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VASHON
COMMUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP
FOUNDATION

CLASS OF 2022
SCHOLARSHIPS

MAY 25, 2022

Program

Vashon Community
Scholarship Foundation
Awards Ceremony

May 25, 2022
VHS Lunchroom

Doors Open 5:30

Awards Ceremony 6:00

Graduates - in person
Donors, Family, Friends - Livestream

Graduates Reception
Immediately after the
Ceremony

SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Excellence Award (VCSF)

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 (Individual)

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.

Aviation Technology Award (Non-Profit)

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.

Audiophile Scholarship (VCSF)

Enthusiasm for "perfect" sound reproduction defines the audiophile. He or she totally appreciates the gear an artist uses and the science behind how sound is delivered.

Amazonians (Individual)

Amazon and Vashon Island. At first glance, they could not be more different. And yet in both places, it is those individuals who allow their ceaseless curiosity and unique invention to govern what they do that really stand out. We contribute truly of ourselves, yet for a larger, bolder purpose. It is these shared values that are the reason that several of us Amazon staffers, current and former, have chosen Vashon as a place to live and explore. It is these same ideals that the Amazonians on Vashon Award wished to recognize and foster. Unlike many scholarships that mandate a specific grade point average, club participation or higher education plan, this award looks to recognize the innovative problem solvers, fearless deep-divers and thoughtful, artful communicators, with the understanding that there is literally no end to the ways that the world can be improved when the heart and mind are aligned.

The Advocate Award (VCSF)

This award honors a senior who believes in the importance of being proactive in support of ideals. Understanding the change one wants to see is the basis for taking action to make a difference in others' lives.

The BE Scholarship (Individual)

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.

Beardsley Family Foundation (Non-Profit)

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.

The Beauty Nook (Business)

This award is given to a student who has shown an interest in cosmetology or the area of health and fitness.

1st Lt. Robert Bennedsen Scholarship (Memorial)

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

Bernice Black Memorial Fund (Memorial)

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 Fellowship which honors its annual commitment to provide this scholarship to the VCSF.

Bound to Make a Difference Award (Individual)

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.

The Bring It On! Award (VCSF)

This award commends the candid wit of a youthful critic of the status quo. We need your critical thinking!

Honoring Brian Adami (Memorial)

This Award 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.



Sara Bremmer Scholarship (Memorial)

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."

Patricia Bradley Britz Memorial Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Aaron Burby Strive and Thrive Scholarship (Memorial)

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

The Peter S. Bruchas Music Scholarship (Memorial)

This scholarship is for students who exhibit a deep appreciation for music and who plan to be involved in music as a possible career. It is funded through an endowment of the Peter S. Bruchas estate.

Bill Burby Wellness Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Burton Community Church Scholarship (Memorial)

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

Katie Chale Scholarship (Memorial)

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 "por que' 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."

Career in Health Care (Individual)

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

Carroll Scholarship (Individual)

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

The Class of 1970-1971 (Non-Profit)

The classes of 1970 and 1971 recently held their 50 year reunion and decided to honor their alma mater and one graduating senior by offering a scholarship. The recipient will be a young person that values their VHS experience and the close community of Vashon.

Paul Colwell Music Award (VCSF)

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

Creative Spirit - Stephen Floyd Award (VCSF)

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.

Honoring Donna Donnelly (Memorial)

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.

Determination Scholarship (VCSF)

This award honors a student who demonstrates resolve and perseverance in focusing on future goals.

Focus on the Future (VCSF)

This award honors students whose interests and passion will define his or her future endeavors.



Drama Dock (Non-Profit)

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.

Amy Dubin Memorial Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Young Entrepreneur (Business)

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

The Extra Mile Award (Individual)

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 (pandemic aside). The Class of 2022 is better for this student's participation and achievements.

Fair Isle Animal Clinic Scholarship (Business)

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

Penny Farcy Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Deanna H. Hansen Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Finding Unity in Diversity Award (Non-Profit)

This award celebrates a student who reaches out to understand the importance of diversity in all of life.

Future by Design Award (VCSF)

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 Scholarship (VCSF)

Finding meaning by creating a future in the world of equine study and work defines this student. This recipient possesses knowledge that dedication to the goals of engaging with equines can be applied to everyday life.

