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105 Students Depart for College this Fall with Scholarship from Washington's
Tree Fruit Industry

Wenatchee, Wash... Washington's tree fruit industry is assisting 105 students this fall with scholarships valued at \$350,000 through the industry's charitable foundation, the Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF). In total, 120 scholarships were awarded to this year's group of students, the highest number in the Foundation's history.

"This is the year students needed us to come through for them. We are so pleased that industry support allowed us to increase our financial assistance to students," stated WAEF Chairman Ruth Pringle. "With rising tuition rates and struggles in the economy, our goal is to make sure students from tree fruit districts don't pay the price with their futures," she added.

Awards range in size from \$500 to full-ride, multi-year awards. A volunteer committee of the WAEF makes award determinations utilizing the students' scholastic records, extra-curricular activities and leadership roles, financial need, essays, etc. Each award has its own set of criteria and selection priorities established by the scholarship sponsor.

Okanogan County Scholarship Recipients:

Adilene Dominguez, 2008 Bridgeport High School graduate, received a scholarship from Northwest Farm Credit Services for her education at Washington State University. Her parents are Epifanio Dominguez and Andrea Santana.

Alejandra Heredia earned renewal for the third year of a scholarship honoring the memory of Dick Clements. Heredia graduated from Tonasket High School and now attends Washington State University. Her parents are Miguel & Mary Heredia.

Janette Montalvo qualified for a second year for the Crane and Crane scholarship. Montalvo, a Brewster High School graduate, enters her sophomore year at Washington State University. She is the daughter of J. Guadalupe Mariscal and Maria Guadalupe Montalvo.

John "Randy" Wise, 2009 Oroville High School graduate, received two scholarships: one in memory of Don Morse sponsored by Chelan Fruit and the other in memory of Lester Woda. Wise will attend Central Washington University. His parents are John & Amy Wise.

Jolynn Sullivan graduated from Tonasket High School in 2009. She is the Delmar Smith Memorial scholarship recipient. Sullivan will attend Western Washington University. Her father is Blaine Sullivan.

Lena Negreté, 2009 Brewster High School graduate, is a two-award recipient with scholarships from Crane & Crane and in memory of Doug Zahn. Negreté will use her awards at Whitworth University. Her parents are Carlos Negreté and Tammara Ottinger.

Nikole Funston received a scholarship in memory of Lester Woda. Funston will attend Washington State University. She is a 2009 graduate of Oroville High School. Her parents are Douglas and Janet Funston.

Veronica Puente, Tonasket, enters her freshman year at Washington State University with a scholarship sponsored by Wilbur Ellis Company. Puente's parents are Juan & Maria Puente.

Chelan & Douglas Counties Scholarship Recipients:

AnnAlise Nelson, 2009 Chelan High School graduate, received a Blue Bird scholarship to use at Whitworth University. Her parents are Paul & Lynn Nelson.

Claudia Ramos graduated from Wenatchee High School this spring. Ramos was selected for a four-year renewable scholarship sponsored by Stemilt Growers, Inc. She will use the scholarship at Washington State University. Her parents are Manuel & Maria Ramos.

Cody Welsh is a recipient of a scholarship funding 85% of the cost of books, tuition, room and board sponsored by Columbia Fruit Packers, Columbia Marketing International and McDougal & Sons. Welsh will attend the University of Washington. He graduated in 2009 from Wenatchee High School. His parents are Tim & Kathy Walsh.

Colton Johnson, a 2007 Eastmont graduate, enters his junior year at the University of Washington. Johnson received a \$2500 scholarship and an internship, both sponsored by Stemilt Growers, Inc. His parents are Kevin (Skip) and Cindy Johnson.

Cristina Espinosa is a four-year WAEF scholarship recipient; this year receiving an award sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services. Espinosa graduated from Cascade High School in 2006. She attends Carroll College. Her parents are Armando & Abigal Espinosa.

Darby Jenkins, 2009 Chelan High School graduate, will attend Gonzaga University with a scholarship honoring the memory of Don Morse from Chelan Fruit. Her parents are Ken & Lori Jenkins.

