



# Chimacum School Matters

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## Chimacum High Class of 2003 graduates 85

The 85 graduates of Chimacum High School's Class of 2003 were full of enthusiasm. After 13 long years, they were anxious to make their marks in the world. Nearly half of the graduates were "13-year seniors"; 40 of them have attended Chimacum K-12.

Salutatorian Ann Boyles earned a 3.991 grade point average, as a full-time Running Start college student. She was not able to attend the graduation ceremony, as she was starting her college education in The Netherlands.

Few are surprised that CHS graduate Jori Pearsall earned a 4.0 gpa, the top spot as class valedictorian, and acceptance into Harvard. Academia (and this community) has been watching him for years, ever since, as a young seventh grader, he earned SAT scores equivalent to a graduating senior.

Interestingly, Pearsall chose to stay in high school, rather than go on to college as a high school junior.

He was in no rush. He wanted the camaraderie, sports, band, and all else that high school had to offer.

Pearsall's speech reflected his affection for life in this small town, "There is something special about this town, which is why every one of us, even the ones who love to hate living here, will cherish the experiences they have had growing up as a member of this community."

The class chose Zach Brunette to speak, "'Wow,' I thought to myself, 'I not only have to write a speech and deliver it in front of a thousand people, or so, but it has to be funny.

Outstanding.'" Twelve hours before deadline, the procrastinator pondered the road to come.

"There is the well-traveled road that leads through the field, where there is little chance for disappointment. Then there is the road that is dark, steep, muddy and dangerous. You know the one. It's that road that the goats are afraid to go up; and those guys spend most of their time climbing on stacks of old pickups," Brunette said.

No matter which road is chosen, "We all start at the same time. Crossing this stage before us is the beginning... but from there the road will split off differently for each of us," Brunette said. "We are the masters of our destiny. It is up to us to choose which path is right."

Shawn Katsikapēs shared how heart-throb Cary Grant was a shy, skinny loner in high school. "When asked how he became so debonair and sophisticated, he said, 'One day I just decided to act as if I was outgoing and sophisticated, and after a while, I forgot I was acting.'" Katsikapēs said. "Against all odds, we can bring our confidence to the surface to do the impossible."

Senior class president Becca Brown added, "These shared moments,



**Krystal Huntingford, front, shares a moment with her friends, from left, Marin Gurné, Colin Kjosén and Randi Rowe. Krystal is from the fourth generation of Huntingfords to graduate from Chimacum High, since the school opened in 1917.**

and many others, have shaped each of us into the people we are today. No matter where we go in life, those memories will impact our decisions and remind us of where we came from, and the people we grew up with. No matter which way our paths lead us, our memories will always bring us together, never to be lost in time."

# 47% of CHS 2003 graduates earned scholarships!!

**Shawn Katsikapes:** BPOE #317 (Elks) Most Valuable Student Award \$600; American Association of University Women (AAUW) Outstanding Student in Science, plus scholarship \$500; Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (Masons) \$1000; Rotary Club of East Jefferson County (RCEJC) \$500; Ferino's Pizzeria \$300; Sprint \$1000

**Rebecca Brown:** AAUW Outstanding Student in Technology; Port Hadlock/Tri-Area Chamber of Commerce (PHCC) \$500

**Jared Thacker:** Elks Vocational Scholarship \$500; WA State Elks Vocational Award \$900; Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement (HCSE) Scholarship \$1500, plus a \$3000 summer internship; RCEJC \$500

**Willy Ingersoll:** Washington State Educational Grant Managers \$1000; Turtle Bluff Scholarship \$1450; Judy Mackie Memorial Scholarship \$500; University of Washington School of Music Jazz Studies Division Scholarship \$1400; Chimacum Alumni Association Scholarship (CAA) \$200; Larry Curtis Memorial Scholarship \$1000

**Jori Pearsall:** BPOE #317 \$1000; WA State Elks Club Winner \$2000 per year, renewable for four years; National Elks Club Most Valuable Student Award \$1000 per year, renewable for four years; National Merit Scholarship Winner \$2500; Ewing C. Kelly Scholarship \$2500; Kiwanis Club \$1000; RCEJC \$500; Masons \$1500

