Fourth Year QAHSSA Awards 30 New Scholarships
Arnoux Awarded 25th Anniversary Scholarship

Our 24th annual scholarship competition again resulted in 30 scholarship awards. This is the fourth year in a row 30 awards have been made possible by the exceptional generosity of classes, reunion groups, individual donations and the collective donations of many Queen Anne alumni. This year, 81 applications were requested, and 70 correctly completed applications were received by the March 31 deadline. Twenty-one scholarships were awarded to high school seniors and nine to university students. Named scholarships are mentioned in the winners’ paragraphs that follow. Unnamed scholarships are given from the Queen Anne High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the QAHSSA, the board of trustees created a one-time only $2,500 academic scholarship to be awarded to a candidate who exemplifies the Grizzly tradition of scholastic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities and community service. Following an exhaustive review of all candidates, Gillean Mekaisto Arnoux of Browning High School, Browning, MT., was chosen as the recipient of this landmark award.

Gillean Arnoux – Valedictorian, graduated first in his class from Browning HS, Browning, MT, with a 4.0 GPA and enrolled at the University of Montana this fall, majoring in geology. He is a member of the National Honor Society, won the Chemistry Merit Award and was selected Student of the Year. He held several student government elective offices, participated in Upward Bound and served as president of the Outdoor Leadership and Exploration Club. Gillean participated in many community service activities including food and clothing drives, hurricane Katrina Relief Fundraiser, and Senior Toy Drive. He is the son of Johnalee Arnoux ’64 and Jerry Jones. Gillean was awarded the QAHSSA 25th Anniversary Scholarship.

Carey Batschi – Graduated in the top 5% of her Central Kitsap class with a 3.9 GPA and is enrolled at Princeton University, majoring in history. She is a National Merit Scholar, captain of the Knowledge Bowl team. Her activities include ASB, French Club, Mock Trial lead attorney, Key Club, Kitsap County Youth Court and volunteer work with Ukrainian children as part of the TOUCH project. She is the daughter of Judy and Matthew Batschi 78 and the granddaughter of Jerry and Barbara (Anderson) Batschi, both ’50. She was awarded a Charles Heffelfinger Scholarship donated by retired teachers Jay and Maureen Taylor.

Danielle Berg – Graduated with a 3.94 GPA from Shorewood High School taking honors and AP courses and participating in the Running Start program. Her activities include marching band, three-year letter winner in Concert Band, Environment Club, Fisherman’s Fall Festival and the Syre Halloween Carnival, and volunteering at the Richmond Beach Library. She is enrolled at Shoreline Community College majoring in history. She is the daughter of Andrew ’67 and Jamie (Hairel) Berg ’71.

Kate Bradbury – Valedictorian, graduated first in her class from Blanchet High School with a 3.96 GPA and is enrolled as a civil engineering major at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Achievements include Student of the Month in mathematics, music and history, National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, the Paul Robeson Scholar Athlete Award and Academic letters. Her activities include ACE Mentoring Program. Community service includes Northwest Harvest food bank, Phinney Ridge Kids Program, and the Greenwood Senior Center. She is the daughter of Bryant and Jill (Johnson) Bradbury, both ’72. Kate was awarded the Gordon Moody ’47 Memorial Scholarship, donated by his wife Virginia.

Erik Brand – a repeat scholarship winner, Bainbridge HS, UW and University of Oxford graduate, he will begin his fifth year at the UW School of Medicine this fall. Honors/activities include serving on the Admissions Review Committee, designing/implementing a 10-week elective at the Victorian Institute of Sport in Melbourne, Australia. He is completing a residency in family and physical medicine in preparation for a career in sports medicine and science. He is the son of Stan ’62 and Jane (Lirhus) Brand ’66. Erik was awarded the Barbara (Caldwell) McMahan Memorial Scholarship, donated by Kerry McMahan ’54 and family in memory of his wife Barbara ’55.

Renee Dudley – Valedictorian, graduated first in her class from Kings High School with a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled at Seattle Pacific University. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit Scholar finalist and has received various student of the month and quarter awards. Her activities include spring play, school newspaper, class treasurer, ASB treasurer, volleyball and elementary school day camp leader. She was involved in a mission trip to Morelia, Mexico and has logged over 400 hours of community service. She is the daughter of Stephen and Gabrielle (Miller) Dudley ’77. She was awarded the Jack W. Rowland ’42 Memorial Scholarship, donated by H. James Rowland ’40.

