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SCHOLARSHIPS

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Fidalgo Youth Symphony

Fidalgo Youth Symphony awarded scholarships to six high school seniors at the FYS Finale Concert, May 31 at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon.

Sadie Lanier of Mount Vernon and Tessa Hobson of Anacortes were each awarded \$300 as outstanding seniors. Elyse Anderson of Oak Harbor, Katherine Winchell from Arlington, and Connor Darrow and Caroline Masters, both of Anacortes, received \$200 awards.

Scholarship applicants must demonstrate a commitment to FYS, a high standard of musicianship and plan to continue their music education.

S-WHS Class of '71

Sedro-Woolley High School Class of 1971 has awarded four \$2,500 scholarships. The Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association presented academic scholarships to S-WHS 2012 graduates Emilie Moser and Brennan Spinnie, and 2009 grad Erin Nesheim. Elizabeth Rusnak, a 2012 graduate, received a vocational award.

Erin is the daughter of Mike and Teresa Nesheim of Sedro-Woolley. She is studying at Seattle Pacific University for a double major in accounting and business. This summer she will intern with Moss Adams LLP in Everett.

Emilie, the daughter of Michael and Michelle Moser of Mount Vernon, was inspired by her grandfather to study cardiac medicine.

Brennan, the son of Dennis and Kristi Spinnie of Big Lake, plans to study mechanical engineering and computer-aided design. He contributed his design skills to the Big Lake Elementary School parking lot redesign project.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Llane Rusnak-Burt of Sedro-Woolley. She is enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program at the Northwest Career and Technical Academy in Mount Vernon.

Skagit Runners

Sedro-Woolley High School senior Petra Bethea has received a \$2,500 Skagit Runners scholarship for the 2012 school year.

Eastern Washington University

Nicole Sestrap of Sedro-Woolley was awarded a Trustees Scholarship of \$3,000 to Eastern Washington University in Cheney. This award is given to EWU students with a 3.8 grade point average or higher. Sestrap is a 2010 S-WHS graduate and the daughter of Mike Sestrap of Ferndale and Sheri VanDiest of Concrete.

Skagit Valley College

Two outstanding Skagit Valley College sophomores, Jasmine Carter and Matthew Wood, were chosen to receive this year's Charles H. Lewis Memorial Award during the Skagit Valley College Foundation awards ceremony, held May 17 at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon.

Carter of Mount Vernon earned a 4.0 GPA, served as French Club president and as a member of the SVC Tenure Review Committee. She wrote a series of articles for "The Cardinal" campus newspaper concerning the effect of statewide budget cuts on the college and its staff.

Wood of Arlington has been an Alaska fisherman, a retail sales clerk and a Army soldier. He also serves as a drop-in math tutor for other students, who appreciate his sense of humor.

Carter and Wood each received a \$500 scholarship.

The Foundation awarded some \$200,000 in scholarships to 150 students during the evening ceremony. Among the award highlights, SVC President Tom Keegan recognized 17 graduating sophomores for their outstanding academic achievement.

President's Medals were presented to Karl LaPine of Anacortes; Hannah Eger and Xueling Wu of Burlington; Amy Moe of Camano Island; Jasmine Carter, Corrin Hamburg, Taryn Hendrix, Stanley Janicki, Jong Hyun Oh and Jacquelyn Smith, all of Mount Vernon; Charleen Bray of Sedro-Woolley; and Chad Sage of Stanwood.

The annual Charles H. Lewis Memorial Award was established by the Skagit Valley Junior College Class of 1956 as tribute to Charles H. Lewis, the first dean of the college and a 28-year faculty member. The award is bestowed to a graduating sophomore who exemplifies the Lewis qualities — high ethical standards, consistent effort, intellectual curiosity, and a subtle sense of humor, among others traits.



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Fidalgo Youth Symphony Music Director Sharyn Peterson (from left) awarded scholarships in May to FYS students Katherine Winchell of Arlington, Connor Darrow of Anacortes, Sadie Lanier of Mount Vernon, Caroline Masters of Anacortes, Tessa Hobson of Anacortes and Elyse Anderson of Oak Harbor.

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Jasmine Carter of Mount Vernon and Matthew Wood of Arlington received the Charles H. Lewis Memorial Award during the Skagit Valley College Foundation awards ceremony May 17 in Mount Vernon.