



Summer 2010

## PARTICIPANTS SHINE WITH DIPLOMAS AND HONORS

### Graduates abound in June

Students receiving diplomas from *Castle Rock High School* included: **Witnea Johnston, Mariah Wilson, Marina Mason, Jaime Daggy and Matt Varkevisser.** *Kalama High School* graduates are: **Christos Chelioudakis, Michael Millikan, Kayla Pereira and Ashley Hiatt.** *Kelso High School* awarded diplomas to: **Stephanie Barto, Priscilla Cuevas, Heather Hagen and Vicki Gerega.** In Longview, **Savina Rodriguez-Flores** graduated from *Mark Morris* and at *R.A. Long*, the following graduated: **Maribel Lopez, Mykayla Newt, Colin Cardwell, Jacqueline Villasenor, Ian Mahncke and Tiani Arce.**

Kaiser Permanente Northwest and the Oregon Health Career Center awarded **Savina Rodriguez-Flores** the Kaiser Permanente Health Care Career Scholarship.

**Kelsey Davis** completed her Associates in Arts degree from *Lower Columbia College.* She is enrolled at the City University program at LCC to continue toward a degree in education this fall.

### OIP=a year's college tuition

Witnea Johnston and Mykayla Newt completed the Opportunity Internship Program offered through Youth Workforce, in conjunction with the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. By completing an 90 hour professional internship, along with graduating from

high school, they each earned a \$500 stipend, plus one year of tuition at a state college. Both are planning to attend LCC this fall.

### Eight earn CNA license

This spring, eight completed Certified Nursing Assistant training, and passed the state licensing test. **Jacqueline Villasenor, Kara McElroy, Yelena Tsybikova and Nadezhda Tsybikova** attended LCC. **Brooke Adams, Amanda Dickerman, and Erica Vasquez** attended the School of Nursing in Vancouver. **Savina Rodriguez-Flores** received hers via a Health Occupations class.

### Tech bus class provides Word certification

YWP students gained Microsoft Word certification from a class taught by Technology Specialist Matt Cox: **Scott Graves, Sokrasmeey Khim, Kaylen Springer, Izzy Lopez, Ben Narsh and Alina Alvarez Isidoro.** This is an internationally recognized certification.

### WEX leads to job

**Scott Graves and Parker Williamson** recently completed a work experience at ProCaliber Motorsports in Longview. ProCaliber Motorsports then hired both Scott and Parker.

## BUSINESS AND HEALTHCARE WEEKS PROVIDE COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPOSURE FOR YOUTH

What can change your life - for the better - in just one week? The YWP youth that recently attended Washington Business Week at Western Washington University and Healthcare Week at Gonzaga University will tell you it is this experience. Each week begins with a Sunday arrival on the university campus. Then, it is a whirlwind of meeting and living in dorms with other high school students from across the state, the United States, and even the world, dividing into work teams and working on relevant projects. All of this is done under the guidance of professionals from some of the largest healthcare and business corporations in the Northwest. One week later, after making a final presentation, having a concluding banquet, and vowing to keep in touch with 200 new friends, the YWP participants are picked up on Saturday morning. Every participant (and the YWP has sent participants every year for more than seven years), says, "This is the best thing I have ever experienced!"

This year, the following youth attended Business Week: **Heather Hagen, Amanda Cavanagh, Colin Cardwell, Charlotte Clark, Tiana Arce, Marina Mason, Priscilla Cuevas and Bailey Koski.** Attending Healthcare Week were: **Amanda Dickerman, Angie Nolan and Olga Varyvoda.**

Last year, **Trini Arce** attended Business Week at Pacific Lutheran University. As she left that week, she told a Washington Business Week staff member that she wanted to be one of the interns that helps each summer. Trini did indeed apply, and was selected as one of the interns for the upcoming session at Central Washington University.

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