF REPORTER

The cafeteria. The place where long lines are formed, where snacks are purchased, and friends gather at their rightful tables. As everyone piles in, no one suspects anything. Suddenly, there is a loud pounding sound. It grows louder, louder, and louder, and the beat gets faster. Everyone starts to catch on to what is about to happen. And then it begins. A food fight erupts, and there is no escaping. Milk, pizza, and cookies fly all around. For some people, the discord is terrifying. For senior Josue Gonzalez, a food fight that he had experienced his freshman year — which resulted in one of his friends getting plastered with cheese — stuck with him and remains his favorite memory from his time attending Wenatchee High School.

"Value friendship," Gonzalez said. "They are the ones who are going to help you succeed in life."

Gonzalez and his close friend senior Luis Rodriguez met their freshman year.

"He [Gonzalez] cares a lot about school," Rodriguez said. "He might not

be loud at first, but once you get to know him and he starts to open up, he's pretty outgoing."

As he moves on from WHS, Gonzalez will attend Wenatchee Valley College this fall. When thinking about a career, Gonzalez has two options in mind. He is pondering the idea of becoming an engineer or an astronomer.

"Ever since I was a kid, I liked looking at the stars," Gonzalez said. "I like the universe. I want to know what is out there."

Along with his plans to attend college and decide on a career, he has another goal in mind after he accomplishes those, and it may just be his biggest one. He wants to get married, even though he jokingly said he currently does not have anyone in mind.

In his junior year of high school, Gonzalez joined the Mecha Club.

"Last year, we went to Seattle," Gonzalez said. "It was a fun thing. Fifteen of us went and we all talked like friends, we had fun, and we ate. We went to Pike Place Market."

Gonzalez said that his favorite thing that he got to experience while on the

club's trip was the gum wall.

Throughout high school, Gonzalez's favorite subject has been science. Although he did not have a science class this fall, he considers it his favorite subject. This year, he received a 3.5 GPA. His message for the underclassmen would be to "keep working hard, so in the long run colleges are going to want you."

During his free time, he likes to go out and play basketball with his older brother Omar, who attends WVC. Gonzalez also considers his brother to be his biggest supporter in his life as well.

"When he [his brother] was in middle school, he did a lot of bad things," Gonzalez said. "He taught me not to do bad things. He told me he didn't want me to do that stuff. He told me he wanted me to do better things than him in high school."

Gonzalez is also big on motivation. It is something he cares passionately about and it keeps him going.

"I feel like if I fail, I'll go down the wrong path and it's not going to work out for me so I think about that."



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-Josue Gonzalez, 12

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MOSES LURBUR, PEOPLE EDITOR

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## NICOLE RIMES

Science-minded senior to pursue passion at Western University

By EDUARDO RAMOS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As you walk down the bland hallways of Wenatchee High School, surveying the terrain full of insecure students and hearing the voices deep inside of you scream conformity, you spot a unique character. She may be skipping around. She may be aggressively waving down a friend. She may be humbly showing off her radiant smile. She may be senior Nicole Rimes.

One thing's certain: "It's only awkward if you make it awkward," Rimes said.

Rimes is a rare high schooler who has mastered the skill of being comfortable with herself. Comfort and comedy are just two of her strong suits.

"I think I've always been lucky to be willing to meet new people. I also like being on my own. That's how I recharge," Rimes said. "I used to be a little more reserved, but when I found that I could make people laugh, that's what I did. My

surroundings. There is no reason someone should feel insecure," Rimes said. "I don't need to be like anyone else. Even like my twin sister [Marnie Rimes]. Part of what makes me comfortable is having someone, like my sister, who is going through the same thing."

But even the strongest of walls may be broken. Not everything has been fun and games for this senior. At the turn of the semester Rimes faced severe depression; something she will deal with the rest of her life.

"High school has been pretty great overall. But there have been some obstacles," Rimes said with a pause. "I was diagnosed with anxiety last spring. And I was diagnosed with clinical depression a little before second semester. I had been feeling down for a while and I had a suicide scare. That is when I thought 'I need to go to the doctor.'"

She takes a scientific point of view.

movement. This is a topic that instigates a fiery passion inside her, but she has chosen to take a different route than the militant feminists.

"A lot of people see feminism as a ticking time bomb and outspoken women, but true feminism is simply wanting to be equal," Rimes said. "Feminism is misunderstood. It has become a bad word in our society because of more radical women."

Next year, Rimes will take her uniqueness, feminism, and humor with her as she prepares to attend Western Washington University, and follow her other passion: biology.

"Science was always underlying. Once I got to AP Biology, I just knew I had to do it. Mrs. [Joyce] Block definitely influenced me with her attitude. It's hard to not like science when your teacher is jumping out of her skin for it."

Rimes has also found truth in a poem



"I am just a really comfortable person. Other people are really

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## AMBER JELLISON

Loss of grandmother inspires athlete to pursue a nursing career

By DANIEL ARNOLD  
STAFF REPORTER

She started her day thinking nothing could stop her; she was sure that she could get through that last day of finals, but she didn't take into consideration that school wasn't her top priority... family was, and still is. During one of her most crucial finals, Wenatchee High School senior Amber Jellison got a call that would ruin her day, but shape her entire path to success.

