

Four county graduates ...

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"It's something that's brought a lot of joy into my life," she said of helping others. "When I turned 16, I decided to get my CNA and I've worked at the nursing home in Hallock since August 2018. That's what ultimately made me decide what I want to do because I absolutely love my job."

Olson will graduate from Lancaster High School this Friday, May 22 and will enter North Dakota State University in Fargo to pursue her registered nursing degree. Although she loves the elderly she's worked with at Kittson Healthcare, Olson hopes to start as an OBGYN nurse to work with the youngest patients and pregnant women.

While attending college, Olson will be working as a CNA at Rosewood on Broadway in Fargo.

She will be double majoring in international studies as she received a Global Innovation scholarship from NDSU.

"I think tagging that along with medical work will be interesting to see how to do research or study abroad, and bring back different medical techniques from different parts of the world," Olson said.

She hopes the international studies major

will also give her a broader perspective of the patients she serves.

Kittson Central senior Morgan Olson is set to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead for her bachelor's in nursing this fall, but plans to eventually obtain her nurse practitioner degree.

"I've always been interested in going into the nursing field. My mom works at the nursing home so I've been around it a lot," Olson said. "I enjoy working with people, so it's a natural extension of what I like to do."

Olson will graduate on Saturday, May 23.

In her junior year, Olson made the decision to become a nurse practitioner after much research and conversations. She visited with Karen Warner, a nurse practitioner at Kittson Healthcare in Hallock, her own nurse practitioner she visits and did her own research into the profession.

"I'd like to work with kids the most," she said. "I just think they're so funny and so genuine. They're fun to be around."

As the national coronavirus pandemic continues, Olson said it has made her further realize the importance of entering the medical field. It

has also reinforced her desire to become a nurse. Once she obtains her registered nursing degree from MSUM, she plans to work as an RN in Fargo-Moorhead until she can finish her nurse practitioner degree. She's not opposed to working in a rural setting, perhaps even Kittson County, but isn't sure yet.

These three seniors agree the pandemic has not stifled their desires to enter the medical field. Instead, the national urgency and need for nurses has only strengthened their passion for their chosen careers.

"It's made me want to help people even more," Klegstad said. "Since I work in healthcare, I can't just go do stuff (with my friends). I'm so terrified of going back to work and spreading the virus to residents. It makes me more cautious than some people around me."



KITTSOON CENTRAL SENIORS (l-r) Megan Hylton, Genna Holm (being pulled by Alex Lindeagard) and Ava Mortenson participate in a version of Hungry, Hungry Hippos during KC's Homecoming week festivities. (Submitted Photo)



LANCASTER SENIORS SARAH LENHART AND TUCKER NELSON show their love for their team, the KCC Bearcats, and their school, Lancaster High School, at a KCC Volleyball Homecoming game held in Lancaster. (Submitted Photo)

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