

# 2009 QAHSAA Scholarship Winners

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Our 27th annual scholarship competition again resulted in 30 scholarship awards. This is the seventh 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, 94 application forms were requested, with 72 applications received by the March 31 deadline. This year, 20 scholarships were awarded to high school seniors, 1 to a community college student, 6 to college students and 3 to graduate students. We are precluded from listing the many achievements of our winners due to space limitations, but have sprinkled a few throughout this article.

QAHSAA scholarships are open to alumni and descendants of Queen Anne alumni, faculty and staff. This includes children, stepchildren and grandchildren. All applicants are considered equally.

**Those interested in competing for a 2010 award should request an application from the Education Committee after Jan. 1, 2010, and arrange for OFFICIAL transcripts that will include their first semester/quarter grades.**

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**Danielle Berg** – completed her junior year at the UW on the Dean's List with a 3.73 in the College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to transferring to the UW, she earned a 3.96 GPA at Shoreline Community College and a 3.94 GPA at Shorewood HS. She has worked part time and volunteered for several organizations. She is the daughter of **Jamie '71 and Andy Berg '67**. She is awarded the **Class of 1972 Scholarship**.



**Jennifer Besagno** – a 2003 graduate of Kennedy HS and WSU in 2007, she is now pursuing a Masters of Education degree at Gonzaga University with a 3.8 GPA, with a goal of being a high school counselor. While at Kennedy she was swim team captain and pitched and played outfield for their softball team. At WSU she was coxswain on the men's varsity 8 oar crew. She was president of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and worked several part time jobs to pay for her tuition. She is the daughter of Robin and Michael Besagno and the granddaughter of and **Mary Patricia Fortier '48** and **Leo Besagno '42**. She is awarded a **Robert D. Rois '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



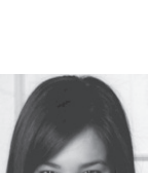
**Joshua Blessing** – graduated from Westview HS, San Diego, CA, with a 4.0 GPA and enrolled at Point Loma Nazarene University, majoring in chemistry. He completed 6 advanced placement classes and found time for varsity cross-country. He is the son of Robert and **Anne Cary Blessing '80**. He is awarded a **Queen Anne Alumni Association Scholarship**.



**Richard James Boice** – graduated from Bothell HS with a 3.97 GPA and is enrolled at the UW majoring in chemical engineering. His activities include ASB treasurer, 3 years on the State of Washington Science Olympiad team, 3 years State DECA competition leader, Team Leader of the Washington Aerospace Scholars and 2 years varsity swim team. He is the son of Richard and **Shawn McDonagh Boice '79**. He is awarded a **Robert D. Rois '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



**Haley Elizabeth Brunner** – graduated from Roosevelt HS with a 4.0 GPA and enrolled at the UW majoring in biochemistry and biological sciences. Her activities and honors include National Honor Society, co-captain, varsity swimming, Swarthmore College Book Award and Seattle Children's Hospital volunteer. She is the daughter of Peter James and Gretchen Elizabeth Brunner and the granddaughter of **Gloria Elizabeth Waugh '40**. She is awarded the **Ruth DeJong Richstad '35 Memorial Scholarship**.



**Anna Morris Campbell** – graduated from Evergreen HS, Evergreen, CO, with a 4.0 GPA and enrolled at the University of Colorado majoring in Environmental Science. Her activities and awards include National Honor Society, Interact Club, Advanced Placement Scholar, Senior Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards, varsity track and soccer. She is the daughter of Robert Kenneth and Elizabeth Banks Campbell and the granddaughter of **Marilyn Morris Campbell '50**. She is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.



**Erin Kusaka Cavanaugh** – graduated from Mercer Island HS with a 3.8 GPA and enrolled at the University of Notre Dame pursuing a degree in international business. Her activities and awards include National Honor Society, Natural Helper, varsity cross-country, numerous volunteer philanthropic activities for which she received several awards from the National Charity League. She is the daughter of Matthew and **Anne Kusaka Cavanaugh '80**. She is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.



**Dallin Joseph Dance** – is a senior at BYU carrying a 3.99 GPA in physiology and developmental biology, with plans to enter dental school following graduation. He graduated from Newport HS in 2003 with a 4.0 GPA. His honors and activities include Dean's List, Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi scholastic honor societies, Big Brother volunteer and volunteering in Uganda schools and villages providing health care and related instruction. He is the son of Julienne and **Richard Dance '69**. He is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.



