

Vashon Community Scholarships

CLASS OF 2024
AWARDS CEREMONY
May 23, 2024



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Program

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. | Awards Ceremony Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments After Ceremony

Ten presenters will tell the story of over a hundred scholarships that represent our island community, its history and its future, with a tribute to each recipient and some special moments with donors and guests.

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Frances Alexander

I'm a creative person who enjoys learning new things and following my interests and artistic passions. I'm determined to learn more about the world. I try to be the best person I can be, while hopefully helping others to do the same.

Daniel Alvarez

I love drawing, learning as much as I can about human anatomy and playing a new instrument. I lovingly tend to the needs of those around me. I try my best to succeed in whatever subject I put my mind to.

Caroline Barnes

The people in my life often describe me as hard-working, creative, and compassionate. After internships at Vashon Nature Center and Fred Hutch Cancer Center, and as a member of Teen Council, I discovered that I value helping others through learning about science. After high school, I hope to travel the world, try new foods and experience new cultures.

Kiara Bartel

I would describe myself as a goal oriented, compassionate, independent person. I love to be physically active and participate in different forms of exercise. I'm happiest when I'm spending time with my loved ones and positively impacting people around me.

Alana Bass

I'm energetic, joyful, driven, and very pink. I play soccer, I'm a captain of the VHS track & field team, and I love studying biology. When I'm not studying or training, I can be spotted listening to music and frolicking, either in my kitchen, on my trampoline, or out with my friends and family.

Wyatt Bates

I love playing guitar more than anything, other than my loving family, of course. When I'm not playing my guitar, I enjoy running around in fields and tracks in circles, and learning about psychology. Music brings joy to my life and I hope to share that same joy with others.

Olivia Boyes

I'm a hard worker, which pays off both on the soccer field and in the classroom. I love to travel and experience new cultures and places, especially being outdoors and in nature. I am inspired by and learn from others to pursue my goals and be a better person!

Chase Bradrick

During my senior year at VHS, I played three sports at the varsity level. My friends know me as a hard worker, loyal and caring. After high school, I plan to join the Army and become an Army Ranger.

Gregorio Chavez

I am someone who can get along with almost anybody. I'm very open minded, I'm loyal, and I see the best in people. And I love sports to death!

Jamie Choo

I am a student, lifeguard, artist, swimmer, and coach. I have a passion for the natural world, And I plan to pursue this through an education in oceanography. After high school, I'll continue to swim, make wacky art and pursue other hobbies and passions.

Sadie Choo

I am a dancer, student and artist. I plan to pursue dance at college and professionally, and want to thank my family, fellow dancers, teachers and island community for their unwavering support of this dream. I enjoy drinking tea with my cat, Theodore, on rainy days.

Lila Cohen

If I'm not studying or working on college applications at a local coffee shop, you'll find me outside. From organized sports like soccer and lacrosse, to hiking, swimming, skiing and horseback riding, there is nothing I enjoy more than getting outdoors. I look forward to exploring the natural and cultural wonders of the world.

Toni Ćorak

I love to hike. I've played competitive water polo for seven years, commuting every weekday to Mercer Island for it. Growing up in the restaurant business has helped me grow as a person. I'm a hardworking, committed, empathetic, and reliable person who's always willing to help.

Ellis Cudaback

Throughout my life I've spent my time playing soccer and spending time with friends and family. My friends would describe me as outgoing, compassionate, and independent. In addition to soccer and academics, I enjoy snowboarding and hiking. After college I plan to study persuasion marketing and business analytics.

Nathan Davidson

I am an outgoing, lighthearted, and passionate person. Hanging out with friends and spending time with my family are very important to me. In the future I plan on attending a four-year college and joining the military.

Molly Deines

Being an aerial acrobatics coach at UMO has gotten me involved in the Vashon community. I love to laugh, cook, and travel. I plan to get my degree in computer science and continue

my passion for aerial arts.

Finnley De Marco Johnson

I'm a planner at heart who enjoys hanging out with friends and playing volleyball. I'm also a commuter and I've loved the Vashon life since 6th grade. I'm excited for college and what opportunities it will bring. I plan to study Hospitality Business Management and become an event planner.

Arda Demir

I would describe myself as compassionate, hardworking, and trusting. I love to be around my friends and family and always try to better myself every day for them. I try to connect with the people around me, with my community and support everyone I can.

Owen Dempsey

I grew up loving the outdoors and the ocean, which is where I spend most of my time. I hope to spend my next four years studying in those fields.

Ferdinand Escovedo

I'm an adventurous person who enjoys hiking and traveling. I'm a musician who plays piano and trumpet, and I've been in the school band for or seven years. Wrestling and soccer have always been a big part of my life.

Dylan Fick

Ever since I was young, I've wanted to understand the mechanical aspects of almost anything. My favorite units in elementary school were the simple machines and lego robotics. When I am not tinkering, you can find me hanging out with my family or pets.

Keely Flannery

As a student athlete, I played on the volleyball and softball teams throughout middle school and high school. I plan to continue softball with local adult leagues. During my downtime I enjoy crocheting, gaming and being around my family and friends. I currently work part time at a medical production company on Vashon.

Lander Fontaine

I am driven to learn and expand my knowledge of the world. I love helping my community through Scouts and the Vashon Maury Community Food Bank. I am fascinated by politics and hope to contribute to my nation. My hobbies include watching movies and drawing.

Gillian Foster

I'm an aerialist, artist, and crocheter. I enjoy my work with various non-profits on the island such

VCSF Recipients

as UMO, Orbit, and Mukai Farm and Garden. I hope to continue being active in my community wherever I attend college. My goal in life is to be a fulfilled person who pursues knowledge and strength through community and introspection.

Will Frith

I love playing and umpiring baseball, skiing and weight lifting. I'm a people person; connecting to others gives me strength. I'm determined and positive in everything I do. I enjoy the grind, as well as taking a break to have fun. I'm ready to take the next step into a new community in college, where I hope to study psychology.

Adrian Garduno

I consider myself a nice person; I'm fun, energetic and shy. I love living with animals and I find joy and gratification in taking care of them. I also enjoy spending time with my loved ones, my family and friends.

Shai Gefkovicz

Three adjectives I would use to describe myself to a stranger would be confident, charismatic, and enthusiastic. I like to hang out with my family, my dog, and my friends. I enjoy watching TV, traveling, and learning new things. I hope to help people in the future by working in health care.

Peter Ghigleri

I'm a hardworking, persistent person who always tries to have the right attitude. In addition to academics, I spend my time playing sports, hanging out with friends and family, and working on my car. I also take my personal health very seriously and spend evenings working out at the VAC and cooking healthy food!

Sam Gill

I am a disciplined, empathetic, hard-working person who enjoys being out in nature. I love playing guitar and making music, as it's a great way to express myself when words can't say enough. I plan to attend OSU Cascades to get a bachelor's degree in environmental science.

Malia Grantor

I'm a driven and persistent individual who strives to be the best I can. I love the mountains and I ski race competitively. I also enjoy mountain biking, hiking and paddle boarding and I'm passionate about Spanish. I enjoy being a part of ASB and other leadership programs at VHS. My goal is to become a doctor, to work with Doctors Without Borders and help people in marginalized countries throughout the world.

Mackenzie Guadagno

My passion will always be to pursue medicine, it is something I have known since I was young. Beyond that, the things that are important to me are my friends, rock climbing, lacrosse, Teen Council, painting and hiking. I enjoy running my busy life and I hope I can continue that through college and beyond.

Timothy Guadamuz

I have been told that I am a good listener, a quiet person, a smart person, and a kind person. I enjoy fishing and playing games with friends and family. I am thankful for the last four years on Vashon, and I plan on having a great future after this.

Eden Guthery

I'm a student, an artist, an adventurer and most importantly, a leader. I have active roles in my community as secretary of the QSA Club, a lead costume designer for the VHS theater, a camp counselor, and hold a position on the Student Advisory Board. I've been described as kind, confident, and well spoken. I have a deep love for the natural world, with native plants and wildlife inspiring my art in multiple mediums.

