

# Vashon Community Scholarships

CLASS OF 2025  
AWARDS  
CEREMONY  
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# Vashon Community Scholarships

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# Program

Awards Ceremony Starts at 6:00 p.m.  
Refreshments After Ceremony

Our eleven presenters will tell the story of over 125 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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## Jose Aguilar Ramirez

As a student who initially lacked proficiency in English, I am pleased to share that through consistent work and dedication, I have achieved proficiency in the language. This fills me with pride and a sense of accomplishment.

## Yamama Almustafa

I was born in Idlib, Syria. My family members are the most important people to me, because they support and help me. I am friendly and enjoy meeting new people.

## Frankie Alvarez

I was born in Fresno, California, and I lived there for thirteen years. Even though I have only been on Vashon for three years, living here has made a profound impact on my life, influencing compassion, creativity, and giving me a positive outlook on life. My friends say the most remarkable parts of me are my kindness, humor, and resilience.

## Cooper Bailey

Born and raised in Seattle, I enjoy being in nature, learning in and out of school, and making good lasting memories with my friends and family. I love learning more about the world around me and experiencing as much as I can in my life by seizing opportunities and challenging myself to learn and try new things. I find my passion in helping others, learning new things, and solving problems.

## Milo Bailey

Hello my name is Milo Bailey. One of the ways I would describe myself is this: I am a kind, happy and mindful person that loves taking photos, adventuring and taking risks.

## Jared Barwick

I would describe myself as a patient, caring person who is interested in civil rights and politics, learning languages, listening to music, watching indie films, and reading. I hope to be able to find both a community and field of study/work that align with my interests in college and beyond.

## Tuula Beck

I am the middle daughter in my family with two sisters of whom I am very close. I love animals and I have 6 pets! In my free time I like to read, bake, listen to music, and spend time with my friends.

## Gracie Beggs-Ruegamer

I'm hardworking, generous, and kind. I enjoy listening to music, baking, cooking, playing lacrosse or basketball, and making the people around me happy. I'm planning to study business to eventually take over my parents bakery in Pike Place Market.

## Lilja Bjarnason

I commute to Vashon from Southworth, and I've been going to VHS since freshmen year. I love Jesus, and my faith is very important to me. I also love to ski, hike and do anything outdoors. I also love hanging out with my family and friends. I'm looking forward to life after high school.

## Isabella (Isa) Blankenship

I'm someone who loves traveling and exploring new cultures. I think it's super interesting to see how people live in different parts of the world. I love hanging out with my friends, particularly at a boba shop, and I like to show my more creative side through makeup with bold colors and sharp designs.

## Stephanie Blower

I have often been described as an incredibly confident and creative person. Through my work doing costumes, Teen Council, G2G, and NHS, I have grown a love for the power of community as well as hard work. I hope to both continue to find community and express my love for fashion in my classes while at art school next year.

## Paloma Brenner

Throughout my life I've always loved to spend time outside whether I am hiking, playing soccer, going for a run, or skiing. My friends would describe me as determined, empathetic, and creative. When I get to college I want to study actuarial science.

## Annie Bryant

I am a hardworking and passionate individual; I spend my days riding horses, exercising, and doing farm chores. I love my family, friends, and pets more than anything in this world. I can't wait to expand my horizons with travel, schooling, and life experiences.

## Catriona Bryce

I enjoy swimming in a Seattle swim club, lifeguarding at my local pool, and collecting vinyl records. I'm interested in studying psychology and marketing in college, and I love spending time with my friends and family. I really like to travel and experience new places.

## Lorien Buffington

I am generally a relaxed and go-with-the-flow person, but I am a perfectionist about the things I care about most, like ballet. I am excited to go to college to study forensic science, dance, and Spanish.

## Laurel Calhoun

I am the type of person who thrives on a busy schedule. If you can't find me rowing on Quatermaster Harbor then you'll probably find

me running the Burton loop. I like to bake new recipes and taste test them as bonus carbo-loading to support my active lifestyle.

## Jaylie Carleton

I'm a wanderer, always looking for an opportunity to fall deeper into the world and her curious nature. Soon I'll step onto a new set of steel tracks to roam, and each step I'm bound to take, I will walk proud knowing how far I've already come. The adventure awaits on Woodstock Drive, catch me at Reed in 2025!

## Elliott Caughell

I would describe myself as a dedicated and goal-driven person who's able to overcome even the most persistent obstacles. I love being in the company of family and friends, as well as participating in hobbies like drawing, cooking, and crafts. I especially enjoy volunteering at one of our local animal shelters with my grandmother.

## Isaac Chasan

I am an easygoing, kind person and I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I love spending my time outdoors doing various activities, especially hiking. I have worked at the Vashon Pharmacy for the last two years, which has strengthened my connection to the island community.

## Caelen (CJ) Clemmensen

Intrigued by history and the old-fashioned, I also enjoy reading, watching and writing sci-fi and horror. I can often be seen wearing period-based suits and heard putting history into casual conversation. I hope to one day teach history for the advancement of knowledge.

## Tyson (Quinn) Cunningham

I am proud to be the only Senior on the Varsity Boys Basketball Team as Point Guard. I plan to study Sports Psychology and am also interested in Film Editing and Video Production. I will be attending the University of North Carolina Basketball Camp after graduation and then Tacoma Community College.

## Selene Dalinis

I am a strong, driven, independent, and dedicated individual who brings my global perspective and compassion for others into my everyday life. Between my advocacy work, rowing, and school, I enjoy pushing myself to meet my goals.

## Avery Davis

Creation and innovation have always been important to me, driving me to pursue fascinating



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projects and engineering. Aside from STEM-related topics, I enjoy biking, running, weightlifting, and spending time with friends and family. I hope to continue doing what I love while improving our world and people's lives through engineering.

## Neve DeVoght

I love swimming in cold water, playing guitar, dancing, climbing and eating squash ravioli. I value solitude and time to think, as well as adventures and lovely evenings with friends and family.

## Martin Edwards

I am an out of the box thinker with a passion for life. I hope to learn as many different ways of creating art as possible and eventually even write and illustrate a story. At StudentLink I have pursued many different creative endeavors.

## Matthew Engels

Living so close with my family on this island has let me experience a heightened sense of family love and enjoy those moments of taking care of my family's pets. Someday, I really want to work with animals.