Susan Garlick Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Garretson-Helsby Families (Individual)

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

Granny's Attic (Non-Profit)

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

Griffith Maritime Scholarship (Memorial)

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

Justin Hagerty Scholarship (Memorial)

This scholarship is in memory of my son Justin Hagerty. Justin was a friend of many. He was 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.

Harbor School Board of Trustees Scholarship (Non-Profit)

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."

Jerrold T. Henley Environmental Scholarship (Non-Profit)

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.

Will Huck Award (VCSF)

This scholarship honors a much loved graduate of 2021.

Inspiration Award (VCSF)

This student inspires others through resilience, determination and kindness.

Island Island Home Center Scholarship (Business)

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

Journeyman Scholarship (Non-Profit)

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

Dr. Gary Koch Scholarship (Community)

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

Ryan Krug Memorial Scholarship (Memorial)

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

Love of the Game Award (VCSF)

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.

LDM Worldwide (Business)

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 (Individual)

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

Sierra Marie Pedrin Linden Memorial Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Lindsay Family Scholarship (Individual)

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.

Frederick E. Losornio Memorial Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Making a Difference Now Scholarship (VCSF)

Each year this award honors someone in the community who makes a significant contribution to the quality of life on our island. This year we celebrate Alex Craighead and Nicky Wilkes, the founders of the Journeymen. The Journeymen programs are teaching kids on Vashon and across the Puget Sound region to communicate, support each other, and handle emotions and challenges without imploding in shame or exploding in anger. We salute these two young men and offer a scholarship in their honor.

Jay Mathews Scholarship (Memorial)

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

Jerry & Sarah Mathews Scholarship Fund (Individual)

This \$5000 annual scholarship award was established to be given to a Vashon Island School District student who has accomplished exemplary academic achievement and actively participated in extra-curricular school activities. Additionally, the recipient shall have exhibited perseverance in setting and fulfilling personal goals and objectives. In meeting requisite performance standards, this scholarship can be continued annually for up to a total of four years.

Norm Mathews Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

Mia McEldowney Scholarship for Women in the Arts (Memorial)

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 (Business)

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



Rochelle Munger Scholarship (Memorial)

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.

The Marshall Murray Performing Arts Scholarship (Memorial)

The island community will long remember Marshall Murray's amazing theatre career. We were oh so fortunate to be a part of those audiences.

Nuovo Corso Scholarship (Individual)

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.

Out Loud Scholarship (Business)

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

Onward and Upward (VCSF)

This award celebrates students whose passions include aviation and whose confidence will contribute to their future success.

Peace Award (Non-Profit)

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

PEO Chapter GW (Non-Profit)

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.

The Practicing Compassion Award (VCSF)

At the root of compassion is taking action to help others. This award recognizes a student who is involved in making a difference in the lives of people through time and effort, the basis of compassionate giving.

Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union Sustainability Scholarship (Business)

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 (Individual)

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

The Quest Award (Individual)

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.

The Resilient Spirit Award (VCSF)

This scholarship is given to a senior who is a natural leader and who shows a strong commitment to giving back to his or her school community.

The Sawbones Science and Math Scholarship (Business)

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

Science and Math Innovation Award (Individual)

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

Vashon Island Pride Alliance (Non-Profit)

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.

Scout Award (Individual)

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.

The Spirit of Service Scholarship (VCSF)

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

Stewards of the Future (Memorial)

Helen Lodge (1919-2020) was an inspiring professor of history, literature and education. 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.

Vashon High School Thespians (Non-Profit)

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

Venture Onward (VCSF)

The recipient of this scholarship has a desire to explore the world and the ability to combine many skills for success beyond VHS.

VEA Continuing Scholarship in Honor of Retiring Teachers (Non-Profit)

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.

Jaralene Spring Scholarship (Memorial)

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

Azim St Moreau (Memorial)

Azim was a generous, selfless young man. He never wanted to go to a traditional college and wanted to do many things that would require a trade/technical school. Our family struggled in many ways, yet he remained open and close. He would choose a recipient who would be like himself to chase their dreams and would have given of himself for those to do so.

Through the Lens Award (VCSF)

This award celebrates a student who brings the world into focus through the production and editing of video or through photography.

