

Senior Recognition 2021

Kamiak High School

Kamiak has a long, proud tradition of excellence. We have scholars in the classroom who consistently achieve academic excellence. We have musicians and artists whose talents astound. We have athletes whose skills on and off the field earn high praise and are sought after by coaches and teams after high school. We have gifted vocational scholars whose skills and dispositions place them in high demand for jobs and careers straight out of high school. Surely, ours is a great place to thrive and excel to and through graduation.

This collection of awards and praise is proof.

In this compendium, the excellence of our Kamiak Knights is on full display. Many of our students are recipients of awards, scholarships, grants and praise. Their diligence and determination have been noticed, sometimes opening doors of opportunity to what comes next.

When you read this collection, I hope you will beam with the same pride I have for our students and the staff who have helped along the way. And, I hope you will note our many community partners who have chosen to invest in our Kamiak Knights' futures. We believe our students make wise investments – we are thankful they agree.

One important note: the awards and scholarships that will be announced are by no means the only ones earned by our seniors. Many universities, foundations, and private benefactors are still in the process of selecting recipients. You may notice that some awards were unable to be included. We will continue to update as information is acquired.

*Stephen Shurtleff
Kamiak Principal*

SPECIAL AWARDS

National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists

Zachary Durocher

Ryan Musto

Inyoung Seo

Patrick Stiles

Margaret Wang

Jennifer Xu

Gaia Yun

Our finalists placed among the top 1 percent of the 1.5 million students who entered the National Merit Scholarship competition by taking the PSAT in their Junior year.

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students Award

Elizabeth Bingham

Paul Chung

Riley Cooke

Claudia Czech

Benjamin Davis

Suejae Robyn Jin

Michael Jones

Sophie Jordal

Tam Nguyen

Sarah Schafer

Jinyang Alice Zhang

This outstanding group of students placed among the top 5 percent of the 1.5 million students who entered the National Merit Scholarship competition by taking the PSAT in their Junior year.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Collegiate Athletes & Athletic Scholarship Recipients

Kaelyn Bundy – Soccer, Edmonds College
Jadyn Bushnell – Softball, Florida Southern College
Josh Clogston – Golf, Pacific Lutheran University
Ava Collinge - Swim & Dive, The University of Texas at Austin
Slava Gilszmer – Swim, UC San Diego
Vlad Gilszmer – Swim, Cornell University
Alec Harshaw – Baseball, Doane University
Carp Mukai – Cross Country, Track & Field, Gonzaga University
Camdyn Robinson – Softball, Skagit Valley College
Marina Tukan – Volleyball, Bellevue College

Athletic Scholarships NCAA Divisions I and II schools provide more than \$2.7 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 150,000 student-athletes. Only about two percent of high school athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college. Of the student-athletes participating in sports with professional leagues, very few become professional athletes. A college education is the most rewarding benefit of the student-athlete experience.

Kamiak Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

Michael Jones Jr.
Camdyn Robinson
Ryan Quinn
Keleigh Dockens
Leo Furlong
Evan Clarke

The Kamiak Athletic Booster Club scholarships are given to eligible seniors who will attend college next year and have participated on a Kamiak athletic team.

KABC--Dr. Jack Kniseley Inspirational Athletic Scholarship Award

Tyler Sloan, Cross Country
Isabelle “Izzy” Leonard, Track

In honor of former Kamiak Principal Jack Kniseley, Kamiak coaches nominate senior athletes who demonstrate outstanding character and perseverance both inside and outside of the athletic arena. Two recipients are chosen. Funding is provided by the Kamiak Athletic Booster Club.

Jake Long Memorial Scholarship

Leo Furlong

While at Kamiak, Jake Long was a standout baseball player and student leader who continues to inspire his former teammates and classmates to be at their best by following Jake’s example of treating everyone with respect and kindness. Jake’s baseball abilities and leadership continue to inspire the Kamiak Knights baseball program and will do so forever. The Jake Long Memorial Scholarship is given to a Senior Baseball or Softball player who inspires their teammates to be at their best, demonstrates school spirit and leadership, and earns exemplary grades in the classroom.

Frank Nickerson Memorial Scholarship

Camdyn Robinson

Coach Frank Nickerson was and is a beloved teacher and baseball coach here at Kamiak High School who guided and mentored thousands of students throughout his teaching and coaching career. Coach Nickerson’s integrity and toughness is something that his colleagues, his students, and his players will never forget. The Frank Nickerson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a senior baseball or softball player who best embodies the characteristics of integrity and toughness on the field, while also earning stellar grades in the classroom especially in the subject of English.