## Sage Esquiviez

I explore all types of performance arts in different cultures around the world. I love to read literature, such as Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and The Setting Sun by Osamu Dazai. I love meeting new people, and experiencing new things everyday!

## Paloma Freda

I would describe myself as someone who enjoys being outdoors, skiing, backpacking, biking, and fishing. I always look to challenge myself and find growth in whatever comes my way. My personal experience with the mental challenges of sports, has sparked my interest in Sports Psychology.

## Sailor Frith

I am an outgoing, creative, kind, and self-motivated person. I thrive on being actively involved in my community and school, always seeking to make meaningful connections and contribute to those around me. Outside of my commitments, I enjoy spending my time skiing, hiking, and creating lasting memories with the people I care about.

## Abigail Furr

I am an energetic and outgoing person, I love dancing and spending time with friends. I like opportunities to express my creative side and do art. I hope to study business administration and further my education in the future.

## Paige Gibbons

I'm from New Zealand, I row with the Vashon Island Rowing Club and help along with my family on our farm. I like to draw and find a creative challenge. I think outside of the box and love to spend time with my family. In my future I really want to work with any animals from cats and dogs to horses and goats.

## Morgan Godwin

I am a driven, hardworking, and kind team player who values family and school. I stay active, love spending time with loved ones, and spend most of my time focusing on softball. I'm committed to giving my best in everything I do and I strive to make a positive impact on those who surround me.

## Grant Gonter

On any given day, you could probably find me rowing out on Quartermaster Harbor if you pass by. If I'm not on the water, I will certainly be at the Vashon Athletic Club.

## Avery Grace

I like to play sports and explore the world. I am good at problem solving and math. I hope to continue to grow these skills and interests as I find out what I want to do with my life.

## Paige Green

I am a witty, adventurous, diligent, and easy going person. I enjoy filling my free time with activities like arts and crafts, baking, and hiking. I've been playing soccer for most of my life, and I'm also really good at the moon walk. For the future, I plan on going to OSU or UW.

## Mateo Grey

I am a theater maker and photographer who intends to go out and create.

## Craig Habrat

In addition to my academics, I enjoy playing guitar, working on my car, and playing baseball. I love to challenge myself both in the classroom and in my community. I'm known for my kind nature and hardworking attitude. I hope to further my education in the field of bioengineering.

## Grace Haskins

Apart from academics, I enjoy being outdoors, exploring new places, reading, writing, and spending time with friends. I have played soccer since I was three years old, play the piano, and am learning guitar. I am excited to get involved in the community at whichever college I attend.

## Everett Hatfield

I have traveled around the world, I have dived in places that many have not visited, I have seen things that many people will not see in their lifetime. I enjoy doing ocean conservation work and being with my friends, laughing and having fun. I plan to study marine biology and help reverse the effects of global warming and preserve the ocean and all its beauty.

## Dashiell Henson

My imagination and creativity pull me through life and have led me to my passion for making videos and films. Curiosity about and empathy for other people, as well as independence and a sense of adventure are my guiding principles.

## Sasha Hilwig

I love music, spending time with my friends, and capturing memories together through photography. I also volunteer at the Vashon Maury Cooperative Preschool and plan to major in Elementary Education.

## Lennon Hinz

I am an athlete who has played soccer my whole life and tennis for the last few years. My favorite subject throughout school has always been math; and I have more recently developed an interest in technology, including building my own computers. In the future, I plan to pursue these interests by studying either electrical engineering or computational finance.

## Tya Hollimon

I am an easygoing and self driven person. I have loved growing up on Vashon, especially during the summers because I get to spend time with my friends at the beach, and go paddle boarding. One of my favorite things to do is watch the sunrise from KVI. I am grateful for all the memories I've made here, and I am excited to make more as I go off to college.

## Arrie Hopkins

I am a student, athlete, coach, friend, sister, and daughter. My favorite thing to do is laugh and I consciously try my best, even when it's hard, to see the good in everything and everyone around me. I am bubbly, talkative, and accepting. As well, I aspire to be a leader that cultivates change in the world around me.

## Haley Hopper

I'm an artist and love all things sci fi, roller skating, and hanging out on the beach or in the water. As the Student Art Showcase leader, I enjoy sharing my art and seeing my community's art. I'm also the co-leader of the Gender Queer Affinity Group and enjoy advocating for social change.

**Jane Howsmon**

I'm a hardworking and optimistic person, who loves volleyball, lacrosse and the outdoors. I stay busy by being a leader, participating in clubs, spending time with family and friends, and commuting on the ferry. I love traveling. I plan on majoring in biomedical engineering somewhere sunny.

**Besa Hruska**

I am a proud Albanian/American who values my cultural roots and embraces life with a fun and outgoing spirit. My love for adventure drives me to explore new experiences, and my time playing soccer especially as team captain has shaped who I am today. I am fully committed to my studies and make sure I put my full effort into everything I do. I can't wait to see what the future brings.

**Theo Hughes**

Aside from academics, some of my passions are playing guitar, music, travel/nature, and baseball. Working at Island Queen and fixing my car have given me an appreciation for hands-on work, and in college I plan to pursue mathematics while continuing my interest in music.

**Adam Ingalls**

I am creative, hardworking, and adventurous. I create and express myself through many mediums like: block printing, script writing, as well as comic style drawing and animation. Along with art I'm extremely interested in politics and history, and I hope to one day have my art impact the world in a way that will outlive me.

**Raena Joyce**

I love being creative and working with others. I get to do that through my passions of teaching kids aerial, as well as teen council. I love learning new things, and I am very persistent and patient. I plan to continue working with and teaching youth through early education.

**Eli Koreny**

Living in the forest on Vashon and raising Great Pyrenees puppies, I've developed a connection to nature I hope to keep close. The tempo of my life will change, but I know the things I've always loved, like rain on the roof and wind in the trees, will remind me of a green childhood on Vashon.

**Elouise Lawrence**

I am a kind and joyful dancer who loves finding the beauty in creation. I like to unwind from days of hiking, cheerleading, and dancing with a hot cup of tea and a good book.

**Mylie Limont**

I am interested in lacrosse, boxing, and ceramics. I enjoy solving problems and helping people, so I would like to study biomedical engineering in college. My friends know me for my kindness, my humor, and my confidence.