Truselo Family Scholarship (Non-Profit)

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

The Uncharted Path Award (VCSF)

Enthusiasm for all that has not yet been explored describes this student. Unknown, unmapped territory will provide boundless lessons through future adventures.

Vashon Center for the Arts – Art Hansen Scholarship (Non-Profit)

VCA gives this scholarship to honor Art Hansen, who has 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 Community FACE (Formerly PTSA - Non-Profit)

This scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing an active role of civic service within the community

Vashon Eagles #3144 (Non-Profit)

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 Support Personnel (Non-Profit)

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

Vashon Engineers (Individual)

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

Vashon Heritage Museum Scholarship (Non-Profit)

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 Community Church Inspirational Journey Award (Non-Profit)

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 Chorale (Non-Profit)

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 Rowing Club (Non-Profit)

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 Rotary (Non-Profit)

Vashon Island Rotary celebrates its 33rd year of local and global community service. Their scholarships recognize graduating seniors with a background of community service.

Vashon Island Soccer Club (Non-Profit)

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

Vashon Island Visual Artists Scholarship (Non-Profit)

This year the Vashon Island Visual Artists (VIVA) scholarship will be awarded to four 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.

Vashon Pharmacy (Business)

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

Vashon Senior Center (Non-Profit)

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 Thriftway (Business)

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

Vashon Tennis Community (Non-Profit)

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 Youth Baseball/Softball Scholarship (Non-Profit)

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 Events Music Scholarship Fund (Non-Profit)

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

VCSF “Spelling Bee Past Champion” Award Honoring Sharon Boyer (Memorial)

This scholarship is established to honor Sharon Boyer’s commitment to kids and community. She would be most honored by supporting a student who hasn’t had an easy road in learning but has stuck with it. Specifically the recipient will be a senior, who since their freshman year, has shown outstanding effort and improvement in writing - celebrating Sharon’s love of language, reading and writing.

Vashon Island Pet Protectors (Non-Profit)

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

V-M Island Audubon Society Scholarship (Non-Profit)

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

The Mark T. Vornbrock Scholarship for the Advancement of the Skilled Trades (Memorial)

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

Phil Volker Scholarship (Memorial)

This scholarship is made in memory of Phil Volker, a Vashon resident who was well know as a fine carpenter, hunter education instructor, founder of the local American Legion chapter, archery teacher, Bible student, bird hunter, elk hunter, deer hunter, artist, wrestling dad, and corn farmer. A man who in the last ten years of his life found himself dealing with stage 4 cancer, which he would say was the best thing to ever happened to him. In the process of going through the usual treatments, he came across the idea of rehabilitation—at the same time as the treatments, which was largely in the form of exercise. To get that exercise, he began simply walking, which he turned into a life art by creating a virtual camino modeled after the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain, which he discovered after converting to Catholicism. He dedicated his life by living the principles learned on the Camino, primarily hospitality and connection to people. Phil, a very simple man, stumbled into fame, if not exactly fortune, by being steadfast, just putting one foot in front of the other no matter what else was going on, and inviting folks to “come walk with me”. And they did. And they made a movie about him, and then more people came, and he became a destination, an inspiration to many. He spoke at cancer rehabilitation conferences all over the country, and even more people via zoom all during the Covid pandemic, up until the day before his death in October, 2021. He had a ridiculous number of friends. The recipient of this scholarship might be someone with an interest in any of Phil’s passions, a person who has overcome obstacles in their life so far, and knows the value of the “just keep walking advice”. Someone with the soul of an artist, willing and eager to explore new ideas. Above all though, it will be a person with a bright shining spirit who welcomes everyone with joyful eyes and smiling face, and knows how to listen.

Vashon Basketball Club (Non-Profit)

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

Kay White Garden Club Scholarship (Non-Profit)

This scholarship honors students who have shown interest in one of the following areas: environmental sciences, horticulture/botany, landscape architecture, forestry, oceanic studies and astronomy.

Windermere Real Estate – Vashon (Business)

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

Women’s Group Giraffe Award (Individual)

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.

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Indigo Assink: In addition to spending time with friends and family, I enjoy playing volleyball, skiing, and high jump. I am patient, organized and social. I look forward to the next chapter of my life: studying in the Netherlands.

