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Tree Fruit Industry Awards Scholarships Valued at \$200,000

Wenatchee, WA... The Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) awarded 93 scholarships this year to outstanding young people raised in Washington's tree fruit districts. The tree fruit industry scholarships were awarded to students pursuing degrees in a variety of fields. In total, the awards represent close to \$200,000 in scholastic aid.

"Fourteen years ago industry leaders created the Washington Apple Education Foundation to fulfill the industry's charitable priorities. Without a doubt, it can be said that the industry is committed to investing in its young people and families, as evidenced by the impressive number of scholarships awarded." stated WAEF scholarship committee chairman Jack Toevs. "The scholarships are awarded to individual recipients but each award represents an investment in the future of our communities and industry," he added.

Rainie Abhold is the recipient of the Harold Grim Memorial scholarship, an award available to students from Entiat High School in memory of the community's long-time resident. Ms. Abhold is the daughter of John & JoAnne Fenton. She is a 2008 graduate of Entiat High School and will attend Washington State University this fall.

Rocio Acosta was awarded renewal of a scholarship sponsored by Stadelman Fruit LLC. Mr. Lopez graduated from Hood River High School in Oregon last spring. He is pursuing a degree at Oregon State University. His parents are Fidel & Cocorro Acosta.

Gabriela Alvarez received a Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarship. Her parents are Agustin Alvarez and Virginia Sanchez. Ms. Alvarez is a sophomore at Washington State University pursuing a nursing degree. She is from Eltopia.

Magali Ambriz received a Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarship. Ms. Ambriz graduated from Toppenish High School in 2004 and is currently an accounting student at Heritage University. Her parents are Orlando Ambriz & Irma Arreloa.

Cesar Ayala, a 2008 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Yakima, will be enrolled at Yakima Valley Community College this fall. Mr. Ayala is the son of Michael Simpson. He received a Snokist Growers sponsored scholarship.

Lindsey Baker is the daughter of Gregg & Jennifer Baker. She will attend Central Washington University this fall pursuing a degree in early education. Ms. Baker graduated from Omak High School. She received a Blue Bird, Inc. scholarship.

Mireya Barajas is a recipient of Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Her parents are Hermila & Lida Barajas of Yakima. Ms. Barajas is attending Yakima Valley Community College in pursuit of a dental hygiene degree.

Katherine Barnes received an Eckberg Family scholarship. She is a 2008 graduate of Manson High School and will be attending Washington State University where she plans to major in either engineering or pre-medicine. Her parents are Brad & Diane Barnes.

Zachary Bishop received the Joe Bulleri Memorial scholarship. The scholarship in memory of Mr. Bulleri is awarded to graduates of Quincy High School. Mr. Bishop will begin his second year of college at Eastern Washington University this fall. His parents are Jim & Glenda Bishop.

Mayra Borges received a scholarship sponsored by Washington Fruit & Produce Company. Ms. Borges is a 2008 graduate of Davis High School in Yakima. This fall, she will be attending Central Washington University and plans to pursue a career as a paramedic. Her parents are Enrique & Maria Borges.

Tina Boynton was awarded renewal of the Stemilt Growers, Inc. scholarship. In addition to the scholarship, Ms. Boynton was awarded an internship at the company's headquarters in Wenatchee. She will complete her final year of college this year receiving a degree in accounting.

Lilian Bravo received a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. She is the daughter of Victor and Anenia Bravo of Yakima. Ms. Bravo will study at the University of Washington this fall pursuing a pre-law degree.

Joshua Brazil was selected to receive three scholarships, each in memory of former industry members. Delmar Smith, Doug Zahn and Lester Woda Memorial scholarships were awarded to Mr. Brazil for his studies in agri-business at Washington State University. He is the son of Robert Inlow and Mary Brazil. Mr. Brazil graduated from Tonasket High School last spring.

Karina Carter, Naches, received a Tree Top, Inc. scholarship. Ms. Carter plans to attend the University of Portland in the fall and will pursue a degree in nursing. Her parents are Lyle & Jessica Carter.

