

2023 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Ashleigh Alcalá is heading to Big Bend Community College in the fall. There she plans to obtain her associate's degree in business, after which she would like to transfer to a four-year school to complete her bachelor's degree in business administration. A long-term career goal is to eventually be head manager of big business projects in marketing, sales, or advertising.

In addition to honors courses, Accounting 1, Spanish 102/103, and Intro to Statistics, which have all prepared Ashleigh to meet this goal, she has also been active in FBLA and successful in their competitions. In the NCW region, she placed in Accounting 1, Marketing, and Graphic Design, and went on to the state level competition in Spokane.

Besides Ashleigh's business-related extracurriculars, she was also a member of National Honor Society and competed in soccer, cross country, and track; both in Ephrata and her previous schools in Arizona. One of Ashleigh's teachers described her as "a confident and capable individual who excels in scholarship, sports, service, and activities," which is exactly the type of student we love to be able to help support.

Travis Hendrick will be attending Washington State University in the fall, where he plans to pursue a degree in psychology or a related mental health field. His desire to help people with mental health issues was fostered by his time as a member of the Ephrata High School Hope Squad, a peer-selected team of students who receive training to assist with suicide prevention, resilience, mental wellness, and anti-bullying.

Travis has been very successful as a three sport student-athlete, playing key roles for his football, basketball, and track teams. This spring, he was a member of the State Champion 2A 4x400 relay team, and in 2021-2022, his 4.0 GPA contributed to making the boys basketball team the 2A State Academic Champions that year.

The leadership roles that Travis has held throughout his high school years have also made him an outstanding candidate for the Ephrata Alumni Association Scholarship. He has been a member of the senior class executive board, a National Honor Society contributing member (with two years as an Oscar Night emcee), a student council representative, and member of Skills USA.

Kacie Shannon plans to attend Washington State University and major in Business Management. She attended Big Bend Community College her last two years of high school, and will graduate from high school with an associate degree with an emphasis in business. She maintained a 3.97 GPA while completing challenging coursework in micro and macroeconomics, business law, Accounting 201, 202, and 203, and business calculus.

She served as National Honor Society President and organized its 2nd annual Oscar Night to recognize other students with outstanding character traits. Kacie has also competed at the state level in both volleyball and tennis. In volleyball, she was recognized for sportsmanship at the 2A state tournament two years in a row, and she also has used her love of the game to coach U12 and U16 club volleyball teams.

In addition to the academics and extracurricular activities, Kacie has been working for a small business (Lindy's Stamp Gang) since November 2021, and has held other various odd jobs caring for children and pets, and operating farm equipment.

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