Wendy Axtelle: I have a personal passion for art and expression. As a student I have tried to prioritize clubs and activities that I hope would benefit the school. Moving on to college, I intend to study sociology and politics.

Maxwell Barnecut: My name is Max and I'm from West Seattle. I have attended Vashon since 6th grade, so it has become my second home. My hobbies are backpacking, cooking and woodworking. I love the outdoors and have a passion for health and fitness.

Nicki Becker: In addition to academics, I spend time cooking with my mother, practicing my flute and going to the gym in the offseason. My friends can depend on me to bring unique solutions to difficult problems that I or my community might face.

Alex Bell: I am benevolent, helpful, passionate and above all, determined to reach my goals. I have a clear vision of my future and how to get there. In addition to academics, I enjoy computer related activities, trading card games, and international travel.

Kaitlyn Bonaventura: I am a female wrestler who likes to push the boundaries of my surroundings. I am a dependable student who loves to collaborate with my peers. I am a hardworking individual, which will help me succeed as a student of criminal justice.

Luke Bringhurst: In addition to academics, I am interested in martial arts, rock climbing, biking and more. I like problem solving, which has led to my interest in math and inspired me to study something similar in college.

Max Bringhurst: I love to participate in activities such as martial arts, ping-pong, rock climbing and weight lifting. I have always been a hard worker who strives to be my best self every day. In college I would like to study human biology.

Franki Brown: I am trustworthy, genuine and independent. I love skiing and playing lacrosse, as well as taking long walks on the beach. I am adventurous, but I also value the simple things in life.

Henry Brown: I enjoy being outdoors, walking my dogs, skateboarding, snowboarding, and mountain biking. My passion for flying planes has shaped my interest in pursuing a career in aviation. I consider myself a serious, hardworking student.

Shea Burgess: I am kind, intelligent and hardworking. I like doing physical things like sports and exercise, as well as cooking. I like to be organized and have a plan for everything, because I like getting things done!

Gwen Burwell: I am ambitious, curious and undefined. With the support from the Vashon community, I have the confidence to pursue my interests at home and through travel. I aspire to be a business woman who contributes to an ever-changing world.

Savannah Butcher: Savannah was not able to turn in a bio.

John Philip Cagle: My name is Johnny. I am a student with hopes of working in the aviation field. I would most like to be a pilot or an air traffic controller. I hope to live this life that I have wanted since I was young.

Erin Chavez: Despite being a quiet person, I have a strong internal narrative. I value social and academic challenges. Throughout high school I have gained my external voice through crew, Teen Council, and work experiences. I hope to use my voice for good in the medical field.

Aidan Clarke: I am laid back, witty and personable. I seek out intellectual challenges, whether as president of the chess club or by solving a Rubik's cube as fast as possible. Captivated by the expression of music, I hope to study jazz piano.

Emma Cline: I am creative and hardworking and take pride in a job well done, whether it's trimming medical models at Sawbones or completing school assignments. My friends and family know I am fun-loving, always planning what we're going to do next.

Bellamy Cox-Sitkiewicz: I am dedicated, composed and inquisitive. I love to perform and improve in soccer and calisthenics. I am interested in sports medicine and kinesiology, but my passion to travel might lead me to a gap year of adventure.

Anneliese Crayton: Growing up on an island that supports sustainability has inspired my passion about climate change. My future is the best opportunity to make a difference in the world. I plan to major in environmental engineering and be part of that change.

Emma Claire Deines: I love soccer, cheer, acrobatics, art and playing the guitar. I'm interested in editing and creating stories and enjoyed being co-content editor for the Riptide. I always have a smile or a laugh, or you might find me quietly reading a book somewhere...

Emerson Rae Dunn: I am a former equestrian who currently competes in volleyball, track and field. Surrounding myself with friends and family brings me joy. Working at Island Queen has taught me patience. I look forward to college where I hope to study ocean sciences.

Teo Eckhardt: I am a persevering individual whose high standards have kept me on track and helped me achieve my academic goals as well as outdoor achievements, including mountain biking and soccer. I plan to study engineering and economics in college.

Braden Edwards: I am good at solving logic problems, so it should be no surprise that my favorite classes are math and programming. I also enjoy playing the clarinet and D&D. I plan to study programming and eventually design video games.

