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CHS salutatorian balances leadership, academics and athletics

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – Cashmere High School salutatorian Reese Westlund has balanced an impressive load of academics and activities throughout her high school career.

She has been involved in the CHS leadership all four years. She has served as the Class of 2024 president for freshmen, sophomore, and junior years. This year, she was the class secretary.

This year, she served and represented the school as ASB Vice President. She has been a peer mentor the last two years, helping Freshmen adjust to high school and has been involved in countless clubs. She was involved in the

National Honor Society, Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish Club, Bible Study and was yearbook editor.

Westlund is also an all-season athlete and has participated in varsity cheer and tennis.

“All of these things that I have been involved in over the past four years have shaped me into the person that I am today,” she said. “They have taught me countless things about myself and have helped me step outside of my comfort zone and experience new things.”

“The main thing that motivated me to strive for academic excellence was my parents,” she said. “Having heard about all that

they accomplished in their high school years and the opportunities that excelling in academics gave them was truly inspiring and something that I looked up to.”

“The most influential people in my life throughout my high school journey were definitely my family,” she said. “They have always been here for me, encouraging me every step of the way to do my best in everything I do. They inspired me to do hard things and step outside of my comfort zone to get involved in new capacities around the high school.”

“They supported me in countless ways, whether that was driving me to sports and school before I got a car to staying up after my sports practices and helping me

master a concept in a class at school,” she said. “I am forever grateful for all of the time they have poured into me and my academic career.”

With all of her activities, sports, and college courses Westlund had to work hard to manage her time but said that she grew better at it over time. Using a calendar to keep track of deadlines and completing work at school helped her manage her workload.

“The academic achievement that I am most proud of is being named Salutatorian,” she said. “It has taken dedication to get to the point where I am at today, and I am proud of my drive to always push to excel beyond the minimum requirements.”

The main challenges

Westlund faced during her high school career were COVID-19 and online learning.

“Having to adjust to everything being online and not getting to spend time with friends and be in person was definitely an adjustment,” she said. “The thing that helped me to overcome this was challenging myself academically in the online atmosphere and finding other hobbies to occupy my time helped me overcome this challenging time.”

A teacher who has significantly impacted her academic journey was Mr. Robertson.

“He was my eighth-grade teacher, and I have gotten the opportunity to help out in his classroom this year while

planning the CMS Corps of Discovery Trip for my senior project,” she said. “I have always looked up to him and have enjoyed the time that I have spent in his classroom. He has taught me to dream big and that I can achieve anything I set my mind to.”

After graduation, Westlund will attend Texas Christian University, where she plans to major in marketing.

“The main life lesson that I have learned, that I plan to carry with me into my future, is knowing that my best will always be enough,” she said. “If I try my hardest and give my best effort on everything I do, it will always be enough.”

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Cashmere teen credits faith for academic achievement

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CASHMERE – Cashmere High School valedictorian Faith Kert credits her faith in God as the driving force that pushed her to achieve academic excellence.

“I think the main reason that inspired me to strive for academic excellence throughout my high school career stems from my Christian faith,” she said. “Colossians 3:23 says, ‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.’ This verse pushes me to give my best at whatever I am

doing.”

“The most important person in my life is my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,” she said. “My goal in life has been to bring glory to him in all that I do, and the last four years, I have tried to do that by doing my best in my academics.”

Kert said the main challenge for her in high school was to balance extracurriculars, school, and sports. She values good grades and involvement in clubs and sports. To overcome this challenge she focused on good time management.

“In part, I balanced my studies with extracurricular activities and my personal

life by keeping an organized schedule, but mostly, I was able to keep track of everything thanks to my amazing mom who was always there to help me,” she said.

Her experience at Cashmere High School taught her many things, but the main thing she will take away is how important hard work is to achieving her goals, she said.

“Cashmere has helped me build my work ethic, and because of this, I feel prepared to tackle and work hard towards my future plans and goals,” she said.