Guillermo Espinosa graduated in the spring from Cascade High School. He will attend Gonzaga University. Espinosa received two scholarships: one from Wilbur Ellis Company and the other from Blue Bird. His parents are Armando and Abigal Espinosa.

Heather Weirich received a WAEF scholarship for her education at Pacific Lutheran University. Weirich graduated from Cascade High School in 2009. Her parents are Hans and Sharon Weirich.

Irene Sanchez received an award sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services. She will attend Wenatchee Valley College. Sanchez is a 2009 Eastmont graduate. Her parents are David & Anita Sanchez.

Jaime Espinosa is a 2009 Eastmont High School graduate and this year's recipient of the Hunter scholarship. He will attend the University of Washington. His father is Jorge Espinoza.

Jennifer Wade is the recipient of a Tree Top, Inc. scholarship. Wade will attend Willamette University. She graduated from Wenatchee High School. She is the daughter of Mike & Karen Wade.

Jesus Cuellar is a recipient of a scholarship funding 85% of the cost of books, tuition, room and board sponsored by Columbia Fruit Packers, Columbia Marketing International and McDougal & Sons. Cuellar will attend Washington State University. His parents are Esteban and Enedina Cuellar.

Joanna Suarez enters her junior year at Eastern Washington University. She received a scholarship in memory of Orville & Bertha Peebles. Suarez is a 2007 graduate of Chelan High School. Her parents are Reymundo & Elfega Suarez.

Johana Duran received a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. She graduated from Eastmont High School and will enter her first year at Washington State University. Her parents are Carlos Duran and Nicolasa Gonzalez de Duran.

Jorge Zavala, Wenatchee, received a Van Doren Sales scholarship. Zavala will attend Wenatchee Valley College. His parents are Antonio and Maria Zavala.

Jose Hurtado is a three-year WAEF scholarship recipient, this year receiving an award in memory of Louis Van Doren. Hurtado attends Washington State University. His parents are Jose & Juana Hurtado.

Katie Barnes, 2008 Manson High School graduate, earned renewal of her award sponsored by Layne & Ed Eckberg. Barnes attends Washington State University. Her parents are Brad & Diane Barnes.

Kyle Kenoyer, Cashmere, received the inaugural scholarship honoring the memory of Jerry Nolen. Kenoyer attends Washington State University. His parents are Dan & Kim Kenoyer.

LeeAnna Dugger, East Wenatchee, earned renewal for a fourth year of her scholarship sponsored by Columbia Fruit Packers, Columbia Marketing International and McDougall & Sons. Dugger attends Eastern Washington University. Her parents are Robert and Janell Dugger.

Linda Joanna Tovar, Entiat, received an Oneonta/Coopriider scholarship for her education at Wenatchee Valley Community College. Tovar completed high school in 2008 and enters her second year of college. Her parents are Salvador and Oralia Tovar.

Luke Smith, Wenatchee, earned renewal of his scholarship sponsored by Columbia Fruit Packers, Columbia Marketing International and McDougall & Sons. Smith attends Central Washington University. His parents are Blake and Mary Smith.

Macedonia Luevanos, Palisades, continues her Latino Industry Member Mentorship scholarship at Wenatchee Valley Community College.

Miranda Stevens received the scholarship in memory of Bill & Pat Dewitt. Stevens, a 2009 Entiat High School graduate, will use the award at Wenatchee Valley College. Her parents are Eric & Yvette Stevens.

Natasza Lorentz is this year's recipient of the Gary Gavin Memorial scholarship sponsored by Michelsen Packaging. Lorentz graduated from Wenatchee High School in 2009; she will use the award at Montana State University. Her parents are Kaz & Alexandra Lorentz.

Noelle Podlich is a three-year WAEF scholarship recipient. Podlich is receiving the Valent USA scholarship for her education at Washington State University. She graduated in 2007 from Chelan High School. Her parents are Chuck & Sharon Podlich.