Laura Erickson: I am creative, passionate and hardworking. My appreciation for learning more about art and literature, inspires me to become a writer or journalist. I find peace and self-confidence through weightlifting which motivates me to be a better person every day.



Isabella J. Fisher: I am a caring student who loves to be there for my friends and family. I'm on the tennis team and have loved learning the sport! I also like to read, bake and create with clay. Guide Dogs Club has taught me patience and persistence.

Mele Seini Folau: I am a quick thinker and problem solver who enjoys working collaboratively. My art speaks volumes about who I am: uplifting and passionate about my Tongan culture and traditions. I have been inspired by leading Racial Equity Pack and TLC (Teens Leading Change). I want a career in immigration work.

Rebekah Furr: I am a 13-year Vashon Island resident. I play tennis on the VHS team. I like to draw, paint and cook in my free time. I plan to major in Psychology and minor in studio art or Spanish at Western Washington University.

Archer Gallegos: I am independent and determined. I enjoy leadership roles and helping others to be successful. Yet, I am also introverted, craving a hot cup of tea and a good book rather than socializing after school. "Overthinking perfectionist" describes my approach to creating artwork.

Ryan Garnica-Ramirez: I play soccer. I work as much as expected in order to help my family. I look for interesting factoids that have an unusual history or purpose, and although I work mostly alone, I have no problems working in teams. Each new thing I learn about feeds my sense of adventure.

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Cassie Gasser: I am creative, outgoing and diligent. I'm planning to attend Colorado State University. During my 8 years of playing volleyball, I have sustained several injuries. I am interested in health and medicine and plan a career as a first responder.

Blake Gibbons: I big part of my high school experience is track and field. I run a 12.3 second 200m and a 21.3 second 110m high hurdles. I am recognizable by my accent; I'm from New Zealand. Post high school I want to be an international pilot.

Simon Grant: When I'm not in school you might find me playing music or rowing with Burton Beach Rowing Club. People know me for being flexible, easy going and ready for a challenge. I plan to continue solving problems by pursuing an engineering career.

Gordon Grunwald: I am a huge fan of entertaining people with humor, conversation and appreciation. My childhood exposed me to classic movies, tv and comedy. I have worked a few jobs along the way and consider myself a responsible employee so long as there is ample incentive.

Ella Halvorson Gould: I am self-assured, pragmatic and not afraid to speak my truth. I was raised to be a strong feminist by my mom, who was the first person in her family to attend college. I believe that society's consumption of art is under appreciated; art makes our lives meaningful!

Stella Gill: I am a creative thinker and an idealist, with a passion for environmentalism, creative writing and video game design. I'm always looking for a way to make the world a better place for others, and I plan to dedicate my future to that goal.

Julia Harrington: I love languages, art and creating stories. I swim competitively and my hobbies include music and photography. I am known for my enthusiasm and sense of humor. In college I look forward to meeting new people and traveling abroad.

Alyssa Hawkins: During the pandemic I refined my sourdough baking and geocaching skills. Debating, raising guide dog puppies, and volunteering at Swedish sparked my interest in the connections between medicine and society. I hope to study public health and political science.

Caleb Hecht: I am motivated to excel at whatever I set my mind to. I love mountain climbing, wrestling, playing tennis and leading the lacrosse team. I also love reading, guitar and living a healthy lifestyle, while also maintaining good grades.

Delila Higuera: My friends would describe me as fun, caring and kind. I love playing volleyball and tennis, and I also enjoy math and science classes. I hope to study biology and human services.

Sean Hillman: I am a hardworking, positive, adventurous person. Two years of part-time work in construction have influenced my interest in becoming an architectural engineer. I hope my college degree will prepare me for international work.

Gus Holmes: I am captain of Vashon Island Rowing Club and work part-time at Pandora's Box. As a leader in my community, I bring positive energy and practical solutions to whatever needs attention. My career interests include science, business and leadership. I look forward to attending college.

Tyler Huffman: I have a deep love of piano, reading and roleplaying games. Competing in FTC Robotics and completing the Seattle-to-Portland double-century bike ride have taught me to embrace and overcome challenges in my life. I choose to look on the bright side.

Calvin James: I love the outdoors, photography and being in the mountains. By working at an early age mowing lawns and later getting my first "official job", I have started to hone my skills by embracing my passions outside and my work ethic inside.