John Harvey

I'm a hard worker and a leader in my sports, my professional, and my school lives. I love to get outdoors and hang out with friends. I plan to study finance and economics in the next four years and beyond.

Finn Hawkins

As an athlete, I love expressing myself through the sports I play. I'm kind and funny, dedicated and passionate, whether it's playing baseball or recreational golf. After college, I'd like to carve out a place for myself in sports management.

Jonah Hendon

I'm kinda short, but I like to think I make up for it with humor and confidence. I love meeting new people and can easily mix and communicate with anyone. I'm determined to finish what I start and I'm as loving and kind as I am quick and funny.

Linnea Heuschert

I'm kind, adventurous and hardworking, and I try to make everyone feel included. I've been fortunate to grow up traveling to many places, being a part of two different cultures, and gaining a lot of life experience at a very young age. I value my friendships and my loving and supportive family above all else. I'm always looking for the next adventure, ideally leading to a beautiful view.

Harper Hobson

I'm interested in fashion design, acting, modeling, and music. I'm very driven and passionate when it comes to any project I work on. I look out for those around me and try to find the right words to make people smile.

Taj Holloway

I'm an easy-going person that likes to spend time making memories with my friends and family. I enjoy playing lacrosse, golfing, and snowboarding. I also like learning about geopolitics and hope to have a career that involves it in some way.

Isaac Huff

I have an excitable personality and I wear my heart on my sleeve. I like to sing, create, and make new friends. I plan to study theater and dream of performing to entertain.

Taylor Huffman

My cats like to keep me company. They're sitting on my lap while I play piano, attempting to sample the food when I'm cooking, and they are accompanying me while I draw and create new worlds on paper. And my dog keeps me outside running, as I aspire to be as fit as she is.

Devon Isakson-Bell

I like to write and listen to music, and I work at Vashon Kids, a before and after school child care program. I volunteer at the Vashon Food Bank and I am going to study astronomy in college.

Maheyla Joy

I consider myself soft hearted, yet strong headed. When I put my mind to something that I or someone I love cares about, there is nothing that will stop me from getting it done. I'm often told by others that I'm very persuasive and ambitious.

Chloe Kampmeier

In addition to academics, I enjoy arts such as ceramics, violin, and singing. I love theatre, both in performing and organization, and I plan to pursue it in college. Currently I'm an exchange student in Sevilla, Spain!

Mallory Keenan

I enjoy learning about biology and medicine, spending time with family and friends, playing soccer competitively, exploring nature, and spending time with my pets. I moved to Vashon when I was two years old, and my community has shaped me into the person I am today. I look forward to getting my Master's degree in biomedical sciences to pursue a career in the medical field. I aspire to be a successful orthopedic surgeon who will be saving lives.

Orion Knowler

I love soccer, hiking, climbing, skiing, and music.

I've loved playing soccer while growing up on Vashon, and exploring Washington's mountains. I'm excited to explore the rest of the world, and for all the new adventures.

Nora LaVigueur

I'm an enthusiastic and spirited person with no shame in my game. I find joy being around animals, bringing smiles to people's faces and making a difference. I hope to continue to make a difference by working in conservation efforts.

Atticus (Jett) Legry

Growing up on the shoreline of West Seattle, I fought beach-stick duels with my brother, then moved on to actual swords with Épée fencing. My passions include economics, worldbuilding, poli-sci, and all kinds of game-play. This year I thrived as ASB co-president due to a love of presentations, problem solving, and collaborating with cool students and teachers. My friends make school and the ferry commute much more fun.

Jem Macomber Straight

I love drawing, singing, playing the piano, making cosplay and costumes. I enjoy finding a challenge to overcome when engaging with these activities. I'm excited to move on in life — to college, jobs, and new friends.

Finlay MacRae

I raise puppies with Guide Dogs For The Blind and I'm a dancer. My friends often tell me I need to get less time-consuming activities, but I love both, way too much. I'm passionate about math and science, and I'm excited to continue my education in those subjects.

Finn Magonegil

In addition to school, I enjoy baseball, soccer and coaching. I find joy in leading the younger generation, working at Island Queen, and being an active member of the Vashon community. I plan on attending school in Washington, and hope to become a teacher one day.

Colin McIntyre

People describe me as hard working, outgoing, and funny. In my free time I love to wrestle, mountain bike, lift weights, and spend time with friends. When I go to college, I plan to pursue a degree in conservation.

Finn McIntyre

I enjoy playing lacrosse, soccer, skiing in the local mountains, and swimming in the sound. And I like to spend time with my friends, making lasting memories. I have always enjoyed connecting with other people and I hope to use this skill to pursue a career in business and commerce.

Amelia Medeiros

I LOVE making music. I sing, and play the guitar,

piano, ukulele, mandolin, banjo and Celtic fiddle. I thrive in a busy atmosphere, whether that's milking goats and packaging cheese in our goat dairy with my family of 9, or working as a lifeguard, volunteer -ing, and playing sports every season of the year. I am driven by new challenges and seek ways to find out more about myself and other people.

Ivy Merkl

I moved to Vashon in 2020, the summer before my freshman year. I live here with my mom and younger brother. I enjoy playing all types of sports, listening to obscure history podcasts, and watching early 2000's movies with my friends.

Rowan Millett

I am a two-sport athlete in football and wrestling. I also enjoy working on cars and solving problems. I consider myself a hard-working, motivated young man and hope to expand on that as I continue to grow and develop.

Camdin Monson

I love lifting weights, learning as much as possible, and caring for the people around me. I look for challenges in many forms as a result of my genuine integrity. I seek to use my strong mind and powerful story to inspire those around me.

Madison Moores

I'd like to think of myself as funny and kind. I play soccer both in and out of school, and I play a lot of guitar. I hope to go to law school and then help people as a lawyer.

Tyler Moores

When I find something that interests me, I'm very enthusiastic and driven to learn more about it or become better at it. I really enjoy English and math classes in school, but generally like the process of learning across all subjects. I have a twin brother. My parents own a coffee shop in West Seattle, which has allowed me to make many friends and meet many new people.

Eli Nelson

I'm a hardworking and motivated person, and I use my intuitive sense to find the best way through. I enjoy the great outdoors by skiing every month of the year, and working with outdoor camps for youth. "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." — Jimi Hendrix. :)

Simona Nelson

In my free time I like to hang out with my friends and listen to music. I enjoy oil painting and have been playing violin since I was 5 years old. I work with dogs and cats at a kennel and a shelter, and hope to pursue a career in animal welfare.

Zoe Nowicki

I'm a student athlete who loves doing anything

active. My friends describe me as hardworking, loyal and strong-hearted. My plans are to double major in biochemistry and statistics, then get a job as a lab or clinical technician. I'm just as comfortable curled up with a book and my dogs as I am playing soccer or basketball.

Caden Oberlander

I can be described as a pretty outgoing person. I spend most of my time socializing, and I love making people laugh. I have played lacrosse for four years and I like to snowboard whenever I get the chance. In the future, I hope to learn about running my own business.

Liv Ormseth

I am the captain of my rowing team, a grocery store enthusiast, and a lover of baking and long walks. I am hard-working, organized, and thoughtful. I hope to study law or physical therapy in college.

Oceane Pangrazzi

I'm a person who prefers to keep to myself, but I enjoy the adventures nature has to offer, which includes hiking, traveling, and snowboarding. I love being creative with my mind, and find calmness in making art and putting my imagination to use. The fact that you can bring something to life with your imagination is something I find beautiful.

Scarlett Papenfuss

I'm dedicated to keeping a positive attitude and seeing the bright side in things. I'm passionate about math and the analytics of the world, and I challenge myself with computer science and complex problems. I love practicing my hobbies such as volleyball, golf, and art.

Sayan Pernick

The words that best describe me are: funny, clever, caring, observant and friendly. I'm very hard-working, and I love spending time with my friends. I also love to travel and explore new places in the U.S. and around the world. After high school, I hope to attend college.

Madeline Pettis

I'm an ambitious individual with an unwavering work ethic and determination. I pursue my goals with passion. I find joy in playing piano, creating ceramic art, and engaging in sports such as golf and volleyball.