Kert feels grateful to have grown up in Cashmere.

“I think the community is the main thing that sets Cashmere High School apart from other schools in the area,” she said. “Every town is centered around something, and for Cashmere, that thing is the schools. Whether there is a band concert or a Friday night football game, the community shows up to pack the stands in support of the kids in our town. Cashmere is like one big family and I feel super blessed for growing up here.”

She hopes to one day return to the valley to raise her own family. In the fall, Kert will attend Whitworth University to major in elementary education,

where she will play tennis for the Pirates.

One of the accomplishments she is most proud of during her high school career was winning a state championship doubles title with her sister in tennis.

Kert’s favorite subject is Spanish.

“Cashmere is so blessed to have such amazing Spanish teachers,” she said. “I learned so much, and it is a skill I will use for the rest of my life.”

Her advice to incoming freshmen is to get involved and push themselves to achieve their full potential.

The legacy Kert hopes to leave at CHS is living her faith.

“I hope to leave a legacy of living a life that reflects my core beliefs and values, such as hard work and positivity, with the aim of glorifying God,” she said.

“One of the most important lessons I learned during my high school years was the importance of living out my faith in all aspects of my life,” she said. “I learned that being a Christian wasn’t just about attending church or reading my Bible, but about applying His word in my daily interactions and decisions.”

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Cashmere senior earns valedictorian title with hard work, determination

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CASHMERE – Cashmere High School senior Layne Varrelman has worked hard to achieve academic excellence throughout her high school career even when an easier path seemed tempting.

She persevered and earned a top spot as one of the Cashmere High School Class of 2024 valedictorians.

“I’m not going to lie; at times, it’s been really hard having a full schedule of hard classes and college credit classes as well as achieving academic excellence and getting my AA,” she said.

Sometimes, watching classmates take less rigorous classes and not have as much or any homework at all was hard for her. Varrelman sacrificed play time to work at achieving the goals she set for

herself, she said.

“There have been numerous times that I have contemplated why I am doing this to myself and why it matters at all, wanting so badly to give up,” she said. “It has taken a lot of encouragement and support from my family to keep me focused on the end result.”

Varrelman credits the support and encouragement from her family, especially her mom, as what kept her on track.

“My mom definitely has been the person that has kept me focused and on top of my grades throughout school, and I couldn’t thank her enough for the inspiration she has given me to achieve academic success,” she said.

“She has never failed to provide support and encouragement to keep me on my path to valedictorian,” she said.

Varrelman holds herself to high standards and is driven to make her dreams a reality.

“I have been a perfectionist my whole life throughout school, and I have expected very good quality work from myself for as long as I can remember,” she said.

“When I entered high school, I was told by my parents that A’s were expected of me, and from then on, I kept that in my head and made that a goal each semester,” she said. “I worked very hard to get A’s in every class and eventually when it came close to my senior year, I realized I had a shot at Valedictorian, and I was on a mission to make it happen.”

“Additionally, I knew that a good GPA looked great on resumes, transcripts, and scholarship applications, and this was a driving factor in my success as well,” she said.

In order to keep up with her

studies and still have a social life, Varrelman plans out time to work on homework and projects.

“There have been many times I have had to skip out on activities or leave early because of school work,” she said. “It has been difficult, especially at the end of senior year, because I have so much to get done right now, but there are so many senior activities that I want to attend.”

“At the end of the day, I have just learned to be responsible with my time management,” she said. For Varrelman, anything science related is her favorite subject.

“For example, horticulture, physical science and biology have been really fun classes for me,” she said. “I think science is easiest for me to understand, and I am able to retain the information in this subject the best. The science

teachers at Cashmere are very good at making these classes fun and interesting.”

Varrelman is proud of receiving straight A’s in her high school classes as well as college classes, all while doing sports and maintaining an enjoyable social life, she said.

“This was a very big accomplishment to me and one that I am happy I can say I achieved,” she said.