Caitlin Truly Jeffcoat: In addition to academics, I enjoy activities that keep me fit, such as soccer, track and dance. I am confident, flexible and persistent when it comes to achieving goals. I like expressing myself through fashion and music.

Ryder Jones: In addition to academics, I enjoy soccer, lacrosse, tennis, ping-pong and running several entrepreneurial ventures. I like learning about the world of business and plan to study economics in college. My friends know me for my creativity, upbeat attitude and sense of humor.

Davis Kelly: I am intellectually curious. I love art and music, and I want to travel the world. I'm interested in international relations, and I love to row and sail. My family and community inspire me and I am grateful to live in such a beautiful place.

Evan Keppler: I have played soccer and tennis for most of my life, as well as being an avid ping-pong player at school. I enjoy spending time outdoors with friends. I love animals, especially my dog and cat.

Katy Kirkpatrick: I am passionate about experiencing new things with friends and learning more about life. I love to travel, create art, listen to music and help make school a better place. I plan on studying psychology in college and dedicating my life to helping others.



Katherine Kirschner: Throughout high school, I've prioritized volunteer work, keeping students at the center of it all. Writing has been my rock and foundation. Even as I've struggled with my own issues, I've never forgotten what matters most to me: the wellbeing of my community. I am a candid and tenacious youth advocate.

Zander Knodt: I enjoy biking, playing soccer and cooking. I'm curious and enjoy learning new things. I can get really obsessed with things that interest me like playing the piano, which I have played almost every day of my life since I was eight.

Lila Kramer: I enjoy meeting new people and trying new things. I approach life with kindness and I'm always excited to learn. Inspired by my love for the outdoors and adventures, I plan to pursue a career in the environmental sciences world.

Lola Kyuper: In addition to school, I like to keep myself busy. I have two jobs and play three sports a year. Being captain of the volleyball and softball teams two years and basketball for one has taught me to be a leader and take initiative in life.

Joshua Kyles: I enjoy photography, row with the Vashon Island Rowing Club and am a member of the VHS Production Club. I am a self motivated, hard working individual and I enjoy problem solving. My friends know me for my amiable character and sense of humor.

Mitchell Lawson: I am a very honest person that embraces challenges head on. I am a football captain that is a leader, but also a great team player. I enjoy traveling and being outdoors. I have only scuba-dived once, however I am excited to do it again soon.

Olivia Leysath: I enjoy horse riding, meeting new people and pen-palling. I look to challenge myself in school as well as work, and strive to help others learn. Traveling has allowed me to see different cultures and to experience other ways of life.

Jacob Magdasy: I have an intense curiosity for the world and I love adventure. Growing up on Vashon has taught me how truly invaluable being a part of a community and supporting others really is. I want to help and guide as many people as possible, and I am ready to start a new adventure and chapter of my life.

Aidan Magonegil: I enjoy writing and reading in my free time. I love animals and traveling. I would describe myself as caring, dedicated and independent. My future plans are to study business in college and then hopefully work as a buyer for a fashion company.

Skye Mandigo-Stoba: I am a cancer survivor, chronically ill and a future scientist. I am the co-founder and co-president of Disability Advocacy, as well as the vice president of Science Club. I hope to bring my two passions together in the future, to make technology and the world more accessible.

Henry Marti: I play the bass, work on my car with my friends and work at McLendon's Hardware in White Center. I look for experiences that can help develop my knowledge and ability to create things. Analog music devices are what sparked my interest with electronics as a whole.

Spencer Reece Mazur: I am an 18-year-old athlete from a hard working family. I have strong skills with photography and video editing, which blends well with my snowboarding, dirt and mountain biking passions. I'm enthusiastic about cars and music. Spending time with family and friends rounds out my interests.

Qwynn McBrady: My childhood waters the roots that prompt my observance and thoughtfulness. I'm most known for my humor and positivity. Language tickles my heart, and art sees my ruminations. My mind likes to untangle a challenge and I push myself to be patient and punctual academically.

Rain McMillen: I skateboard, snowboard and like to customize clothes. I enjoy going to new places with friends. I also really enjoy going to thrift stores. I plan to attend Western in the fall and to study design and hopefully, eventually, fashion design.