Cassidy Poole

I'm passionate, kind, outgoing, and naturally drawn to leadership. The outdoors inspires me, and I express this through ceramics, gardening, snowboarding, hiking, rock climbing, horseback riding, and my impressive collection of houseplants and rocks. I'm grateful to my family, friends, and community for the incredible life I've lived so far.

I plan to attend veterinary school in the UK, then work as a globally traveling veterinarian.

Leo Ralston

I'm a self-taught music producer, continuously learning new techniques and improving my skills. Since attending running start, I've found an interest in physics and chemistry, and am now pursuing a degree in engineering. When I'm not studying or making music, I enjoy running, biking, and spending time with my friends.

Sawyer Ranney

I love to make people smile and laugh, because when others are happy, I am too. Every day brings a new challenge that I want to face, in order to make myself better. I will always devote myself to what I have committed to.

Ricky Rasmussen

I'm a competitive yet caring person who is passionate about my family and friends, improving myself, and helping others. I've loved my Vashon experience and have learned so much here. I'm eager to move forward and explore what the world has to offer.

Jack Revello

I'm a rower with Vashon Island Rowing Club, a Boy Scout, and a member of my community. I enjoy being outdoors, being active and doing volunteer work for many organizations. As a commuter from West Seattle, I'm thankful that this is where I ended up, and I'm glad that I come out here every day.

Davis Rice

I mainly fill up my time with lacrosse, skiing, and schoolwork. I enjoy physical activity and plan on studying exercise physiology at college. My friends and teammates know me for my drive and competitiveness, on and off the field.

Avery Richmond

I love art, animals and my friends. I try my best to help change things in a positive way, and I think that fighting for what you believe in is the best way to make change. Being trans has affected my life in many ways, but I'm so happy I'm figuring myself out. More people deserve to have the same opportunity.

Hazen Roeser

I'm a passion-driven senior with big dreams for the aviation world. I have been working towards my dream of becoming a pilot for six years now, and I won't stop.

Keziah Rutschow

I love to row, hike, and play guitar. I'm excited about all of the unknown adventures in my future. Hopefully, I will be able to spend my time working as a journalist and traveling the world.

Lilliana (Lily) Sewell

I'm Lily! I'm a commuter at VHS who identifies with the LGBTQ+ community. I love to socialize, and use wit and humor to connect with my peers. I'm interested in writing as a way to spread points of view, positivity, and intriguing facts. I intend to study journalism, creative writing, and/or sociology in college.

Lyra Shannon

I have an interest in art and politics, and I like learning about history as a way to better understand the world. I'm looking forward to going to college, where I can continue to learn and grow.

Mackie Shea-Peloquin

I'm energetic and optimistic. Being flexible with solving problems has made me great at working with others. I enjoy hiking, photography, and exploring new places. I've worked at both Thriftway and the Pharmacy, and am looking forward to life in college.

Julius Sheppard

Julius is a peer mentor who fosters a supportive and inclusive community. A veteran Special Olympics competitor, he loves bowling, swimming – and fidget toys. He is a joyful, funny storyteller, determined to grow in intellect and character.

Allison Spence

I am a kind and passionate individual who enjoys creative thinking and the process of making art. I love hanging out with my friends and family, and my pets. I hope to find a place for myself as a professional artist after high school.

Theo Strain

I'm a creative and determined person who never backs down from a challenge, and always looks for ways to help people out. I'm adventurous, and I like traveling and experiencing new things. I want to try and make the world a better place.

Reid Stromberg

I would describe myself as a resilient, motivated, and caring individual. I love the physical nature of sports and have played them all my life. They've helped me become the person I am today. I also enjoy time with my family and friends, and being a part of my community.

Ella Strong

I am creative, hard-working, and thoughtful. I dance ballet with the Blue Heron Dance Company, and I love to make art in my free time. I am passionate about my hobbies, which include drawing, learning about history, and taking trail walks in the island nature.

Sage Sweet

I love to read magical realism books, and literature featuring cultures, histories, and languages.

Although I'm introverted, time with pets, friends, and family is valued. Doing photography and aerial and experiencing nature bring me contentment.

Eamon Tegenfeldt-Pfohman

I moved to Vashon when I was 8, from the Rainier Valley area. I love to ski, and hope to continue playing lacrosse at the college level. I'm intrigued with the way money is used, how government affects that, and plan to study economics and political science.

Alexandra Thompson

I was born in Russia, on the grasslands of the Steppe where the original horses roamed. My love of horses, it turns out, is just in my blood. My love of all animals drives me to one day be a veterinarian.

Vivienne Tucker

My full name is Vivienne, but I go by "Viv". I have a strong passion for the world around us, for plant sciences and spirituality. In my free time you can find me in nature or practicing music. I hope to attend a university in California, and major in horticulture.

Alexander Umbach

I'm currently a student at Vashon Island High School. My hobbies include drawing and fishing. I have some work experience from working at Safeway and at my uncle's house.

Haven Walls

My family would describe me as independent, adventurous, and an observer. I love nature, hiking, playing the piano, and traveling. I'm hoping to pursue a career in clinical social work because I love helping others live their life to the fullest.

Alexandra Waterworth

An adventurous childhood of travel has gifted me many practical skills and a wealth of memories and experiences that I treasure. In my free time I enjoy painting, soccer, skiing, hiking and reading novels.

Chris Wechkin

I'm an inquisitive, passionate person who loves to be creative. I've spent my time in high school doing theater, listening to music, being outdoors, crafting, and taking care of my animals. I plan to study humanities at a school in the Pacific Northwest.

Madeline Yarkin

I'm a hardworking, optimistic person who loves to be active. I enjoy learning new things at school and also by exploring the back woods and playing with the animals on my family's farm. I love to push myself in sports, in class, or any other way I find to go out of my comfort zone.

Our 2024

Aaron Burby Strive and Thrive Scholarship

Friends of Aaron Burby & The Burby Family Foundation, A Donor Advised Fund of U.S. Charitable Gift Trust

The Aaron Burby Strive and Thrive Scholarship is to be awarded annually to the student who best exemplifies characteristics that Aaron valued. 1) Demonstrates tenacity, integrity and endurance in pursuit of personal goals. 2) Supports community through leadership and service beyond self. 3) Reaches out to encourage others, promotes equity and supports friends, peers and family. 4) Approaches life with a fun loving spirit and a sense of humor. 5) Respects and is respected by others. 6) Dedicated to personal wellness and to fitness either individually or through team activities. 7) A committed student with career ideas and academic goals who shows tenacity and capacity in meeting them. 8) Should not be primarily needs-based or academically based; but should go to a well-rounded student for whom it will make a difference and *who will make a difference.*

Academic Excellence Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

Students who win this award have crushed it academically and will probably crush it at whatever educational program they choose. We honor their intellectual horsepower and work ethic.

Adam Smith Award

Ron and Laura Weston

The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the powerful ideas that are the source of our country's prosperity and to reward those whose interests and future studies are focused on pursuing the opportunities afforded by a free market economy.

Adami Motorsports Scholarship

Family & Friends of Brian Adami

The Adami Motorsports Scholarship honors Brian Adami, a former valedictorian of VHS. Brian was a hard worker, wonderful husband, dad, and faithful Christian. Like Brian, the recipient should have an interest in engineering; be creative and hard-working. Outside interests might be tennis, music or photography.

Amy Dubin Memorial Scholarship

Kalee Abella & Friends

Amy Dubin was an inspirational and well-loved art teacher at VHS. She made an unforgettable impact on her students. She lost her battle with cancer in Spring of 2013, but her legacy lives on through this scholarship organized by VHS graduate, Kalee Abella, as well as Amy's family and friends. This award provides support for students wishing to pursue a degree in the arts.

Art Saves Lives Scholarship

EnJoy Productions

The Art Saves Lives Scholarship from EnJoy Productions will go to support a student in their pursuit of creativity and imagination as they proceed into their career path. As Island artists who have developed professional careers in the creative fields, we want to encourage an island youth to fearlessly follow their heart and art for the benefit of the world.

Aviation Technology Scholarship

Vashon Air Service

Given by Vashon Air Service, this award is meant for a student who is interested in the aviation industry, whether it be engineering, research and development, or piloting.

