



# HILANDER highlights

SUMMER 2021

## GRAD RATES keep climbing!

## 2021 Class of

### BY THE NUMBERS

**330** total graduates

**95** students (29%) recognized for academic achievement and scholarships

**27** students (8%) graduated with an AA degree from LCC

**68** students (21%) received scholarships

**\$741k** in total scholarships

**14** colleges & universities gave a total of \$558,234

**65** scholarships totaling \$123,650 awarded by Kelso Public Schools Foundation

**25** awards were given from community organizations totaling \$59,350



For the past five years  
our graduation rate has  
kept climbing, bringing  
us closer to...

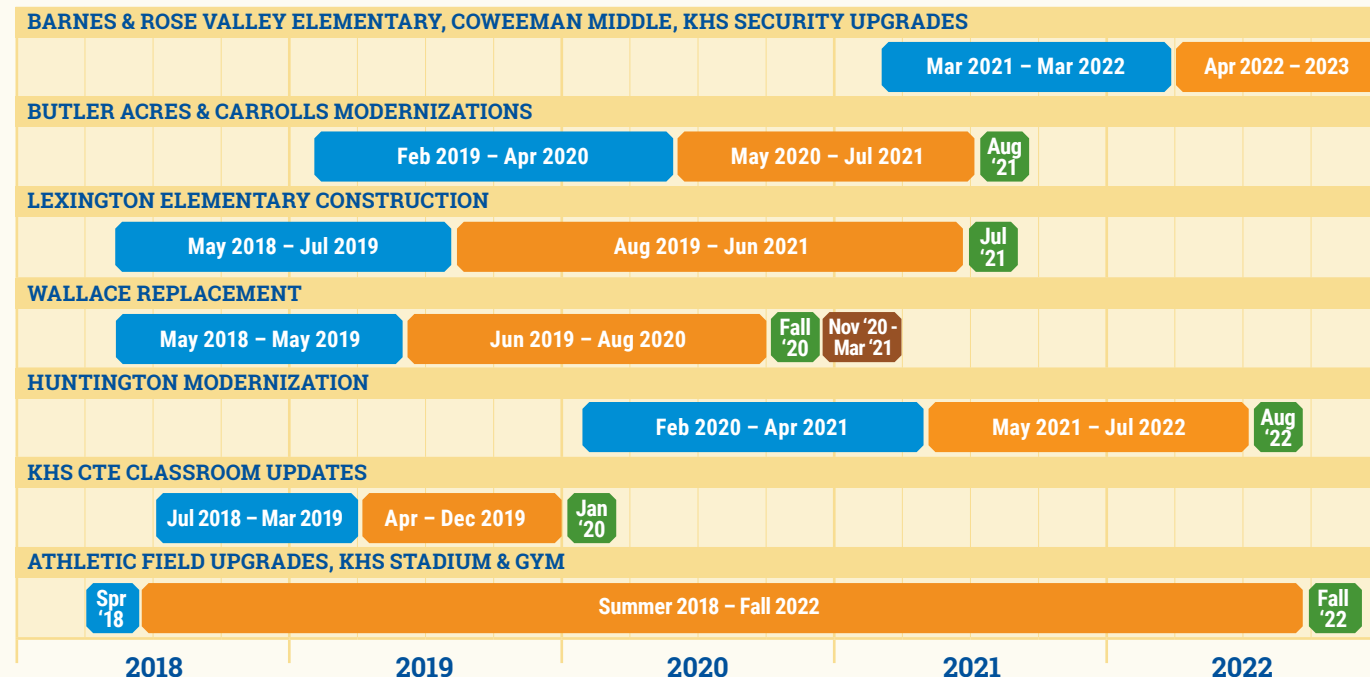
OUR GOAL  
— OF —  
100%



# BOND CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

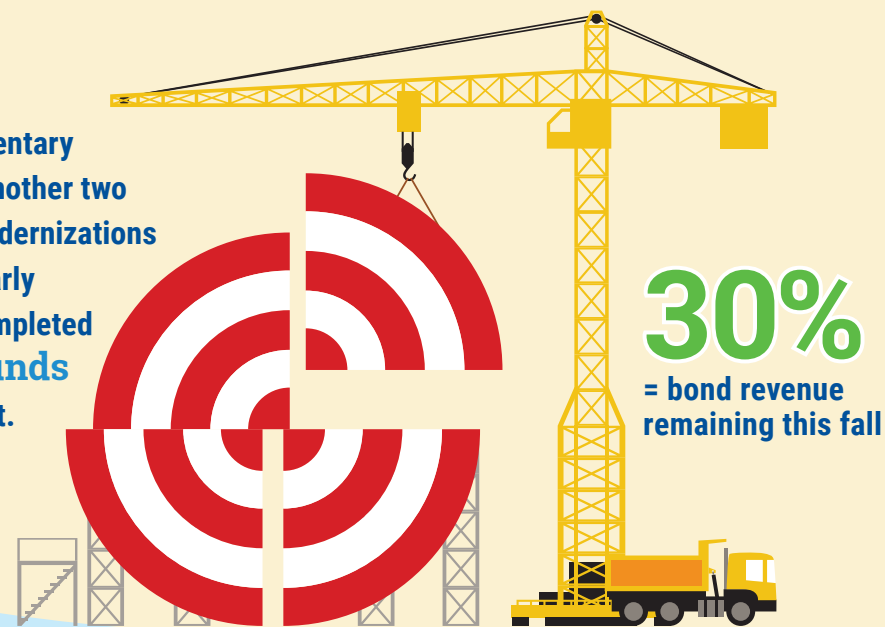
WE ARE  
KELSO

## Construction TIMELINE



## ON TARGET

By the end of this summer, two new elementary schools will be open and occupied with another two elementary schools completing major modernizations and additions. We will have disbursed nearly 70% of the bond revenue on projects completed or in process. With 30% of project funds remaining, expenditures are on target.



SCHOOL BOARD:  
Mike Haas, President  
Jeane Conrad, Vice President  
Karen Grafton  
Ron Huntington  
Leah Moore

SUPERINTENDENT: Mary Beth Tack

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT  
The Kelso School District is an equal opportunity employer and is in compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination regulations and other requirements.

## Updates on our 6 priorities:

### SAFETY & SECURITY



#### Completed:

- District-wide phone system/communications upgrade/improvement/replacement
- Newly constructed schools set safety standards for the district

### TWO SCHOOL REPLACEMENTS



#### Completed:

- Wallace: with added student capacity, new play field, and increased parking capacity

#### In progress:

- Lexington nearing completion for staff occupancy July 2021, student occupancy fall 2021

