• The Official Seal of Wenatchee Valley College •

The seal showcases Wenatchee Valley College’s established year, 1939. A jousting shield in the center of the emblem symbolizes the WVC Knights.

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE MISSION

Wenatchee Valley College enriches North Central Washington by serving educational and cultural needs of communities and residents throughout the service area. The college provides high-quality transfer, liberal arts, professional/technical, basic skills and continuing education for students of diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds.
Jean Rodgers is a professor of Business, Accounting and Economics at Wenatchee Valley College. Before coming to the Wenatchee Valley College at Omak campus in 2004, she had worked with local, state, federal and tribal organizations. She is active in social justice and women's rights organizations. She has served as an advocate for people of all walks of life. In her free time, Jean enjoys swimming, walking and travelling.

The faculty commencement speaker is chosen each year by the student body.

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FROM THE WVC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees exists to help guide the college in fulfilling its mission. The importance of that mission is never more apparent than at graduation. We take great pride in seeing the students of WVC take ownership of their lives and their futures by pursuing their education. To the Class of 2021, you have our sincere congratulations. This journey toward your education is only the first step toward a brighter future. We cannot wait to see what you accomplish next.

La Junta Directiva existe para ayudar a guiar al colegio en el cumplimiento de su misión. La importancia de esa misión es más evidente que nunca al tiempo de la graduación. Nos enorgullecemos de ver a los estudiantes de WVC tomar control de sus vidas y su futuro al continuar tras su educación. Deseamos dar nuestras más sinceras felicitaciones a la Clase de 2021. Este viaje hacia su educación es sólo el primer paso hacia un futuro más brillante. Estamos ansiosos por ver lo que lograrán a continuación.

Phyllis Gleasman
Tamra Jackson

Steve Zimmerman

Wilma Cartagena
Pala Arno Martinez
- Commencement Program -
JUNE 19, 2021

Virtual Ceremony Begins ........................................................................................................... 1 p.m.

Find link to ceremonies at wvc.edu/Graduation

National Anthem ........................................................................................................................

Welcome .................................................................................................................................
Dr. Chio Flores
WVC Vice President, Student Services

Land Acknowledgement .................................................................................................
Livia Millard
Omak Multicultural Coordinator and Academic Advisor

Honor Song ...........................................................................................................................

The Citizens

Message from the President ............................................................................................
Dr. Jim Richardson
WVC President

President’s Medal ...........................................................................................................
Dr. Jim Richardson

Commencement Address ...............................................................................................
Rocío Carrión
Executive Director, I AM Empowerment LLC

Faculty Commencement Address .............................................................................
Jean Rodgers
Omak Business Faculty

Faculty and Graduate Awards ....................................................................................
Dr. Tod Treat
WVC Vice President of Instruction

Presentation of the Class of 2021 ............................................................................
Dr. Tod Treat

Student Slides and Videos Presented ...........................................................................

- Land Acknowledgement -

Wenatchee Valley College respectfully acknowledges that the campus resides on the traditional territories of the Wenatchi people. The traditional territories of the Colville Tribes extends across eastern Washington and into portions of British Columbia, Oregon and Idaho. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Tribes include the Lakes, Colville, Okanogan, Moses-Columbia, Wenatchi, Entiat, Chelan, Methow, Nespelem, San Poil, Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce and Palus Indians.
Every year, I welcome our graduates on stage to shake their hand and congratulate them for their accomplishments. This year, I cannot greet you on stage, but I have never been prouder of our graduates than I am now. Each and every one of you has overcome your own challenges and persisted despite all else to receive the degree, certificate or diploma you are receiving today.

Although we cannot gather this year, know that we are still celebrating you. Not just your accomplishments, but your tenacity, spirit and courage. And know that I am grateful for the time you’ve spent with us and the immeasurable impacts you’ve had on your campus and community.