**Del Little-Lawling**

My name is Del Little-Lawing and I come from a big family including 4 brothers, an awesome dad, and my mom and grandparents. I am interested in baking, drawing and video games. The thing I am most passionate about is Marine Biology.

**Xan London-Chambers**

I enjoy life through many different activities. Most notably, working on my car, playing soccer, going to the gym, and spending time with friends. Being involved in so many different things has allowed me to gain new skills; learning patience, empathy, and dedication.

**Harper Luthi**

I value my creativity and use it to the fullest potential in activities like writing, design, music, and activism. I want to make a difference in the world and am willing to leave my comfort zone to do so. My dream is to travel the world and learn about other cultures and societies.

**Forest Macnab**

I'm a quiet, yet outgoing and hardworking problem solver who embraces challenge and personal growth through both school and rowing. I love to have in-depth discussions and pursue adventures.

**Sienna Magdasy**

I am an open-minded, friendly person who enjoys spending time with my friends and family while also setting aside time for myself. I love the beach, traveling, and animals. I try to spend as much time outdoors as I can, especially during the summer months.

**Rowan Marceau-Roache**

I like to explore the outdoors, through hiking, skiing, and biking. I have played soccer all my life and found lifelong friendships through this sport. I am funny, creative, and intuitive and enjoy passing time with my friends and family.

**Rowan McBennett**

I'm a pianist, a drummer, a music lover, a gardener, and an environmentalist. I am an idealist who tries to live in harmony with the Earth and others. I'm a hard worker who loves the outdoors and tries to do everything to the max!

**Molly McMillin**

I was born and raised on Vashon Island. I enjoy gaining and sharing random information and hope to live alone in a small house. Although I currently lack specifics, I aim to achieve a history-related profession.

**Gus McSheehy**

With an affinity for all things fashion, I love to go thrifting in pursuit of stylish pieces to add to my closet. I also love music and collect vinyls and

CDs. After studying abroad in Spain, I gained lots of self confidence, and a proficiency in Spanish.

**Spencer McWatters**

My favorite thing to do is play my saxophone both on my own and at the high school. I've enjoyed working my way up through the Symphonic Band since middle school, and being a core member in the Jazz Band is one of my proudest accomplishments. I'm looking forward to attending college next year either at the University of Washington or the University of Toronto, hoping to study cognitive science.

**Emma Meade**

I would describe myself as persistent, hard working, and empathetic. I love to be outdoors with friends and family. I am careful to surround myself with people who support me and I strive to be that person for everyone around me.

**Aine Meyer**

I am imaginative, empathetic and I have an inquisitive mind. My writing is inspired by the greats of classical writing, narrative fiction and prose which I hope brings a unique and tangible accent to my works. I intend to bring both my empathy and imagination into a career in nursing in order to help and inspire others.

**Annabelle Moeckel**

I am a determined, hard working, and vibrant person who will take any opportunity for an adventure. I love working hard in my sports, baking anything I can find a recipe for, and discovering new interests. When I'm not in school or on the track, I seek new experiences through travels with my family and adventures with friends.

**Victoria Morales**

Thanks to Student Link I was gifted the freedom to be able to explore my passions and interests in art and culinary science. With so much freedom and encouragement from the teachers and people around me I was able to start my own baking business.

**Anabel Moreland**

I consider myself to be intelligent, funny, and easygoing. In myself and others, I value hard work, good humor, and the courage it takes to express openness and vulnerability. I'm very proud of the beautiful and irreplaceable bonds I've made with my friends, the work ethic and academic skills that I've strengthened, and the passionate, independent, caring person I've become.

**Elena Mothershead Cronin**

I was born in Seattle, raised on Vashon Island and have family and ancestors on the island of Jamaica, New York City, Georgia, the Pacific Islands and the Yerington Paiute Tribe in Nevada. My passion is graphic art and photography, my sport is

basketball, and my vocation is to pursue the intersection of auto mechanics and technology.

#### **Astroee Mullins**

I am a caring person who loves to spend time with friends and family and enjoys taking care of animals.

#### **Kora Murphy**

I am an outgoing, driven, and goal-oriented leader who is deeply committed to my community. Outside of my professional and volunteer pursuits, I enjoy staying active through hobbies like volleyball and track, and I find fulfillment in philanthropy. Above all, I cherish spending quality time with my loved ones and helping others whenever I can.

#### **Linus Nauman-Montana**

I have a strong passion for science, technology, engineering, and math. I also enjoy building, designing, and problem-solving, and I am excited to combine these interests with a degree in engineering. My motto is "Never do the minimum."

#### **Eva Nelson**

I am an enthusiastic, motivated, and passionate person who is always looking to explore new aspects of life. From school, work, and singing, to spending time with the people I love, I'm always striving to put my best effort forward to ensure a welcoming environment for all.

#### **Anden Nicolino**

I am a fun, creative, and determined person. I like weightlifting and building up my strength, spending time with my friends, and leveling up my drawing skills. I am a hard and efficient worker, and I like to make sure that my impact is known.

#### **Yesly Nunez**

I am cheerful and calm. I like to help people and I want to be kind to everyone. I am spontaneous, loving and hardworking. I always try to challenge myself in life to achieve my goals and to feel proud of myself. I am a resilient and efficient person.

#### **Lilly Odegard**

I love history, writing and reading, I spend lots of my time journaling or reading and spending time with the people I love. I volunteer at Fort Nisqually, a living history museum. I am kind and a humorous person who loves to make people laugh. One day I hope to fulfill my dream and move to Scotland.

#### **Connor Olsen**

I am compassionate, curious, and hard-working. I compose music and enjoy the entertainment and happiness it brings to myself and others. I see myself as adventurous which is expressed

through the variety of activities and sounds I explore.

#### **Brisa Ordenez Ramirez**

I'm passionate about music production and listening. I find joy in rowing, baking, and exploring the outdoors through walks and runs. Always eager to try new things, a creative and talkative individual, I value the chance to make new friends and fun memories.

#### **Calloope Ormseth**

I am outspoken when comfortable, and near silent when not. I don't really enjoy leading, but I end up getting put in charge of things because apparently everyone else likes it even less. I'm most comfortable someplace warm and quiet, with some tea and a book.