Vashon Island
comes together
to honor its
graduates
through
donations to the
VCSF General
Fund.

In 2024, we funded
35 scholarships
through our
General Fund.

Look for them
with this
special
designation



Azim St. Moreau Scholarship

Sarah St. Germain & Friends

Azim was a generous, selfless young man. He never wanted to go to a traditional college and wanted to do many things that would require a

trade/technical school. Our family struggled in many ways, yet he remained open and close. He would choose a recipient who would be like himself to chase their dreams and would have given of himself for those to do so.

Beardsley Family Foundation Scholarship

Beardsley Family Foundation

The Beardsley Family wants to encourage both academic and vocational students to continue their education as far as possible. It is awarded to students who have exhibited academic excellence and well-rounded participation in athletics and civic activities.

Bernice Black Memorial Scholarship

Vashon Island Unitarian Universalists

Mr. Black established this memorial fund to honor his wife, a long-time member of Vashon Island Unitarian Fellowship and a teacher. The scholarship is intended for a young person pursuing a career in education or human services. The funds for this scholarship are under the stewardship of the Vashon Island Unitarian Universalists which honors its annual commitment to provide this scholarship to Vashon Community Scholarships.

Bill Burby Wellness Scholarship

Bill Burby Fun Run & The Burby Family Foundation, a Donor Advised Fund of U.S. Charitable Gift Trust

In his role of a VHS teacher and coach, Bill Burby worked tirelessly to bring health education into the district's curriculum. He encouraged physical fitness, personal growth and mentored his students to believe in themselves. He helped found an annual 5K/10K run which was named in his honor when he passed away unexpectedly. This scholarship is awarded to a student whose lifestyle reflects Bill's philosophy.

Bound to Make a Difference Award

Mary & Tom Langland

This scholarship is awarded to the senior who best exhibits the qualities for becoming an influential leader, defined by intellectual strengths and communication skills, coupled with the virtue of kindness and the motivation to help others.

Bring it On! Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

This award commends the candid youth who is not afraid to buck the status quo and welcomes the challenge of making positive changes.

Scholarships

Burton Community Church Scholarship

Burton Community Church

This donation comes from the Burton Community Church's endowment fund that began with two memorial gifts provided to BCC on behalf of Rev. Marcus Walker and Ralph Staehli. Rev. Walker was an ordained Baptist minister who pastored for 16 years at BCC and an Artistic and Managing Director for 10 years at the Lakewood Playhouse. He passed away from cancer at the age of 53 in 2011. Ralph Staehli, a Navy Bronze Star recipient, worked on the waterfront for years. He and his wife, Helen, attended BCC regularly. He passed away at the age of 96 in 2014. We honor these two men by offering this scholarship.

Career in Healthcare Award

Lin Holley

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who intends to pursue a career in healthcare. The student can use this scholarship to study at one of the many healthcare programs offered at a community college or university.

Carl Blomgren Memorial Scholarship

Friends and Family of Carl Blomgren

Carl Blomgren was a custodian, a scholar, a mentor, and a "Lovable Rogue." He admired rogues who took an alternative path in life. He

loved to pick up hitchhikers and listen to anyone's story; in this way, he was a rogue himself, but not one devoid of loyalty, intelligence, and compassion. This scholarship is to pay homage to his ideals and support someone along their path. Tell us your story. (This scholarship is renewable for a second year.)

Carroll Family Scholarship

Carroll Family

The Carroll Family would like to help a female Vashon soccer player who has enjoyed the camaraderie and team work of that sport. We believe that learning the value of work and persistence, the benefit of accomplishing more by working with other players, and the necessity of showing up every day are the great lessons of sports.

Christine Beck - VIVA Educational Scholarship

Vashon Island Visual Artists (VIVA)

The Vashon Island Visual Artists (VIVA) scholarship will be awarded to students who, as emerging artists, have shown exceptional effort, talent, creativity and promise in any medium of the visual arts and who intend to pursue further study and/or a career in the visual arts.

Christine Jovanovich Legacy Scholarship

Jovanovich Family & Friends

This scholarship honors Christine's legacy of love, kindness, and service. It is presented to students who have an altruistic drive to help and support those in the community, like she did. Christine "Chris" Jovanovich was a longtime practitioner of home health care, a driving force behind creating Vashon Care Closet and the creation of an entire network of home care aids on the island. This scholarship is intended to motivate and encourage graduating seniors who want to strengthen their community through acts of service, compassion, and generosity, just as Chris spent her life doing. Chris will be deeply missed. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched.

Clay Eastly Memorial Scholarship

Dan Browne

Clay Eastly was a cowboy, pragmatic philosopher, football and fishing enthusiast, mentor, coach, father, son, brother, and friend. Deeply intelligent, he found joy in discovery--whether building something new or reclaiming and revitalizing. Understanding the traditional academic path

didn't match his passions. This scholarship is intended for those who seek to experience the world by exploring the trades and bringing value to their lives and the community at large with their specific skills. Selection will be made based on those who have demonstrated discipline, a desire for experiential learning and apprenticeship, and a passion for giving back to their community.

C'Mon Barber Award

C'Mon Barber

Given by Tara Morgan of C'Mon Barber, this award is meant for a student who is interested in attending technical or vocational school. Students studying barbering or cosmetology also get a 3-month barbering entrepreneurship internship with C'Mon Barber.

Coach Hall Swing for the Fences Award

Family & Friends of Coach Steve Hall

This scholarship is inspired by Coach Steve Hall, who helped scores of young people discover how to set goals and work hard for the win, on and off the baseball field. It is for a VHS graduate who is also a hardworking, caring leader, willing to help wherever needed. Swing for the fences! Put your heart and soul into anything that makes you happy.

Compassion & Courage Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

The root of compassion is having the courage to take action to help others. This award recognizes a student who makes a difference in the lives of people through time and effort, through walking alongside, not standing apart.

Creative Preschool's GO PLAY! Scholarship

Creative Preschool Outgoing Board of Directors

This scholarship from the Board of Creative Preschool encourages one of their practically grown-up alumni to approach higher education and training with all the confidence and gusto their 4-year-old self brought to the sandbox, paint brushes, and swings. Now GO PLAY!

Creative Spirit Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

We see evidence of a deep well of creativity in the students who win this scholarship, as well as the ability to tap into it to do meaningful work. It could be in the direction of activism or movie stardom, fiction writing or teaching in the spirit of beloved retired English and theater teacher Dr. Stephen Floyd.

Deanna H. Hansen Memorial Scholarship

Mark & Laura Hansen

This scholarship is a memorial to Mark Hansen's

Reading Enthusiast's Scholarship

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Cover to Cover
Untidaled*

mother who passed away in 1995. She graduated from WSU in education and taught in the Tacoma School District. She was the Women's ASWSU President at WSU and continued to be an avid Cougar sports fan her entire life. This scholarship goes to a student who will attend WSU.

Donna Donnelly Memorial Scholarship

Preben & Nicole Martin

The family gives this scholarship in deep appreciation of their beloved Donna, someone who knew the importance of music, art and education and who valued family and friends above all else.

Dr. Gary Koch Scholarship

Friends of Dr. Gary Koch

This scholarship is to be awarded to a student who demonstrates high achievement and dedication in any field of endeavor. Special consideration may be given to students with broad interests, which may include the sciences, humanities, arts, and technical fields. The scholarship was established with broad community support as a way to publicly honor Dr. Koch, who worked tirelessly as a family physician for Vashon residents for 40 years, remains active in the music and theatrical life of the island, and models the essence of this award with his enthusiasm for and knowledge of a broad range of areas.

Drama Dock Scholarship

Drama Dock

Drama Dock is delighted to present this scholarship to a student who has shown great dedication and passion for the performing arts, whether it be in the community or school theater.

Everything You Can BE Award

George & Lois Meng

The world will be changed by the daring, the achievers, and the insatiably curious. Being your best takes resolve. The BE scholarship recognizes demonstrated academic excellence, community service and personal achievements. It honors the bright path to BE forged by its recipient, inspired by inimitable legend of commerce and community on Vashon, Bettie Edwards.

