

On the Dec. 31 editorial supporting the Running Start program:

I highly recommend Running Start. My daughter was a participant and I am proud to report she is now a Ph.D. in Public Health employed at Washington University in St. Louis. Her motivation and maturity was all her own. She told me if she would have been forced to stay at the local high school, she doesn't know how she would have survived it. It worked for us. I dropped her off at Clark College on my way to work. Sometimes the grandparents helped with return trips. Daughter was able to be on the HS cross country team.

—gkortes

My dad graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, from night classes in '62. He finally finished the education that World War II had interrupted. Yes, it's a very, very good university, and it has a beautiful, old campus. I fell in love with the superior library. gkortes, your daughter is in a very good place.

My youngest granddaughter is in the same type of program in Gresham at Mt. Hood CC. And my grandson will enter the Clark College program next year. His mother, my daughter, graduated from Clark College with honors before attending, and graduating from, U of Portland. She was also inducted as a member of the junior college honor fraternity while at CC. Junior colleges are such useful institutions for communities.

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