#### **Ellisport Otto**

I am a very creative person, I enjoy drawing, playing music, and performing aerial at UMO. I am very hardworking and enjoy challenging myself, always working toward growing as a person. I hope to take the things I am passionate about with me throughout my life and find new things that bring me joy as I grow up.

#### **Sloane Overdorf**

My journey as a health educator has sparked a deep passion for science and reinforced my commitment to supporting my community. I am excited to continue helping others in every way possible while growing and learning throughout the process.

#### **Tao Riley**

I enjoy rowing, and being captain of the rowing team has taught me accountability. I seek adventure through traveling to new places, and experience life through meeting new people.

#### **Devlyn Rouse-Riley**

I would describe myself as someone who is very determined in finding what is most applicable to my own life goals. I love to learn new ways to think about the things that I'm interested in, which include music, automotive history, and computer technologies.

#### **Ella Saffery**

I am a dedicated friend and student, though bad at judging time. I spend a good deal of time pursuing various fascinations through archives, trails, and artistic work. Among others, I also enjoy nice clouds, participating in theatre and sometimes physical work like gardening.

#### **Kyla Scheff**

I am a creative and empathetic person who values quality time with the people I love. Dedication to my studies, job, and sports has taught me goal setting, time management and leadership. I'm

grateful for what I've learned and excited to pursue an education and career in nursing!

#### **Sky Skiena**

I love to write, sing, and act. I'm a creative person with an interest in forensics. I enjoy learning about the things I love and care about.

#### **Amelie Smith**

I am kind, persistent and observant. I enjoy learning to cook and I love animals, especially my cat and the neighborhood dogs. I love reading and learning new things. I have lots of fun being a cheerleader; it challenges me to learn new things and get out of my comfort zone. I plan to attend community college and may study early education, nutrition or marketing.

#### **Madeline Smith**

I am a creative, optimistic, and curious free spirit. I am very in touch with myself and interested in learning about the world. I'm passionate about freedom of expression and living life authentically.

#### **Mila Sorlie**

Through childhood trauma, I have become a stronger person, and I work hard for the things I want in life. This has also created compassion and understanding for those struggling and allows me to help from a thoughtful perspective. I want to help people the way I have been helped, which has led me to aim for a career in psychology.

#### **Kevin Sotz Paiz**

I am an understanding person, so every day I try to learn from my mistakes and continue moving forward and growing as a good person. I also like to help people when I am able to.

#### **Julianna Steffens**

I'm a hardworking, empathetic person and I love being outside. In my free time I like to read, bake, craft, and travel. I plan to further develop my passion for the natural world and for animals by studying environmental science and conservation at a school on the West Coast.

#### **Hunter Stroble**

I'm a positive, energetic guy who has a cat and a dog. When I'm not in school I work year round and play baseball during the spring. After high school, I plan to become a marine biologist or a teacher.

#### **Joshua Sullivan**

I plan to major in agriculture or business. I have a general interest in hiking, fishing, hunting, and working on vehicles. I've participated on my high school varsity football team for 4 years and other sports. I spend most of my time hanging out with my family and friends or going to Sunday service at the Vashon Island Community Church.

#### **Maya Surratt**

I am a kind and thoughtful person who cares

deeply about others. I am the happiest spending time with loved ones. I have experienced difficult times in my life, and I plan to pursue a career as a therapist helping others navigate this challenging world.

#### **Henry Sutherland**

My love for the arts drives me to pursue a life beyond high school filled with theater and music. My community has supported my passion for stage acting and improvisation, and that drives my goals of continuing to learn as an actor on stage or on screen.

#### **Ozzie Tanner**

Working at Vashon Kids as a counselor has taught me patience and understanding for people in all situations. My job along with my passion for soccer have allowed me to connect with my community, and gain a deeper understanding of who I am and who I want to be.

#### **Lily Thornton**

Raised surrounded by art and nature, my interest in painting and natural science is an integral part of my identity. I try to see the best in everyone and I enjoy working with my classmates on both creative and scientific projects. I believe my best traits are my optimism, my drive to learn and my creativity. I hope to use these skills in my future education.

#### **Eban Tracy**

I love fishing, hiking, skiing, working out, spending time with my family, traveling, and experiencing new opportunities. I've always had a passion for leadership, learning, understanding how things work, and building new relationships. I hope to pursue either civil engineering or construction business management in college.

#### **Japhy Tsiatsenhoven**

I play bass guitar, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, drums and any instrument I can get my hands on. I love music, politics, social justice, climate activism, history, and just about anything intellectual. I have also made a buffoon of myself before an audience many a time for their mere entertainment.

#### **Jair Valle Gutierrez**

I like learning new sports and I don't give up easily. I try hard inside and outside of school and I try to be better every day. I am the same person inside and outside of school and in everything I do because I want to be someone in life.

#### **Gerrit van Roekel**

I spend my time chasing stories and people to tell them to. I started out learning math in a barn on a farm, and then fell in love with arts

like writing, music, and dance. Now I'm working my way to becoming a rocket scientist.

#### **Elsa Vatheuer**

I'm a very outgoing, creative, passionate, and absolutely hilarious specimen. I enjoy dancing, crafting, swimming, and adventures with friends. My participation in Guide Dogs for the Blind Club and Vashon Rock Riders 4H Club is driven by my love for animals.

#### **Natalie Vickers**

I have been described as incredibly passionate and driven. I have strong opinions, and they will be known; however, I love to hear other opinions and discuss them with people. I have an internal sense of justice that is very prominent in my life. I am also very creative and love to draw bridges that I dream up, and explore modern solutions to architectural problems.

#### **Dannica Victor**

My dream is to become a nurse since I was three years old. One of my main reasons is because I love to help people. I want to turn that into a career one day soon.

#### **Charles Walker**

I love being outdoors—whether I'm skiing, biking, or working with my bees, which I've been doing since middle school. I am also captain of my high school tennis and baseball teams and enjoy working with others.

#### **Austin Ward**

I was born and raised on Vashon Island. I am currently a Running Start Student at Tacoma Community College where I am taking the prerequisite courses for the Professional Pilot Associates of Applied Science Degree at Clover Park Technical College. I enjoy the outdoors, specifically camping, skiing, hiking, and surfing.

