

# WSSAF FOUNDATION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

May 19, 2021

## PURPOSE OF FOUNDATION

Provide scholarships for worthy forestry students, and a source of funds for other worthy purposes related to forestry education.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (\$1,000 - \$2,000)

### 2021 - 2022

Alanna Cross\*\*\* Grays Harbor College

### 2020 - 2021

Alanna Cross\*\*\* Grays Harbor College  
Sydney Potter\*\*\* Washington State University

### 2019 - 2020

Colleen Purefoy\*\* Grays Harbor College  
Gustavo Segura Grays Harbor College

### 2018 - 2019

Sarah Burkhart Grays Harbor College  
Chad Horky\*\*\* Green River College  
Mari Knutson\*\*\* Green River College

### 2017 - 2018

Brittany Church Grays Harbor College  
Ted Elson Grays Harbor College  
Jennilyn Franklin Grays Harbor College  
Hannah Morrison Humboldt State College

### 2016 - 2017

Brady Dier\*\*\* Grays Harbor College  
Karl Peterson\*\*\* Humboldt State University

### 2015 - 2016

Marisa Bass\*\* University of Washington  
Riley Mowry Grays Harbor College

### 2014 - 2015

Samuel Israel University of Washington  
Karl Peterson Grays Harbor College  
Benjamin Roe University of Washington

### 2013 - 2014

Casey Elder Grays Harbor College  
Benjamin Roe University of Washington  
Ryan Rohr Grays Harbor College

### 2011 - 2012

Candra Grimm (Burns) Grays Harbor College  
Angel Johnson Green River College

\*\*\* Awarded \$1,500 scholarships

\*\* Awarded a \$2,000 scholarship

## BOARD of TRUSTEES

Chair	Doug St. John
Secretary	John Gorman
Trustee	Bruce Bare
Trustee	Jenny Knoth (2020 WSSAF Chair)

**Treasurer** Darren Goodding

### Past WSSAF Chairs as Board Members

Jenny Knoth (2019 WSSAF Chair)  
Paul Wagner (2018 WSSAF Chair)  
Wendy Sammarco (2017 WSSAF Chair)  
John Walkowiak (2016 WSSAF Chair)  
Dick Hopkins (2015 WSSAF Chair)  
Joe Murray (2014 WSSAF Chair)  
Ellie Lathrop (2013 WSSAF Chair)

**Note:** The immediate Past Chair of WSSAF automatically serves as a Trustee on the Board.

## **CONTINUING to AWARD STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The Washington State Society of American Foresters (WSSAF) Foundation is continuing to award scholarships to community college and university students excited about pursuing careers in forestry. Since 2011, the Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling \$26,500 to 24 bright and worthy students.

Thanks to the generosity of WSSAF members and timberland and forest products companies the Foundation's year-end fund balance has grown to \$73,271.

### **Scholarship Awarded for 2021 – 2022**

A scholarship for the upcoming academic year of 2021 – 2022 is being awarded to Alannah Cross (\$1,500). Alannah is a repeat winner. Last year she was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

Alannah Cross is currently a junior at Grays Harbor College (GHC) in the Bachelor of Applied Science Forest Resources Management program. For the past two years Alannah worked as an intern for Port Blakely Tree Farms and for the City of Montesano. At Port Blakely, Alannah was responsible for developing and implementing a system to digitize research documents and other resource department files for the company database. She also participated in other varied forestry field projects.

Last summer, Alannah worked for the City of Montesano Forestry Department. She assisted implementing timber management projects including forest inventory cruising, timber sale layout, PCT layout, rebuilding trails, culvert inventory, as well as many other projects. This summer, Alannah will be returning to the City of Montesano full-time as the lead forestry intern. The internships have allowed her to earn money while gaining valuable professional work experience in the forestry industry. Alannah credits GHC with giving her the competitive advantage and skills needed to be able to secure these positions.

After gaining valuable work experience, Alannah plans to further her education by earning a Master's in Natural Resources. Her goal is to become a forester and an environmental educator. She is interested in working in reforestation, environmental stewardship, and public outreach.

Alannah continues to be an active SAF Student member. For the past two years she has served as the chair for the SAF Grays Harbor Student Chapter. Currently Alannah is serving as the 2020 – 2021 SAF District 1 Student Representative on the SAF National Student Executive Committee. For the 2020 SAF National Virtual Convention Alannah was responsible for producing social media content to advertise student events at the convention.

### **Foundation Grant Awarded to Grays Harbor College**

In addition to awarding a scholarship this year, the Foundation Board is awarding Grays Harbor College a grant of \$500 to support the College's forestry program. The College has been extremely successful in preparing students for rewarding forestry careers. Since 2011, thirteen students from GHC have received Foundation scholarships.

### **Foundation Seeking Continued Support**

To help additional students offset the rising cost of their forestry education, the Foundation is seeking the continued support of WSSAF members.

Donations can be made to WSSAF, c/o Darren Gooding, Treasurer, PO Box 1894, WA 98807.

By past practice donations to WSSAF have been evenly split between the Foundation and the WSSAF Office. However, donors also have the option to direct their entire donation to the scholarship program.

## **ANNUAL BUDGET (As of December 31, 2020)**

<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>
Annual Meeting Donations	\$1,478.55	-
Member Donations	\$3,175.00	\$3,437.50
Miscellaneous & Interest & Dividend Income	\$3,995.57	\$1,127.47
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$7,883.33</b>	<b>\$4,564.97</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>		
Foundation Scholarships	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Fund Raising & Miscellaneous	-	-
Foundation Grants	\$100.00	\$100.00
Student SAF Memberships	\$80.00	\$80.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,180.00</b>	<b>\$5,080.00</b>
<b>BUDGET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$4,703.33</b>	<b>\$( 515.03)</b>
<b>CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>\$15,302.03</b>	<b>\$13,666.91</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$53,039.23</b>	<b>\$59,604.39</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$68,341.26</b>	<b>\$73,271.30</b>

**Note: The total net worth of the Foundation increased by nearly \$5,000 mainly due to returns from the investment account.**