From all of us here at Wenatchee Valley College to every one of you: Congratulations Class of 2021!
- Candidates for -

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

Susanne Alexander •
Winthrop

- Candidates for -

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE

Miguel Acuna-Martinez •
Brewster
Araseli Almeida •
Okanogan
Ana Aparicio •
Brewster
Marlene Aparicio Pena •
Tonasket
Yadhira Ascencion •
Pateros
Aubrey Attwood •
Tonasket
Nelsie Avelino •
Oroville
Piper Bauer •
Okanogan
Emilee Beetchenow •
Okanogan
Caiden Bercier •
Omak
Belinda Brown-Raub •
Clarksdale, MS
Heatherly Budravage •
Coulee Dam
Makaylee Caddy •
Tonasket
Victoria Castrejon •
Oroville
KeAnna Cawston •
Coulee Dam
Katie Chilcote •
Okanogan
Hunter Chilmonik •
Okanogan
Addey Christmann •
Okanogan
Mackenzie Cline •
Omak
Madisen Dykes •
Omak
Juan Farias •
Kennewick
Isaac Ferry •
Tonasket
Dalynn Floyd •
Twisp
Arthur Gamez •
Brewster
Meshayla Gardinier •
Omak
Parker Haug •
Tonasket
Nayeli Hernandez •
Pateros
Elijah Holz •
Omak
Ann Hover •
Omak
Mykensie Hugus •
Oroville
Alexia Hurtado •
Brewster
Vanessa Ibarra •
Omak
Samm Inlow •
Tonasket
Katie Keane •
Tonasket
David Lindholm •
Malott
Eleeri Loftin •
Houston, TX
Diego Maldonado •
Tonasket
Alejandro Maldonado •
Tonasket
Seraphina Marie •
Tonasket
Jazmine Martinez •
Riverside, CA
Mariah Martinez •
Omak
Camila Mendivil Bernal •
Brewster
Mandie Miller •
Mitchell, SD

❖ Honor Student | ▲ Omak Academic Achievement Award
☑ President’s Medal Nominee | Φ Phi Theta Kappa
Hunter Munts ▶
Hayden, ID
Kelly Oliva
Omak
Jorge
Orozco-Valencia
Brewster
Destiney Petty ▶ Phi
Inchelium
Sarah Poole ▶
Brewster
Sylvanna Read
Omak
Leslie
Rebolledo-Zamora
Omak
Katherine Schuler ▶
Winthrop
Rachel Scott ▶
Puyallup

Khole Scott
Omak
Keila Sepulveda-Diaz ▶
Omak
Madison Shiflett ▶
Okanogan
Colin Silverthorn ▶
Tonasket
Eliza Sylvester ▶▲
Oroville
Samantha Turner ▶
Oroville
Lilibeth Uribe ▶
Tonasket
Brandon Valdovinos ▶
Bridgeport
Esmeralda Valverde ▶
Oroville

Magali Villaraldo-Mota
Okanogan
Michael
Wapato-Harden ▶
Coulee Dam
Justin Watts
Okanogan
Katelyn Whiteaker
Tonasket
Curtis Willson ▶
Tonasket
Whitney Wilson ▶
Tonasket
Benjamin Witt ▶ Phi
Brewster
Weston Wood
Okanogan

- Candidates for -
ASSOCIATE IN NURSING - TRANSFER DEGREE

Karlie Henneman
Tonasket
Ann Hover ▶
Omak
Elva Hutton
Republic
Tiffany Isaac
Omak
Kaitlynn Kemple ▶
Marysville
Mariah Kruse
Omak
Veronica Padilla ▶
Moses Lake
Emily Stevens ▶
Okanogan
Riley Stout-Finley ▶
Coulee Dam
Tayler VanDyke
Enumclaw
Amelia Werner
Oroville

- Candidates for -
ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Lane Bolich
Tonasket
Naomi Moreno
Nespelem
Christina Silverthorn ▶
Tonasket
Kyliien Vance
Omak

❖ Honor Student | ▲ Omak Academic Achievement Award
☐ President’s Medal Nominee | Phi Theta Kappa
- Candidates for -