Lilah Mechura: I am bright and creative. I love to do digital art and be with my dogs. I want to learn different languages and travel. Recently, my family and I went on a trip to Paris and London. I hope to take more trips like that.

Colby Merrill: With passion and determination, I find that opportunity is endless. I try to spread a positive message in the community with my job at the Vashon Pharmacy, and also as the ASB President at Vashon High School. My positivity and drive are what I want to bring into the world.

Stella R. Morrisson-Eaton: I am opinionated, caring, artistic and imaginative. My childhood circumstances provided me with plenty of wits and the capability to care for myself and others. I consider myself a free spirit, with a drive to spread the message of love for all through art.

George Murphy: I am a wrestler and I've been a Boy Scout for six years. I'm also a self-taught pole vaulter. I spent most of my life living in Virginia before moving here to Vashon, five years ago.

Theodore F. Newcomb: Journaling helped me gain a sense of self-awareness; I know who I've been and what I want to become tomorrow. My strong sense of curiosity encourages me to be bold and expressive, whether I'm in the classroom or with friends.

Hannah Oberlander: I am a very social and outgoing person. I love spending time with my friends and my family. I plan to pursue a career around my passion for animals and for the environment. I hope to continue traveling to new places around the world.

Samantha Owen: I'm empathetic, humorous and very artistic. I love spending time with my friends and family- quality time with them is very special to me. I also love spending time on fashion and fashion design – it's my biggest passion.

Julia Papa: I am a people person and I enjoy experiencing new things. I love listening to music, riding horses and just hanging out with friends. In the future I hope to be able to travel and broaden my perspective.

Max Patterson: I am a kind, genuine and respectful person. I love wrestling, boxing and skiing. I love to go on adventures and see new places. I love to express myself through music and art.



Sofia Pedras: I love any sort of competition and I'm a good team player. My experience in sports has shaped my confidence and character. Friends and family in my life have inspired me to create a better world through political change.

Jaime Pereyda: I play soccer and I enjoy the sport. I also like to take hikes with the family. My friends find me funny and chaotic at times, but when it comes down to being serious, I get serious. I also love to play video games in my free time.

Lila Perez: I am thoughtful, kind and nurturing. I have a strong creative and imaginative side, but I've been fascinated by science since I was young. With my scientific side, I want to enter the medical field and work to end some of the suffering that people face.

Emma Pettis: I am always ready to laugh, listen or have an intellectual conversation. I have gained confidence and a sense of belonging by being a part of the cheerleading team and the drama program at VHS, both of which have taught me a lot about myself.

Alivia Pinczes: I love to draw, paint and listen to music. I come from a large family of long time islanders, and I have lived on Vashon my whole life. I plan to take a gap year after high school to further explore and develop my interests.

Nicholas Poole: I'm kind and empathetic, and I have a need for adventure. I'm a snowboarder, I enjoy both mountain biking and dirt biking and I play lacrosse for the Vashon Lacrosse Club. I enjoy exercise and I'm a hard worker when it comes down to it.

Erik Pringle: I have a burning competitive side which fuels me to strive towards improvement. I always pursue academic excellence and I've been a competitive swimmer since I was eight. My friends know me as a positive, compassionate and thoughtful person who has a passion for all things automotive.

Malcolm Radic: I'm funny, athletic and kind. I snowboard and play tennis. I like to participate in school activities and joined ASB to be more involved. I enjoy doing just about anything and my friends like me for my loud personality.

Gavin Ranney: I enjoy lacrosse, hiking, photography and snowboarding. I like projects that involve hands-on activities and that challenge me mentally. My experience with rebuilding my car over the summer has given me a newfound interest in automobiles. I look forward to seeing what the future holds.

Alexandra Ryan: I participate in robotics and love science and nature. I also enjoy sewing, painting and cooking. I'll be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts in the fall, studying Biotechnology. I'm hoping to work in cancer research.

Isa Sanson-Frey: I am a driven, passionate and empathetic individual. I apply these attributes to help me succeed and thrive in both my academic as well as extracurricular endeavors, such as dance and volleyball. I care about others and hope to have a positive influence on those I help.

Mo Sennott: Traveling as a young kid gave me a broad view of other cultures and an open mindedness towards different types of people. My close friends would describe me as imaginative and intuitive. In the future I want to pursue a career in firefighting, with training in both structure and wildland fires, as well as EMS.