Cliff Gillies Student Award

Joshua Clogston

Tina Diep

The student award was named in Cliff's honor to recognize his commitment to education and student activities. The award's criteria dealing with scholarship, citizenship, and participation in school activities typify the direction of Cliff's efforts. He began his educational career as a teacher and coach at Monroe High School in 1951 before becoming the school's principal in 1959. In 1963 he moved to Snohomish where he was the high school principal until he accepted the principalship of Mariner High School when the school opened in 1968. Cliff was a member of the Northwest District One Executive Board for a number of years. He served as the Board president and was a member of the WIAA Representative Assembly. Following the death of Hal Moe, Cliff was elected to the WIAA Executive Board and was an active member from 1968-75. After retiring from the Mukilteo School District, Cliff became an administrative assistant at the WIAA before being appointed as the Executive Director of the association, a position he held from 1982-93. Cliff was elected the president of the National Federation of State High School Associations in 1990-91. His achievements while Executive Director of the WIAA were many, including the establishment of the State football playoffs, the drug education program, and the Student Scholarship/Participation Recognition Award. For his work, Cliff has received numerous awards including the Hal Moe Award and the WIAA's Meritorious Service Award, WIAA Hall of Fame recipient.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

College & Private Scholarships, Individual Awards, Merit awards, Scholarships, and AA degrees from Running Start

Mary Aleksandrak

National Technical Honor Society 2020-2021

Su Le Beard

Provost Academic Scholarship, Biola University

Miles Boice

Achievement Scholarship, Gonzaga University

Gonzaga Scholarship

Samantha Bollen

Academic Achievement Award, Seattle University

Seanna Brown

Associate in Arts and Sciences, High Distinction, Everett Community College

Kaelyn Bundy

Community 1st Credit Union Scholarship

Edmonds College Athletic Scholarship, Soccer

Jadyn Bushnell

Scholars Residency Scholarship, Florida Southern College

Softball Scholarship, Florida Southern College

Watson Scholarship, Florida Southern College

Kelci Carroll

Associate in Arts, Edmonds College

Kendall Carroll

Associate in Arts, Edmonds College

Jake Carlos

Edwin A. Stevens Scholarship, Stevens Institute of Technology

Presidential Scholarship, Stevens Institute of Technology

Hailey Christensen

Associate in Arts, Transfer Degree, Edmonds Community College

Hunter Christensen

Achievement Award, Engineering, Montana State University

Charlotte Clark

Hamilton College Scholarship
Siuda Scholarship, Hamilton College

Ava Collinge

Women's Swim & Adobe Team Athletic Scholarship, University of Texas

Lauren Collison

Phi Theta Kappa Society, Honor Roll, Edmonds College
Masonic Legacy Scholarship
Mukilteo Educational Services Personnel Scholarship
Trustee's Merit Scholarship, Point Loma Nazarene University

Grace Delaney

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Jaden DeSanto

Provost Academic Scholarship, Grand Canyon University

Keleigh Dockens

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College
Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship, Boise State University

Vann Dreier

Scholarships for Military Children Scholar

Ben Ferrara

Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship, Boise State University

Katherine Fitzpatrick

Associate in Arts and Sciences, Distinction, Everett Community College

Isaiah Flores

The Bill Gates Scholarship
Yale Bassett Award for Community Engagement

Bereket Gidi

Associate in Biology, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Henry Gipson

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College
Summit Scholarship, University of Oregon

Spencer Gonzales

Summer Scholarship, Seton Hall University
University Scholarship, Seton Hall University

Ian Greer

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Jinaya Hamper

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Martin Hong

Knight Achievement Award, Gannon University
1X Application Award, Gannon University

Mehak Hundal

Associate in Arts and Sciences, Everett Community College

Mauricia Jackson

Seattle Pacific University Scholarship

Michael Jones

Associate in Arts and Sciences, Distinction, Everett Community College

Sophie Jordal

Leadership by Design Honors, Colorado School of Mines
President's Scholarship, Colorado School of Mines

Robyn Jin

Cascade Symphony Scholarship, Flutist

Dempsey Jones

Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship, Colorado State University

Michelle Kanjaya

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Christopher Keirouz

Associate in Business, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Adriana Kimpton

Associate in Business, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Donovan Kong

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Angeline Lajiness

Pacific Northwest Conference Scholarship, PNW Conference of the United Methodist Church