Berit Erickson – graduated from Garfield High School in Seattle completing honors and advanced placement courses in chemistry, history, language arts, Latin, mathematics and physics. In the National Latin Exams she received the 2003 Perfect Paper Award, the 2004 Gold Medal Award and the 2005 Silver Medal Award. School activities included orchestra, Mountainair Club and freshman mentoring. She served as captain of the JV volleyball team in 2003 and 2004, and earning her varsity letter in 2005. She is enrolled as a pre-major at Haverford College, Haverford, PA. She is the daughter of Dale and Debora (Waters) Erickson ’70.

Thank you to all who have made donations to and volunteered for the QA Alumni Scholarship Fund. It is because of your help that we can support these outstanding students.
Molly Fagan – a repeat scholarship winner, Molly begins her sophomore year this fall at the University of Oregon majoring in human physiology and minoring in psychology. She is involved in the Presidential Scholars Student Association, the Honors Science Freshman Interest Group, the Asklepiads Pre-Medical Society and soccer. She graduated first in her class from Summit High School in Bend, OR. She is the daughter of James and Carol Fagan and the granddaughter of Ellen (Stiles) Floyd ’46. For the second consecutive year, she was awarded a Charles Heffelfinger Scholarship, donated by retired teachers Jay and Maureen Taylor.

Andi Fair – Salutatorian, graduated 2nd in her class of 538 from Hilliard Darby High School, Hilliard, OH. with a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled at Case-Western Reserve University majoring in biology. She was a National Merit Scholar Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction and participated in marching, pep and concert band and chamber, pit and symphony orchestra. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the National French Honor Society and vice-president of French Club. She is the daughter of Robert and Laurie (Anderson) Fair ’79.

Amanda “Mandy” Fontana – a repeat scholarship winner from 2002, Mandiy graduated from Portland State University this spring with a BA in education and a 3.6 GPA. She is enrolled in the Graduate School of Education pursuing a Masters degree in early childhood education. She is the daughter of Lou and Betty (Pearson) Fontana ’58. She was awarded a Robert D. Rois ’55 Scholarship in memory of his wife, Carol A. Rois.

Alan Gilder – graduated in the top 5% of his class from Newbury Park High School, CA., with a 3.9 GPA and an International Baccalaureate diploma and is enrolled at Harvey Mudd College majoring in mechanical engineering. He was a member of the National Honor Society, an AP scholar, Golden State Scholar and a National Merit Scholar finalist. He served on the yearbook staff, for four years. Away from school, he played soccer and volunteered for a myriad of tasks required to keep the American Youth Soccer Organization up and running and helped his church members build houses in Mexico. Alan is the son of Leslie Gilder and the grandson of Beverly and Maurice G. Waitt ’48. Alan was awarded a Donald McNeil ’65 Memorial Scholarship, donated by Art VanderWel ’65.

Evelyn Gillie – graduated in the top 5% of her class from Snohomish High School with a 3.9 GPA and is enrolled at Stanford University majoring in classical studies. Among her many awards, she was a National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar and received the Outstanding Musicianship Award at the Northshore Jazz Festival. Her activities included three years varsity track and field, KEY Club, French Club and National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Sally and Michael Gillie ’68. Evelyn was awarded a McEachern Family Scholarship.

Noel Hatley – graduated in the top 10% of her class from Stanwood High School with a 3.8 GPA and is enrolled at the University of Washington in a pre-med program. She was involved Future Business Leaders of America, KEY Club, Science Team, (Regional First Place in Disease Detectives competition), Girl Scouts of America, (Silver Award) and the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Ron and Claudia Hatley and the granddaughter of Carolyn Stenberg ’49. Noel was awarded a Donald McNeil ’65 Memorial Scholarship, donated by Loren Hostek 66.

Terra Hoover – a repeat scholarship winner (2005), Terra begins her sophomore year at Northwest University with a 3.8 GPA. Her Nursing studies consume much of her time, but she managed to make time for activities including Dean’s Scholar committee, Jazz Ensemble, Campus Information Agent (CIA) committee and Hurricane Katrina Relief effort. Terra is a graduate of Edmonds-Woodway High School. She is the daughter of Carla and Todd Hoover ’77. She was awarded a McEachern Family Scholarship.