**Marissa A. Donnelly** - graduated from Chico HS, Chico, CA, with a 3.73 GPA and enrolled at the University of California-San Diego, majoring in political science. Her activities include ASB president, Link Crew, Spanish Club president, varsity La Crosse, varsity snow board team and many community service activities. She is the daughter of Michael and **Mary Anne Pella-Donnelly '75**. She is awarded the **Donald McNeil, '65 Scholarship**.



**Kelsey Jean Gann** - Valedictorian, graduated from Lakewood HS, Stanwood, with a 3.97 GPA and enrolled at George Washington University majoring in political science. Her activities and honors include National Honor Society, captain, varsity soccer, varsity golf, Link Crew, International Club, Social Studies Department Scholar and Everett Herald Super Kid. She is the daughter of Ronald and Andrea Gann and the granddaughter of **Riley '42 and Eudora Folsom '44**. She is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.

**Laura Hoover** – a repeat winner from 2008, she graduated from Edmonds-Woodway HS with a 3.7 GPA and currently carries a 3.86 GPA at the Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA. Her honors and activities include Dean's List, National Merit Commended Scholar, Berklee Student Environmental Action Team, Greenpeace volunteer and various Berklee activities. She is the daughter of Carla and **Todd Hoover '77**. She was awarded the **Class of 1954 Calendar Girls Scholarship**.



**Eric Arthur Huswick** - graduated from Lake Stevens HS with a 3.84 GPA and is enrolled at the UW majoring in Engineering. His honors and activities include National Honor Society, Purple Scholar Honor Roll, Outstanding Academic Awards in mathematics, social studies and science and varsity football, basketball, track and soccer. He is the son of Kathleen Denise and Carl Arthur Huswick and the grandson of **George Edward Gamble '39**. He was awarded a **Robert D. Rois '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



**Alice Marin Madden** – graduated from the Overlake School, Redmond, with a 3.85 GPA and enrolled at Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, majoring in international relations with a minor in dance. Her honors and activities include Commended National Merit Scholar, Level 5 Gold Award in the National Spanish Examination, Best Film, Best Editing and Audience Choice Awards for her film shown at the Overlake Film Festival and many theater and dance performances at Overlake and northwest venues. She is the daughter of Cindy Watts and Dale Robert Madden and the granddaughter of **Donna Putnam Madden '51**. She is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.

**Audra Lee Mercille** – a repeat winner from 2008, is presently enrolled in the Whatcom Community College nursing program, with goal of becoming a registered nurse. Audra worked part-time in middle school, high school and college, precluding any participation in activities, sports or community service. She is the daughter of Paul and **Rebecca Ihrig Mercille '76**. She is awarded a **Robert D. Rois '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



**Peyton Amelia Mizell** – graduated from Lakewood HS, Arlington, WA, with a 3.83 GPA and enrolled at Linfield College majoring in counseling. Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, Excellence in Advanced Placement history, WIAA Distinguished and Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Awards, senior class treasurer, captain and MVP, varsity golf, captain, varsity volleyball and Cascade Conference Sportsmanship Award of Excellence for High School Female Athletes. She is the daughter of James and Tara Mizell and the granddaughter of **Gene Graves '49**. She is awarded the **Hal Will '46 Memorial Scholarship**.



**Fletcher Edward Montzingo** – graduated from St. Augustine HS, San Diego, and is enrolled at George Washington University, majoring in political science. His activities and honors include Magna Cum Laude in the National Latin Examination, Principal's List, ASB class officer, class treasurer and the St. Dunstan's Youth Group. He is the son of Ruth and **David Montzingo '67**. He is awarded a **Class of 1957 Scholarship, given in memory of deceased classmates**.



**Hannah Suzanne Neill** – graduated from Biotechnology Career Academy within Ballard HS with a 3.92 GPA and enrolled at Whitworth University in Spokane, majoring in chemistry with plans to become a veterinarian and eventually a professor of veterinary medicine. The Academy, a three-year, science-based program, provides a rigorous course of study and a personalized learning community within this large, urban high school. Placement into the Academy is very competitive and students who complete the Academy have taken the highest level of courses available to them. Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, varsity swim team, Key Club, Link Crew, Choir and Thespians. She is the daughter of Megan and **Thomas Neill '73**. She is awarded the **David L. Williams '61 Memorial Scholarship**.



**Heather McDonald Nope** – a repeat winner from 2004, she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.9 GPA from BYU last spring and is now enrolled at Idaho State University pursuing a graduate degree in their Physicians Assistant program. Her university honors and activities include Phi Kappa Phi scholastic honorary, ORCA Research Grant, BYU Cancer Awareness group and multiple intramural sports participation. She is the daughter of William and **Diane Dance McDonald '74**. She is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.



