



2023 Newsletter

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Helping students achieve their educational goals.

It's a First! First-generation college student and recipient of 4-year renewable scholarship completes degree
 by Alexis Roberts, Class of 2018

Hello!

My name is Alexis Roberts. I was the recipient of the Nancy Quinn Memorial Scholarship back in 2018. Having been accepted into Washington State University to pursue my passion for Science, I knew I needed to have some finances in order. I applied for a White Pass Scholarship and was so fortunate to receive the \$10,000 Nancy Quinn Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship money was a lifesaver as a first-generation college student. It helped me with those afterthought textbooks the professor forgot to put in the system, which made them not covered by financial aid. It provided the caffeinated drinks I needed so I could study extra hours to ace my Biology exams, and covered a last-minute shopping trip because I was unaware my dorm room had no AC. The scholarship made all those things, including loans, not an issue. It also helped me get ahead of my loans and start a payment plan for the remaining debt that financial aid wouldn't cover. This scholarship not only helped with these dilemmas, it saved my mental health, knowing I had a way to pay for these long-and short-term notice issues. Because of this scholarship, I could focus on my degree in General Biological Sciences with a Secondary Focus on Wild Ecology and Conservation. With this degree, I was given the opportunity to work at an environmental lab in the state of Florida, where I hope to eventually move through the system and work for the EPA studying the Florida Everglades. I am so glad I took a chance and applied for the White Pass Scholarship. I wouldn't be where I am today without the huge contribution to my future from the White Pass Scholarship Fund and the Nancy Quinn Memorial Sponsor. Thank you so much!



Alexis Roberts (Class of 2018, WSU Class of 2022) smiling proudly with Butch, the WSU Cougar mascot.

A goal of the White Pass Scholarship Fund in recent years has been to make available to our graduates a few multi-year, renewable scholarships. This effort became a reality in 2022 with the Nancy Quinn Memorial Scholarship. Funded through a foundation created by John Davidson (WP Class of 1973) this scholarship honors the memory of his friend and fellow classmate Nancy. This \$10,000 scholarship allowed Alexis to complete her four-year degree with an annual award of \$2,500.

Dave Bunting, longtime owner of the Highway Shopper in Packwood, offered a multi-year STEM scholarship beginning in 2019. The Class of 2023 will be eligible for this award again this spring. These community minded folks are making a difference, as are each of you who contribute any amount to the White Pass Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support!

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WE'RE BACK! – In-person Auction Event...Saturday, March 18



Here's how the Sweet & Savory Sprint works:

1. The **Sweet & Savory Sprint** will feature a variety of sweet & savory treats which will be displayed in the auction area.
2. A bid card is placed on each table with the corresponding table number. Each table of 8 collaborates on their bid to claim one of the tempting treats on display.
3. The **auctioneer reveals the table with the highest combined bid amount**. That table will have the first chance to **SPRINT** to the treat table and select the tantalizing treat of their choice. **There's no time to dawdle!** They must move quickly as the next highest bidding table will be sprinting right behind them and so on until all the tables have had a chance at the treat table.
4. The **Sweet & Savory Sprint** is fast paced and gets all the table guests working as a team to secure the most desirable sweet or savory treat! Guests share their winning treat at their table during the live auction.

The last time we were together in person was March 2019. Wow—where did the time go? 2020-2022 found us doing our best with online auctions. Although very successful, we missed the community connections that our face-to-face gatherings brought from 2014-2019. That said, **we are super excited to be hosting an in-person, live, fundraising event open to our community!**

Be there **Saturday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00 at White Pass High School**. It's an event you won't want to miss! Join us for **Raffle Items, Silent Auction, a Sweet & Savory Sprint, and a Live Auction** – all to support our graduating youth as they work to achieve their educational goals. Our format is a bit different this year as we have reduced the number of silent auction items, while adding the excitement and competition of the sprint for sweet and savory treats. We have lots of fun in store!

Tickets are pre-sold at \$10/person. Your ticket includes your bidding paddle for the entire evening, coffee, tea, sparkling cider, and the supplies needed to cut, serve and enjoy your Sweet or Savory win! Reservations are available for full tables of 8 or can be purchased individually. We encourage you to enlist several friends as you pre-purchase tickets for your very own table.

Come. Join us. Delight in the Sprint for Sweet & Savory treats. **Bid wildly on LIVE Auction items.**

Enjoy the night with us as we celebrate student success and raise funds supporting scholarships for graduating seniors. It's sure to be a 'winner' for us all.