Extra Mile Award

Ellen & Pat Call

The Extra Mile Award goes to a commuter student who has shown exceptional dedication, leadership and outstanding character both as a student and in an extra-curricular activity despite the hours spent making a round trip ferry ride to the island every school day. The Class of 2024 is better for this student's participation and achievements.

Fair Isle Animal Clinic Scholarship

Fair Isle Animal Clinic

This award is given to a graduating senior interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.

Sarah Penn Award

Seattle's restaurant community lost a beloved industry leader this year – Sarah Penn, owner of Pair and Frank's Oyster House.

In her honor, this scholarship carries forward her mission of supporting women and people of color who want to start their own businesses. Be inspired!

Focus on the Future Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

This award honors students whose interests and passion are very clearly defining their future endeavors. We encourage them to follow that vision.

Frederick E. Losornio Memorial Scholarship

Scott & Michelle Harvey

Fred Losornio moved to Vashon in November 1999. Shortly thereafter he attended the graduation of his only grandchild, Stephen Harvey from VHS in 2000. Fred was a master at growing edible and non-edible plants. He loved everything in the natural world and was a very active environmentalist for more than 50 years. This scholarship promotes his love of nature and of the community that helped his grandson start an academic path to becoming an elementary school teacher.

Future By Design Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

For design-oriented students who are open to multiple career avenues, from fine arts to advertising to software. These young people are starting out with an impressive body of work and

are ready to explore where their education takes them.

Garretson-Helsby Family Scholarship

The Garretson-Helsby Family

This scholarship is provided to a graduating senior by an island family.

Giraffe Women's Group Scholarship

Beth White, Marie Stanislaw, & Kathleen Kendjarski

This scholarship acknowledges a young woman who has "stuck her neck out" in service to others in her personal life, as well as performed volunteer and service work. The donors also take into consideration her future plans. The recipient of this award is someone who takes risks, who gives of herself and believes in community service.

Griffith Maritime Scholarship

Linda Crayton Griffith

Richard William Griffith centered his career in the maritime industry using his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. In his honor, we are supporting young adults who could venture in the industry he loved so much. "Fair winds and following seas."

Harbor School Board Scholarship

Harbor School Board of Trustees

Harbor School Board of Trustees offers this scholarship award in recognition of an alum of Harbor School who has embodied the mission of our school. Alumni recognized are valued as "young scholars who contribute their wisdom, compassion and personal best in the classroom, the community and the world."

Heart of an Adventurer Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

The recipient of this scholarship has a curious, continuously seeking mind and chases a challenge. They have a desire to explore the world, bringing an eclectic mix of skills to meet what comes. Adventure awaits.

Impact Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

For someone who wants to make a difference in the world and has the skills, values, and initiative to make it possible.

Inspiration Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

This student inspires others through resilience, determination and kindness.

Island Home Center & Lumber Scholarship

Island Home Center & Lumber

This scholarship is given to a graduating senior who is interested in starting their own business.

Jaralene Spring Memorial Scholarship

Tom Spring

This scholarship is intended to recognize and honor graduates with special learning needs who have met and overcome academic challenges through the Student Link program, the Running Start or Special Education programs, or who stayed on the mainstream path with extra support aimed at their specific learning needs.

Jay Mathews Memorial Scholarship

The Mathews Family & Friends

This scholarship commemorates Jay Mathews, graduate of Vashon High School, who was an accomplished all-around athlete and student. Jay died young of leukemia and is fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Jerry & Sarah Mathews Scholarship

Jerry & Sarah Mathews

This \$5,000 annual scholarship award was established to be given to a Vashon Island School District student who has accomplished exemplary academic achievement and actively participated in extra-curricular school activities. Additionally, the recipient shall have exhibited perseverance in setting and fulfilling personal goals and objectives. In meeting requisite performance standards, this scholarship can be continued annually for up to a total of four years.

Jerry Henley Environmental Scholarship

Zero Waste Vashon

In memoriam of Jerrold T. Henley, Zero Waste Vashon awards this scholarship to a senior who will further their studies in an environmentally-related field. This senior has an interest in problem solving with a demonstrated commitment to the environment and/or their community through their schoolwork and extra-curricular activities.

Jim Huff Memorial Scholarship

Friends & Family of Jim Huff

Jim Huff was passionate about the pursuit of higher education and lifelong learning. He also loved listening to good music, singing, playing guitar and dancing to his favorite songs. He prioritized his love for Christ and his family. Jim earned a degree in Computer Science in the 1970s—way before it was the “it” major; then went on to pursue his MBA while working for Boeing. It could be said that he was a little nerdy, a clear brainiac, and a quiet reserved guy. This scholarship is for a kindred spirit who is ready to pursue their dreams of higher learning, grow in ways not yet imagined, and release the song in their soul.

Joel Veatch Memorial Scholarship

Radford & Veatch Family

A lifelong artist, musician and creative, Joel was an avid supporter of anyone that wanted to bring their passion and creativity into their career. We're proud to create this scholarship in his memory to help a graduate take their next step toward realizing their goals.

Journeyman Scholarship

Journeyman

The Journeyman Scholarship recognizes graduating seniors who have demonstrated through their participation in our experiences a strong and consistent commitment to embodying our vision: Men of integrity, respecting all, thriving together.

Justin Hagerty Memorial Scholarship

Family & Friends of Justin Hagerty

This scholarship is in memory of Justin Hagerty. He was a friend of many, always willing to teach anyone. He loved riding his motorcycle in the dunes. He was a boater and fisherman. He worked as a diesel mechanic. He was a Steady Eddie kind of guy – never late, never missed work or school unless quite ill. He bought 50 trees to plant on his land. This scholarship is given to a student who reflects Justin's values.

Katie Chale Memorial Scholarship

Family & Friends of Katie Chale

To honor Katie's life, her scholarship is intended to recognize and help a young woman or man seeking a university education in the sciences or pre-med. Katie was a proud Pirate, graduating in 2010. She continued her education at the University of Portland graduating Cum Laude in 2014 with degrees in Biology and Spanish. Katie believed in always expecting excellence academically and athletically and gave significantly of her time and energy to help others through multiple trips to developing Latin American countries. She believed in herself, her friends, teammates and colleagues, and challenged herself and others to live a life of “porque no.” More than anything, Katie's wish would be for the recipient of this scholarship to explore their interests and abilities, excel in their education, see the world, find their passion, build a fulfilling career and share it all with others who can benefit most from these gifts. Katie's favorite quote: “The best journeys answer questions you never thought to ask.”

Kay White Scholarship (Vashon-Maury Garden Club)

Vashon-Maury Island Garden Club

This scholarship honors students who have shown

interest in one of the following areas: environmental sciences, horticulture/botany, landscape architecture, forestry, oceanic studies and astronomy.

Win the Day Scholarship Honoring Andrew Walker

Andrew Walker was a competitive athlete, deeply involved in his church and many social service organizations, who would ask his housemates every evening if they had “won the day.”

This scholarship encourages a leader in sports, sports medicine, or entrepreneurship to go win the day, every day.

LDM Worldwide Productions Scholarship

LDM Worldwide Productions

The LDM Worldwide Productions scholarship is given to a student who shows interest in studying broadcast journalism, film or media studies in their post high school education. Studying and working in television and film, both in front of a camera and behind the camera, provide a rich career for those who apply themselves and work hard to achieve their goals.

Le Bon Mot

Anonymous

“The Good Word” is provided to a graduating senior by an Island family.

Lindsay Family Scholarship

Craig, Beth & Luna Lindsay

The Lindsay Family Scholarship was established to support students from diverse backgrounds. We recognize that race and class can be barriers to higher education and success. While we work together to remove those barriers, we lift up students who have overcome adversity, discrimination, and hardship. We're proud to award funds to graduates from under-represented populations, first-generation college applicants, and BIPOC community members.

Love of the Game Award



Vashon Community via the General Fund

For students who put heart and soul into team and individual sports. Their love of sport has been a source of motivation, inspiration and connection through high school, and they are carrying that energy to their future endeavors.

