

# the Willamette Promise got me started



*...and now I'm going to Linfield College.*

When Madisyn looks five or 10 years into the future, she sees herself working as a nurse practitioner at Oregon Health & Science University.

"It's really big, and there's a lot going on there," she says, smiling at the thought.

A high school senior and youth softball coach, Madisyn is headed to Linfield College in the fall—and will be the first in her family to go to college.

She already has begun her college career, earning credits in her high school writing class through the

Willamette Promise program.

"I thought it was cool you can get college credit and pay less for it," she says.

With the Willamette Promise program, students can earn college credit in multiple classes for a flat fee of \$30 per year. They also get a taste of the college experience.

"It wasn't intimidating," Madisyn says of the college-level requirements. "It was just something new to get used to."



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# I'm going to Chemeketa Community College



*...and I've already earned some credits.*

Dalton plans to become a filmmaker, and this high school senior already has some solid experience in his chosen field: He works as a freelance videographer filming commercials.

So far he's produced videos for a brewery, a roofer, a shoe company and a souped-up picnic cooler.

His next big project will be to begin his postsecondary education at Chemeketa, where he's been offered a full ride. Dalton will arrive with some

credits already on his college transcript—thanks to the Willamette Promise.

Dalton says it feels good to have one college course already out of the way.

"This will make it so I don't have to take the beginning writing college course and will ease my workload," he says. "It also helped me know what to expect when I go into college."



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# the Willamette Promise is my foundation



*...and I'm going to be an architect.*

There's a reason Kayla has a sense for what works in the layout of a home: The high school junior has lived in eight different homes in the past nine years.

Now she wants to take her experiences and apply them to a career in architecture, or perhaps structural engineering.

"I want homes to function properly," she says. "When they work, they flow better, and you don't have closets and rooms without enough useable space."

When the Willamette Promise came to her high school, she was eager to tackle college-level material and so far has earned credits in pre-calculus and English.

Participating in these classes gave her the opportunity to get familiar with college-level workloads, expectations and timeframes—and figure out how to handle them.

"This is such a small school," she says, "so I want to take anything that's offered."



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# Corporate lawyer... or CEO?



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A senior in high school, Emily envisions a future in business. She comes by it honestly—her mother is an entrepreneur. But she’s thinking of taking her career in a new direction.

“I’d like to be a corporate lawyer, or an executive at a major corporation,” she says.

For now, though, Emily is focused on graduating and heading off to play softball for Lewis & Clark.

Part of her preparation has included earning college credits in her high school writing class

through Willamette Promise. Emily describes how her teacher shared ways the students could enhance their essays using quotes, paraphrases and summaries.

“There were lots of little things we’d never confronted before,” she says.

But in the end, with their teacher coaching them, she and her classmates succeeded.

“We all ended up figuring it out and getting it done,” she says.



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# I wanted to jump-start my college career



*...and the Willamette Promise helped me do it.*

As a high school junior, Jackson's passions are playing soccer and basketball. But his dream is to work in marketing for a large sports manufacturing company or for a sports team. (Go Timbers!)

When his high school joined the Willamette Promise program, his teachers told students they would have the opportunity to earn college credits. Jackson jumped at the chance and so far has received credits in pre-calculus and English.

"I'm kind of an overachiever, so I was glad I could

get some college credits done now," explains the junior class president. "That way, when I get to college, I can focus on classes that count toward my career."

Now he's looking ahead to attending the University of Oregon and attributes his new mindset to his experiences with his Willamette Promise courses.

"I got more focused," he says. "I began thinking ahead a lot more."



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