#### **Nate Wass de Czege**

I am a dedicated student-athlete, rower, chess player, and supportive friend. I enjoy learning new hobbies and spending time with friends, encouraging and pushing them to achieve their best. In my free time, I play chess, lift, row, and code. I have a passion for learning new things and seek to be the best version of myself.

#### **Ulysses Watson**

A seeker of new information, I'm always searching for fascinating topics to take an interest in. You will often find me engaged with what I find interesting – gaming, political debate with friends, literature, and much more – while also chewing over complex ideas which form in my mind. Learning new things about the world often leads to self-discovery, and it's a journey that I wish to spend with the many people I care about.

#### **Ava Webb**

I am co-captain of my VIRC team and I love rowing on Quatermaster Harbor with my teammates. They are some of my closest friends and I enjoy spending time with them outside of practice to either take long walks, cook food, or just talk. My friends describe me as compassionate, humorous, and motivated, and I am passionate about math and science subjects.

#### **Rowan White**

I've spent the last four years of my life rowing, and I'll spend the next four doing the same. I'm a reader, music lover, and artist.

#### **Natalie Williams**

When I'm not doing schoolwork, I spend my time painting, listening to music, and drinking coffee. I'm creative, outgoing, and sometimes funny. I love to travel, and my art is often influenced by the things and ideas around me.

#### **River Williams**

I am a compassionate and motivated person. I love to spend time with my family and friends. I am optimistic and curious with a strong passion for the outdoors.

#### **Molly Wing**

I have been raising Guide Dogs since 7th grade. I love to play lacrosse, swim, and enjoy exploring the outdoors. I have a passion for writing, as well as reading.

#### **Madeline Youman**

I am a very passionate person with multiple facets of interest. I have played sports my whole life, varying from basketball, tennis, volleyball, and more. With that I am a very competitive person, and driven to achieve my goals. My family and friends would describe me as energetic, outgoing, and kind. I love to bake and crochet because I can apply my creativity through any project I'm working on. I value my community and my close social circle; they are my biggest supporters whom I feel lucky to have in my life.

#### **Lily Youngmann**

I enjoy hanging out with my friends, and making sure everyone around me is happy. I also have been a part of Guide Dogs for the Blind since 6th grade and have been raising Guide Dogs since freshman year.

# Our 2025 Scholarships

## **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 \$5,000 Aaron Burby Strive and Thrive Scholarship is awarded to the student who best exemplifies characteristics that Aaron valued: tenacity, integrity, and endurance in pursuit of personal goals; leadership and service beyond self; equity and encouragement of others; fun loving spirit; mutual respect; dedication to wellness and fitness; goal-oriented and focused in academic and career pursuits. It goes to a well-rounded student 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 hardworking. Outside interests might be tennis, music or photography.

## **Al Slaughter Memorial Scholarship**

*The Slaughter Family*

Honoring Al Slaughter, who captained the south-end ferry at the age of 15 during WWII, joined the Navy and the Merchant Marines, and spent his long life building emergency response and water infrastructure on his beloved Vashon Island. This scholarship is for a student interested in first responder or marine careers.

## **Amy Dubin Memorial Scholarship**

*Doug Drape & 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.

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.

## **Burton Community Church Scholarship**

*Burton Community Church*

An endowment at Burton Community Church funds memorial scholarships honoring two of its

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## Passion for Music Scholarship

The Burkhardt family mourn a dear father and uncle whose passion was music.

They are inspired to share his spirit and gifts with a scholarship for aspiring musicians committed to formal training after high school.

## **Azim St. Moreau Scholarship**

*Sarah St. Germain & Friends*

Azim was a generous, selfless young man. He

members. Reverend Marcus Walker was an ordained Baptist minister who pastored for 16 years at BCC, then was Artistic and Managing Director for a decade at the Lakewood Playhouse. He passed away in 2011 at the age of 53. Ralph Staehli, a Navy Bronze Star recipient, spent his career working on the waterfront. He and his wife Helen attended BCC regularly. He passed away in 2014 at the age of 96.

#### **C'Mon Barber Award**

*Tara Morgan*

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.

#### **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 Vashon girls' 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**

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This year 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 & Vashon Care Closet*

Christine "Chris" Jovanovich was a longtime practitioner of home health care, a driving force behind creating Vashon Care Closet and a 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. Her legacy of love and kindness lives on in the many lives she touched.

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

**In 2025, we funded 47  
scholarships through  
our General Fund.**

**Look for them with  
this special designation**



**Thank you  
General Fund  
donors for your  
generous  
support!**

#### **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 hands-on discovery, whether building something new or reclaiming and revitalizing. The traditional academic path didn't match his passions. This scholarship is for those who seek to explore the trades, bringing value to their lives and the community using their specific skills. Recipients will demonstrate discipline, a desire for experiential learning and apprenticeship, and a passion for giving back to their community.

#### **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.

#### **Commuter Parents Love Vashon Scholarship**

*VHS Commuter Parents*

Like a commuter student, the recipients of this scholarship are always up for an adventure. They embody kindness and determination in all of their travels, whether they be to faraway lands or in their own backyards.

#### **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 students who make a difference in the lives of people through time and effort, through walking alongside, not standing apart.

#### **Creating Wellness Scholarship**

*Vashon Wellness Professionals*

The Creating Wellness Scholarship is awarded to an individual who cares deeply about the wellness of the planet and all the species that create it. This student shows an awareness of how connected we all are. They have a curiosity about what keeps us healthy and thriving as individuals and as the woven web of our planet. They show a compassion, empathy, and genuine care for others.

#### **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. 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 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.

### **Dedication Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

Recipients of this scholarship have exhibited an uncommon dedication to excel in a specific area. Their early focus suggests the beginnings of a path that could become meaningful life's work in the years ahead.

### **Determination Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

This award honors students who demonstrate resolve and perseverance when focusing on a goal. They may or may not have already sketched out a clear post-high-school path, but they have no trouble putting themselves into gear when they have a destination in mind.

### **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*

Awarded to a student who demonstrates high achievement and dedication in any field of endeavor, with special consideration given to students with interests that span the sciences, humanities, arts, and technical fields. The scholarship was established with community support to publicly honor Dr. Gary 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 across 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.

