

Congratulations, Class of 2022

Klickitat PUD congratulates the class of 2022 on their hard work and success. We applaud each graduate and are proud of their commitment to their education.

Family is important at Klickitat PUD, so we are highlighting a few graduating seniors who are special to our utility,

since their parents work for KPUD and have shared stories about them through the years.

Congratulations, Dema, Jace, Kennedy and Natalie. KPUD staff wishes you the best of luck in your future endeavors.



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Dema Ray Thayer

Dema is the son of Jeff Thayer, KPUD’s materials manager, who has been an employee for 20 years.

Dema is graduating early from Goldendale High School and has already applied to Volta Line School in Warrenton. He is awaiting word on whether he will attend in the summer or fall.

Dema also plans to go through commercial driver’s license school in the fall, which is a prerequisite to entering a lineworker apprenticeship and achieving his goal of being a journeyman lineworker.

In high school, Dema played golf and wrestled. He really enjoyed shop and agriculture classes, and says Mr. Krieg has been his favorite teacher. He says his favorite memory will be graduation.



Kennedy Berry

Kennedy is the daughter of KPUD’s payroll specialist, Samantha Berry, who has been with the utility going on four years.

Kennedy is graduating from Goldendale High School. She will attend Olympic College in Bremerton, where she plans to major in early childhood education. Kennedy will also play on the volleyball team.

Kennedy participated in National Honor Society, Purple and Gold Club, FBLA and Link Crew. She played volleyball and softball, earning all-league honors in both sports, and received all-state honors in volleyball.

Kennedy did community service, volunteering at the local soup kitchen and with Backpacks for Kids.

Kennedy says her favorite high school memory is “having fun with all of my friends and teammates in volleyball and being selected as WIAA athlete of the week.”



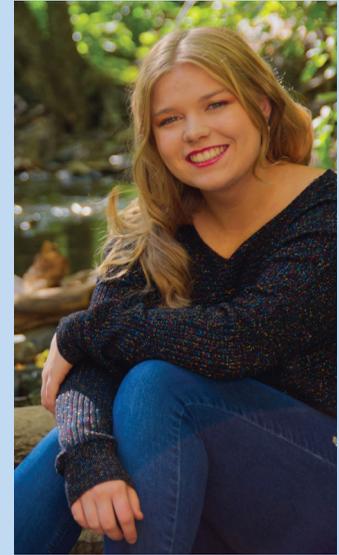
Jace Greenwood

Jace is the son of Justen Greenwood, who has worked at KPUD for 12 years and is currently White Salmon district’s line superintendent.

Jace is graduating from Columbia High School. He has applied to enter an apprenticeship with Glacier Electric in White Salmon, Washington to become a journeyman electrician.

Throughout high school, Jace participated in football, basketball and track, lettering in all three sports. He was a scholar-athlete, maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

The achievement Jace is most proud of is breaking the school’s single-game scoring record in football, getting six touchdowns as a quarterback.



Natalie Johnson

Natalie is graduating from Goldendale High School. She is the daughter of Brandon Johnson, engineering supervisor, who’s been with the utility for 15 years.

In high school, Natalie participated in soccer for two years, and drama club and 4-H archery club for four years. She was involved in theater all four years.

She was a cast member her first year and worked behind the scenes on the crew the last three years.

“The best part of high school was meeting my group of friends,” Natalie says.

She plans to get her associate’s degree at Columbia Gorge Community College, then transfer to Eastern Washington University to major in cinematography and minor in Japanese. Natalie wants to pursue a career in the film industry.