

2021 Scholarship Recipients

Maxwell Boruff, Caden Sheneman



Max graduated with a diploma from Ephrata High School as well as an Associates degree from Big Bend Community College in 2021. He has chosen to attend Eastern Washington University because of the Doctorate's graduate program offered in Physical Therapy. He has concluded that, "The great thing about a career in physical therapy is it has a wide range of opportunities. This continually changing field will allow me to certify in different areas anytime or until I find a spot that I can be successful. My long-term goal on the other hand is to minor in business and run my own sports physical therapy business. I want to help injured athletes and people who desire to be physically active."

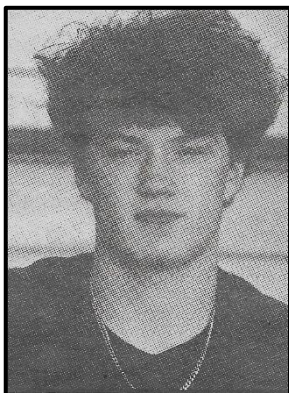
In order to obtain his objective Max enrolled in academically rigorous coursework at EHS, earning a 4.0 cumulative GPA. While attending BBCC as a Running Start Student, he took advanced classes that counted as prerequisites for the medical track at EWU including Chemistry 161-163, Diversity requirements, and math classes. He was on the EHS Honor Roll, a member of National Honor Society and named to "Presidents List" at BBCC.

Max is an outstanding musician and has performed with the EHS Choral and Band Departments and was a member of a Youth Group Worship Band. He has played piano since age six and believes that this foundation of music has allowed him to use his talents to give back to the community.

At EHS, Max held leadership positions with the Associated Student Body, Key Club, FBLA and Spanish Club. He was a member of the EHS Golf and Cross-Country teams. His out-of-school activities included participating with the Ephrata Tiger Shark and Moses Lake Manta Ray Swim Teams.

Max is justly proud of his involvement with the Waypoint Chess Tournament. After seven years of developing skills, he became the Waypoint Champion and realized along the way, "With hard work and determination I can be successful in the continuing game of life."

Max has shared that, "From an early age I was taught the valuable lesson of taking education seriously and I have worked hard and stayed focused being determined to do my best academically. Throughout the years I have learned how to turn challenges into new opportunities; I know I am prepared for the next chapter of education in my life".



Caden posted on his scholarship application, “I strongly believe I deserve the Alumni Association Scholarship because I feel that I left one of the biggest impacts at Ephrata High School of all time.” And, he has the letters of recommendation to prove it! According to EHS teachers, Caden has been dedicated to extracurricular activities that helped shape EHS into a fantastic scholastic/athletic institution. His ability to not only succeed in the classroom and manage his time in multiple extracurricular activities was outstanding.

In the classroom Caden excelled with a 3.9 GPA including courses in College History 136/137, Honors English 12, Math in Society/Algebra III, Commercial Photography and Drawing I/II. He was a member of National Honor Society.

In athletics Caden served on the Tiger Athletic Leadership Council while participating on the Tiger Basketball, Track and Field, and Football programs. He was voted Captain and Most Inspirational on the Basketball team.

As for Caden’s other impacts on EHS, he served the Associated Student Body Council as a Boy’s Representative and then, during his senior year, as President. During his time as a representative, he came up with the idea of “Tuesday Newsday” to get more students involved through the school’s announcements. “Tuesday Newsday” became a weekly news channel where the members of the ASB record short segments that go over school news, sports, clubs, and achievements of staff and students. Caden took on the project and was in charge of the script, filming, set up, and editing.

As President of the ASB, Caden continued his work with the news channel. He created other ideas for the channel such as focusing on Mental Health Awareness and new activities that align with the rules due to COVID-19. Caden’s other work within film and graphic design has significantly increased the use of this technology and major improvement in digital media at EHS.

Caden will be attending Eastern Washington University to become knowledgeable in graphic design, film, photography, or in digital media. He hopes to earn a Bachelor’s Degree and graduate by 2025. Because of his role as President of ASB Caden has been awarded a Life Membership in the Ephrata Alumni Association. The association is happy to include such a talented young man among its members..