Manuel Castaneda is a four-year recipient of Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarships. For his final year at Washington State University he received two scholarships: the first in memory of Brian Kershaw and the second a Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarship. Mr. Castaneda is the son of Manuel & Lucia Castaneda of Yakima.

Gabriel Castro received the first scholarship awarded in memory of Orville & Bertha Peebles, growers in the Lake Chelan Valley. Mr. Castro will attend the University of Washington and plans to major in computer engineering. He is a 2008 Manson High School graduate and the son of Fernando & Avid Castro.

Faith Cowin is receiving the Olympic Fruit scholarship for a second year. Ms. Cowin is studying apparel design/fine arts at Washington State University. She is the daughter of Doug & Lena Cowin of Wapato.

Brandon DeVries, Granger, was awarded renewal of a Stadelman Fruit scholarship. He is the son of Daryl & Brenda DeVries. Mr. DeVries attends Dordt College.

Eugenia Dominguez received a Northwest Farm Credit Services scholarship. She is a second year recipient and attends Washington State University. Ms. Dominguez's parents are Epifanio Dominguez & Andrea Santana. She is a 2007 graduate of Bridgeport High School.

Adilene Dominguez was selected to receive a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Ms. Dominguez graduated from Bridgeport High School in the spring and will be attending Washington State University where she plans to pursue a degree in education. She is the daughter of Epifanio Dominguez & Andrea Santana.

Irma Dorantes, Tieton, graduated from Highland High School last spring and will use her scholarship sponsored by the Pottratz family to attend the University of Washington as a pre-med student. Ms. Dorantes is the daughter of Alejandro & Amada Dorantes.

Kevin Elkins was selected to receive three scholarships: Phil Jenkins Memorial sponsored by the Yakima Pomological Club; Roy Farms; and Stadelman Fruit. Mr. Elkins is the son of Bill & Vicki Elkins. He plans to utilize his education from Western Washington University in agri-engineering in the Yakima Valley upon graduation.

Jessica Engquist is one of this year's recipients of the Robert and Hope Allan Memorial scholarships. The scholarship was created by Mr. Allan for Naches Valley High School students and continued on by his children. Ms. Engquist plans to attend Western Washington University pursuing a pre-med degree. She is the daughter of Scott & Kelly Engquist.

Cristina Espinosa, Peshastin, is a two-year recipient of Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarships; this year receiving a Northwest Farm Credit Services scholarship. Ms. Espinosa attends Carroll College and is majoring in accounting. She is the daughter of Armando & Abigail Espinosa.

Victor Esquivel graduated from Pasco High School this spring. He plans to utilize his Douglas Fruit Company sponsored scholarship to attend the University of Washington where he will major in Mechanical Engineering. He is the son of Baltazar Esquivel and Teresa Rogel.

Pedro Garcia is receiving a Washington Fruit & Produce scholarship for a third year. Mr. Garcia attends Central Washington University in its Law & Justice program. His parents are Ernestino and Graciela Garcia of Yakima.

Jose Garcia is a three-year recipient of Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarships. This year he is receiving a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Mr. Garcia will begin his junior year at Washington State University in the fall. His parents are J. Manuel Garcia and Enedina Lavarez of Tieton.

Jillian Garrigues was selected to receive a Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarship. She is a 2008 Naches Valley High School graduate and plans to attend Wenatchee Valley College in the fall. Her parents are William and Susan Garrigues.

Lerina Garza is the 2008 recipient of the Hansen Fruit Company scholarship. Ms. Garza currently attends Yakima Valley Community College and is pursuing a career in food technology. Her parents are Kevin Griffith and Rosella Jerome.

Gustavo Gomez will attend Washington State University in the fall with assistance from the Howard & Helen Hauff Memorial scholarship. The scholarship was established by the Hauff family to assist students with similar interests and needs as Mr. Hauff when he was college-bound. Mr. Gomez will be studying ag-engineering. His parents are Gustavo & Helda Gomez of Wenatchee.

Rafael Gonzalez earned renewal of the scholarship established by Michelsen Packaging Company honoring the memory of Gary Gavin. Mr. Gonzalez is a student at

the University of Washington in their Computer Engineering program. His parents are Rafael & Alida Gonzalez of East Wenatchee.

