



# 2026 GRADUATION

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## Woolsey, Herrington lead the Fernley Class of 2026

By Robert Perea

Valedictorian Bobby Woolsey and Salutatorian Abby Herrington are the top ranking graduates in the Fernley High School Class of 2026.

Both students have already earned their Associate of Science degrees through the Western Nevada College Jump Start program and are headed to the University of Nevada, Reno this fall.

While they share the same destination, they reached the finish line from different directions, Woolsey through a broad range of involvement and Herrington through a defined path.

### Valedictorian Bobby Woolsey

The son of William and Rebekah Woolsey, Bobby Woolsey admits he does not look like a typical academic powerhouse.

"If someone looked at me, I kind of just look like a regular person off the street," he said. "But I think personally, some of the things that I do are pretty unique and pretty fascinating."

A student with a diverse range of interests, Woolsey credits his excellence in the classroom to a desire to do his best, plus a little bit of motivation to match the accomplishments of his sister Emma, who was the Fernley Class of 2024 valedictorian.

"When my sister became valedictorian, I was kind of like, I guess I can't take any days off," he said. "It was less about being valedictorian. I just had to not be worse than my sister."

Woolsey said he always focused on always showing up and turning in all his work, but he had gotten all As after two years of high school.

"So I was like, might as well just keep doing school and then it just turned out I went another year, still no Bs," he said. "It was really just something that happened because of all of the other stuff I was doing."

Woolsey was in the marching band and concert band for four years, playing the tuba. He made three regional honor ensembles and was named to the small schools All-State band once. In marching band, he was section leader for three years and drum major for one.

He also plans to learn to play bass and start a rock band. Tuba and bass are both the steady anchor and quiet backbone of a piece of music, but Woolsey said he hadn't considered the parallel between the instruments and his personality.

"If anything, there's a little of me just always trying to be a good classmate and uplift those around me," he said. "And that could also be applied to the music that I like to make."

Woolsey plans to study mechanical engineering in college but said music was one reason he chose UNR.

"They let people who aren't music majors play in their ensembles, so it's kind of like a perk for me," he said.

Woolsey spent four years on the academic team, as captain for three years, and was the team's leading scorer for one year. He was in the National Honor Society for his last three years of high school and was elected parliamentarian for two years and participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at the high school. He has also been involved in 4-H since he was 7 years old.

Since many Jump Start classes are either online or in person at the Carson City or Fallon campuses, many students in the program are isolated from the rest of the high school student body. Woolsey said he avoided that by taking normal high school classes at the same time.

"My favorite part about high school is just seeing all of these different people," he said. "Everyone is so different in their ideas and their values, and we are all in the same place and we all interact on a daily basis. And it was just really fun to interact and see everyone."

While he enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities in high school, Woolsey said he is looking forward to narrowing his focus in college.

"High school was fun and I did get to do a lot of stuff, but I'm really excited now to focus on one subject of study, to really try and specialize my knowledge," he said.



Robert Woolsey



Abigail Herrington

### Salutatorian Abby Herrington

In her first year in the program, Abby Herrington nearly walked away from the Western Nevada Jump Start Program at Fernley High School. A year later, she has her Associate of Science degree through the program and has set herself on a direct path into nursing.

The daughter of Krystal and Wayne Strickland, Herrington is also the Class of 2026 salutatorian.

"I really feel like everything paid off, all my hard work, late nights, lots of tears," Herrington said. "There was a point when I thought about dropping out of Jump Start and they were like, 'no, don't do it, just see it through.' And it was totally worth it because I did just fine. I was just scared to do something new."

Herrington also earned her Certified Nursing Assistant license through a Career and Technical Education program at Fernley High and works two 12-hour shifts each week at Carson-Tahoe Hospital in medical oncology.

She says the work confirms her long-term plans to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Nevada, Reno, then continue to graduate school. Her long-term goal is to become a burn center nurse.

Herrington's interest in nursing began early. Her mother, an oncology nurse who is now a nurse educator at Renown Regional Medical Center, often brought her to the hospital when she was younger.

"I got to see the floor, and I was like, this is totally what I want to do," Herrington said.

Herrington said her favorite class was her CNA class taught by Windi Altemeyer, the director of the Certified Nursing Assistant program at Fernley High School.

"It really solidified that I wanted to be a nurse," she said.

As part of Jump Start, Herrington also did a teaching internship at Silverland Middle School.

"You shadow the teachers, work with the kids, teach lessons, whatever they'll let you do," she said.

Herrington said being valedictorian or salutatorian was not her specific goal, but it was in the back of her mind throughout high school.

"I took extra credits to get here, more than the required credits in Jump Start," she said. "It's a good accomplishment, so if it happens, it happens, but if it doesn't, I wasn't going to get too caught up in it. I need As to get into the nursing program anyway."

The youngest of four siblings, Herrington said her parents always encouraged them to do the best they can, but she said her motivation is internal.

"I want to have a good life, and I'm ready to move out of my mom's house," she said. "I think I'm very caring, so I think the more educated I am, the better care I can give."

Herrington said working at the hospital pushed her forward.

"That's a good motivator," she said. "I don't want to have any regrets at the end, so let me just do it all. I don't want anything to hold me back."

Away from school and work, Herrington said she takes care of her four cats and likes to cook and read.

Herrington said her own experience in pushing through when she considered quitting Jump Start offers advice for future students.

"Just see it through, even if it's rough," she said. "Just don't give up. If you don't try it, you'll never know if you fail. And it's okay to fail."



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Dear Class of 2026,

As I think about this incredible group of graduates, I am filled with immense pride. It feels like just yesterday you walked through our doors, unsure of what the future held. Today, you leave as capable young adults ready to take on the world.

Thank you for the energy, the laughter, and the unique spirit you brought to our hallways every single day. You've faced challenges with grace and celebrated victories as a family. As your principal, my greatest hope is that you carry the kindness and community spirit you built here into your next chapter. Your resilience is your superpower.

Character is what you do when no one is watching, and I know you will continue to make us proud. Wishing you a future filled with joy, purpose, and endless success!

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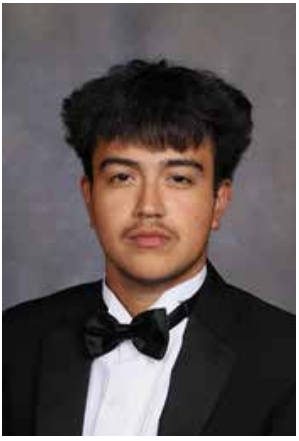


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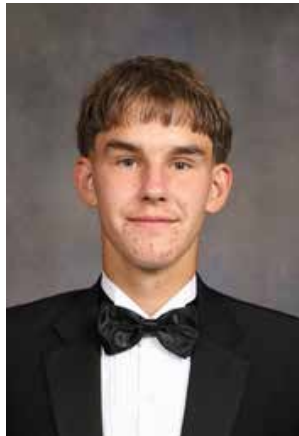
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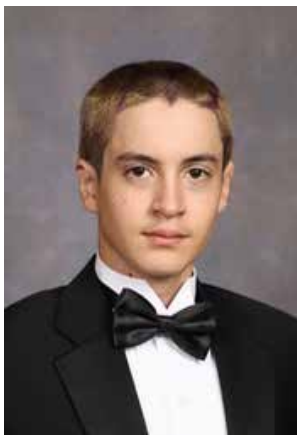
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