Chad Lee

Academic Merit Scholarship, Oregon State University

Matthew Llacer

Admissions Merit Award, Western Washington University

Taya Linde

Edmonds College Honor Roll, Fall 2019 to Winter 2021
Admissions Merit Award, Western Washington University

Jackson Mangum

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America
Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Katherine Mass

Dean's Scholarship, American University

Kylaijah Mathis

Multicultural Achievement Program (MAP) Scholarship

Katelyn Mueller

Associate in Arts and Sciences, Distinction, Everett Community College

Carp Mukai

Gonzaga Athletic Scholarship, Cross Country & Track

Gonzaga Leadership Scholarship

Gonzaga Trustee Merit Scholarship

Washington State Fair Foundation Scholarship

Ryan Musto

Admissions Merit Award, Western Washington University

Connor Nicholson

Admissions Merit Award, Western Washington University

Connor Palu-Benson

Dean's Exemplary Award, The University of Arizona

Distinction Award, Eller College of Management, The University of Arizona

Jacob Patron

Associate in Arts and Sciences, Distinction, Everett Community College

Chancellor's Scholarship, Saint Martin's University

2021 MountainCrest Credit Union Educational Scholarship

Joseph Patron

Associate in Arts and Sciences, High Distinction, Everett Community College

New American University Nonresident Provost's Award, Arizona State University

2021 MountainCrest Credit Union Educational Scholarship

Harry Payne

Distinguished Regents Scholar, Washington State University

Danica Pel

Dean's Merit Award, Arizona State University

Nathan Pethic

Provost Scholarship, Oregon State University

Kristina Prikhodko

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Raynell Revilla

Associate in Business, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Kairi Rojas

Academic Scholarship, Pace University in New York

President's Award, Pace University in New York

Zavien-Cyler Saga

Academic Achievement Scholarship, Seattle University

Abigail Selbeck

Associate in Arts and Sciences, High Distinction, Everett Community College

Patrick Sohn

University of Washington Scholarship

Charlie Soukup

Associate in Arts and Sciences, High Distinction, Everett Community College

Dylan Stengel

2020-2021 USRowing Scholastic Honor Roll

Patrick Stiles

National Merit Corporate Scholarship

Presidential Scholarship, University of Southern California – Los Angeles

University Scholarship, University of Southern California – Los Angeles

Katya Stiranka

Founders Non-Resident Blue Scholarship, Northern Arizona University

Larissa Stangeland

National Technical Honor Society 2020-2021

Elliott Szoke

Minuteman Scholarship, National Guard
ROTC Scholarship, Central Washington University
Associate in Applied Science, Business, Edmonds College

Sarah Tapp

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Makena Thatcher

Gonzaga Scholarship
Honors Scholarship, Gonzaga University
Regent Scholarship, Gonzaga University
Saint Aloysius Scholarship, Gonzaga University

Tina Tran

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Madison Trotter

Nonresident Dean's Award, Arizona State University

Madison Tucker

Associate in Arts and Sciences, Everett Community College
Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship, University of Utah

Megan Vaughn

Multiple Welding Certifications, Everett Community College

Sophie Wilson

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College
Merit Scholarship, Whitworth University

Mia Woods

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Camryn Woodworth

Arizona Distinction Award, College of Education, The University of Arizona

Kayleen Yonn

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Lauren Young

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement, Edmonds College

Jennifer Xu

National Merit Raytheon Scholarship

Gaia Yun

Cascade Symphony Scholarship, Clarinetist

Ewing C. Kelly Scholarship

Most Valuable Student, Washington State Elks Association Scholarship

National Merit Scholarship

Jinyang Alice Zhang

Equitable Excellence Scholarship, Equitable Foundation

WA State Honors Award—Top 10%

IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT WHICH RANKS
IN THE TOP 10 PERCENT OF THE WASHINGTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

Eva Alibejsi
Ramya Arumilli
Elizabeth Bingham
Kelci Carroll
Isabela Cenicerros
Connie Chen
Coeyn Choi
Riley Cooke
Claudia Czech
Benjamin Davis
Grace Delaney
Keleigh Dockens
Nancy Duong
Zachary Durocher
Isaiah Flores
Stephen Frangente
Leo Furlong
Braeden Gee
Anna Greben
Lauryn Hinton
Nathan Jensen
Robyn Jin
Sophie Jordal
Matthew Kim
Brandon Li
Amelia Lin