**Emmett Lalish:** National Merit Scholarship \$2000; NASA/UW Space Grant \$2472, renewable for four years; Washington Undergraduate Scholarship Award \$1000, per year for two years; RCEJC \$1000; Olympic College Excellence in Engineering Award

**Kynaston Butchart:** Brigham Young University Idaho Merit Scholarship \$640

**Adrian Pike:** Judy Mackie Memorial Scholarship \$500; Port Townsend Arts Guild Scholarship (PTAG) \$750; Elks Most Valuable Student \$400; RCEJC \$500

**Jessie Short:** Elks Most Valuable Student Award \$400; Tom and D'Anne Majhan Scholarship Fund \$500; Sally Huntingford Memorial Scholarship \$1000, renewable for 2 years; Brad Brown Memorial Scholarship \$500

**Robbie Andrus:** HCSE \$1500, plus a \$3000 internship; Willamette University Merit Scholarship \$12,000 per year, renewable for four years

**Randi Rowe:** HCSE \$1500, plus a \$3000 internship; RCEJC \$1000

*Congratulations,  
Graduate*



**Peter Brazil:** HCSE \$1500, plus a \$3000 internship; Big Blue Booster Scholarship \$500; University of Idaho Merit Scholarship \$5718; Brad Brown Memorial Scholarship \$500; Bill Meyer Memorial Scholarship \$300; PHCC \$500

**Amanda Snow:** Big Blue Booster Scholarship \$500; East Jefferson Little League Scholarship (EJLL) \$100; Masons \$1000

**Justin Peters:** Port Townsend Arts Guild \$500; Seattle Pacific University Provost's Scholarship \$5000 per year, renewable for 4 years; RCEJC \$500

**Marin Gurneé:** American Legion Auxiliary Nursing Scholarship \$600; RCEJC \$500

**Kindra Kurtzbein:** PEO \$225

**Chris Chvilicek:** Ferino's \$250

**Zac Garten:** Kelley Shields \$250

**Rachel Garcia:** RCEJC \$500

**Krystal Huntingford:** EJLL \$100; CAA \$200

**Alanna Rowe:** RCEJC \$500; Central Washington University Deans & Trustees Scholarship \$1800

**Christian Goodwin:** Robert Flaherty Memorial Scholarship \$500; CAA \$200

**Ann Stratton:** Port Townsend Windermere Scholarship \$500; Brad Brown Memorial \$500

**Jacob Hathaway:** Kelley Shields \$250; Port Ludlow Windermere Scholarship Foundation \$500; Shine Quarry

Vocational Scholarship \$500; Imagine America Scholarship \$1000; Brad Brown \$500; CAA \$200

**Brittni Bruner:** Port Hadlock Jackpot Scholarship \$500; Quimper Credit Union Scholarship \$500

**Melanie Lockhart:** Chimacum Education Association \$500; CAA \$200

**Eryn Shultz:** Sprint \$1000

**Carly Yates:** Dosey Dux \$500

**Kelsey McVay:** Shine Quarry \$500

**Jamie Russ:** Friends of Chimacum Schools Vocational Scholarship \$500

**Jenna Marlow:** Friends of Chimacum Vocational \$500; Margaret Jane Sanford Music/Art Scholarship \$1000; Judy Mackie Memorial \$250

**Tanner Colton:** Friends of Chimacum \$1000; Margaret Jane Sanford \$1000

**Krista Vielguth:** Brad Brown \$500

**Jeremy Johnson:** Port Townsend First Baptist Church Scholarship \$500

**Melissa Holmes:** Bill Meyer \$300

**Tiela Short:** Judy Mackie \$250

**Madison Moran:** Soroptomists Scholarship \$1000; PHCC \$500

**BreAnna Waliser:** Pepsi Cola \$250

**Reid Lawson:** Skagway Elks #431 scholarship \$1000

**Chris McKenzie:** Imagine America Scholarship \$1000

**Washington State Principals' Scholars:** Jori Pearsall, Kynaston Butchart, Emmett Lalish, Ann Boyles, and Shawn Katsikapes

**Presidential Academic Fitness Award winners:** Adrian Pike, Emmett Lalish, Jori Pearsall, Justin Peters, Randi Rowe, Robbie Andrus, Marin Gurneé, Meghan Christensen, Anne Boyles, and Shawn Katsikapes