Colby Howe – graduated first in his class from Pateros High School, Pateros, WA., with a 3.99 GPA and is enrolled at Principia College majoring in political science and administration. His activities/athletics include ASB Representative, 4-H, Drama Club, Junior State of America (vice-president), LFW School of Dance, (jazz, hip-hop, and ballet), varsity tennis (3 years), pep band and Pateros school ski school program. His community service effort logged 664 hours which entailed recycling, city public works internship, camp counseling and Sixth Grade Outdoor Education. He is the son of Gail A. and Roger B. Howe ’64. Colby was awarded a Donald McNeil ’65 Memorial Scholarship, donated by numerous Grizzlies.

Katarina Lund – graduated first in her class of 323 from Bainbridge High School with a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled at Oberlin College majoring in creative writing. She was a four-year honor roll member, a member of the National Honor Society and is a National Merit Commended Scholar. She was active in school activities including marching band and wind ensemble. She earned Honors and AP honors in English, humanities, physics, mathematics, biology and Japanese. Her community service included volunteering to teach math to 5th and 6th graders. She also played recreation league soccer and was team captain her senior year. She is the daughter of Gunde Else and Bjorn Lunde ’64. She was awarded the Ray Carlson ’37 Scholarship.

Jenna McDonald – graduated at the top of her class from Newport High School with a 3.97 GPA and is enrolled at Westminster College majoring in education. She is a member of the National Honor Society, has over 150 hours of community service, played varsity basketball and soccer and ran varsity cross country and track, was a student senator and student council member, and was homecoming queen. She is the daughter of William and Diane (Dance) McDonald ’74. She was awarded the Class of 1955 Scholarship.

Katherine Moore – a repeat scholarship winner (2005), graduated from North Kitsap High School with a 3.9 GPA and continues her nursing studies at Seattle Pacific University this fall with a 3.9 GPA. In spite of rigorous class requirements, Katie has made time to participate in many volunteer activities including being a Red Cross volunteer and helping at the Urban Involvement Shelter. She is the daughter of Allen and Karen (Fouts) Moore ’69. She was awarded a McEachern Family Scholarship.

Rachel Northing – Valedictorian, graduated at the top of her class from King’s High School with a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled at Pacific Lutheran University majoring in nursing. She excelled in honors and AP classes, earning placement on the high honor roll and the National Honor Society. Rachel was a member of the varsity track team and the varsity volleyball team that finished fourth in the state in 2005. She is the daughter of Laura and Bill Northing ’80. She was awarded a Donald McNeil ’65 Memorial Scholarship, donated by the Batley Family.
Genevieve Peaslee – begins her sophomore year as a music major at Scripps College with a 3.9 GPA. In praise of her music achievement, the chairman of the Scripps Music Department wrote “Ms. Peaslee has already distinguished herself in practice and performance as one of our finest undergraduate pianists.” She was selected by the Music Department to perform as a piano soloist in two special concert events showcasing two undergraduate soloists in conjunction with distinguished music faculty. She is the daughter of John and Paula (Waters) Peaslee ’68. She was awarded the Queen Anne Class of 1954 Calendar Girls Scholarship, donated by the Class of 1954.

Sophie Pierszalowski – graduated second in her class from Coast Union High School, Cambria, CA., with a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled at the University of Washington majoring in biology. Sophie received numerous awards for her academic excellence. Her activities include Interact Club, varsity softball and volleyball. Her community service included work on the Cambria Greenspace Program and California Scholastic Federation Blood Drive. She is the daughter of William John Pierszalowski Jr. and Barbara (Love) Nowlin ’70. She was awarded a McEachern Family Scholarship.

Sarah Reichert – Living on a rural farm in the Skokomish Valley, she graduated through the home school process with a 3.8 GPA and is enrolled at Bob Jones University. Her extracurricular activities are 4H Club and AWANA Club, a volunteer group working with young children. Her 4H effort raising animals has resulted in several Grand Champion awards at the Mason County Fair. She is the daughter of Todd and Michelle Reichert and the granddaughter of Margaret C. Naf ’60. She was awarded a McEachern Family Scholarship.