She hopes to leave a legacy at CHS of people being kind and accepting of each other and to inspire others to work hard and achieve their goals, she said.

Her advice to incoming freshmen who aspire to be successful in high school is to work hard and not slack off.

“If they want to go to college after high school and think grades don’t matter as a freshman, their mind will definitely change when senior

year comes around and it’s time to apply for scholarships,” she said. “Good writing skills and good grades could make the difference between \$5,000 in scholarship money and \$30,000+ giving you a free year of college.”

“So yes, the hard work and extra effort in high school is 100% worth it,” she said.

In the fall, Varrelman plans to attend Washington State University to study Speech and Hearing Sciences. After earning her bachelor’s degree, she plans to get a master’s in Speech and Language Pathology and become a speech-language pathologist.

“I then want to pursue a career helping kids at a school district overcome their communications barriers,” she said.

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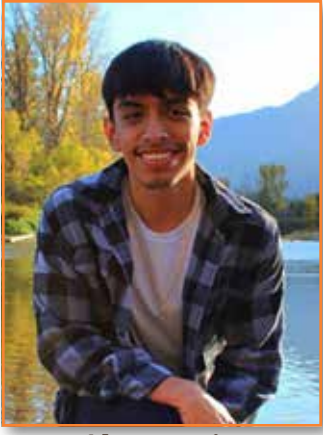
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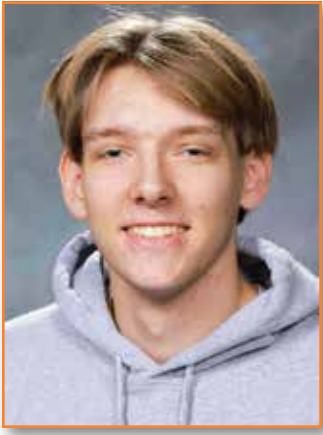
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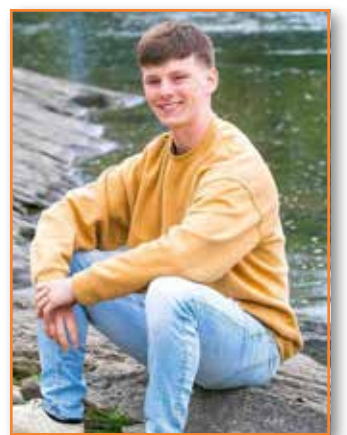
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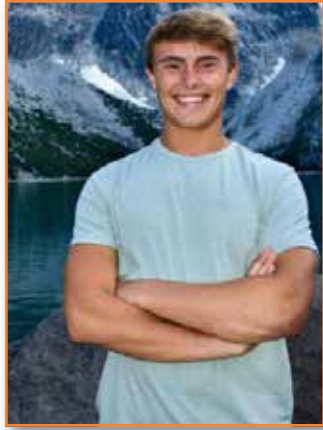
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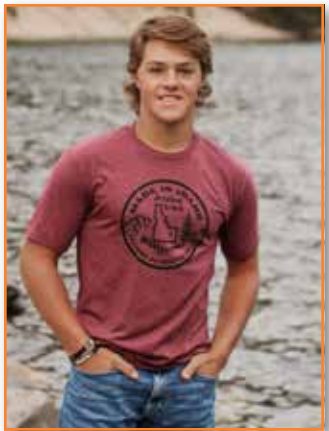
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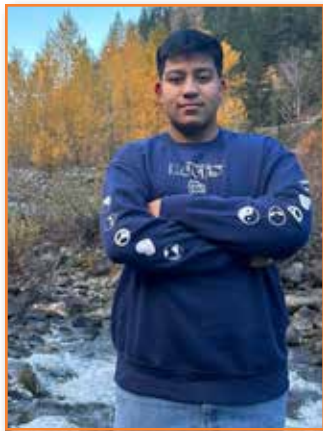
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