

# 70 Vikings set to graduate from Vale High

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Seventy Vale seniors will take leave of Vale High School and make their way into unknown lives as they graduate on Sunday, May 24, in the Vale High School gymnasium.

Leading the graduates will be nine valedictorians and a single salutatorian.

Valedictorian Hannah Bates was a member of a state basketball and track team during her time at Vale High School. The daughter of Lynne and Michael Bates, she was also a member of National Honor Society for two years and represented Vale at Oregon Girls State.

Bates plans to attend Southern Oregon University to study for becoming a pediatric occupational therapist.

Fellow valedictorian Kaley Cope, daughter of Alexandra Cope, participated in volleyball, track, science club, class board, National Honor Society and golf while at Vale High. Cope is scheduled to finish her associate's degree at Treasure Valley Community College and then transfer to Oregon State University to obtain a degree in sports sciences and physical therapy.

Cope plans on opening a therapy facility and work with wounded soldiers and those suffering from disabilities. In her spare time, she plans to run a horse rescue and rehabilitation clinic.

Kami Hawkins is also a valedictorian for the class. During her time in school, Hawkins ran cross country, played basketball, track and tennis and was a member of the National Honors Society and the science club. She is the daughter of Steve and Becky Hawkins.



**Hannah  
Bates**



**Vanessa  
Carrillo**



**Kaley  
Cope**



**Shallise  
Ewing**



**Kami  
Hawkins**



**Kimber  
Hawkins**

Although undecided about which college to attend, she plans to major in business while playing basketball or track on the collegiate level.

Valedictorian Madison Johnson, daughter of Jason and Rachel Johnson, was a member of the basketball, track and volleyball teams and participated in science club, class board, honor society and Vale Students for Life.

Her plans call for a trip to Orem, Utah, where she will attend Utah Valley University, preparing for her career and starting a family.

A male breaks into the valedictorian ranks as Andrew Weber, son of Renae and Terry Weber, takes the stage. Weber, the ASB president, saw a state title while playing football and also participated in basketball, baseball, FFA, National Honor Society, science club and Business Professionals of America.

On a football scholarship, Weber is on his way to Western Oregon University, where he plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology.

Shallise Ewing, daughter of Bart and Larissa Ewing, was a three-year volleyball player and played tennis for the Vikings for four years. She also was a member of National Honor Society, science club, FBLA and Skills USA.

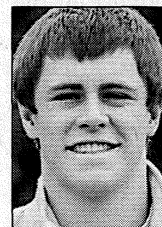
Leaving Vale, she will at-



**Madison  
Johnson**



**Jay  
Saunders**



**Andrew  
Weber**



**Mandy  
Wolfe**

tend Boise State University and plans to major in special education and early intervention with a minor in Spanish.

Joining her sister on the stage for graduation will be Kimber Hawkins, daughter of Steve and Becky Hawkins. Like her sister, she was busy during high school and participated in cross country, basketball, track, tennis, National Honor Society and science club.

Although unsure about her choice of college, she plans to have a nursing career and to play basketball or run track at whatever school she attends.

Adding to the list of valedictorians is Mandy Wolfe, daughter of Brian and Barbara Wolfe. In addition to playing basketball for three years and participating in FBLA, Wolfe was the student body vice president and a member National Honor Society.

Her plans include attending either Oregon State University or the University of Utah and majoring in biology. She plans to take a break from college after the first year to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The final valedictorian will be Jay Saunders, son of Susan and Lloyd Saunders. During his time at Vale High School, Saunders was able to obtain his Eagle Scout membership while also running cross country and track as well as participating in auto club and National Honor Society.

His plans include attending BYU-Idaho in the area of engineering or the agriculture field or entering the automotive field. He also plans to serve his two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The lone salutatorian representing the graduating class will be Vanessa Carrillo, daughter of Maria and Arcenio Carrillo. She was a member of the cross-country team and also participated in FBLA, science club, mock trial, class board and was student body secretary.

Her plans include attending the University of Oregon in the fall, where she will study to become a school counselor or educator. She also plans on obtaining a master's degree.