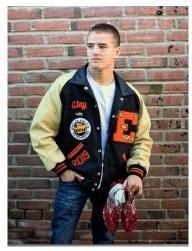
2019 Ephrata Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients







McCall DeChenne



Brennen Bazaldua

Clay plans to attend Washington State University to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Biology with a further goal of attending medical school. He geared his studies to obtain his goals by taking courses like Math 141 & 142, Human Biology, and Medical Terminology. Clay was involved in STEM Robotics – dealing with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; AVID - Achievement Via Individual Determination.

Other of Clay's activities included student council representative, Math Team, FCCLA (Future Career and Community Leaders of America), National Honor Society, and Men's Choir. He participated in wrestling for four years, ending with a 121-37 record including 64 pins. He completed his second year on the Tennis Team by qualifying to compete in the doubles event at the State Tournament held at the University of Washington.

Clay is reported by his teachers as "an outstanding student and has always challenged himself by taking advanced classes at Ephrata High School. He has earned 45 college credits while maintaining an overall GPA of 4.0". "Clay's varied experiences have prepared him for the challenges of college, work, and life. He is a person of great character and tremendous potential".

McCall is set to pursue a degree in Biology with specialized Biomedical track. Her ultimate goal is to become a large-animal veterinarian. To reach her goals she has studied college-in-the-high school (CIH) courses in human biology, medical terminology, global issues, Spanish 102 &103, chemistry, and government. She has also been involved in a College and Career Readiness course.

McCall's activities included: National Honor Society, SkillsUSA Club, Tiger Leadership Council, Executive Board, Orange E Club and Drama Club. She was a four-year member of the Tiger Track Team where she is the school record holder in the 300m hurdles, 100m hurdles, and 4x200 relay. She is a repeat State Track Meet champion in her specialty, the 100m hurdles. McCall was a four-year member of the Soccer Team and a three-year member of the Basketball Team. During her senior year she was on the Unified Basketball Team where she was a mentor, teammate and coach to high school students with special needs.

One of McCall's teachers indicated that, "McCall's positive character traits have helped lead her to great success. It starts with her passion for working hard at all times and enjoying the journey. She sets lofty goals for herself and is willing to put in the effort to reach them".

Brennen will be attending Eastern Washington University with the intent of receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering. To help ensure his goal he has studied geometry, advanced algebra/trigonometry, pre-calculus, and college pre-calculus, along with Integrated Sciences 1 & 2, chemistry, and physics. He has been an Honors English student for four years, studied Spanish, college US history, American Literature, and global issues.

Sports activities for Brennen included being a member of the Tiger Baseball Team for four years and the Football Team for two years. He was a member of the school Choir-four years, National Honor Society—three years, and served as a Baseball Representative to the student council.

Teachers and friends describe Brennen as "an intelligent young man with an inquisitive nature; is self-driven, motivated, and possesses the qualities necessary for success". "He has distinguished himself as a leader and top achiever amongst his peers. He earned a 3.91 GPA while taking challenging courses including college in the high school dual credit class; allowing him to earn university credit in a secondary setting".