**Washington State Honors Award:** Robert Andrus, Zach Brunette, Kynaston Butchart, Justin Peters, Meghan Christensen, Tanner Colton, Marin Gurneé, Shawn Katsikapes, Emmett Lalish, Jori Pearsall, Adrian Pike, and Randi Rowe

**Earned Associate of Arts degree, from Olympic college, as well as CHS diploma:** Meghan Christensen and Emmet Lalish

# Four educators retiring from Chimacum Schools

Four of our staff, with 130 years worth of experience, retired this month. To say they'll be missed is truly an understatement.

Nancy Wyatt began her career in Quilcene, in 1972. In 1991, she came to Chimacum. The sixth grade teacher plans to travel, when she's not volunteering with the kids.

For years, John Martin has taught our teens to drive, coached young athletes, and helped them make sense of math. He started teaching in 1973 and came to Chimacum in 1979. He's not about to stop working, just at something different. But first, it's north to Alaska to fulfill a lifelong dream.

Since 1964, Barb Aldrich has taught school. The eighth grade teacher came to Chimacum in 1986. Retirement will find her on the golf course or in her garden, when she's not traveling or substitute teaching.

After 30 years in education, high



**Barb Aldrich**



**John Martin**



**Brian Glaspell**



**Nancy Wyatt**



school counselor Brian Glaspell decided it's time to explore some of his life's goals: write several books, build a house, and spend more time with his teenage son. The former principal and his colleagues all agree: They're all going to miss the enthusiasm and energy of their students!

## A clarification. . .



In our April 2003 newsletter, it said Dave Porter had resigned from his 12-year position as athletic director.

Actually, declining enrollment and staffing changes forced administrators to combine the position of AD and dean of students into one position, that of vice principal.

Porter, a Chimacum grad, is back in the classroom teaching math, as did his father before him.

The late Clint Porter, a former school board director, taught math at Chimacum for decades.

Dave Porter does have mixed emotions about no longer being the AD, but the reassignment leaves him more time for his young son, James.

**GOOD-BYE!**



Superintendent Dr. Mary Lynne Derrington gave her final graduation speech as Chimacum's superintendent, just before she posed for this photo with the Class of 2003's BreAnna Waliser.

Since joining the district in 1995, Derrington has an impressive track record of fiscal stability, good communication skills, raising test scores, bond and levy passage, and facility remodel/construction during a time of growth.

On July 1, Derrington takes a position in the Blaine School District and becomes Whatcom County's first female superintendent.

Michael Blair will be Chimacum's new superintendent.



# Chimacum's grads awarded \$184,500 in scholarships

## So, what's next for the Class of 2003 ?

- 80 percent of the graduates are continuing their education in the fall of 2003.
- 31 graduates are going to a four-year college or university.
- 37 are going to a community college or vocational school.
- 5 are going into the military.
- 2 are foreign exchange students.  
They will be heading back to their homelands and have not been included in these statistics.
- 40, out of 85, graduates received scholarships.
- \$184,500 was won in scholarships; \$55,000 were local dollars.  
This excludes military signing bonuses.
- 12 graduates were Washington State Honors Award recipients.  
They were among the top 10 percent of students graduating this year in the state, as determined by an index of grade point averages and SAT/ACT college entrance exam scores.
- 10 were Presidential Academic Fitness Award recipients.  
These students had a 3.5 gpa and ranked in the 85th percentile on the SAT's or ACT's math, reading or English sections.
- 5 were Washington State Principals' Scholars.  
They were the top 5 percent of this CHS graduating class.
- 2 Running Start students received an associate of arts degree, as well as a high school diploma.



Class of 2003 valedictorian Jori Pearsall is heading to Harvard University in the fall with \$21,000 in scholarships to help him through the next four years.

## There's lots more inside. Check it out!

✓ CHS Class of 2003 graduates with 85

✓ Farewell to CSD's Supt. Derrington



✓ Retiring teachers will be missed

✓ Scholarship stats tally \$184, 500

### Chimacum School Board:

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Quentin Goodrich  
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Cammy Brown  
Kevin Miller

### Superintendent:

**Dr. Mary Lynne Derrington**

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