Making a Difference Now Award



Honoring Mike Kirk

Vashon Community to honor Mike

Each year this award honors someone in the community who makes a significant contribution to the quality of life on our island. This year we celebrate Mike Kirk, who for over 60 years as a teacher, principal, volunteer firefighter and neighbor on Vashon has made us feel safe and seen. He in turn will present the scholarship to members of the Class of 2024 who are following in his footsteps, pursuing their talents and interests for the benefit of others.

Mark T. Vornbrock Scholarship for the Advancement of the Skilled Trades

Family & Friends of Mark T. Vornbrock

In his honor, the family and friends of Mark T. Vornbrock have established the "Mark T. Vornbrock Advancement of the Skilled Trades Scholarship" to benefit Vashon high school graduates pursuing careers as skilled tradespeople. Mark was a lifelong craftsman with a deep appreciation for the aptitude required to create quality end-products. A general contractor, he and his two brothers continued for decades the company first started by their father in 1952. Working alongside some of the best subcontractors and tradespeople in the field, Mark understood and valued the knowledge and skill required to excel in these highly specialized areas. One of Mark's frustrations was the lack of respect, in general, for the importance of the trades. He very much valued promoting and supporting young people with the desire, ability and pride to take up the challenge of making a career in the trades, both respected and profitable.

Marshall Murray Performing Arts Scholarship

Family & Friends of Marshall Murray

The Marshall Murray Performing Arts Scholarship has been established by Stephanie Murray in remembrance and in honor of her beloved husband, Marshall McKay Murray. Marshall was an exceptionally gifted actor who fell in love with the theatre at the tender age of 8 after seeing his first live musical production. From there, at 14 he joined his high school's marching band as a drummer and was cast in more than a few high school and college productions. He found work as a sound and light technician, a singing waiter, was a member of the prestigious Leyden Singers performing for thousands of concert goers with the Oregon Symphony, obtained his BS from Portland University with a major in theatre, acted professionally for numerous theatre companies, and acted in many Drama Dock productions right here on the island he loved so much. His love of the performing arts was endless. His wish would be that this scholarship be awarded to a student whose heart harbors a remarkable love of the performing arts. Whether it be singing, dancing, costuming, playwriting, as a technician, actor or musician, the recipient of this scholarship will be a student who will undoubtedly answer their heart's calling by always making some aspect of the performing arts a dynamic part of their lives.

Mellen Robinson Blue Sky Scholarships

Rick Mellen & Jo Robinson

These awards honor graduating seniors who have achieved a high level of academic excellence, along with a desire to positively impact the world around them, especially in the areas of health care, science and the environment.

Mia McEldowney Memorial Scholarship

Friday Ladies Coffee Group

A successful Seattle gallery owner, Mia McEldowney died in 2013. This scholarship is given in her honor by a group of her Vashon friends to support young women pursuing a career in the arts.

Molar Award

Langland Dental Associates

Given by Dr. Marc Langland, this scholarship is intended for students interested in a health/science field.

Norm Mathews Memorial Scholarship

Family & Friends of Norm Mathews

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who demonstrates proven leadership skills and a deep concern for family, community and beyond, all while exhibiting a genuine spirit of integrity, humility and generosity.

Nuovo Corso

Cameron Bard

The Nuovo Corso Scholarship, paying homage to FDR's New Deal, is intended to encourage ambitious and talented Vashon High School seniors to pursue interests in government and public service after graduation through college classes, internships, volunteer opportunities, and other related avenues.

Vashon Preschool Collaborative Scholarship

The Vashon Preschool Collaborative is a group of early childhood educators whose preschools are where our babies go to play and explore, get in touch with their empathy and their brilliance, and emerge ready for kindergarten.

These schools created a scholarship to support and encourage a VHS senior interested in any career working with kids:

Honeybee Playschool

Vashon-Maury Preschool
Cooperative

Caterpillar Farm Preschool

Klahanie School

Vashon Explorers Preschool

Onward & Upward Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

This award celebrates students whose varied passions reflect individuality and confidence. These traits will contribute greatly to their future success.

Out Loud Award

Open Space for Arts & Community

Vashon Open Space for Arts and Community youth program ORBIT recognizes a creative student who has demonstrated a dedication and passion for any type of artistic endeavor and unique expression.

Past Presidents' Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

The Vashon Community Scholarship Foundation has had many past presidents of the board, and they each served the organization in a different way. The students who receive this award have shown that they have the capacity to lead. They may be quiet leaders, field marshals in a tough time, tireless cheerleaders, or organizational gurus. The Past Presidents say: Be unafraid to contribute your natural leadership.

Patricia Britz Memorial Scholarship

James "Kit" Bradley & Gayle "Stormy" Friday

This scholarship is in memory of Pat Britz, VHS Class of 1951. Pat began her teaching career as a substitute teacher on Vashon before becoming a college professor. She was wonderfully curious, generous, and open-minded, and this scholarship remembers Pat's joy for life and learning. It is intended for students who leave an indelible mark on others, whether at VHS or in the community.

Paul Colwell Music Scholarship

Chuck Roehm & Friends of Paul Colwell

The island community celebrates Paul's songs, as they always uplift us. This wonderful man is an inspiration to all who know him.

P.E.O. Chapter GW Scholarship

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This scholarship is awarded to a young woman who seeks growth in knowledge and in culture and intends to further her education at the university level.

Penny Farcy Memorial Scholarship

Sid Farcy

This award honors Penny Farcy, who taught at McMurray for 31 years. She loved her students and Vashon Island, serving as a volunteer firefighter/EMT, instructor of CPR, and was an inspiration for community service to us all.

Clay Eastly Memorial Scholarship

VHS football coach Clay Eastly is deeply missed.

Clay was a man who loved working with his hands – caring for horses when he was young, then owning his own painting company.

His classmate from VHS Class of 1984, Dan Browne, is offering this scholarship to honor his dear friend and support a student who might take inspiration from the gentle giant.

Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union (PSCCU) Sustainability Scholarship

Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union

PSCCU is committed to helping individuals improve the energy efficiency of their homes by providing financing options for solar panels, heat pumps, geothermal systems, and a wide variety of energy efficiency and other renewable upgrades. We further demonstrate this commitment by providing scholarships to students pursuing careers in sustainability, alternative renewable energy development and 'green' building trades.

Pura Vida

Anonymous

This scholarship honors students who display an intrinsic curiosity, optimism, and the determination to join with others in effecting change in their world.

Reading Enthusiast's Scholarship

Book Clubs of Vashon: Westside Story, Untidaled, Cover to Cover, Tramp Harbor Book Club

This scholarship supports a student who has developed a love of reading and has learned that countless worlds exist between book covers which educate, entertain and inspire. Members of various Vashon Book Clubs are enriched by their love of the written word and happily encourage young readers.

Robert Bennedsen Memorial Scholarship

Family & Friends of 1st Lt. Robert Bennedsen

In the summer of 2010 the vibrant community of Vashon Island lost Robert Bennedsen – a promising man, soldier, leader, and friend. To keep his spirit alive the 1st Lt. Robert N. Bennedsen Memorial Project was created. Our mission is simple: to remember our friend by celebrating and contributing to Robert's passions. We are proud to award this scholarship to a student who embodies the spirit of our friend, Robert "Haywire" Bennedsen.

Rochelle Munger Scholarship

Friends & Family of Rochelle Munger

The Rochelle Munger Scholarship funds a graduating VHS senior who has demonstrated competence in academics and talent in the areas of athletics and the liberal arts, particularly visual arts, teaching and music. The intention of the award is to recognize a student who possesses a rather unique combination of skills and talents similar to Rochelle's and were appreciated by those whose lives were so wonderfully touched by her.

Ryan Krug Memorial Scholarship

Family & Friends of Ryan Krug

Beloved member of the class of 2014 and admired for his kindness, good humor and generous spirit, Ryan Belknap Krug was a gifted student, athlete, musician and citizen. He loved soccer and played his entire life on club teams and for VHS. An accomplished runner, Ryan lettered in VHS Cross-Country and ran in many island events. He became a gifted saxophonist representing VHS at the state musical competition in 2012 and anticipated a return in 2013. Serving his community from an early age, Ryan logged 265 service hours in high school and volunteered time and treasure his entire life for many organizations: Pet Protectors, XTerra Triathlon, Vashon Food Bank, Friends of Puget Sound, and Student Conservation Association. Ryan ran a thriving home, pet, and lawn care business. He loved his family, friends and community and was looking forward to college. All who knew Ryan loved him back. Ryan's memorial

scholarships are possible through the generosity and care of those who knew and loved Ryan. The recipients reflect Ryan's scholarly dedication and his passion for athleticism, music and service above self.