Osbaldo Escoto is a 2009 graduate of Manson High School. Escoto receives a scholarship sponsored by Ed & Layne Eckberg. He will attend Central Washington University. His parents are Isidro & Guillermina Escoto.

Rachel Miller, 2008 Cascade High School graduate, received the Wenatchee Traffic Club scholarship. Miller attends Wenatchee Valley College. Her parents are Charles and Teresa Miller.

Reece Kamphaus earned renewal of the Don Morse Memorial scholarship sponsored by Chelan Fruit. Kamphaus graduated from Manson High School in 2008; he now attends Central Washington University. His parents are Rick & Cathy Kamphaus.

Rodrigo Laguna graduated from Eastmont High School. He will attend Wenatchee Valley Community College with a scholarship sponsored by Wilbur Ellis Company. His mother is Consuelo Fel Pilar Lagos Quiroz.

Tarcy Rosario is a three-year WAEF scholarship recipient. Rosario graduated from Cascade High School in 2007 and Whatcom Community College in 2009. She will attend the University of Washington in the fall. Rosario received a Wilbur Ellis Company sponsored scholarship. Her parents are Efron and Tarcila Rosario.

Tomas Whitehall, 2008 Entiat High School graduate, received the scholarship in memory of Harold Grim. Whitehall attends Wenatchee Valley Community College. His parents are Randy and Karen Whitehall.

Tucker Cool graduated from Chelan High School in 2009. He was selected for the Pace International scholarship. Cool will attend Walla Walla Community College. His parents are Rod & Cherrie Cool.

William Schneider, East Wenatchee, earned renewal of a scholarship from Van Doren Sales. Schneider attends Wenatchee Valley Community College. His parents are William and Polly Schneider.

Xochitl Velazquez is a recipient of a scholarship sponsored by Columbia Fruit Packers, Columbia Marketing International and McDougall & Sons funding 85% of the cost of tuition, books, room and board at Washington state public colleges. Velazquez graduated from Eastmont High School in 2009; she will attend Gonzaga University. Her parents are Gabriel & Xochitl Velazquez.

Grant County Scholarship Recipients

Bryan DeLay, Royal City, graduated from Royal High School in 2009. He received a scholarship sponsored by CFC International Apple Company. DeLay will attend Central Washington University. His parents are Kelly & Kelly L. DeLay.

Erinn Argo is this year's recipient of the Conover Insurance scholarship and the K.J. Hendershott Memorial scholarship sponsored by Chelan Fruit. Argo attends the University of Idaho, entering her junior year. She graduated from Royal High School in 2007. Her parents are Daniel & Angela Argo.

Jesus Mendez, Mattawa, graduated from Wahluke High School in 2009. He will attend Wenatchee Valley Community College. Mendez received a scholarship sponsored by Wilbur Ellis Company. His parents are Ramon and Lila Mendez.

Michael Lemon received a scholarship in memory of Quincy orchardist Joe Bulleri. Lemon graduated from Quincy High School in 2009; he will attend Washington State University. His parents are David & Allyson Lemon.

Zachary Bishop graduated from Quincy High School in 2007; he now attends Eastern Washington University. Bishop received a scholarship in memory of Joe Bulleri for the third year. His parents are Jim & Glenda Bishop.

Kittitas & Yakima Counties Scholarship Recipients

Abril Lopez received two scholarships: a Strand scholarship and a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Lopez graduated from Highland High School in 2009; she will attend the University of Washington. Her parents are Jorge and Maria Lopez.

Adriana Olivera received a Strand scholarship. She is a 2009 graduate of Highland High School and plans to attend Eastern Washington University. Her parents are Armando and Yolanda Olivera.

Alejandra Borunda, Yakima, graduated from West Valley High School in 2007. She received two WAEF scholarships: one sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services and the other in memory of H.M. & Marion Gilbert. She attends Central Washington University. Her parents are Manuel and Georgina Borunda.