Joan Sackett – a repeat scholarship winner, started her fourth year in the Washington State University veterinary program. Her final year consists of 12 months of clinic work. She is the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Jensen) Sackett ’66. She was awarded a Robert D. Rois ’55 Scholarship in memory of his wife Carol A. Rois.

Taylor Sorensen – graduated in the top 7% of his class from Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, with a 3.9 GPA and is enrolled as an engineering major at the University of Arizona. He is a member of the National Honor Roll, helped with the renovation of the Rainbow Kids Integral School, volunteered to help build the Construction Tech Academy at Kearny High School in San Diego. He played four years for the Scripps Ranch Rec. League soccer team. He is the son of Scott and Linda Sorensen and the grandson of Janet (Farnham) Sorensen ’52. He was awarded a Robert D. Rois ’55 Scholarship in memory of his wife Carol A. Rois.

Julie Starch – graduated from Granite Falls High School, Granite Bay, CA., with a GPA of 3.8 and is enrolled at San Diego State University majoring in criminal justice. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a winner of a Gold National Merit Award. Her activities included serving as treasurer of her 4H club which spent many hours making quilts for terminally ill children and tutoring. She is the daughter of Richard and Susan Starch and the granddaughter of Don ’46 and Diane (Jorgensen) Estep ’49. She was awarded a McEachern Family Scholarship.

Kelsey Venable – Valedictorian, graduated first in her class from Inglesmoor High School with a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled at Western Washington University majoring in physical therapy. Her activities included Student of the Year, varsity basketball, ASB Treasurer, Link Crew leader, Hopelink volunteer, Key Club and National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Brenda and Tony Venable ’64. She was awarded a Class of 1955 Scholarship.

Michael Warder Jr. – graduated in June from Colorado State University with a 3.8 GPA majoring in political science and is enrolled at the Denver University School of Law. Following graduation from Claremont High School in C.A., he served five years in the U.S. Marine Corps. His college activities/honors included Phi Beta Kappa, National Collegiate Honor Society, founder and president of campus Russian Club, and volunteering for the Ft. Collins Senior Center. He is the son of Michael and Cheryl (Gilkerson) Warder ’67. He was awarded Robert D. Rois ’55 Scholarship in memory of his wife, Carol A. Rois.

Laurel Wells – graduated at the top of her class from Monroe High School with a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled at North Park University majoring in chemistry and history. She was Scholar of the Month, co-captain of Knowledge Bowl and Hi-Q teams and sang in the school choral jazz group. She is the daughter of David and Susan (Johnson) Wells ’66. She was awarded a Donald McNeil ’65 Memorial Scholarship, donated by Thomas Herche ’66.

Rachel Winters – is a repeat scholarship winner and begins her junior year at the University of Virginia with a 3.5 GPA majoring in English with plans to earn a Master’s in education. She volunteers as a mentor to freshmen women and at a local elementary after-school program. She is a member of the Virginia Women’s Rugby Club which won the Atlantic Coast Region Championship and is nationally ranked No. 2. She is the daughter of Steve and Cathy Winters and the granddaughter of Joan (Graves) Vanderhoof ’53. She was awarded a Donald McNeil ’65 Scholarship, donated by Thomas Herche ’66.

Brynn Wittman – graduated 8th in her class from Fife High School with a 3.9 GPA and is enrolled at Washington State University majoring in accounting. Her activities and honors include National Honor Society, four years varsity track and basketball, (team captain two years, both sports), two years varsity soccer, one year varsity cross country and first team Academic All League Athlete. She is the daughter of Harold and Cheron Wittman, the granddaughter of Ben ’51 and Marliess (Bell) Moyle ’55 and the great granddaughter of Florence (Short) Moyle ’31 and Leland Bell ’28. She was awarded a Class of 1955 Scholarship.

Men Of Queen Anne Award Two Scholarships

The Men of Queen Anne are pleased to award two athletic scholarships. Joey Lind of Jackson High School in Everett is awarded the Jack Wilbourne All-Around Scholarship ($1,000). Joey will attend the University of Washington where he will play baseball. He is the grandson of Shelia (Thaden) Lind ’54. Brad Conradi will receive the Mel Waite Baseball Scholarship ($500). Brad will finish at Taft College this coming year. He is the grandson of Wendy (Lake) Ufer ’60.