Jim Huff Memorial Scholarship

Jim Huff was passionate about the pursuit of higher education and lifelong learning.

He was a musician and music fan who prioritized his love of Christ and his family.

The recipient of the Jim Huff Memorial Scholarship is a fellow brainiac who is committed to academic exploration.

Sara Bremner Memorial Scholarship

Bremner Family

A 1991 VHS graduate, Sara went on to attend Wellesley College and later Brown University before tragically dying in an automobile accident in 1994. Sara wrote in her scholarship notebook, "I want to receive a good education and work hard but never want to become so entwined in a quest for money and materialistic possessions that I forget to relate to others, or to help them, or to raise a family. I never want to feel confined; I want to keep options in my life. Basically, I want to keep humanity my priority."

Sarah Penn Award

Ober Beach Neighbors

The Sarah Penn Award honors the generous spirit and creative life of Seattle restaurateur Sarah Penn, who supported women and people

of color in her industry through collaboration and mentorship. Sarah's Vashon neighbors established this award in her memory to support a young woman or person of color pursuing studies in culinary arts or another creative entrepreneurial field.

Sawbones Science & Math Scholarship

Pacific Research Labs, Inc. ("Sawbones")

Pacific Research Labs provides these scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing a career in the field of science, engineering, computer science or a medical field.

Science/Math Innovation Award

Loveness Family: Ghyrn, Colin & Elizabeth

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is strong in science and/or math and shows an innovative entrepreneurial spirit.

Scout Award

The Tuttle Family: Beth, Anne & Tim Tuttle, Lynanne T. Raven & Lisa T. Cyra

The recipient of this award enjoys and is interested in some or all of the following: nature, music, backpacking and hiking, aviation and travel, hands on projects. Above all, this student is kind, patient and helpful to others, with a clear sense of duty to do what's right. This award is inspired by the life of Bob Tuttle – our dad, husband and good friend, pilot, and scout.

Sean Ogawa Hillman Memorial Scholarship

Family & Friends of Sean Ogawa Hillman

This award honors a beloved member of the VHS Class of 2022 who attended college at Cal-Poly and is given to support a student pursuing a STEM related field of study.

Sierra Pedrin Linden Memorial Scholarship

Edi Linden

True to the words she wrote at ten years of age for a VFW Essay contest, Sierra's pledge to be kind, generous and giving was the hallmark of her short life. As one of the first student mentors for the high school special needs program, Sierra demonstrated compassion and respect. After high school, Sierra honed her mentoring skills to become a State Licensed Care Giver. When it came to friends, Sierra knew no boundaries of age. They ranged from peers – whom she made feel like best friends – to senior citizens. Sierra had a cheerful smile, kind heart, dry sense of humor, and quick wit. She loved animals, especially her dog Dakota, who perished in an accident with Sierra.

Small Business Scholarship Fund's Construction and Restaurant Industry Scholarships

Ed Palmer Construction, Vashon Bakery, Island Queen, Glass Bottle Creamery

The island's small business community comes together to inspire Vashon grads who have shown a knack for all things hands-on and entrepreneurial.

Spirit of Service Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

The purpose of this scholarship is to support a senior who believes in the value of helping others, one who exemplifies a go-to, uplifting commitment to service.

Stewards of the Future Award

Chanda Carlson

Helen Lodge (1919-2020) was an inspiring professor of English literature and education and the author of several textbooks. She loved her students, especially those preparing to teach. Helen's dedication to her career was seasoned with a wicked sense of humor and an eye to the future. She would appreciate that her namesake established a scholarship in her honor. It will go to a high school senior who is unafraid of challenge or change. Someone with innovative ideas and a positive outlook on the future. Someone whose optimism is contagious.

Susan Garlick Memorial Scholarship

Mary Jane Garlick

Susan Garlick was a beloved Spanish teacher at VHS. Known to her students as "Senorita Ajo,"

C'Mon Barber Scholarship

Tara Morgan, aka C'Mon Barber, encourages students to pursue post-high school training in any professional trade.

She'll offer an internship to a recipient who is considering barber school.

she was a devoted professor whose love of Spanish language and culture was contagious. Susan shared her love of travel by planning and guiding numerous student groups to Mexico, Spain, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Because of her sight disability she retired in 2001 and eventually completed training with Guide Dogs for the Blind; this was when she was paired with her beloved guide dog, Sloan. Susan passed away in 2016. This scholarship is given in Susan's honor to a student who displays a commitment to Spanish language and culture and/or is planning a career in education.

Tech | Curious Scholarship

Tech Industry Vashonites

This scholarship, sponsored by a group of tech-adjacent folks on Vashon, is dedicated to those individuals who allow their curiosity and inclination toward invention to lead them into new territory, who contribute of themselves for a larger and bolder purpose. It's for the innovative problem-solvers, the fearless deep-divers, and the thoughtful, artful communicators, who understand that there is no end to the ways the world can be improved when the heart and mind are aligned.

The Quest Award

Anonymous

This deserving senior has shown resilience, grace and diligence during their high school years. The recipient of this award sees life as an adventure and is stronger because of past experiences.

Truselo Family Memorial Scholarship

Truselo Family Foundation

The Truselo family bequeathed a portion of their estate to finance scholarships in their name.

Vashon Athletic Club's Health & Fitness Scholarship

Vashon Athletic Club

The Vashon Athletic Club Scholarship is awarded to a senior on their way to a career in health and fitness. There are many specializations in the field – physical therapy, health education, kinesiology, coaching, fitness, and athletic training. This graduate must hold a 3.0 GPA or higher and demonstrate a basic knowledge of health and wellness and how healthy living can be sustained over a lifetime. The ideal candidate will have a career path in mind that will promote these ideals.

Vashon Baseball Academy Scholarship

Vashon Baseball Academy

The Vashon Baseball Academy awards its annual scholarship to a graduating senior who shows

excellence in leadership in working with our youth baseball teams.

Vashon Basketball Club Scholarship

Vashon Basketball Club

This scholarship acknowledges a senior who has participated in the VBC program throughout high school, providing help to young players as they move forward.

Coach Hall Swing for the Fences Award

Coach Steve Hall helped scores of young people discover how to set goals and work hard for the win, on and off the baseball field.

This award is for a VHS graduate who is also a hardworking, caring leader, willing to help wherever needed.

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you happy.

Vashon Bird Alliance Scholarship

Vashon Bird Alliance

This scholarship is given to graduating seniors interested in the environment and preserving wildlife habitat. An interest in birds is especially relevant.

Vashon Center for the Arts — Art Hansen Award

Vashon Center for the Arts

VCA gives this scholarship to honor Art Hansen, who dedicated his lifetime to the arts and made a significant contribution to Vashon Island. The recipients demonstrate a passion for the arts and have chosen to pursue a career in the field.

Vashon Eagles Scholarship

Vashon Eagles

A non-profit organization that raises funds for charities, the Vashon Eagles awards this scholarship to a student who demonstrates a deep passion for music and the arts.

Vashon Education Association (VEA) Scholarship

Vashon Education Association (VEA)

This scholarship honors seniors intending to pursue higher education with a goal of achieving a teaching degree. It also honors retiring Vashon Island teachers who have dedicated their career to the education of our children.

Vashon Educational Support Personnel (VESP) Scholarship

Vashon Educational Support Personnel (VESP)

The Vashon Educational Support Personnel provide this scholarship to a student pursuing either an Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree in the Education field at a community college, technical college, or four-year institution.

Vashon Engineers Scholarship

Henry Haselton of Aspect Consulting, Jim Gross of BHC Consultants, Claire Gibson of Clarity Engineering, Steve Kicinski of Ellisport Engineering & Art Rack

This scholarship is given to an individual who is interested in studying and pursuing a career in engineering—civil, mechanical, or environmental engineering are preferred. Civil engineering could include structural, hydraulic, geotechnical, storm water, waste water and transportation.