Maria Guzman received a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Ms. Guzman graduated from Cascade High School and will begin her freshman year at Western Washington University in the fall. Her parents are Leobardo & Berenice Guzman.

Alejandra Heredia qualified for renewal of the scholarship honoring the memory of Dick Clements, a long-time industry member from Naches. Ms. Heredia attends Washington State University and is pursuing her degree in accounting. Her parents are Miguel and Mary Heredia from Tonasket.

Kelsey Hinger is a 2008 graduate of Okanogan High School. She was selected to receive a Chelan Fruit/Don Morse Memorial scholarship. Ms. Hinger will attend Washington State University and plans to major in psychology. Her parents are Douglas & Mary Hinger.

Rosario Hurtado is a second-year Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarship recipient. She was selected to receive a Northwest Farm Credit Services scholarship. Ms. Hurtado attends Wenatchee Valley College and is majoring in Business Administration. Her parents are Jose Hurtado and Juana Tovar.

Jenks siblings Taylor Jenks, Adaline Jenks and Wesley Jenks were each selected to receive scholarships; Taylor is the recipient of a Yakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association scholarship; Adaline received a Washington Apple Education Foundation award; and Wesley received a Tree Top scholarship. Taylor and Wesley both plan to attend Brigham Young University while Adaline has selected Columbia Basin College. The students are graduates of Connell High School. Their parents are Kevin & Rhonda Jenks.

Reece Kamphaus of Manson was selected to receive a Chelan Fruit/Don Morse Memorial scholarship. He is the son of Rick & Cathy Kamphaus. Mr. Kamphaus will attend Central Washington University in the fall and plans to pursue a career in the agriculture industry.

Matthew Klaus is a second-year scholarship recipient. He was selected to receive a scholarship sponsored by Sundquist Fruit & Cold Storage. Mr. Klaus attends Yakima Valley Community College with an agriculture/horticulture emphasis. His parents are Michael & Susan Klaus.

Sarah Lindell, a 2007 Eastmont High School (East Wenatchee) graduate, was awarded a Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarship for a second year. Ms.

Lindell is the daughter of Mark & Sheryl Lindell. She is studying psychology at Seattle Pacific University.

Victoria Lopez received the Valley Fruit Company scholarship. This scholarship provides full tuition for students attending Yakima Valley Community College. Ms. Lopez is a graduate of Wapato High School and will be pursuing a career as a dental assistant. Her mother is Araceli Lopez.

Alejandra Lozano received a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. She is the daughter of Ruben and Olga Lozano of Yakima. Ms. Lozano plans to attend Yakima Valley Community College in preparation for a career as an x-ray technician. She is a 2008 graduate of Naches Valley High School.

Danni Mansfield received a Robert and Hope Allan Memorial scholarship. The scholarship is open to graduates of Naches Valley High School by the Allan family. Ms. Mansfield will attend Yakima Valley Community College with an interest in education. Her parents are Daniel and Kelli Mansfield.

Janette Mariseal was selected for the Crane & Crane, Inc. inaugural scholarship. The award will follow Ms. Mariseal for up to four years of college. Ms. Mariseal graduated from Brewster High School in the spring and will attend Washington State University. Her career aspiration is to be a school counselor.

Tallie Mattson of Cashmere was this year's recipient of the Conover Insurance scholarship. Ms. Mattson will pursue an Agriculture Communication degree at Washington State University starting in the fall. Her parents are Terry and Colleen Mattson.

Juliana Media is the daughter of Thomas and Sandra Anguiano of Tieton. She was selected for the scholarship in memory of George Personette and Clarence Zimmerman, former educators at Highland High School. Ms. Medina plans to pursue a career in physical therapy. She is a 2008 graduate of Highland High School.

Scott Meek is a third-year scholarship recipient selected to receive a Snokist Growers scholarship this year. Mr. Meek attends Whitworth University majoring in economics and accounting. His parents are Doug and Marilyn Meek of Yakima.

Norma Melchor received a scholarship sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services. Ms. Melchor graduated from Davis High School (Yakima) last spring. Her plans are to earn a degree in biology at the University of Washington. Her parents are Jorge and Norma Melchor.

