

Congratulations to the classes of 2018!



Eastside Academy Bellevue Campus



Eastside Academy Redmond Campus

Congratulations to our 2018 Eastside Academy graduates. Thank you for helping us get these amazing seniors across the high school finish line and on their way to the exciting next steps in their lives. These talented young people are heading to Bellevue College, Renton Technical College, University of Washington Bothell, a job in hospitality, and more. This group has big plans and Eastside Academy will continue to walk alongside of them as they work to put the pieces in place for their education and careers.

This past year brought some changes at Eastside Academy. We have paused operations at our Redmond campus and hope to reopen as a Middle School in 2019. Time and time again, our students share that their challenges began during their pre-teen years. We want to intervene at this vulnerable stage and provide youth with the tools they need to feel safe and confident in high school. We hope you will join us as we lay the foundation for this bold vision.

As you read our graduates' stories, please celebrate with us! Your partnership with Eastside Academy enabled us to wrap our arms around these kids and help them work, heal, and dream. Thanks to you, they have a bright future. Again, thank you.



Elyse Nicholson
Executive Director



Brennan Grant Bundy: Life before Eastside Academy was incredibly dull and directionless. I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do. Since being at this school, I have purpose and clear goals. Every day is an adventure. I have learned to relate to other students and better understand people. Next year, I am going to attend Cascadia Community College for two years and want to write a non-fiction novel.



Casey Kuloloia: My life used to be crazy and out of whack. I was not able to focus mentally and physically. Now, I feel like my life is in order. I am relaxed and hard-working. I discovered the true potential of being the best I can be and a follower of God. Here at EA, the biggest things I've learned are trust and self-worth. I'm really proud of the fact that I have been getting all A's. Next year, I plan to become a realtor and produce music.



Thien Ngoc Dang: My life before Eastside Academy was horrible. I was living in a car and had nothing to lose so I did whatever I felt like. This school has showed me that I am worth it. I have learned that I can go a long way when I have the community looking out for me and keeping me accountable. Next year, I plan to go to Bellevue College. My goal is to finish the book I've been writing and sell it to all the teens that need to know they are not alone.



Windie R. G. McVay: I was attending public high school before Eastside Academy. I kept my grades up, but I wasn't sober. Now, I'm sober, and I've learned that you can make it even though it's hard. I'm proud of staying sober. After graduation, I will be getting a job at Home Goods, saving money for my child and getting a better place to live. My goal is to be sober for the rest of my life and be a great mother to my child.



Jacob W. Hamilton: Before Eastside Academy I was not attending school and I was failing all of my classes. Now, I have good attendance and grades. EA has helped me build accountability for myself and learn to be responsible with others. I'm proud of the fact that I bought a car this year. My plans after graduation are to get a better job and become independent. My goal is to always maintain healthy relationships.



Megyn E. Schneider: Before Eastside Academy, I was home schooled. I didn't have friends and I was in a long state of depression. Now, I have been accepted and loved by every student and staff member in ways that wouldn't have been possible at a public school. I'm proud of the confidence I have gained. After graduation, I would like to participate in a mission trip, and later attend Cornish to get my degree in music. My goals for the future are to perform, serve the world, and have a family of my own.



Joshua Johanson: My life used to be aimless and difficult. Eastside Academy has helped me be much more consistent and hopeful. I have become responsible and have maintained a good work ethic. I'm really proud that I have maintained good grades. My next step is to go to college and pursue a career in aerospace.



Alissa Nichole Turnbull: Before Eastside Academy, I was in a completely hopeless place. At EA, I got the personal attention and help I needed but had never gotten before. I have learned that my thoughts and feelings are valid and being vulnerable takes a lot of strength. I am working on "you are worthy." After graduation I will attend the University of Washington. There is so much I want to do, but no matter what, my main goal is to love myself and believe that I have worth. I also want to get married, have kids, and travel the world.



Hunter William Klinge: Before Eastside Academy, I was very undisciplined. I would show up to school only so that I would be marked present. Now, I am driven, disciplined, adaptable, and goal-oriented. I have learned to be accountable and take responsibility. I'm proud of the fact that I am becoming an acceptable young man. EA has also really helped me plan my future. After graduation, I will go to college to study Construction Management.



Baker J. Uram: Before Eastside Academy, I was an addict who didn't think I could graduate. Now, I am sober, and I have straight A's. I've learned that sometimes, you just have to push through life. I'm most proud of the fact that I have stayed sober. After graduation, I plan to work so I can save money for college. I want to be a cook and open a café with my girlfriend.

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