## Congratulations, Graduates

As spring begins, high school students enter their countdown to graduation. Spring sports wrap-up, prom comes and goes, and then graduation. Whether staying home to work, moving out to experience life in a new town or continuing education, change is on the horizon.

Klickitat PUD staff would like to honor three of our KPUD family members who will graduate move on and spread their wings to take on new experiences: Jewlia Siglin, daughter of Mike and Amber Wynhoff; Ike O'Leary, son of Kirt and Lisa O'Leary; and Jeslyn Berry, daughter of Brad and Samantha Berry.

Jewlia Siglin plans to attend Eastern Washington University to become a dental hygienist. She has always wanted a career in health care and working with children, and she says becoming a dental hygienist feels like the best way to combine both.

Jewlia is excited to attend Eastern because of the small class size and community atmosphere. During high school, she participated in cheer, soccer, basketball and tennis until an injury gave her the opportunity to spend more time on her other passion: drawing.

Jewlia's fondness for art began with ceramics and graphic art, but her ultimate love was drawing portraits and self-portraits.



Jewlia Siglin

She is also a three-year member of the National Honor Society and a member of Future Business Leaders of America. This year, she participated in LINK Crew, assisting freshmen with orientation. She also volunteered at the Goldendale Community Meal service and local blood drives.

Her favorite memory is being on the homecoming court. She enjoyed all the events, but her favorite part was the noise parade. She participated in this event with her classmates in previous years, but it was a different experience as part of the court.

Jewlia plans to spend the summer as a lifeguard at a local swimming pool.

**Ike O'Leary** is excited to pursue a career as a journeyman electrician. Next year, he plans to learn from a local electrician to gain first-hand experience in the industry and make some money before heading to college or trade school.

Ike has been an avid participant in the local 4-H program since he was 5 years old. He also played football, basketball and golf. Ike excelled in golf, making it to the state golf tournament each year.

When asked about his favorite high school memory, he recalled all of the energized bus rides home after a winning game. Ike was modest and did not mention the half-court buzzer-beating shot he made that brought the crowd to their feet and is still talked about.

In addition to Ike's athletic outlets, he is an avid hunter and fisherman and likes to spend time in a duck blind with friends. He finds to fit everything in



ke O'Leary

between sports, taking care of his animals, and his part-time job at the Basin Feed & Supply store.

Jeslyn Berry is excited to continue her tennis career in college, as she has accepted an athletic scholarship to attend Highline College in Des Moines, Washington. While attending Highline, Jeslyn will take the first steps toward obtaining her bachelor's degree in nursing, to pursue her dream of becoming an aesthetic nurse. An aesthetic nurse is a certified and registered nurse who specializes in the medical side of beauty and cosmetics.

During high school, Jeslyn participated in sports every season, but tennis was



her all-time favorite. Jeslyn also played basketball for three years. Moreover, she participated in basketball cheer during her freshman year and football cheer during her junior and senior years.

Jeslyn was involved in the National Honor Society; FFA; the FBLA; the Purple and Gold Club for varsity athletes; the Hiking Club; and the Leadership Class.

One of her all-time favorite memories was winning the 2B district championship for tennis with her doubles partner, Taryn Rising, then going onto state a week later and taking third place with her teammate.

"It was a great opportunity to experience something like that, play on a new level, and get rewarded in the end," Jeslyn says.

Recently, Jeslyn and Taryn earned their second consecutive district championship.

Klickitat PUD staff is so proud of each of your accomplishments and wishes all of you well in your future aspirations. We know your futures will be even more exciting, and we can't wait to see what each of you accomplish going forward.



Jeslyn Berry