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE - TRANSFER

- Early Childhood Education

Brittany Petersen
Omak

- Candidates for -

ASSOCIATE IN BUSINESS - TRANSFER

Itzel Arroyo-Obeso
Okanogan

Faith Bent ★
Omak

Savannah Knowlton ★
Tonasket

Moises Ornelas-Gomez
Okanogan

- Candidates for -

ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL SCIENCE DEGREE

- Accounting

Faith Bent ★
Omak

Linda Harper
Omak

Cassandra Lange
Riverside

Christina Silverthorn ★
Tonasket

- Business

Faith Bent ★
Omak

Linda Harper
Omak

Christina Silverthorn ★
Tonasket

Vanessa Zacherle
Omak

- Chemical Dependency Studies

Belinda Brown-Raub □
Clarksdale, MS

Jazmine Martinez
Riverside, CA

Naiombi
Jones Matthews
Seattle

Krisana Shrable▲
San Antonio, TX

- Medical Laboratory Technology

Amber Monroe
Tonasket

David Raub
Omak

❖ Honor Student | ▲ Omak Academic Achievement Award
☐ President’s Medal Nominee | Φ Phi Theta Kappa
Candidates for

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

--------------------- Accounting Technician ---------------------
Linda Harper
Omak

--------------------- Corrections ---------------------
Mike Buzzard
Omak

--------------------- ECE-State Certificate ---------------------
Brittany Petersen
Omak

--------------------- ECE-State Initial Certificate ---------------------
Adriana Alvarez
Rivera
Okanogan

Veronica Aviles Serna
Bridgeport

Juan Banuelos Felix
Brewster

Rosalya

Carrillo Campos
Brewster

Mary Headlee
Malott

Otoniel Lopez Franco
Bridgeport

Irma Lozano
Bridgeport

Maria Martinez-Pio
Brewster

Brittany Petersen
Omak

Samantha
Rosario-Aparicio
Brewster

Sandra Trevino
Omak

Zekkethal
Vargas-Thomas
Nespelem

--------------------- ECE-State Short Certificate: Administration ---------------------
Adriana Alvarez Rivera
Okanogan

--------------------- ECE-State Short Certificate: General ---------------------
Adriana Alvarez
Rivera
Okanogan

Veronica Aviles Serna
Bridgeport

Juan Banuelos Felix
Brewster

Mary Headlee
Malott

Irma Lozano
Bridgeport

Maria Martinez-Pio
Brewster

Samantha
Rosario-Aparicio
Brewster

Beverly Umana
Oroville

Zekkethal
Vargas-Thomas
Nespelem

Maria Villanueva
Okanogan

Andrea Villanueva
Bridgeport

--------------------- ECE-State Short Certificate: Infant/Toddler ---------------------
Brittany Petersen
Omak

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High School Diploma

Kenndra George
Elmer City

Christopher Whalawitsa
Keller

Washington State:
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Leticia Espino
Bridgeport

Meshayla Gardinier
Omak

Rachel Scott
Puyallup

Dalynn Floyd
Twisp

Lacey Jones
Twisp

Eliza Sylvester
Oroville

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Vice President

Patrice Cloman-Ezell
Secretary

Maya Carson
Director, Public Relations

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□ President’s Medal Nominee | Φ Phi Theta Kappa
Wenatchee Valley College also gratefully acknowledges the many part-time faculty members who enrich the educational offerings for its students.
- Wenatchee Valley College at Omak -

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**Honor Song**

As the name suggests, Honor Songs are requested at a celebration to honor someone. Perhaps a family would request an Honor Song for a son or daughter returned from the war, in memory of a deceased relative, for a name giving or for a graduation. Honor Songs can be made for almost any occasion. Today in the tradition of the American Indians, we are proud to honor the class of 2021.

**Honor Students**

When a graduate wears a gold cord, this symbolizes that the student has earned a grade point average of 3.50 or above.

**Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)**

Phi Theta Kappa is a national honor society emphasizing scholarship, leadership and service. Membership is open by invitation to students who are in the upper 10 percent of the class, carry at least 12 transferable credit hours, have a grade point average of 3.20 or above, and show evidence of service to the community and institution.

**High School+**

High School+ allows adult learners to earn a high school diploma. This new program gives credits toward a diploma for prior work and life experience, in addition to academic assignments to complete credit requirements.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

Wenatchee Valley College is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment and student enrollment. All programs are free from discrimination and harassment against any person because of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, age, parental status or families with children, marital status, religion, genetic information, honorably discharged veteran or military status or any other prohibited basis per RCW 49.60.030, 040 and other federal and state laws and regulations, or participation in the complaint process. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies and Title IX compliance for both the Wenatchee and Omak campuses:

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