Amy Wickenhagen is a recipient of an Olympic Fruit scholarship. She is a current year graduate of Highland High School. She will attend college at Columbia Basin Community College. Her parents are David and Rebecca Wickenhagen.

Andrew Delgado received two WAEF scholarships: one sponsored by Tony and Melody Pottratz and the second by the Yakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association. Delgado graduated from Highland High School. He begins his freshman year at Eastern Washington University. His parents are Francisco and Emma Delgado.

Armani Emmal, Naches, is this year's recipient of the scholarship in memory of Robert and Hope Allan. Emmal graduated from Naches Valley High School in the spring and will continue her education at Seattle Pacific University. Her mother is Tammy Emmal.

Ashley Koempel received a Stadelman Fruit scholarship. She is a 2009 graduate of Highland High School. Koempel will attend the University of Washington. Her parents are Byron and Diana Koempel.

Blanca Parra, a 2009 Highland High School graduate, received two awards: one in memory of Carl Herke and the second a Strand scholarship. Parra will use her scholarships at Yakima Valley Community College. Her parents are Israel and Alma Parra.

Brandon Gillespie is a 2009 Naches Valley High School graduate. Gillespie received a scholarship sponsored by the Yakima Pomological Club honoring the memory of Phil Jenkins. He will use the award at Whitworth University. His parents are Jeff and Laura Gillespie.

Celina Venegas, Yakima, graduated from A.C. Davis High School. She was selected for a Snokist scholarship. Venegas will attend Central Washington University. Her parents are Rafael and Celina Venegas.

Claudia Figueroa attends Washington State University, entering her junior year in the fall. Figueroa graduated from Selah High School in 2007. She received two WAEF scholarships: one sponsored by Olson's Honey and the second by AgNW Consulting. Her parents are Jose Luis and Elvira Figueroa.

Danielle De La Rosa received a Strand scholarship. De La Rosa graduated from Highland High School this spring and will attend Columbia Basin Community College. Her parents are Roberto and June De La Rosa.

Denise Castro, a 2009 Highland High School graduate, receives two memorial scholarships from WAEF, one honoring the memories of E. Ralph and Ida Strausz and the second honoring Joe Casper. Castro will attend Western Washington University. Her parents are Juan Arteaga and Josefina Silva.

Diana Sanchez graduated in the spring from White Swan High School. Sanchez will attend Central Washington University. She was selected for a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Her parents are Francisco Sanchez and Fabiola Martine.

Diego Guel received a scholarship in memory of Brian Kershaw and one sponsored by Stadelman Fruit Company. Guel graduated in the spring from Toppenish High School and will continue his education this fall at the University of Washington. His parents are Jose and Maria Guel.

Eduardo Mejia received an Olympic Fruit scholarship. Mejia graduated from A.C. Davis High School this spring and will attend Washington State University. His parents are Virgilio and Carolina Mejia.

Ernestino Garcia received for the third year a Washington Fruit & Produce Company scholarship. A 2005 graduate of A.C. Davis High School, Garcia now attends the University of Washington. His parents are Ernestino and Graciela Garcia.

Eric Perez is a recipient of an Oneonta/Coopriider scholarship. A 2009 graduate of Highland High School, Perez will continue his education this fall at Wenatchee Valley Community College. His parents are Mario Perez and Conzuelo Ramos.

Faith Cowin received a WAEF scholarship for the third year. Cowin graduated from Wapato High School in 2007; she now attends Washington State University. Her parents are Douglas and Lena Cowin.

Gregory Hoptowit received a Yakama Juice scholarship for the second year. Hoptowit attends Yakima Valley Community College; he graduated from Wapato High School in 2008. His parents are John and Vera Hoptowit.

Guillermo Cabrera, Naches Valley High School 2009 graduate, received a scholarship sponsored by Olson's Honey. Cabrera will attend Washington State University. His parents are Guillermo and Maria Guadalupe Cabrera.

Hector Reyes graduated from A.C. Davis High School this spring. He was selected to receive the scholarship in memory of Howard and Helen Hauff and a scholarship from Wilbur Ellis Company. Reyes will attend college at the University of Washington. His parents are Jose Socorro and Bertha Reyes.

