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**Brian H. (So)**

*Music*

Lakewood, Washington



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**Melinda H. (J)**

*Psychology*

Auburn, Washington



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**Cierra H. (Sr)**

*Economics, Business*

Ridgefield, Washington



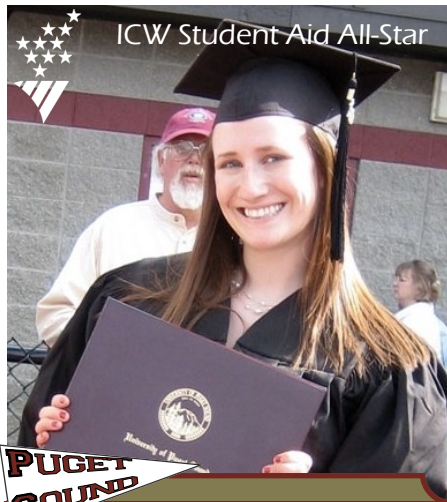
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**Ben K. (J)**

*Science, Technology, and Society*

Tacoma, Washington



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**Mary K. (Sr)**

*Politics & Government, Natural Science*

Federal Way, Washington



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**Marissa M. (J)**

*Politics and Government*

Fall City, Washington



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**Meg P. (So)**

*International Affairs, French*

Bremerton, Washington



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**Eleanor R. (Sr)**

*Business Leadership*

Tacoma, Washington



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**Claire S.- F. (So)**

*Biology*

Port Townsend, Washington

## Cierra

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

I am a first generation college student... Financial aid made it possible for me to attend college, but it has given me so much more as well. With the assistance of financial aid, I was given an incredible opportunity to explore my intellectual horizons, to become a contributing and conscious member of society, and to acquire knowledge that would have otherwise remained out of my reach. I have a future now and while I'm not certain as to where that future lies exactly, I will forever remain grateful to those who made it possible.

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## Melinda

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Without financial aid, I would not have had the opportunity to attend such a prestigious university. With my liberal arts education I plan on obtaining a master's degree in occupational therapy. My ultimate goal is to open a center for disabled children.

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## Brian

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Without Financial aid, I would have not been able to attend a college of higher education. I come from a family where it's just my mother and myself. My mother works full time just to make ends meet. Tuition of any extra amount was simply not feasible. Financial aid made it feasible. With the aid that I am receiving now, I am pursuing the education of my dreams at a college campus that feels like home.

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## Marissa

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

Graduation Year: 2012

Hometown: Fall City, WA

Major: Politics and  
Government Minor: Spanish

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## Mary

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Financial aid made it possible for me to attend the University of Puget Sound, where I was presented with a plethora of opportunities such as challenging material and one-on-one time with professors and tutors.

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## Ben

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Since the downturn of the economy, times have gotten much tougher for my family. I am so grateful for this aid; it has provided me with an opportunity that I could have never before imagined. I hope to broaden my boundaries with my college education, learn, work hard and with perseverance, then go out into the world and give back using all my experiences and what I have learned. So many doors would be shut without a higher education. Now I can see doors opening, and it really means so much to me and the people around me.

## Claire

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

My plan was to join the Navy. We didn't have enough money for college, and being from a small town there were not a lot of opportunities for scholarships. I applied for over 100 scholarships, national and regional, and received over \$5,000. Unfortunately that still wasn't enough. When I received my financial aid package from the University of Puget Sound I was in shock. I kept checking my math on the total cost versus the total aid. It was one of the most exciting days of my life realizing that not only was I going to college, but I was going to be able to attend the University of Puget Sound without having to damage my family or my future. I am very interested in microbiology, especially viruses. I hope to one day be able to not only discover cures and make vaccines for deadly diseases, but also make these available and affordable to those who really need them. I have also loved mathematics and hope to pursue that further whether to satisfy my childhood dream of cracking codes for the government, or apply my knowledge and passion somewhere else.

## Eleanor

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Without the beautiful blessing of financial aid, I would not have been able to attend college and grow as an individual, discover my talents, and take advantage of the many opportunities that have been offered. I would have never found my passion for the stage. Without that discovery, I would not have been able to pursue my dreams. Thank You!

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## Meg

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

I am truly grateful to have received the scholarships and financial aid that have made it possible for me to attend a school like the University of Puget Sound. With the education I am receiving, I hope to attend law school and eventually become a Foreign Service Officer in the United States Foreign Service.