Matthew Llacer
Katherine Mass
Carpenter Mukai
Ryan Musto
Evan Nguyen
Connor Palu-Benson
Raynell Revilla
Andrea Rose
Christopher Sanders
Sarah Schafer
Inyoung Seo
Tyler Sloan
Ethan Soh
Patrick Sohn
Dylan Stengel
Patrick Stiles
Hannah Tahir
Olivia Tanudjaja
Margaret Wang
Lauren Wheeler
Sophie Wilson
Camryn Woodworth
Jennifer Xu
Gaia Yun
Jinyang Alice Zhang
Ruoming Zhu

KAMIAK AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Kamiak Students of the Year Award

Braeden Gee

Katherine “Katie” Mass

Selection for this Award is made from the list of seniors who were chosen as *Kamiak Students of the Month* during the current school year.

2020 Bud Davis Memorial Scholarship

Sophie Jordal

Dylan Stengel

The 2020 Bud Davis Scholarship awards are provided by the family of Bud Davis, and decided upon by the Kamiak Science Department. Bud Davis was taken from us too soon, as he lost an impossible battle against AML. Bud grew up in the Marysville schools, playing football, tennis and discovering his life-long love for skiing at Mt. Pilchuck. Bud attended WWU studying chemistry and education, while playing on the tennis team. Bud was a life-long educator, having completed over 41 years of teaching. He touched the lives of thousands of students while teaching for Vashon Island, Granite Falls, Mariner and, most recently, Kamiak High School where he taught with his wife, Emily. His passion was teaching chemistry and the sciences. In his career, he taught other subjects, including math and driver's ed. Bud also coached many sports, including football, volleyball and girls' golf. He was the founder of the Kamiak High School STEM club. The sheer size of Bud's heart allowed him to be an amazingly loving and devoted husband, father, friend and educator. For Mr. Davis' students and all who knew him, he was a source of encouragement, compassion without bounds and dedication. He believed in ALL students and athletes; they felt his love, inspiration and tireless patience.

Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters' Scholarships

Lauren Collison ~ Orchestra, Dance

Henry Gipson ~ Jazz, Band

Sophie Jordal ~ Dance

Sophie Martin ~ Band

Makena Thatcher ~ Dance, Orchestra

Maggie Thayer ~ Choir, Drama

Margaret Wang ~ Orchestra

Gaia Yun ~ Band, Jazz

These students represent the best of Kamiak's Band, Choir, Dance, Drama, Guard, Jazz & Orchestra!

KPAB Anna Bui Memorial Scholarship

Emerald Chuesh ~ Choir

Anna Bui was a 2015 graduate of Kamiak High School whose life was tragically ended when she was just 19 years old. Anna exuded a passion for singing and for life, living with humor and compassion. Her involvement in the arts included four years in the Kamiak choir, participation in the Starry Knights Barbershop group, the spring musicals, and volunteering with many community programs and activities that promoted music and the arts. This scholarship was created in her memory and is awarded to one senior in the choir program who most exemplifies the qualities that Anna lived by.

Kamiak PTO Scholarship

Carpenter Mukai

Inyoung Seo

Gaia Yun

Larissa Stangeland

Keleigh Dockens

The PTO Scholarship is awarded to a senior who is enrolled full time in a 2 or 4 year college, university, or technical college for the upcoming Fall quarter.

Lawrence Taylor Busch Memorial Scholarship

Evan Clarke

Larry was a graduate of the Kamiak High School Class of 2002. This scholarship is awarded to a Kamiak student who has exhibited many of Larry's personal qualities, demonstrates leadership skills, and leads a well-rounded personal life.

Til' We Meet Again Scholarship

Lizbeth Lopez Hernandez

Ashley Wang

Awarded to students that have worked hard academically during the pandemic. The scholarship is funded from the proceeds of Richard Yi's photo book by the same title and a generous member of the Kamiak community.

MUKILTEO SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Dr. Marci Larsen Scholarship

Hoang Nguyen

The Dr. Marci Larsen Scholarship was created to honor Dr. Larsen's service as Superintendent to the Mukilteo School District. The scholarship is intended to support post-secondary education opportunities by a high school senior. One scholarship will be issued each year within the district and will be rotated through each of the high schools over a three-year period. *The criteria for student selection includes the qualities demonstrated by Dr. Larsen including a value for relationships and pursuit of secondary education.*

Mukilteo Education Association Scholarship

MEA Lois Jamieson Memorial Scholarship ~ *Carpenter Mukai*

MEA Michelle Reichenbach Memorial Scholarship ~ *Lauren Collison*

The MEA awards have been named in honor of longtime MEA members and district employees. They were dedicated educators known for their commitment to and caring for students. Lois Jamieson was a sixth-grade teacher and former MEA President. Michelle Reichenbach taught at the intermediate elementary level.