### **En Pointe Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

Students who receive this award have shown a high level of talent and dedication to the world of dance.

### **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 2025 is better for this student's participation and achievements.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## **Commuter Parents Love Vashon! Scholarship**

**West Seattle and Kitsap families represent!!!**

**Commuter parents have created a scholarship fund that celebrates those who are bold and brave, yet kind and inclusive.**

**They have chosen to direct a portion of their donations to the General Fund scholarship pool — a commitment to Vashon Community Scholarship's mission of a scholarship for every student.**



**Give a warm welcome to new board member and former commuter parent, Jennifer Dempsey!**

### **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.

### **Fly High Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

For an aerial artist. In the circus as in life, beauty and peril are never far apart.

Recipients of this scholarship are likely to tackle life's challenges artfully.

### **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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## **Women in STEM Scholarship**

The Benjamin Foundation recognizes that women are underrepresented in STEM majors in college and in the workforce, and has created a fund to encourage that talent and interest in Vashon graduates.

Thank you for investing in Vashon's most valuable export—its young people.

### **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 students who are open to multiple career avenues that take advantage of their design skills – from fine arts to advertising to software design. These young people are starting out with an impressive body of work and ready to explore where their education takes them.

### **Galloping Into the Future Award**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

A scholarship for students involved in equestrian pursuits, including both competition and 4H. It honors the stamina and physical coordination required to manage large animals, as well as the patience and dedication. It supports students whose future plans reflect a continued connection to the horse community.

### **Garretson-Helsby Family Scholarship**

*The Garretson-Helsby Family*

This scholarship is provided to a graduating senior by a family with deep roots on the island, to celebrate growing up on Vashon.

### **Giraffe Women's Group Scholarship**

*Beth White, Marie Stanislaw, & Kathleen Kendzierski*

This scholarship acknowledges a young woman who has "stuck her neck out" in service to others in her personal life as well as 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 service to the community.

### **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."

### **Heritage Award Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

This award aims to encourage future historians by recognizing their dedication to preserving and understanding the past.

### **Inspiration Award**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

The Inspiration Award goes to a student whose scholarship notebook tells a story that sticks with you—the kind that makes you believe a little more in people. Their journey shows heart, grit, and a spark that reminds us what's possible when we lead with courage and kindness.

### **Island Grown Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

This award celebrates those who've embraced the island's quirky, creative, hands-on and intellectual spirit, who have made the most of their time on this rock.

### **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 given in honor of Jaralene Spring, whose teaching inspired her students to navigate their unique learning paths with tenacity and determination. Professor Joseph Campbell, whose writings continue to ripple outward in education, encouraged his pupils to "remember that you are important to all who follow you. You will be their inspiration."

### **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*

These \$5,000 and \$2,500 annual scholarship awards were established to be given to Vashon Island School District students who have accomplished exemplary academic achievement and actively participated in extra-curricular school activities. Additionally, the recipients shall have exhibited perseverance in setting and fulfilling personal goals and objectives. In meeting requisite performance standards, these scholarships 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 a lover of music, Christ, and his family. He was also an unabashed nerd. Jim earned a degree in Computer Science in the 1970s—way back at the start of Computer Science—and then an MBA. This scholarship is for a kindred spirit who is ready to tackle intellectual challenges in college.

### **Joe Ulatoski Scholarship**

*VashonBePrepared*

This scholarship is intended for a graduating senior who is planning to study in one or more of the following fields: emergency management, disaster response including firefighter/EMT, emergency communications, community resilience, emergency medicine, or public health.

### **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 One Village Scholarship**

*Journeyman*

The One Village Scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated through their participation in our experiences a strong and consistent commitment to embodying our vision: Men and women 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: horticulture/botany, landscape architecture, forestry, environmental sciences.

### **LDM Worldwide Productions Scholarship**

*LDM Worldwide Productions Scholarship*

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 that appreciates a little mystery in the world and so gives anonymously. Enjoy.

### **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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## **Creating Wellness Scholarship**

Wellness on Vashon isn't just about individual health; it's about collective thriving.

Thanks to the leadership of Abby Enson for bringing together island healers to support students who care deeply about the wellness of the planet and all its interconnected species.

Acupuncturists *Eli Stahl and Karin Nelson*

Ayurvedic Practitioner  
*Kael Balizer*

Bodyworkers *Abby Enson, Esther Edelman, Karey Baker, Lisa Lenihan, and Lynelle Sjoberg*

Clinical Social Worker  
*Julea Gardener*

Physical Therapists & Yoga Teachers  
*Andra DeVoght and dune DeSmet*

Pilates & Qi Gong Teacher  
*Arlette Moody*

Yoga Teacher & Ayurvedic Practitioner  
*Ronly Blau*

### 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.

### Loving Every Minute Scholarship

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

The student who inspired this scholarship has the uncommon ability to find joy in the present moment. The future may be unknown, but it is bright for those who will find brightness.

### Marijke van Heeswijk Humanitarian Award

*Tyler & Amy Young of Vashon Pharmacy*

This award celebrates Marijke Van Heeswijk's incredible legacy of humanitarian service. It seeks to inspire others to follow in her footsteps by demonstrating a similar passion for community service, showing an extraordinary ability to uplift and empower those around them.

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

*Family & Friends of Mark T. Vornbrock*

Mark T. Vornbrock was a lifelong craftsman with a deep appreciation for the aptitude required to create quality end-products. A general contractor 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*

Established by Stephanie Murray in remembrance and honor of her beloved husband, Marshall McKay Murray. Marshall was a gifted actor who fell in love with the theatre at the tender age of 8 after seeing his first live musical production. He joined his high school's marching band as a drummer and was cast in many high school and college productions. He worked as a sound and light technician, a singing waiter, was a member of the prestigious Leyden Singers performing with the Oregon Symphony, graduated from Portland University with a major in Theatre, acted professionally for numerous theatre companies, including many Drama Dock productions on this island he loved so much.

## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

# Hometown Heroes

## Al Slaughter Memorial Scholarship

Al moved to Tahlequah as a teenager during WWII, joining local high schoolers operating the ferry while men were at war. A dedicated island volunteer fireman, captain, activist, commissioner and businessman, Al built the Clam Cove Water system, the South End Community clubhouse, and three fire stations. This scholarship encourages students to pursue first responder or marine careers that serve island infrastructure.