Kierea Meloy is the recipient of the inaugural Monson Fruit scholarship. Ms. Melchor attended Selah High School and will continue her education at Brigham Young University. Her parents are Mike & Jody Riggan.

Adela Mendoza graduated from A.C. Davis High School (Yakima). She is the recipient of a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship which she will use at the University of Washington. Her mother is Guadalupe Lopez.

Mario Mengarelli earned renewal of a Stadelman Fruit scholarship. His parents are Kyle and Lisa Shim from Granger. Mr. Mengarelli attends Central Washington University.

Siblings Caitlin Millar and Nathan Millar are receiving Stadelman Fruit scholarships for the second year. Ms. Millar attends Oregon Institute of Technology pursuing an x-ray technician degree. Mr. Millar is a student of Western Oregon University's education program. Their parents are Malcolm and Janet Millar of Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

Jillian Nicholson, a 2008 graduate of Highland High School, was selected to receive a scholarship honoring the memory of Carl Herke. Mr. Herke was also a Highland High School alum. Ms. Nicholson will be a student in the nursing program at Yakima Valley Community College. Her parents are David & Kathy Nicholson.

Natalie Nobbs received a Yakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association scholarship. Ms. Nobbs graduated from Riverside Christian High School in Yakima. She plans to attend Seattle Pacific University in pursuit of an education in exercise science and nutrition. Her parents are Brian and Shirley Nobbs.

Sandra Perez, Pasco, received a Sagemoor Farms scholarship. Ms. Perez is the daughter of Victor & Maria Perez. She will attend Yakima Valley Community College in preparation for a career as a veterinary technician.

Alfredo Pineda, Pasco, was selected to receive two scholarships: an award in memory of Louis Van Doren, an industry pioneer; and a Sagemoor Farms scholarship. Mr. Pineda is three-year recipient of Washington Apple Education Foundation scholarships. He attends Washington State University.

Sibling Fernando Pineda, Pasco, also attends Washington State University. Fernando received a Sagemoor Farms scholarship. Their parents are Alfredo & Martha Pineda.

Noelle Podlich earned second-year renewal of a Don Morse Memorial scholarship sponsored by Chelan Fruit. Ms. Podlich is a student at Washington State

University pursuing an education in horticulture/viticulture. Her parents are Chuck & Sharon Podlich of Orondo.

Ermila Preciado received a scholarship sponsored by Washington Fruit & Produce Company. Her parents are Raul & Cristina Preciado. She was a student of A.C. Davis (Yakima).

Eliazer Reyes-Gomez received a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Mr. Gomez graduated from Wapato High School last spring. He will attend Pacific Lutheran University and plans to major in physical therapy. His parents are Jesus & Maria Reyes.

Tarcy Rosario, Peshastin, was selected for the second year to receive a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Ms. Rosario attends Whatcom Community College. She is pursuing a major in business administration. Her parents are Efren & Tarcilla Rosario.

Curtis Roy is a 2008 graduate of East Valley High School (Moxee). Mr. Roy will study agriculture business at Washington State University. He was selected to receive the G.S. Long Company scholarship. His parents are Mark & Debbie Roy.

Cynthia Sanchez earned second-year renewal of the Eckberg Family scholarship. She's a graduate of Manson High School and attends the University of Washington. Her parents are Clemente and Monica Sanchez.

William Schneider V is this year's recipient of the Van Doren Sales scholarship. Mr. Schneider will attend Wenatchee Valley College in the fall and plans to enter the school's automotive technician program. He is a graduate of Eastmont High School (East Wenatchee). His parents are William & Polly Schneider.

Luke Smith was selected for a CCM scholarship. Mr. Smith graduated in the spring from Wenatchee High School and will attend Central Washington University. His parents are Blake & Mary Smith.

Daniel Somers receive a Blue Bird, Inc. scholarship. Mr. Somers is a 2008 graduate of Quincy High School. He will attend Oregon State University this fall and plans to pursue a career in fisheries & wildlife. His parents are Roger & Katie Somers.