Mukilteo School District F.U.N. Committee Scholarship

Lauren Collison

Maggie Thayer

Sophie Wilson

This award is given by the Mukilteo School District Employees. Each year scholarship funds are donated to the school district's "Committee for Fun, Unity and Networking." Students chosen to receive this scholarship have demonstrated a strong commitment to education through class participation, student activities and/or community service.

COMMUNITY AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Edmonds Community College Scholarship

Mary Aleksandruk

Charlize Roelofse

Sara Schnurman

Atina Sohraby

Each year Edmonds Community College recognizes graduating seniors for Academic Excellence and Extra-Curricular Participation and awards them scholarship money towards tuition.

Everett Community College Scholarship

Angelia Jarman

The Everett Community College Academic Excellence Award is given to academically promising seniors who plan on attending Everett Community College.

Kiwanis Club of Mukilteo Scholarships

Nathan Jensen

Amelia Xiu Lin

Evan Nguyen

Joseph Patron

Sarah “Sally” Schafer

Patrick Stiles

Makena Thatcher

Margaret Wang

Gaia Yun

Kiwanis is an international service organization with the stated purpose of service to youth and the community. The Kiwanis scholarship aims to award scholarships to students who demonstrate qualities of citizenship and academics.

Mukilteo Youth Soccer Club Scholarships

Katherine Mass

Madison Tucker

Hunter Christensen

Mukilteo Youth Soccer Club Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has soccer playing experience and has soccer volunteer experience (coach, referee, etc.) in the community. The goal of the MYSC is to encourage and support players who have a passion for the game of soccer.

South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Club Scholarships

Carson Doyle

Braeden Gee

Amelia Lin

Carpenter Mukai

Margaret Wang

Gaia Yun

South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Club is part of Rotary International which has 1.2 million members in over 160 countries. Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian services. The Club has built schools in Guatemala and water wells in Africa but most of all provides assistance to our local community. One of our greatest achievements is to provide continuing education in the form of scholarships to high school seniors in the Mukilteo School District. Scholarship selection is based service above self, citizenship, commitment to scholarship, and consideration of special circumstances.

VFW Post #8870's Freedom Scholarship

Vann Dreier

VFW Post #8870 Freedom Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors. Four scholarships are given to students within the Edmonds and Mukilteo School Districts. To be eligible for the VFW Post #8870 Freedom Scholarship the student must have at least one sibling, parent, or grandparent that is a United States Military Veteran.

U. S. ARMED FORCES AWARDS

Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award

Cole Blacksmith
Danica Pel

The U.S. Army believes young people should strive to excel in all areas of their lives. The Scholar/Athlete award program is the Army's way of recognizing high school students who are excelling in the classroom as well as on the athletic field.

The United States Marine Corps Awards

Distinguished Athlete Award ~ *Tyler Sloan*

Distinguished Athlete Award ~ *Kaylie Bullock*

Scholastic Excellence Award ~ *Braeden Gee*

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence ~ *Gaia Yun*

Every year, Marines take pride in recognizing outstanding performances in academics, athletics, and music through the Marine Corps High School Awards Program. All three fields exemplify qualities inherent to the Marine Corps -- being smart, tough and elite.

We are proud to announce the names of the Class of 2021 students enlisting in the United States Military

Clare Freeman, US Marine Corps

Congratulations on your decision to join the Armed Forces!

ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Elliott Szoke

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) prepares college students to become future officers. Best of all, on graduation, those who complete ROTC will receive a bachelor's degree and commission straight out of college as a second lieutenant.

AWARDED APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Zachary Durocher

U.S. Air Force Academy - Founded April 1, 1954 - Colorado Springs, Colorado

CLOSING

Today, we are celebrating seniors as they prepare to launch into life's next great adventures. Some will head straight into career pathways where their excellence will shine. Some will continue to refine their skills and knowledge in post-secondary education in preparation of a bright and promising future.

Whatever direction life takes them next, we are proud of them. We are proud of their accomplishments and all they have achieved. It will be among our greatest pleasures when we learn about the excellence – once shared here – they now share with the rest of the world.

Stephen Shurtleff

Kamiak Principal

Contact the Kamiak CCRC at KamiakCCRC@mukilteo.wednet.edu with any corrections and updates.

CONGRATULATIONS KAMIAK SENIORS!