

# **Ephrata Alumni Association**

## **2022 Scholarship Program**

The Ephrata Alumni Association annually awards two \$1000.00 scholarships to selected seniors graduating from the Ephrata School District planning to attend a two or more-year College, University, Vocational, Technical, or Trade School located within the State of Washington for purpose of obtaining a degree, equivalent of a degree, or advanced degree. [EphrataTigersAlumni.com/scholarship](http://EphrataTigersAlumni.com/scholarship).

In recognition of the Tiger team/squad members who have achieved high academic standards and have been awarded Washington State Academic Awards over the years, the Alumni Association has awarded an additional 2022 scholarship intended to recognize an Ephrata High School senior member of an athletic team or squad member with academic achievement of 3.0 +. Since 1992, and including the 2022 Tiger Basketball team, the Ephrata athletic program has received this Washington State academic honor 23 times in various sports.



**Anna Pugh**, a 2022 graduate of Ephrata High School, has been awarded a scholarship from the Ephrata Alumni Association. Anna describes herself as a person who is eager to face challenges. Upon graduation from EHS she also completed her Associate's degree from Big Bend Community College through a dual enrollment Running Start program. She was able to maintain a 4.0 GPA while engaging in advanced courses.

Anna's awards and recognition include membership in the EHS Key Club at the time the group received the District Project Award for its Thirst Project Homecoming Fundraiser, earned the Young Womanhood Personal Progress and Honor Bee Recognition for her church activities, was a two-time EHS Student of the Month, and was a four-time letter earner on the Ephrata Girls Tennis Varsity Team. She was a member of National Honor Society and named to Big Bend Community College President's List.

Between 2017 to 2021 she set her sights on, and earned, the Congressional Award Gold Medal which required her to set goals in the categories of Physical Fitness (tennis), Personal Development (focus on new artistic mediums) and Voluntary Public Service (400 hours).

Instructors described Anna as "a person whose leadership shows whether she is working behind the scenes or in 'up front' leadership roles", "cares deeply about the people around her and wants to do whatever she can to make the world a better place", as well as, "is a capable and independent student who is an excellent writer, a critical reader, a keen questioner, a wide-eyed observer, and a self-reflective learner".

Anna will be attending Eastern Washington University where she will be majoring in Sociocultural Anthropology. She indicated that one area of her focus in her future education is, "to better understand how we as people of the world can come together, even considering our varied backgrounds, diversity, personal experiences, education, and more to create a better place for our future generations".



**Winston Roberts**, a 2022 graduate of Ephrata High School, has been awarded a scholarship from the Ephrata Alumni Association. Winston pointed out in his application that in his early schooling years he was challenged by speech and reading difficulties, but he worked hard and developed tools which helped him in the classroom. His dedication to his studies was rewarded at graduation with a 3.93 GPA.

Winston believes “being an Ephrata Tiger is something to be proud of”; he was involved in many aspects as a student at EHS. Scholastically, athletically, and socially he represented the school well with his “consistency and reliability”. He was a member of the National Honor Society, selected as a two-time student of the month while enrolled in challenging courses and served as a member of the ASB Executive Board. He was a standout three-sport varsity athlete in football, basketball, and baseball where he was acknowledged as a team leader and earned several team honors including being a member of the WIAA Academic State Championship team in 2022. He was chosen as a member of EHS Homecoming Royalty, hosted honor society “Oscar Night”, hosted a podcast named “Winston’s World” and served as ASB Social Chairman.

Winston will continue his education at Walla Walla Community College where he plans to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Plant and Soil Science. He is a member of a farming family with generations of row crop, dryland, and dairy experience to learn from. “Working on his family farm has instilled core values and an unmatched work ethic that is not easily seen in today’s youth”.

Winston will also be a member of the Warrior baseball team. Balancing his time in the classroom and on the baseball field will present him with new challenges. According to one of his instructors, “his work ethic and commitment to excellence” will help him to succeed.



**McKell Johns** received the special Student/Athlete Scholarship Awarded by the Ephrata Alumni Association. In order to support Tiger teams' efforts to score a win, she relied on her individual efforts on the wrestling mat (3 years, varsity letter) and on the tennis court (4 years, varsity letter). As a member of the Tiger soccer team (4 years, varsity letter) she relied on her

teamwork abilities. Her soccer coach indicated that "she has many important qualities such as dedication, responsibility, great work ethic and has many leadership traits". Because of this she was appointed team captain and was also voted as the most inspirational team member by her team mates.

McKell participated in "college in the high school" classes including College History, American Literature, College English, and Statistics along with her other high school studies to score a 3.943 GPA. She was a member of National Honor Society and the ASB Executive Board. Through her studies she earned three Microsoft Certifications.



McKell volunteered to support many activities of local groups and organizations during her school years. As one of her instructors put it, "McKell's volunteer work, along with her pay-for-work and extracurricular experiences have prepared her for the challenges of college, work, and life".

The plans for McKell's future includes attending Spokane Community College to pursue her dream of becoming an ultrasound technician. After two years of completing her prerequisites, she will apply to the school's ultrasound technician program.

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