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Northern Wasco County PUD Awards 2026 Scholarships to Local Students

The Dalles, OR – May 28, 2026 – Northern Wasco County PUD (NWCPUD) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2026 Board of Directors' Scholarship Program. Board Director and Scholarship Committee Member Scott Taylor presented this year's scholarships to three exceptional local students at senior awards ceremonies at The Dalles High School and Dufur High School, recognizing their pursuit of education in fields that could benefit the utility industry.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

- **Noraya Gallegos**, who will attend Oregon State University to study Civil Engineering
- **Jonathan Rodriguez Mota**, who will attend Oregon State University to study Mechanical Engineering
- **Alexis Westfall**, who will attend the University of Alabama Honors College to double major in Political Science and Sports Management, with minors in American Sign Language and Spanish

“These three students remind us that the future of our industry won't be built by any single discipline. It takes engineers, problem-solvers, and people who understand policy and community,” said Roger Kline, NWCPUD General Manager and CEO. “We're honored to invest in their education and to play a small part in where they go next.”

The NWCPUD scholarship program awards each recipient a total of \$10,000 distributed over two years to support students pursuing fields of study that could benefit the utility industry. The program is designed to promote interest in utility careers while supporting local students in their educational journeys, reflecting the District's ongoing commitment to investing in the people and long-term vitality of its service territory.

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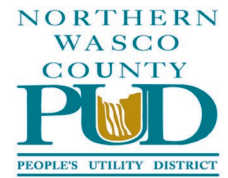
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