

## Local High School Students Deliver Behind the Scenes at KPUD

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Klickitat PUD (KPUD) often hires high school students, giving them the opportunity to spend time in an office environment—an important role in preparing them for real-life work experiences.

The students are vital to KPUD's work force by assisting with special projects and day-to-day duties.

This allows KPUD employees to work on priority projects and meet required deadlines.

The students have quickly and efficiently adapted to the work environment.

We proudly introduce our 2004-2005 student workers—Brandi Meech, Sam Barker and Casey Robinson—who each ranked among the top 15 percent of their senior class.

**Brandi Meech** was born and raised in Goldendale. She is involved with Teens Against Tobacco Use and is this year's National Honor Society, vice president. She enjoys writing, playing board games, and spending time with her friends and family.

Brandi plans to attend Portland State University in the fall, where she hopes to major in history with an emphasis in journalism. She would like to teach high school or write for a magazine.

Brandi helps the administration and power management departments with office tasks. She enjoys

the people she works with and is glad to have the opportunity to work for KPUD and write for Ruralite magazine.

**Sam Barker** was also born and raised in Goldendale. He enjoys golfing and snowboarding, and spending time with his family and girlfriend.

He is the student body president and the 2005 salutatorian. He is active in many high school clubs.

Sam plans to attend Linfield College in the fall. He wants to major in engineering and minor in business administration.

Sam works for the KPUD engineering department, entering data and helping engineers write letters. He hopes to help with the new wastewater project in Klickitat.

**Casey Robinson** was born in Bremerton. She moved to Goldendale in 2001, during her freshman year of high school.

Casey enjoys spending time with her friends and going to movies. She also enjoys shopping and going to the river.

She hopes to attend the University of Phoenix in Arizona in the fall.

Casey says she enjoys her job and likes going to work every day because she enjoys the people she works with. She works at the warehouse answering phones and filing. She has recently helped with purchase orders and tracking bids.

Casey says KPUD has a good program for high school students, and she is glad for the opportunity.



Brandi Meech



Sam Barker



Casey Robinson