For tickets call Ricky at 360-496-1301 or Bonnie at 360-880-5976. Cash, check, PayPal or credit cards can be used for all auction purchases.

Did you know...

The White Pass Scholarship Fund supports both White Pass High School graduates and home school graduates from accredited programs who live in the White Pass School District. Applicants must have a 2.0 GPA, complete an application, and participate in an interview. Students planning to attend trade schools, licensure programs, 2 or 4 year colleges or universities are encouraged to apply.

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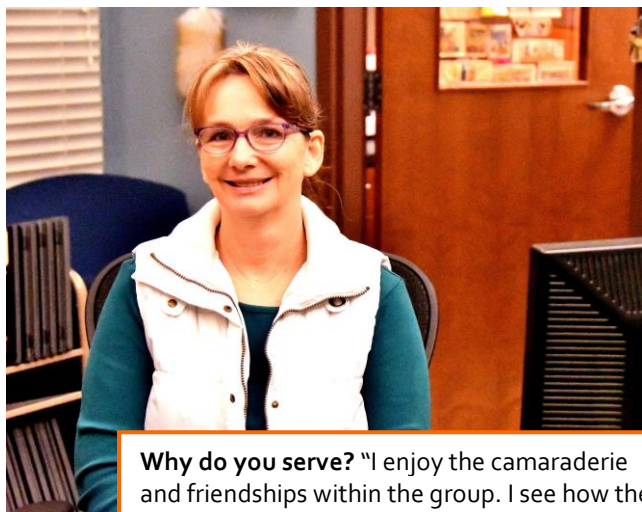
FINANCIAL NEWS – Making History

by Sherry Brown, Treasurer

2022 was a record-breaking year for the White Pass Scholarship Fund. **First record broken...** We had the **highest income for a single year in our 60-plus year history, bringing in \$120,713!** \$103,325 of that was from direct public support through donations from individuals, families, businesses and foundations. The remainder included \$15,414 from our 2022 online auction, income from interest, as well as advertising and special event donations. Bottom line is we are blessed with so many astounding donors who want to help our graduates. **Second record broken...** Applicants of the Class of 2022 were awarded our largest pool of funds ever! **The six students who applied and qualified for scholarships from the Class of 2022 were awarded \$73,709, including two multi-year scholarships.** Again, blowing away our previous high award amount of \$54K. **Third record for the books...** we kicked up our efforts to be more engaged with our graduates. By maintaining contact, checking in to see how things were going and reinforcing that their community was behind them, the Class of 2021 was the first class in my tenure on the committee, where **ALL recipients successfully moved forward with their plans – qualifying for and claiming their full scholarship awards!**

2023 is lining up to break other records. **The Class of 2023 is one of the larger classes to come through White Pass High School in years, with over 40 high-achieving students.** To send these amazing graduates off with the support they deserve, we'll be looking to the community, alumni, and friends for their continued donation commitments. The committee is doing their part by bringing back an in-person event on March 18th. We've also discovered more employers who provide matching funds for individual donations – some even making this program available to their retirees. Consider checking into this to see if it's an option for you. **We're excited to explore what the future holds and what other records we can break!** Please join our efforts.

Member Spotlight... Ann Lindh – Webmaster and more!



Why do you serve? "I enjoy the camaraderie and friendships within the group. I see how the work of the WPSF plays a strong and active part in helping to promote personal growth and self-esteem in our graduating student recipients."

Ann Lindh has been a behind-the-scenes stalwart of the Scholarship Committee for over a decade. At the school she officially serves as librarian and ASB Central Treasurer and Bookkeeper, but as is her nature she steps into many roles as needed. She and her husband Ken are WPHS graduates. Daughter Ashleigh (2008) and son Kraig (2014) were WPSF scholarship recipients. Daughter Mackenzie is on track to be next, as she graduates this year with the class of 2023.

Ann's availability to students during the school day made her the perfect choice for School Liaison, where she communicates with seniors and supports them with their applications. In 2022 she tackled our "never fully developed" website. Her masterful work provides a platform for us to professionally communicate with alumni, community, applicants and potential donors. We're excited to see how many doors will open as people learn more about our success in supporting our graduates. Thank you, Ann, for making this happen and becoming our official Webmaster! Check it out at <http://whitepass scholarship.org>.

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