### SCHOOL MODERNIZATIONS



#### Completed:

Carrolls

#### In progress:

- Butler Acres in construction through August of 2021

#### Still to come:

- Huntington in summer 2021
- Rose Valley, Coweeman, and Barnes planned for summer 2022

### ADDING & UPDATING CLASSROOMS



#### Completed:

- KHS Career & Technical Education (CTE) projects
- Butler Acres classrooms replacing portables

### TRAFFIC & PARKING



#### Completed:

- 13 properties purchased to improve traffic flow at Butler Acres, Carrolls, and Wallace
- Redesigned traffic patterns for buses & student drop-off at Butler Acres, Carrolls, Lexington, Wallace
- Increased parking capacity at Carrolls, Wallace, Butler Acres

### ATHLETIC FACILITIES



#### Completed:

- Artificial turf at Schroeder Field
- Handrails, elevator, sound system in stadium
- KHS gym floor, bleachers, handrails
- KHS pool refinish/relining

#### In progress:

- Additional gym for Huntington, construction starts summer 2021
- Additional track and field improvements

#### Still to come:

- Improvements to practice fields at KHS, Coweeman, and Huntington

## Staff Excellence Awards



Tim Yore  
Administrator / Supervisor



Shelley Milligan  
Elementary Educator



Jack Smale  
Secondary Educator



Teresa Aloe  
Instructional Support Building Level



Jesse Spellmeyer  
Instructional Support District Level



Nancy Baldwin  
Operational Support

Aug 14: Lexington Open House!

Save the date for a tour of the brand new Lexington Elementary. Watch the KSD website for details.

CHILD FIND INFORMATION  
Kelso School District will ensure that all students with disabilities who are eligible from birth through 21 years of age, residing within our attendance area, have available to them a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. You can initiate a referral through your local schools or call us at 360-501-1904.





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# A very special THANK YOU

We are so very grateful for everyone who contributed to the Class of 2021 scholarships. Your gifts make all the difference. Thank you.

### COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Arizona Christian University  
Boise State University  
California Baptist University  
Clark Community College  
Gonzaga University  
Humboldt State University  
Lower Columbia College  
Milgard School of Business  
NW Career Colleges  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
US Naval Academy  
University of Washington  
Washington State University  
Western Washington University

### COMMUNITY & MILITARY

Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce  
Butler Acres  
Hilander Hoops Club  
Kelso Rotary  
Longview American Legion  
Longview Junior Service League  
Altrusa International of Longview-Kelso  
Carroll's Elementary School PTO  
Elks  
Grays Harbor Foundation  
Gross Family  
Hilander Dental  
James R. Hoffa Memorial  
John Reichert  
Kelso Cheer Boosters Club  
Kelso Early Bird Lions  
Kelso Volleyball Boosters

Key Club  
KLOG/KUKN  
Longview American Legion Post 155  
Lower Columbia Longshoremen's Federal Credit Union  
Pat Sawyer Memorial  
PEO Chapter CO  
Wahkiakum Eagle 4-H  
The Cowlitz Pop Warner Board

### KELSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Baker Family  
Betty Schloss Memorial Breakthrough  
Chuck & Anita Klawitter  
Chuck & Judy Bailey  
Chuck Stover (Class of '37)  
Class of '45 - Al Laakso  
Class of '45 - Alan St. Onge  
Class of '45 - Colleene Armstrong  
Class of '45 - Don & Vivian Ames  
Class of '45 - Tommy Jabusch  
Class of '45 - Vronia Bailey  
Class of '45 - Willard Chinn  
Class of '48 - Roy Dennis  
Class of '52  
Class of '57  
Class of '58 - Mike Lyons  
Cliff Furness  
Emmett & Opal Schroeder  
Ernestine Mathis  
Gordon & Pauline Murphy  
Huntington Middle School  
Jabusch Family Memorial  
Jack Elms

Joe Stewart Memorial  
Julia Hiatt Memorial  
Justin DeRosier Criminal Justice  
Kaiser Permanente  
Kate Long  
Kevin Hanks Memorial  
Kiwanis Dr. Herron  
Larry & Darlene Wilgus  
Living Educator/Kathy Williamson  
Lois Moore  
Lori Hamm Memorial  
Lucy Calhoun  
Makaio Mobbs  
Marlene Laufman (Worley)  
Maurice & Betty Cummings  
Max Moore  
Mike & Linda Saville  
Randy & Linda Zmrhal  
Red Canoe Credit Union  
Rich McCool  
Robert Dykstra (Class of '54)  
Ron & Dot Joslin  
Rose Valley PTO  
Rosemary Kingsley  
Roy Parsons Memorial  
Ruth and Marion Clark  
Schleif Family (Eddy)  
Sharon Bergman  
Stewart Title  
Terri Clary  
Vandecar Family  
Vern King  
Veryl & Larry Anderson  
Virgil Hopkins  
Wainwright  
Wallace Elementary (Frieda Walworth)  
Walt & Marty Piper

## Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to all our scholarship awardees!

Josie Ahrens	Chico Huntington
Stephanie Ambriz-Morales	Hailey Jackson
Estyn Anderson	Colten King
Jordan Barrett	Kenna Lampe
Jacob Bass	Nathan Lonner
Robert Benson	Pedro Lopez
Sydnee Bossen	Emme Mackey
Lindsay Braaksma	Kaden Martin
Bradely Bugg	Clare McCoy
Tegan Conners	Karson Mertes
Aniya Conrad	Alisa Mertes
Ava Cortes	Nick Miller
Blake Dahl	Ethan Moyer
Christopher Dangerfield	Ashley Noah
Emma Davis	Drew Norman
Eva Dawson	Caden Olson
Taya Deal	Samuel Peabody
Madison Doehne	Kelli Rakoz
Elizabeth Dolan	Adrianna Ramirez
Holly Dugan-Wicken	Imani Reardon
Blake Fenter	Alexis Richard
James Fenter	Zoie Rodman
Emily Gallagher	Ashlynn Rowton
Leobarbo Gonzales-Jimenez	Jase Schueller
Emma Gore	Sarah Slater
Tenley Grant	Mya Soto
Ethen Green	Bryanna Spear
Anna Hallowell	Kyle Spaulding
Chase Hammers	Johannes Tilly
Nyah Hartley	Brenna Watson
Taylor Hill	Gypsey Welter
Hunter Hinners	Emma Wence
Carson Thomson-Terrel	Anna Westlund
	Hayvin Wolf