After learning her grandmother had suffered from a stroke, Jellison gladly left her test incomplete to go comfort and support one of her best friends, in turn failing the class. She showed up to the hospital learning that her grandmother was going to be okay, but the stroke would lead to complications.

Only the inspired and motivated can turn traumas into nirvanas. Although the incident dampened her day and still makes everyday life harder for her, Jellison used her love and care for her grandmother to now pursue a goal she

had never previously thought about: becoming a nurse.

"Definitely one of the worst days of my life, but it really inspired me to help people just like her, now knowing how awful something like that can be," Jellison said.

She plans on attending Wenatchee Valley College to study nursing next fall. Jellison hadn't exactly had an easy life even before that life-changing event. In seventh grade, she moved to Wenatchee from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, though her father had to stay back to keep working as a longshoreman mechanic. Jellison had to go two and a half years without another one of her best friends, at the worst time: moving to a new school.

"Definitely one of the hardest times of my life," said Jellison.

Although ultimately surviving the time, she suffered sports-related knee injuries that would disable her from playing two of the sports she loves, basketball and volleyball. Yet still, her spirits weren't flattened. She settled with playing her third sport, softball, even more often.

She is now on the WHS varsity softball team, and her teammates and coaches have nothing but great things to say about her.

"Great player; great leader; great kid. She's everything you want in a player," coach and leadership teacher Brent Grothe said.

"She cares about the team more than anyone I know. I'm glad we have her with us," senior Carley Gangle said.

Her true characteristics were shown in those horrific and unfortunate hours. Her ability to keep playing the sport she loves even after terrifying injuries shows her passion, and her ability to still keep a smile on her face shows her strength. The ordinary 18 year old, after going through everything Jellison has, would end up broken, secluded, and emotionless, but she still appears to be an inspiration and light to other's lives.

"I'm gonna miss her, but she's going to go on to do amazing things," said Grothe



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-Carley Gangle, 12

## MIRSA CASSIANO

Family-oriented senior looks forward to future mission trip

By KIANA WILSON  
OPINION EDITOR

In her 17 years of life, senior Mirsa Cassiano has lived in four different states. She has moved to so many towns, she has lost track of them all. Born in California, life has taken her from Illinois to many cities in Florida until ending her travels here in Wenatchee to begin fourth grade at Lewis & Clark Elementary School.

"You always want your friend that you can tell your secrets to. You watch movies and read books where this girl has her best friend in the whole wide world, and they've been friends since kindergarten. But I can't have a friend from kindergarten because I forgot where I went to kindergarten," Cassiano said.

In place of the Hollywood movie Cassiano missed out on, she instead has the unwavering support of her family; having to leave every other friend behind when she moved, her father, mother, and brother continued to be there for her, forming a bond so sacred her family chose to make it official in the eyes of her church.

For Cassiano, her cherished memories are those with her family: runs with her father, family movie nights, yard work, and family vacations. Half-Guatemalan and half-Belizean, Cassiano's extended family has spread out across North

and giving them reason to move between Illinois, where her dad's side of the family lives, and Florida, where her mom's side of the family lives. But in no way has Cassiano been deprived of her right to a best friend.

"I usually refer to Daniel [Cassiano] as my best friend because he's my brother. That kid's perfect. I don't know if you've noticed. It's kind of annoying but at the same time, I think I'm so blessed to have him as my brother. He's kind of my balance, I guess you could say. I'm all over the spectrum of emotions, but he's always his calm self. And he really calms me down, he really brings me back to planet Earth," Cassiano said.

In Christianity, families plan to one day reunite with their family members after death in heaven. On the other hand, within the religion of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, families can choose to undergo the ordinance of sealing children to parents for all of eternity within Mormon temples.

"[It was] to be able to know that we'll be together forever," Cassiano said. "There's some people that don't believe that, and I think that once you're dead, that's it. You don't get to see them again. But if anything were to happen, I know I'll see them again, and that to me is really comforting."

On the marble steps of the Mormon temple, Cassiano and her family emerged from the sacred ceremony just as the sun began to set.

"When we came out of the temple, we were kind of crying. It was a really moving experience for us. We were hugging one another, and it was beautiful outside. There was such peace inside me. I felt like it was the most beautiful sunset ever. Seeing my smiling family and seeing how beautiful everything was around us. Just the knowledge that we were going to be together was amazing," Cassiano said.

For her future, Cassiano looks forward to going on a year and a half long mission trip after finishing her studies at Wenatchee Valley College. After her return, Cassiano hopes to attend a four year university and pursue a career as a veterinarian, possibly becoming an avian specialist. And always, Cassiano moves forward with the knowledge that behind her is the love and support of her family for all eternity.

"Staying here for so many years now, I've been able to create friendships and relationships with people," Cassiano said. "I'm never going to have a friend from kindergarten. I've accepted that. But what makes up for it is knowing I have people that care for me."