**Laura Nicole Peterson** – Valedictorian, graduated first in her class from Meadowdale HS with a 4.0 GPA and enrolled at Western Washington University, Bellingham, majoring in psychology. Her honors and activities include Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, AAUW Honoree, Student of the Month in English and mathematics and Lynnwood Food Bank Volunteer. She is the daughter of Candise L. and **Craig D. Peterson '68**. She is awarded a **Robert D. Rois '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



**Andrew William Rash** – graduated with a 3.95 GPA from Everett HS, and simultaneously with a 3.96 from Everett Community College's Ocean Research College Academy, ORCA Early College Program and is enrolled at WSU majoring in electrical engineering. Although the foundational theme of Andrew's ORCA program curriculum was the marine environment, he experienced a well-rounded and rigorous academic education that included college level calculus, science and mathematics. He completed 15 to 17 college credits each quarter while at ORCA while carrying a full academic load at EHS. He is the son of David William and **Cheri Lynn Tindall Rash '74**. He is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.



**Meaghan Carly Rieke** – graduated from Woodinville HS in 2008 with a 3.99 GPA and is currently carrying a 3.79 in biology at Gonzaga University, Spokane, with a long-term goal of enrolling in medical school. Her Gonzaga honors and activities include President's List, Honors Program, Gonzaga Trustee Merit Scholarship and Health Sciences Club. Woodinville honors and activities include National Honor Society, AP Scholar Award, KingCo Scholastic Award for Athletics, Most Likely to Succeed, captain, varsity swim team and captain, varsity track. She is the daughter of Chris and **Jeanie Chinn Rieke '80**. She is awarded a **Robert D. Rois '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



**Ursula Anne Sandstrom** – graduated with an International Baccalaureate Diploma from Ingraham HS with a 3.97 GPA and plans to enroll in Bates College, Lewiston, ME, this fall majoring in economics and environmental studies. Her awards and activities include National Merit Commended Student, President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, Washington State Principal's Scholar's Award, United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, President of Orchestra Council, cello section lead, National School Orchestra Award, contributing editor Ingraham Literary Arts magazine and captain, varsity cross-country and track. She is the daughter of Mark and Constance Sandstrom and the granddaughter of **Eleanor Anne Lomen Sandstrom '45**. She is awarded a **Class of 1957 Scholarship, given in memory of deceased classmates**.

**Ian Michael Shiach** – a repeat winner from 2008, he graduated from Bainbridge Island HS in 2008 and currently carries a 3.78 GPA majoring in environmental science at the Colorado College. Although his academic load has limited his available discretionary time, he participated with the 400-meter team in varsity track. He is the son of Michael and **Vivian Ceniza Shiach '73**. He is awarded a **McEachern Family Scholarship**.



**Kari Ana Schillios** – graduated from Wahkiakum HS, Cathlamet, WA, with a 3.62 GPA and enrolled at WSU, majoring in business administration. Her activities and honors include National Honor Society, senior class president, Key Club president, Pep Club president, ASB Public Relations Officer, student of the month, varsity basketball, track and cross country. All the while, she has worked extensively after school during elementary and high school. She is the daughter of Stephen and **Susan Nollan Schillios '75**. She is awarded the **Robert D. Rois, '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



**Kimberly Johanna Smith** – graduated from Ingraham HS with a 4.0 GPA and enrolled at the UW majoring in chemical engineering. Her honors and activities include Ingraham Aerospace Sciences Academy, Chief Rocket Designer for the national competition Team America Rocket Challenge, Washington Aerospace Scholars, AAUW Technology Scholar, varsity volleyball, Student of the Month and Chemistry Olympiad National Finals, band and orchestra. She is the daughter of Peter and **Cheryl Cobb Smith '76**. She is awarded a **Robert D. Rois '55 Scholarship, in Memory of his wife Carol A. Rois**.



**Laura Swanson** – presently enrolled in the UW Medical School. She is a 2002 graduate of Roslyn HS, Cle Elum, a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Western Washington University and Honors graduate of Bellevue Community College. Her academic achievements include membership in Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Theta Kappa scholastic honor societies. She is the daughter of Susan and Douglas A. Johnson and the granddaughter of **Virginia Cauthorn Johnson '40**. She is awarded the **Bruce Bowe '62 Memorial Scholarship**.



**Rachel Christine Webber** – graduated from Emerald Ridge HS, Puyallup, with a 3.9 GPA and enrolled at WSU majoring in journalism. Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Washington State Interscholastic Award and 4 years varsity cross country. She is the daughter of Jim and Linda Webber and the granddaughter of **Haakonetta Albinusen '55**. She is awarded the **Charles Heffelfinger Scholarship, donated by numerous Grizzlies in memory of the famed QA history teacher**.