## Joe Ulatoski Scholarship

VashonBePrepared aims to educate the island to be as self-reliant as possible during a disaster through advance planning and preparation. No one has done more to equip us for that mission than retired Brigadier General Joe Ulatoski, the father of Vashon's preparedness and disaster response efforts. This scholarship honors Joe, with preference given to students involved in Vashon Fire & Rescue Explorers, amateur radio licensees, or other preparedness activities.

## Marijke van Heeswijk Humanitarian Award

Tyler and Amy Young of Vashon Pharmacy have had a front row seat as Marijke van Heeswijk has devoted countless hours to improving the lives of islanders. Her tireless efforts include leading Vashon Emergency Operation Center's COVID vaccination program, volunteering at health care events, and helping coordinate essential services to families in need. Recipients of this scholarship sponsored by the Youngs will display a similar care and commitment to their community.

Whether it be singing, dancing, costuming, playwriting, as a technician, actor or musician, the recipient of this scholarship will answer their heart's calling by always making some aspect of the performing arts a dynamic part of their lives.

### **Mathlete**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

The Mathlete Scholarship celebrates students who flex their brainpower like champions, turning complex equations into their arena. Just like top athletes, Mathletes train hard, compete fiercely, and push the limits of mathematical achievement with style and stamina.

### **Meade Building Company Scholarship**

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The Meade Building Company Scholarship supports students pursuing careers in the building trades, construction management, architecture, or engineering. Aligned with Meade Building Company's values of craftsmanship, integrity, and community commitment, this scholarship aims to foster the next generation of skilled professionals dedicated to enhancing the island's built environment.

### **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. Blue Sky = optimism and opportunity.

### **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 or science field.

### **Norm & Jan Mathews Memorial Scholarship**

*Family & Friends of Norm & Jan 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.

### **Onward & Upward Award**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

These students have a very clear view of their future goals, which they have built over time and trial. Winning this award is testament to their tenacity.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## Meade Building Company Scholarship

Drew Meade didn't know  
how much he would love  
leading building projects  
until after college.

He and his team encourage  
Vashon grads to pursue  
careers in the lucrative  
building trades, including  
construction management,  
architecture, interior  
design, and engineering.

### **Out Loud Award**

*Open Space for Arts & Community*

The Out Loud Award recognizes a creative and dedicated student who has demonstrated a passion for artistic endeavors and unique self-expression. This scholarship celebrates the spirit of creativity in all its forms—whether through visual arts, performing arts, music, or any other form of artistic expression. Open Space for Arts & Community fosters growth, connection, and creativity. This scholarship supports students

committed to exploring and developing their artistic talents.

### **P.E.O. Chapter GW Scholarship**

*P.E.O. Chapter GW*

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.

### **Passion for Music Scholarship**

*The Burkhardt Family*

This scholarship is to celebrate and encourage students who play a musical instrument or sing and are interested in continuing this pursuit of music in some capacity that includes formal training after high school graduation.

### **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.

### **Pedal On Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

For a student who has conquered Vashon's famously brutal Passport 2 Pain bike ride: 80 miles and 10,000 feet of climbing. Surely everything from here on out is a joyride.

### **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 an inspiration for community service to all of us.

### **Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union (PSCCU) Sustainability Scholarship**

*Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union (PSCCU) Sustainability Scholarship*

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, Untidale, 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 played soccer on club teams and for VHS, lettered in Cross-Country, and ran in many island events. A gifted saxophonist, he represented VHS at state competition. Ryan logged 265 service

hours in high school, volunteering for Pet Protectors, XTerra Triathlon, Vashon Food Bank, Friends of Puget Sound, and Student Conservation Association, all while running a thriving home, pet, and lawn care business. He loved his family, friends and community and was looking forward to college. Ryan's memorial scholarships are possible through the generosity of those who knew and loved him, including the annual Krug Cup. Recipients reflect Ryan's scholarly dedication and his passion for athleticism, music and service above self.

#### **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."

## **Vashon Center for the Arts Ron Thomas Award**

**In memory of VCA board  
member Ron Thomas,  
former president of the  
University of Puget Sound  
and past trustee of the  
VCA Board of Directors.**

**Thank you VCA for  
choosing to honor his  
legacy in the arts by  
offering a scholarship to  
Vashon grads pursuing a  
career in the field.**

#### **Sarah Penn Award**

*Family & Friends of Sarah Penn*

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 family, friends and 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.

#### **Sharon Boyer Memorial Scholarship**

*Friends of Sharon Boyer*

This scholarship is established to honor Sharon Boyer's commitment to kids and community. She would be most honored by supporting a senior who, since their freshman year, has shown outstanding effort and improvement in writing – celebrating Sharon's love of language, reading and writing.

#### **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 Plates, Big Dreams Scholarship**

*Island Queen & Vashon Baking Co / Glass Bottle Creamery*

A scholarship for those who revel in the details of bringing people together over food – from seed to service, and everything in between, food connects us.

#### **Soulful Balance Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

For an island graduate who seeks balance between working hard and enjoying life.

#### **Spirit of Service Award**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

This scholarship supports a senior with a go-to, uplifting commitment to community service.

#### **Stewards of the Future Award**

*Chanda Carlson*

In honor of Helen C. Lodge author and educator. 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," she was a devoted profesora 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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## Small Plates, Big Dreams Scholarship

Enthusiastic local  
hospitality entrepreneurs  
cheer on the young  
people who know how to  
bring people together  
over food.

Glass Bottle Creamery  
Island Baking Company  
Island Queen

#### **The Language of Kindness Scholarship**

*Anonymous*

An island donor with great admiration for those navigating the immigration experience offers this scholarship to a student who has managed all the usual high school classes while diligently learning English, making connections with peers, and contributing to the wellbeing of their family. You are one of us and we are proud of you.

#### **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.

#### **Treasure Hunter Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

For a student who mines the island's thriving estate and vintage sources for gems and has either the entrepreneurial chops to turn a tidy profit or the innate style to display their timeless good taste.

#### **Truselo Family Memorial Scholarship**

*Truselo Family Scholarship Fund*

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

#### **Vashon Athletic Club Health & Fitness Award**

*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 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.