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-Mirsa Cassiano, 12

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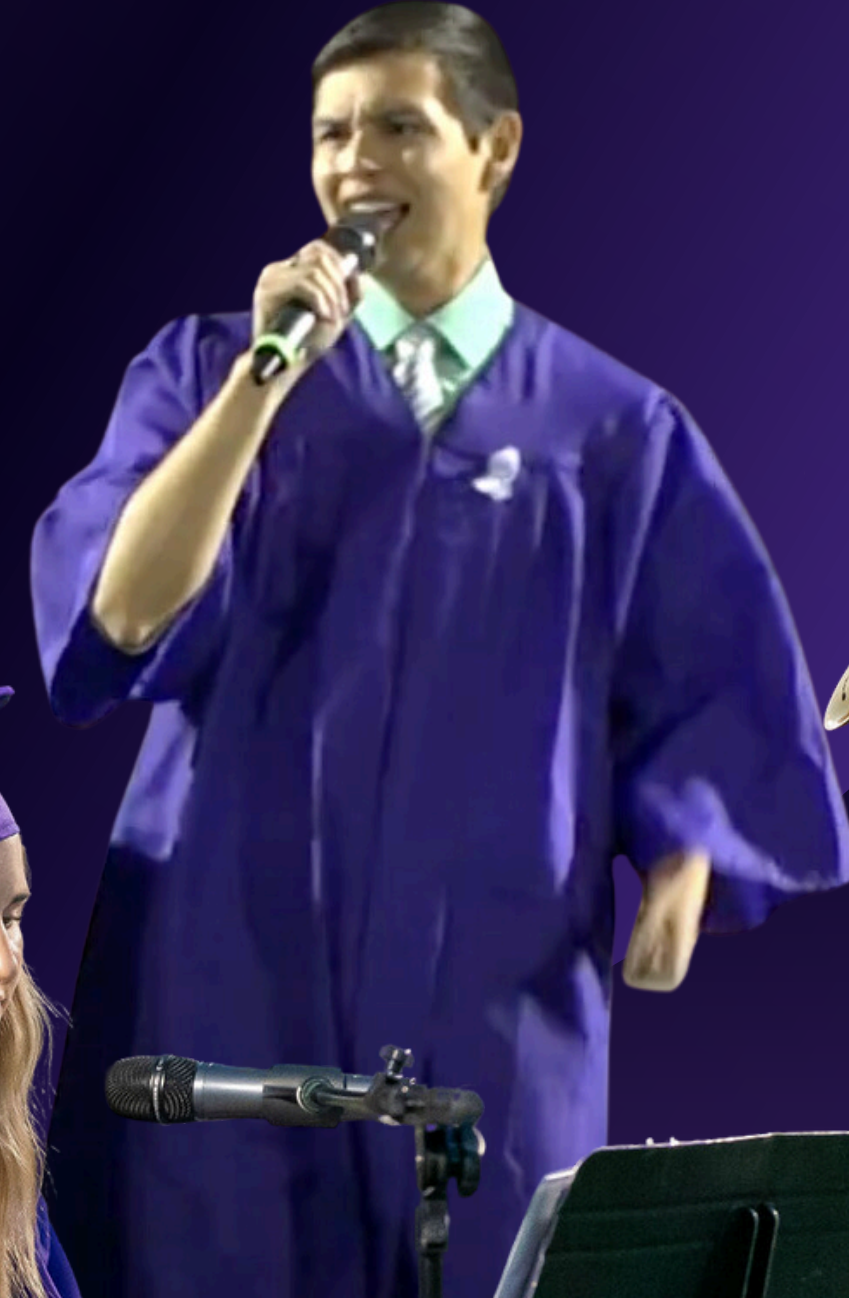


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# GRADUATION MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

AUDITIONS: WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2025  
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EMAIL OR SPEAK TO MR. HARLE IF YOU  
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# WHS SENIOR CLASS OF 2025 JUNE SCHEDULE

## Monday

June 2

Regular Late  
Start Monday

Periods  
1 - 6

## Tuesday

June 3

Periods  
1 - 6

## Wednesday

June 4

Regular  
Periods  
1 - 6

**Final Classes:**  
**Periods 2 - 6**

## Thursday

June 5

**Period: 1**  
**8:40 - 9:36AM**

**Final Exam**  
**Period 1**

**8:40 - 9:36AM**

Elementary & Middle  
School Visits:  
10AM - 12PM

\*Senior Party - Busses  
to Slidewaters

**All grades due  
and entered  
into Skyward at  
4PM**

## Friday

June 6, 2025

**Arrive at WHS by 8:15 a. m.**

- 1) Victory Lap 8:40AM
- 2) Graduation Photo 8:50AM  
(Must have Cap and Gown)
- 3) **Required** Graduation Meeting  
WHS Auditorium  
Check-In 9:15AM - 9:35AM
- 4) Rehearsal **Required to participate**  
**in Graduation Ceremony**  
Apple Bowl  
Line Up/Check-In: 10AM - 12PM
- 5) Graduation Check-In:  
Pioneer 6:30PM
- 6) Graduation Line Up - 7:40PM
- 7) Ceremony Begins - 8PM



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