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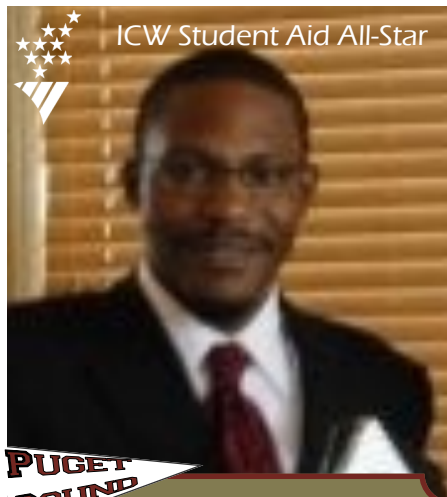


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**Awbrey A. (J)**

*Biology Major with a Pre-Vet Focus*  
Gig Harbor, Washington



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**Keith B. (J)**

*Communications*  
Tacoma, Washington



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**Zac C. (Sr)**

*Economics*  
Tacoma, Washington



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**Alicia C. (Sr)**

*Exercise Science*  
Federal Way, Washington



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**Rosemary D. (J)**

*Molecular & Cell Biology*  
Concrete, Washington



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**Lani F. (Sr)**

*English*  
Tacoma, Washington



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**Julene F. (J)**

*Theater Arts*  
Vancouver, Washington

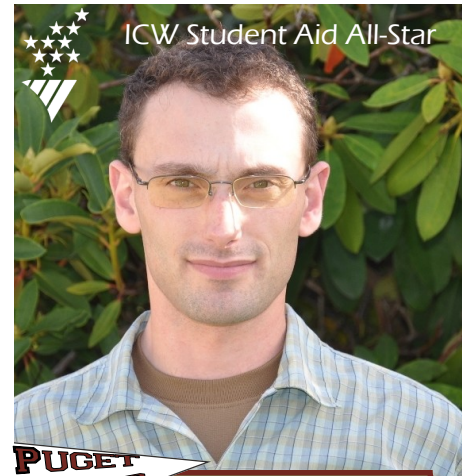


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**Allison G. (J)**

*Studio Art*  
Tacoma, Washington



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**Morgan H. (J)**

*Exercise Science*  
Salmon Beach, Washington

## Zac

State Need Grant, Work Study, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Achievers Scholarship, Loans

Currently, I work for the Late Nite organization at the YMCA. I intend on donating my time/money in the future for the Strong Kids Campaign.

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## Keith

State Need Grant, Work Study, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

Financial aid is extremely important for me as I pursue higher education. It is because of the resources that are provided by the state and federal government I am able to focus on my studies rather than how I'm going to pay for my education. I only wish that more people like me, who have had extreme obstacles to overcome because of where they are from can get and take advantage of the opportunities that I have been given.

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## Awbrey

State Need Grant, State Work Study, Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Federal SMART Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

Graduation Year: 2012

Hometown: Gig Harbor

Major: Biology with a Pre-Veterinarian Focus

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## Lani

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Due to your support of my educational goals, I will be the first in my family to graduate from any university with a degree. Growing up in a less than privileged community has not only offered financial and academic challenges, but it has more importantly made me realize the value of a college education.

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## Rosemary

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Influenced greatly by my family's tribulations I have dedicated myself to becoming a doctor. I want nothing more than to care for people who need any kind of medical care. However, with a disabled and widowed mother who has a limited income, it would have been very difficult for me to receive the education I need to go onto medical school without financial aid! My financial aid has allowed me to dedicate my time to my studies and volunteering so that I can better prepare myself to enter into the next phase of fulfilling my dream! Thank you!

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## Alicia

State Need Grant, Work Study, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, ICW Board Scholarship, Loans

My experience at Puget Sound has helped me realize how many bright young people there are in the world who really want to make a difference. It is truly amazing how, despite challenging economic times, people still come together to make opportunity and dreams happen for motivated students pursuing a higher education.

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## Morgan

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

I am the first in my family to even attend college. I get to be the first in my family to get a degree. I also have a little 9-year-old sister. Because of what I'm doing, and I really am proof you can do whatever you want with your life, she's dreaming big and setting huge goals for herself. I am a role model and it couldn't feel better, and I couldn't be as great of one without financial aid of any sort, my family is simply too poor without the assistance.

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## Allison

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

I completed my DTA at Edmonds CC with the help of financial aid. When I applied to Puget Sound, I crossed my fingers in anticipation of my financial award and acceptance letter. I was elated when I received my acceptance letter and was astounded at how much financial help the school was going to provide me. Financial aid helps to diversify Puget Sound's campus as well as campuses all over the nation, bringing together students from different backgrounds and economic standings in an effort to spread skills and knowledge. Without financial aid, my story and many others just wouldn't be possible. Thank you!

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## Julene

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Financial aid has helped me be able to focus on my schooling, while allowing me to spend quality time raising my daughter, who is my reason for being back in school; to be an example for her to strive for the best and show her the importance of a higher education.

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