Phoebe Setter: I have loved music and art my whole life and hope to continue with my creative passions in the future. My friends would describe me as thoughtful, kind and hard working. I value family, friendship, honesty and humor.

Tshering Sherpa: I've always been interested in working with animals, so I plan to study marine biology in college. My hobbies include playing soccer, cooking, skiing and video games. I'm part of three clubs at the high school, including the ASB executive board.

Sean Sparks: I am quiet, kind and creative. I enjoy video games, music and art. I like to play music, produce short films and I hope to become a music producer. I consider myself a focused student that brings a unique set of skills to the table. Quality is important to me.

Amelia Spence: I am kind, hardworking and love making people laugh. School has not been easy for me these last four years. But my experience as Editor in Chief of the Riptide has helped me realize that I am capable of achieving anything I work hard at.

Levi Stahl: In addition to my passion for learning, I enjoy sports, playing games with friends and outdoor recreation. I like creative problem solving, especially with a team. My experience being captain on various soccer teams has sharpened my confidence and leadership skills.

Guy Stricherz: I play guitar and make music for fun. I like trying new things and meeting new people. I am excited for the life ahead of me.

Bishop Townsend: I like hiking and fictional stories. I hope to become a game designer. I tend to be eccentric, kind and curious. I've found that you can make very dull work interesting if you put it to music, and make it into a challenge for yourself.

Baker Van Buren: I am a team captain in the Vashon Island Rowing Club. I love the outdoors and play the Klezmer violin. I love learning, whether in school or out.

Luke Vatheuer: I put effort into all that I do. I am intrigued by philosophy, nature and labor. I have lots of energy and enjoy gaining knowledge and new experiences. I love many outdoor activities such as backpacking and skiing. I enjoy putting myself into physically challenging situations.

Arianna Lynne Vickers: I am a leader, advocate and dancer. I am an ambivert, courageous and kind. I am my true self when I dance. I am open-minded and I am always ready for a challenge.

Sam Walker: I am adventurous, outgoing, driven and compassionate. I love sports and anything outdoors. I enjoy traveling, playing the piano, history and spending time with friends and family. I hope to study political science and international relations in college, and try to make our world a better place for future generations.



Jewel Wass de Czege: Creative, persistent and analytical are traits my friends would describe me as having. I apply these skills to my art, rowing and academics. A future goal of mine is to study geophysics and work in construction.

Sophia Weil: Sophia was not able to submit a bio.

Phoebe Wilke: I have had an interest in art since I was little. I hope to be studying art and playing soccer at a university in the UK in the fall. I have loved being the captain of my high school and premier teams for the past two years. From that experience I have become more confident in myself as a person, as well as in a leadership role.

Bethany Gasser: I am creative, loving and adventurous. I am gregarious, a person who likes to go out with friends rather than staying in. I enjoy singing and meeting new people

Lucy Wing: A little bit of this, a little bit of that, a salad with a citrus vinaigrette. I have a lot of different interests, hobbies, friends and tastes. But it doesn't matter what you call me or where you put me, I'm always me.

Eva Winiacki: I am an ambivert: an extrovert and an introvert. I love being with my friends, meeting new people and working at Starbucks, but I also love to be alone. I like to read books, do yoga, practice self-care and clean. I thrive with the perfect balance.

Jonah Wolny: I am an extremely curious and adventurous person. I am hoping to pursue a career in firefighting and will attend college for psychology next fall. I am an approachable person and I get a sense of fulfillment from helping people. I am grateful for my skill in social interactions because I am able to achieve a deeper perspective of life through those I meet.

Ava Woo: I am a creative and outspoken person who will always try to support others. I am president of the Racial Equity Pact, ASB secretary and 14/48:HS producer. Leadership, organization and communication are some of my biggest values.

Lucy Woodruff: I'm creative, kind and a leader. I love music and I hope to study audio in college. I take full pride in my role as a member of ASB. My friends know me for my sense of humor and my compassion for others.

Caleb Guadamuz: I transferred to Vashon during the middle of my sophomore year. Only a few weeks later, the state put in place the "stay at home" order for Covid-19. I am incredibly grateful now to be graduating from Vashon Island High School. I look forward to my future!

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