

# Washougal salutatorian is off to college with a 'Running Start'

□ Hailey Bischoff attends Clark College

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A Washougal High School senior who has already earned some college credits is looking forward to the next phase of her life.

Hailey Bischoff, a participant in the Running Start program at Clark College, is the salutatorian for the WHS class of 2010.

"I'm pretty excited," she said. "I did not even know about it until the principal called and asked me to speak."

With grade point averages of 3.97 in high school and 3.81 in college, Bischoff has

lived in Washougal for one year. She and her family have also resided in Pasco, Wash.; and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Bischoff said attending three high schools has been a learning experience.

"Each time I moved, I had to extend myself," she said. "It was learning how to deal with people and how to be friendly. I'm a really reserved person. Extending myself was a really big challenge. Moving required me to get outside my comfort zone."

Bischoff plans to major in engineering and math on a scholarship at Brigham Young University-Idaho.



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"What I really want to do is be a mother," she said. "It's something I've always to do ever since I was little."

Bischoff, daughter of Brent and Sharon Bischoff, has four younger brothers.

According to Sharon Bischoff, Hailey did not play with dolls because she had "live ones" to help tend and change diapers.

In the first grade — after experiencing a loud and confusing atmosphere with three groups of 25 students each grouped together in an open pod classroom — Bischoff's request to be home schooled was eventually

granted for most of her elementary school years.

During that time, she participated in activities — such as volleyball, swimming and band — with children in public schools. At Pasco High School, Bischoff ran cross country and track. She lettered in cross country and choir, played the piano for jazz band and sang in audition choirs in both Pasco and Idaho Falls.

Her community involvement has included playing piano for church since she was 12 years old. Bischoff has served as president of her church youth group for three years and president of a 4-H Club where she showed sheep and chickens.

She has helped a fifth grade

class with schoolwork at Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School, and she is a member of the National Honor Society.

Sharon Bischoff describes her daughter as self motivated and disciplined.

"She's been a really easy teenager," she said. "She's been really pleasant. We've enjoyed her. I wish I had as much discipline as she does."

Brent said his daughter is "a very focused young lady" who is serious about her schoolwork.

"She's fairly mature for her age," he said. "She always has been. That helps her to set goals and accomplish what she wants in life. She holds high expectations for herself. She won't settle for anything less than doing her very best."