

# 2025 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Erika Morford**, winner of the second annual Beverly Mayer Memorial Scholarship will be attending the University of Washington, where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology, followed by a master's degree specializing in oceanography and climate resilience. Eventually, she envisions herself in a career where she will "collaborate with research teams, governments, and local communities to promote sustainable practices that promote marine biodiversity."

Erika's high school career has been highlighted with leadership, activities, work experience, and volunteer hours that demonstrate a drive and level of commitment that is rarely attained. Not only did Erika maintain an excellent 3.86 GPA while taking many challenging college-level courses, she also held prominent leadership roles as ASB Treasurer-Elect and Treasurer, as well as Vice President of National Honor Society. She competed at the state level in volleyball and tennis, worked at Pizza Hut, and perhaps most notably, accumulated over 400 hours of volunteer work, including time at the Ephrata Food Bank and helping to organize our ASB "Toys for Teens" project.

Ephrata School District Superintendent Ken Murray noted in his recommendation that "Erika Morford is a student who leaves a lasting impact on those around her." The Alumni Association is pleased to lend our support to this outstanding young woman.

**Baylie Broesch** plans to attend Central Washington University and major in graphic design. Her time at Ephrata High School has prepared her well for this degree and career through her coursework as well as her extracurriculars. In FBLA in particular, Baylie has an impressive list of awards, placing at the regional level in website design, graphic design, publication design, and at the state level for website design.

In addition to all her accolades in FBLA, Baylie has been an officer in Key Club and National Honor Society, as well as a leader in the pep band and marching band. Through Key Club and NHS, Baylie has been involved in dozens of volunteer and service events, including activities such as setting up concessions, cleaning garbage, decorating for events, helping with food bank holiday meal baskets, blood drive, and many more.

Ultimately, Baylie hopes to open her own graphic design business, a goal that she is on target to achieve. Her recommendations all spoke to the strong work ethic, dedication, and commitment that Baylie has demonstrated so far as well as their confidence in her future success. It is our hope that this scholarship helps to pave the way for all Baylie's goals!

**Emma Padilla** has already completed her AA from Big Bend Community College and will continue her education at Washington State University. While there, Emma plans to complete her nursing prerequisites during her first two years and then transfer to the Spokane campus to earn a Bachelor of Science in nursing, with the ultimate goal of becoming a pediatric nurse.

Even with the time and study required to complete all the coursework for her AA, Emma maintained her involvement at Ephrata High School through her AVID class, National Honor Society (President), Junior Class Executive Board, FCCLA (President) Sophomore Class Executive Board, and tennis.

Like the other scholarship recipients this year, Emma has an impressive number of service hours documented, helping with activities such as tutoring, shopping and sorting for Toys for Teens, helping with the community Trick or Treating events, and more. She has worked as the concessions manager at SplashZone, a job that involves handling money, managing inventory, training other employees, and serving customers.

The teacher and counselor who wrote recommendation letters for Emma mentioned strengths in Emma such as her attention to detail and her ability to overcome hardship. For all her hard work, community involvement, resilience, and dedication, we are pleased to award this scholarship to Emma.

**ERIKA MORFORD**



**BAYLIE BROESCH**



**EMMA PADILLA**