#### **Vashon Bird Alliance Scholarship**

*Vashon Bird Alliance Scholarship*

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**

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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 Center for the Arts - Ron Thomas Award**

*Vashon Center for the Arts*

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### **Vashon Construction's Build Your Dreams Scholarship**

*Liza & Alex DeHaven of Vashon Construction*

Alex DeHaven's dream after high school was to start his own construction business. He and Liza built that dream with Vashon Construction and want to inspire, encourage, and support the youth of Vashon to follow their dreams.

### **Vashon Eagles Scholarship**

*Vashon Aerie #3144, Fraternal Order of 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 any 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 Friends Worship Group Peace Award**

*Vashon Friends Worship Group Peace Award*

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.

This year's VIPA scholarship is dedicated to islander Kathy Shafel, who passed away on April 1, 2025. One of the founders of the original Vashon Gay Pride Alliance in the early 1990s— and co-creator of this scholarship — Shafel was a hospice nurse who was "born to help." Kathy was known for her huge heart, notorious sense of humor, indomitable spirit, and the significant contributions she made in her community. Be inspired.

### **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 lead by example and truly exemplify our core principles.

### **Vashon Island Soccer Club Scholarship**

*Vashon Island Soccer Club*

This scholarship recognizes seniors who have participated in club soccer programs, the referee

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## **Vashon Construction's Build Your Dreams Scholarship**

**Welcome Vashon Construction!**

**Liza and Alex DeHaven want Vashon grads to know that dreams are within your grasp and offer a scholarship to encourage the next generation on their journey.**

association, volunteered with soccer camps, and are passionate about being part of soccer.

#### **Vashon Lacrosse Club Scholarship**

*Vashon Lacrosse Club Scholarship*

For a student who is active in Vashon's lacrosse community and promotes its values of camaraderie, inclusivity, courage, fair play, discipline, respect, perseverance, and a healthy lifestyle.

#### **Vashon Pharmacy Scholarship**

*Tyler & Amy Young of Vashon Pharmacy*

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 Preschools!*

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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

## **Vashon-Maury Island Horse Association Scholarship**

Horses and their handlers  
are ubiquitous on the  
island—riding along the  
extensive trail system of  
Island Center Forest,  
eventing at Paradise  
Ridge, even clop, clop,  
clipping through the  
drive-thru at Island  
Queen. A new  
scholarship from  
Vashon's equestrian  
community recognizes a  
graduating rider who is  
dedicated to good  
horsemanship and animal  
welfare.

Welcome to the  
scholarship tradition,  
VMIHA!

#### **Vashon Youth Baseball & Softball Scholarship**

*Vashon Youth Baseball & Softball*

This award is to recognize the individuals who, through actions on and off the baseball diamond, epitomize the qualities of being the most valuable teammate. The recipient's hard work, dedication, and support have greatly enhanced team success.

#### **Vashon-Maury Island Horse Association Scholarship**

*Vashon-Maury Island Horse Association (VMIHA)*

Awarded to a student who has participated in the island equestrian community, through Pony Club, 4-H or independently, and who will continue an education that will support good horsemanship, animal welfare, or benefit equestrians in another way.

#### **Venture Far Scholarship**

*Vashon Community via the General Fund*

The recipient of this scholarship has a penchant for exploration, perhaps a desire to travel the world, and the ability to combine practical and people skills as they venture beyond the Puget Sound.

#### **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.

#### **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*

The Vashon Wilderness Program will award the Wild Isle Award to two seniors dedicated to the

wild world and who will pursue a career that helps others to connect with self, nature and community through education, healing and/or creative arts in service of our Earth.

#### **Win the Day Scholarship Honoring**

##### **Andrew Walker**

*Win the Day Scholarship Honoring Andrew 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 Masters 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 in STEM Scholarship**

*The Benjamin Foundation*

Women are not only underrepresented when it comes to STEM majors in college but also within the workforce. Women only make up about 35% of the STEM workforce, with the largest disparities in Engineering and Computer Science. The Women in STEM Scholarship looks to reduce these disparities by supporting young women who want to pursue an education in STEM, which provides a diverse range of career paths post college. The Benjamin Foundation recognizes the recipient for their interest and pursuit of a degree in one the STEM fields.

#### **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.

#### **Young Architect / Designer Scholarship**

*Independent Architects of Vashon, Acquainted with Each Other Through Life*

This scholarship is given to an individual who is interested in studying and pursuing a career in architecture or a building design related field. The award celebrates a student who has shown creativity and artistic promise that we hope will allow them to explore the wonderful world of bringing visions of spaces into the reality of built structures to better our world.

#### **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 Community Scholarships Seeks New Board Members

We’re looking for enthusiastic, experienced volunteers to join our Board.

Ideal candidates have time to commit to an all-volunteer effort, plus one or more of the following: board or operations leadership experience; comfort with technology; strong writing, marketing, social media, and/or storytelling skills; a background in events or fundraising.

You don’t need to check every box—but a passion for our mission is essential:

## A Scholarship For Every Vashon Graduate



# We've Come A Long Way, Baby!

As we celebrate the 38<sup>th</sup> award cycle of the Vashon Community Scholarship Foundation, we're filled with gratitude and awe at how far we've come.

Our journey began with a dedicated group passing a coffee can through the bleachers at VHS football and basketball games and recruiting anchor businesses uptown. That first year, back in 1987, we awarded a total of \$12,000 in scholarships to 27 students.

College tuition has skyrocketed and so has the generosity of our island community.

Fast forward to the Class of 2025. We are thrilled to be awarding over \$300,000 in scholarships to 115 Vashon graduates—for an all-time total of over \$4,000,000!

**How do we accomplish this amazing feat every year?**

**With an average class size of 100 students, it takes:**

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- ~15 Dedicated Board Members
  - ~125 Scholarship Sponsors + Their Donors
  - ~75 General Fund Donors
  - 2 Investment & Accounting Professionals
  - ~4 Selection Panel Volunteers
  - ~12+ VISD Staff in Support
  - ~200 Letters of Recommendation from Teachers, Managers, Coaches, Neighbors, and Mentors
  - ~10 Scholarship Awards Presenters + Event Volunteers
  - ~200 Cheering Family Members

**Join us.**

[VashonScholarships.org](http://VashonScholarships.org)

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