Vashon Events Music Scholarship

Vashon Events & Friends

Vashon Events Music Scholarship Fund provides post-secondary financial assistance to an exceptional student planning to study in the music field. This fund helps to fulfill our mission to provide, create, and the expand positive life experiences through music and art for all.

Vashon Friends Worship Group Peace Award

Vashon Friends Worship Group

Quaker values and beliefs emphasize peace and social justice, as well as responsible stewardship of

earth resources. The Vashon Friends Worship Group (Quakers) wishes to recognize a student who demonstrates an ongoing commitment to peace, social justice, integrity, and/or participation in organizations with a national or international focus.

Vashon Granny's Attic Scholarship

Granny's Attic

This award is given to four outstanding students who plan careers in medical-related fields.

Vashon Heritage Museum Scholarship

Vashon Heritage Museum

Established in the 1990s, Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association's mission includes outreach to educational communities on Vashon. They offer this award to a graduating senior from their memorial fund which consists of contributions given in memory of past islanders, many of who attended high school here.

Vashon Island Chorale Scholarship

Vashon Island Chorale

Vashon Island Chorale is a volunteer, no-audition group of vocalists who love classical and semi-classical music. This scholarship will help a student pursue his or her love of music. This scholarship is given in loving memory of our member Kay White.

Vashon Island Community Church Inspirational Journey Award

Vashon Island Community Church

This scholarship honors a student who demonstrates a commitment to service and positive community relationships, modeling what it means to face challenges with hope and perseverance.

Vashon Island Pet Protectors (VIPP) Scholarship

Vashon Island Pet Protectors (VIPP)

For students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to the stewardship of companion animals.

Vashon Island Pride Alliance Scholarship

Vashon Island Pride Alliance

We believe diversity creates strong communities. Embracing and celebrating differences and working to end oppression also creates strong communities. We give this scholarship to honor individuals who understand and celebrate diversity and who will be involved in their community.

Vashon Island Rowing Club Scholarship

Vashon Island Rowing Club

Vashon Island Rowing Club's junior program

compels our student athletes to strive to be their best version of themselves every day. To achieve this they must excel in three core principles: Accountability in their efforts and actions; Purpose to make this day better than the last, and Respect for themselves, community, and teammates. The rowers selected for this scholarship have led by example and truly exemplify our core principles.

Carl Blomgren Memorial Scholarship

Dave Higley will never forget Carl Blomgren, a "lovable rogue" who lived an authentic life of philosophy, physical activity and family.

Carl was a custodian and groundskeeper at VHS when Dave was a student in 1984. He was a deep-thinking man and a role model to many.

This 2-year scholarship encourages the recipient to seek their own authentic life.

Vashon Island Soccer Club Scholarship

Vashon Island Soccer Club

This scholarship recognizes seniors who have participated in club soccer programs, the referee association, volunteered with soccer camps, and are passionate about being part of soccer.

Vashon Pharmacy Scholarship

Tyler & Amy Young

This scholarship is intended for a graduating senior with an interest in healthcare or human services.

Vashon Presbyterian Church Scholarship

Vashon Presbyterian Church

The Vashon Presbyterian Church Scholarship is awarded to a graduate with an interest in and plans for a career serving those in need. The focus of the career will be service to seniors, to people in hospice, or to those being provided mental health assistance. Plans for a nursing career in these fields would be especially desirable.

Vashon Preschool Collaborative Scholarship

Vashon Preschool Collaborative: Vashon-Maury Cooperative, Vashon Explorers, Caterpillar Farm, Klahanie, and Honeybee!

A group of island preschools gives this scholarship to a student who is considering a career in the field of education. The recipient should have experience working and playing with children and have demonstrated a natural affinity for spending time with the wee ones.

Vashon Rotary Club Scholarship

Vashon Rotary Club

Vashon Island Rotary celebrates decades of local and global community service. Their scholarships recognize graduating seniors with a background of community service.

Vashon Senior Center Scholarship

Vashon Senior Center

The Vashon Senior Center's mission is to enrich the lives of older adults on Vashon. This scholarship is intended for a graduating senior interested in a career in social sciences, social work or non-profit management, who is involved in community service and who plans to continue studies in the same vein.

Vashon Tennis Community Scholarship

Vashon Tennis Community

The Vashon Tennis Club/Community awards its scholarship in the spirit of healthy competition and lively fun, learning and playing a lifetime sport that includes both athletic and social skills.

Vashon Thriftway Scholarship

Vashon Thriftway

These scholarships are awarded to encourage our community's youth to enter the business world, particularly with a background in math, accounting, agriculture or government.

Vashon Youth Baseball & Softball Scholarship

Vashon Youth Baseball & Softball

This scholarship is awarded to senior baseball and softball players who have been nominated by their coach. They have participated in VYBS as young players and demonstrated dedication to the program by actively volunteering and mentoring current VYBS players.

VHS Thespian Troupe #4317 Scholarship

Andy James & VHS Thespian Troupe #4317

This scholarship is provided through the International Order of Thespians, Troop 4317. The recipients have displayed a dedication to the theater.

Small Business Scholarship Fund

Vashon businesses are banding together to offer scholarships.

Thanks to these businesses for leading the charge:

Island Queen

Vashon Island Baking Company

Glass Bottle Creamery

Ed Palmer Construction

VoV Broadcasting Scholarship

Voice of Vashon

We are proud to encourage the youth today to continue to grow and innovate in the area of broadcasting. This includes TV, video and radio, podcasting and journalism.

Wayne Holt Memorial Scholarship

Family, Friends & Colleagues of Wayne Holt

Friends, family, and colleagues remember Wayne Holt as an inspirational leader who had deep respect for other people's varied views and ideas. Wayne's entire career was dedicated to higher education, specializing in computer

software to help students succeed. He believed in the value of a liberal arts education and was a strong speaker, writer, debater, photographer, cook, and computer software architect. This award provides support for students attending a liberal arts college or university. Preference given to students exhibiting selflessness and scientific curiosity.

Wild Isle Award

Vashon Wilderness Program & Friends

The Vashon Wilderness Program will award the Wild Isle Award to 2 seniors who are passionate about the wild world and are interested in engaging in the work of reciprocal restoration between people and place through the avenues of education, activism, healing and/or creative arts in service of our Earthly community.

Win the Day Scholarship Honoring Andrew Walker

Mimi Walker

Andrew Walker was a man short on life but long on influence, who lived his motto "God, Family, Friends." He was a goal-oriented, competitive athlete from his island youth through college at Boise State, where he was a Master's Degree candidate in Athletic Leadership. He was deeply involved in many social service organizations and spent many hours coaching and mentoring younger players. He was a self-starter and optimist who asked his housemates every evening if they had "won the day." This scholarship offers Andrew's example to encourage an up-and-coming leader in sports, sports medicine, or entrepreneurship to go win the day, every day.

Windermere Vashon Real Estate Scholarship

Windermere Vashon Real Estate - John & Beth DeGroen, Denise Katz, and Sophia Stendahl

The owners, staff, and agents of Windermere Real Estate, a locally owned real estate company, are proud to be part of the scholarship awards. The Windermere scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate an active involvement in community service.

Women's Club of the Vashon Golf & Country Club Scholarship

Women's Club of the Vashon Golf & Country Club

The purpose of this award is to honor young women who have been involved in golf, swimming, tennis or pickleball and value a lifestyle of healthy exercise and the friendships and comradery created at the same time.

Written Word Award

Vashon Community via the General Fund

This award was created especially for those who find solace in a book and may have a secret writing practice in the background of a life that is otherwise outwardly focused—where more visible endeavors may shine more brightly. This award is the candle on the desk of that quiet practice.

Young Entrepreneur Award

Tyler & Amy Young of Vashon Pharmacy

This scholarship is given by Vashon Pharmacy and is intended for a graduating senior who is interested in business and/or entrepreneurial endeavors.

Vashon Baseball Academy Scholarship

Coach Robin Magonegil introduces Vashon Baseball Academy, a competitive travel team.

She'd like to reward student athletes who show excellence in leadership within the baseball community.

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