Jorge Soto was selected to receive both a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship and an award in memory of industry pioneers H.M. & Marion Gilbert sponsored by Gilbert Orchards. Mr. Soto is the son of Jorge and Elva Soto of Toppenish. He is a student at Heritage University in its social services program.

Chelsie Standfill received the E. Ralph & Ida Strausz Memorial scholarship. Ms. Standfill graduated from Highland High School (Tieton) and will attend the University of Washington, pursuing a degree in biology. She is the daughter of Diana Standfill.

Sonia Taylor, Selah, will attend Washington State University with help from the Matson Fruit Company scholarship. Ms. Taylor is pursuing a degree in biology in preparation for medical school. She is the daughter of Brian & Tawni Taylor.

Heriberto Tereza is a second-year scholarship recipient. He was selected for the Pottratz Family scholarship which recognizes graduates of Highland High School (Tieton). Mr. Tereza attends Yakima Valley Community College and plans to train as an English-As-A-Second language teacher.

Hannah Tomlinson of Tonasket was selected for two scholarships: the Wenatchee Traffic Club award and a Valent USA scholarship. Ms. Tomlinson plans to attend Wenatchee Valley College. Her plan is to achieve a degree in agriculture economics and management. Ms. Tomlinson's parents are Craig & Kathy Tomlinson.

Maria Isabel Trejo is a 2008 recipient of a CCM scholarship, sponsored by the owners of Columbia Fruit Company, Columbia Marketing International and McDougall & Sons. Ms. Trejo graduated from Bridgeport High School and Wenatchee Valley College. She will attend Washington State University in pursuit of a communications degree. Her parents are Juan & Teresa Trejo.

Benjamin Valdez graduated from Wenatchee High School. Following a one-year stint as a full-time state FFA officer, Mr. Valdez will enroll at Washington State University in pursuit of an ag-education degree. His parents are Floyd and Georgia Stutzman.

Christopher Van Horn was selected to receive the scholarship honoring the memory of Joe Casper, a Highland High School student who died in 1969 during a football game. Mr. Van Horn is a student at Washington State University where he is studying microbiology. His parents are Mike & Debra Van Horn.

Justine Vanderpool is the 2008 recipient of the Hunter scholarship, an award honoring the pioneer families of Wenatchee's tree fruit industry. Ms. Vanderpool graduated from Eastmont High School. She plans to pursue a business degree. Her parents are Gavin & Becky Vanderpool.

Paul Wanzek received a Stadelman Fruit scholarship. Mr. Wanzek is the son of Donald Wanzek and Mary Istira. He graduated from Hood River Valley High School in Oregon. Mr. Wanzek will attend Western Washington University.

Tomas Whitehall is this year's recipient of the scholarship honoring the memory of Bill Dewitt, a former secretary/manager of the Wenatchee Traffic Club. Mr.

Whitehall will attend Wenatchee Valley College. His plan is to receive a degree in computer engineering. His parents are Randy & Karin Whitehall.

Emily Wise is a recipient of a scholarship sponsored by Chelan Fruit honoring the memory of Don Morse. Ms. Wise graduated from Oroville High School and plans to attend Pacific University. Her parents are John & Amy Wise.

Erik Zavala received two awards: one sponsored by AgNW Consulting and the other by Valent USA. Mr. Zavala graduated from Wenatchee High School in 2003 and attends the University of Idaho. His parents are Miguel & Esperanza Zavala.

Taylor Zirkle was selected for the Larson Fruit Company scholarship. Ms. Zirkle graduated from Selah High School. Her parents are Randy & Angela Zirkle. She will attend Yakima Valley Community College.

The complete list of scholarship recipients is also available at [www.waef.org](http://www.waef.org).

Students receiving WAEF scholarships will be recognized on July 28<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee and August 4<sup>th</sup> in Yakima at luncheons in their honor. For information about scholarships, luncheon or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer Witherbee at (509) 663-7713.

The Washington Apple Education Foundation fosters educational opportunities, encourages academic excellence and promotes awareness of the values of Washington's tree fruit industry. For more information, please call (509) 663-7713 or visit [www.waef.org](http://www.waef.org).

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