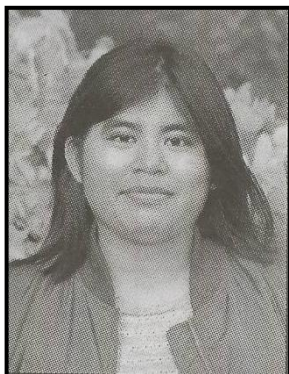


2017 Scholarship Winners

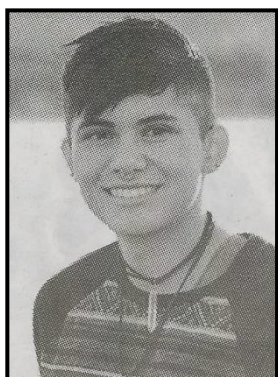
President Lehmann and the Ephrata Alumni Association announced the winners of the two scholarships offered to the 2017 graduating class of Ephrata High School during the Senior Class Awards Assembly on May 31st at the Performing Arts Center. The association was pleased to present a \$1000.00 scholarship to both of the successful applicants.



Jennifer Santiago Sanchez, who ranks academically in the top ten-percent of the class of 2017, will apply her scholarship award to attend the University of Washington to major in pre-health sciences. From Jennifer's application: "While I am sure that there are plenty of other worthy applicants I should be considered for this scholarship because I believe to be qualified to represent the value that it holds and be an asset to invest into. While I have sustained an education at Ephrata High School, I have also been involved with extracurricular activities which include National Honor Society, Spanish Club, tennis, soccer, and the Choral Arts Club. While I have been dedicated to these programs, I have also been a member of JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) and an ambassador for GEAR UP, both programs advocating for students to pursue a higher education.

"While at high school I have also had the opportunity to attend CB TECH, a technical school located in Moses Lake. The Professional Medical Careers class they offered, not only gave me the opportunity to earn my nursing assistant certification, but gave me the incentive to pursue a career in the medical field. I have always loved helping people, but because of my family circumstances I have never truly considered the medical field to be an option. Yet, this class not only let me directly experience working with patients, but also broke that barrier that I had created for myself, limiting myself because of my background. I now whole-heartedly believe that I can achieve my goal to attend a four-year university and continue my education by attending medical school and becoming a doctor, thus applying for this scholarship."

Jennifer completed her application, "If I receive the alumni association scholarship, I believe that it will be an investment not only to my future, but also of many others that I plan to help through the degree that I will earn."



Denise Lopez plans to apply her scholarship award to attend either Big Bend Community College or Spokane Falls Community College. Her plans are to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design or Illustration. She is described by Ephrata High School's art teacher as, "A person of character and integrity. She has a strong code of conduct, is a trustworthy individual, has an incredible work ethic, and is teachable. I would rank Denise as being in the top five-percent of my best all-time students in 18 years of teaching art."

Denise has earned recognition as an Adobe Certified Association in Visual Communications, Certificate of Attendance 2016-17, Microsoft Office Specialist Excel 2013 Certificate, Microsoft Office Specialist Word 2013, Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint 2013 Certificate, and National Honor Society Certificate of Membership.

Important classes that Denise has completed along the way to earning a 3.989 GPA include History 136 & 137, American Literature, English 201, Human Biology, Medical Terminology, Government, and Math in Society.

Denise's thoughts on receiving scholarship, "I think I deserve this scholarship because I am a well-rounded student who takes their education very seriously. Pursuing secondary education is very important to me and my goal.