Heriberto Tereza, 2007 Highland High School graduate, received a WAEF scholarship for the third year. He was selected this year for the scholarship sponsored by Tony and Melody Pottratz. He attends Yakima Valley Community College. His parents are Ricardo Tereza Luna and Lucina Gomez.

Jennifer DeWeese was selected for a Yakama Juice scholarship. DeWeese graduated from Eisenhower High School in 2000; she now attends Yakima Valley Community College. Her mother is Barbara DeWeese.

Jessica Yates received a Yakama Juice scholarship for a second year. Yates attends Yakima Beauty School. She graduated from Selah High School in 2008. Her parents are Rodney & Paula Elston.

Jesus Silva is a recipient of an Oneonta/Coopriders scholarship. Silva graduated from Highland High School in 2009; he continues on to Wenatchee Valley Community College. His parents are Jesus and Beatriz Silva.

Jillian Garrigues is a second year WAEF scholarship recipient. Garrigues graduated from Naches Valley High School in 2008 and will continue her education at Mississippi State University. Her parents are William and Susan Garrigues.

Joel Weise, 2009 Highland High School graduate, was accepted to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He received a scholarship in memory of George Personette and Clarence Zimmerman. His parents are Steven and Stephanie Weise.

Jose Garcia graduated from Highland High School in 2006; he is a four-year WAEF scholarship recipient. Garcia was selected this year for a Stemilt Growers scholarship. He

enters his senior year at Washington State University. His parents are J. Manuel Garcia and Enedina Alvarez.

Karina Jimenez, a 2009 Highland High School graduate, received a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Jimenez will attend Yakima Valley Community College. Her parents are Guadalupe and Rosana Jimenez.

Kevin Elkins achieved renewal of his Stadelman Fruit scholarship. Elkins graduated from East Valley High School in 2008; he now attends Western Washington University. His parents are Bill and Vicki Elkins.

Lauren Zeutenhorst was selected for the Matson Fruit Company scholarship. Zeutenhorst graduated from Selah High School in 2009; she will attend Gonzaga University. Her mother is Kari Oppliger.

Leah Bosma, 2009 Sunnyside Christian School graduate, received a scholarship sponsored by Valent USA. Bosma will attend Wenatchee Valley Community College. Her parents are Steve and Julie Bosma.

Lerina Garza achieved renewal of her Hansen Fruit Company scholarship. Garza attends Yakima Valley Community College. Her parents are Kevin Griffith and Rosella Jerome.

Lillian Bravo graduated from A.C. Davis High School in 2008; she now attends the University of Washington. Bravo was selected for a Wilbur Ellis Company scholarship. Her parents are Victor and Antonia Bravo.

Lindsey Adams received a Strand scholarship; she is a current year graduate of Highland High School. Adams will attend Washington State University. Her parents are Randall and James Adams.

Maria Castaneda is a 2009 graduate of Eisenhower High School. Castaneda was selected for a Snokist Growers scholarship. She will attend Yakima Valley Community College. Her parents are Jose Luis and Maria Castaneda.

Matt Klaus is a three-year WAEF scholarship recipient. Klaus graduated from West Valley High School in 2006; this year Klaus transfers from Yakima Valley Community College to Washington State University. He received a scholarship sponsored by Fruit Packers Supply and a second award sponsored by Sundquist Fruit & Cold Storage. His parents are Mike and Susan Klaus.

Matthew Paul is a recipient of an award in memory of Phil Jenkins sponsored by the Yakima Pomological Club. He graduated from Granger High School in 2009. Paul will attend Washington State University. His parents are Mike and Karen Paul.

Megan Jones is a 2009 Selah High School graduate. Jones will attend Central Washington University. She is the Larson Fruit Company scholarship recipient. Her parents are Quintus and Sheryl Jones.

Noemi Barbosa graduated from East Valley High School this spring. She will attend Yakima Valley Community College with a scholarship from Roy Farms. Her parents are Luis and Georgina Barbosa.

Pedro Garcia has received WAEF scholarship for the last four year. He enters his senior year at Central Washington University in the fall. Garcia received a scholarship from Washington Fruit & Produce Company. His parents are Ernestino and Graciela Garcia.

Rachel Argo, 2009 Zillah High School graduate, received a Phil Jenkins Memorial scholarship sponsored by the Yakima Pomological Club. She will attend Washington State University. Her parents are Mike and Karin Argo.

Rodrigo Romero received a scholarship from Valley Fruit Company to attend Yakima Valley Community College. He graduated from Wapato High School in 2007. His parents are Nicolas and Gloria Romero.

Sandra Ramos begins her freshman year at Yakima Valley Community College with assistance from a CPC International Apple Company scholarship. Ramos graduated from Highland High School this spring. Her parents are Paul Ramos and Maria Flores.

Scott Meek receives a WAEF scholarship for the fourth year. Meek attends Whitworth University. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in 2006. His parents are Doug and Marilyn Meek.

Scott Zediker was selected for a Yakima Growers Shippers Association scholarship. Zediker graduated from Prosser High School in the spring. He will attend Washington State University. His parents are Steve and Ruth Zediker.

Trent Fuller is this year's G.S. Long Company scholarship recipient. Fuller graduated from Highland High School and will continue his education at Yakima Valley Community College. His parents are Daniel and LaVona Fuller.

Vanessa Reyes Romero received a Washington Fruit & Produce Company scholarship. Romero graduated from Eisenhower High School in 2009; she enters Washington State University in the fall. Her parents are Felix and Maria Reyes.

Victoria Lopez achieved renewal of her Valley Fruit Company scholarship. Lopez attends Yakima Valley Community College; she graduated in 2008 from Wapato High School. Her mother is Araceli Lopez.

William Hansen, 2009 Kittitas High School graduate, will attend California Polytechnic State University with his WAEF scholarship. His parents are Mark and Melissa Hansen.

Wouter Daemen received a scholarship sponsored by Monson Fruit Company. Daeman will attend the University of Wisconsin; he graduated in the spring from Selah High School. Daeman's parents are Ron and Sandy Daemen.

Franklin County Scholarship Recipients

Alfredo Pineda is a four-year WAEF scholarship recipient. He was selected for a Sagemoor Farms scholarship. Pineda graduated from Pasco High School in 2002 and now attends Washington State University. His parents are Alfredo and Martha Pineda.

Fernando Pineda was selected for two scholarships this year; he has received WAEF scholarships for the last four years. Pineda graduated from Pasco High School and attends Washington State University. His 2009 scholarships are from Douglas Fruit Company and Sagemoor Farms. His parents are Alfredo and Martha Pineda.

Jose Alvarado graduated from Connell High School this spring. He was selected to receive an Oneonta/Coopriider scholarship; his award will be used at Wenatchee Valley Community College. Alvarado's parents are Federico and Martha Alvarado.

Rossana Rodriguez is a Sagemoor Farms scholarship recipient. Rodriguez graduated from Pasco High School in 2008; she now attends Columbia Basin Community College. Her parents are Servando and Auerlia Rodriguez

Oregon and Idaho Scholarship Recipients

Julie Obermeyer, Emmett, Idaho, was selected for a Tree Top, Inc. scholarship. Obermeyer will attend the University of Idaho. Her parents are David and Michele Obermeyer.

Paul Wanzek earned renewal of his Stadelman Fruit scholarship. Wanzek graduated from Hood River High School in Oregon in 2008. He now attends Western Washington University. His parents are Donald Wanzek and Mary Istira.

Students interested in applying for scholarships for the 2010 school year can access the WAEF scholarship application at www.waef.org after September 15, 2009. Deadline to return applications for 2010 awards is March 1, 2010.

For information on this year's scholarship recipients or to learn more about the scholarship program, please contact WAEF at (509) 663-7713 or waef@waef.org or visit its website, www.waef.org.

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