

2017 BHEF Scholarship Recipients



Kiara Paninos has unlimited potential for success, according to one of her teachers. Through her years of academic success, combined with full-scale civic and school participation, Kiara recognized the diversity of thinking around her. She says, "The realization that nobody else thinks like me became exciting rather than frustrating." Her fascination with the world around her is leading her to Whitman College to pursue a career in psychology. Kiara is the 2017 Johnston Family Scholar.

Tanner Warder has demonstrated amazing success with his perfect grades and long list of extracurricular and civic accomplishments. He notes how much better his education has been because he has been actively involved and giving back to his school and community. He will embark on a career in wildlife biology through his studies starting this fall at the University of Wyoming. Tanner is the 2017 Mars Family Scholar.



Eliza Beisher approaches life with confidence, uncommon intellect and engaging personality. She leaves Big Horn High School with a 4.0 academic record and a deep sense of involvement in her community, as a result of an impressive list of civic and school activities. She is headed to the University of Colorado to pursue studies in biological and chemical engineering. Eliza is the 2017 Wright Family Scholar.

Abigail Buckingham is graduating with a perfect academic record, combined with incredible sports and civic accomplishments. She has determined that her success will be measured by the quality of relationships she develops and the impact she makes on the world. Her wish is simple: to make a positive difference in the lives of others using creativity through art. She leaves for Grand Canyon University this fall to pursue a career in advertising and graphic design.



Nolan McCafferty is a natural leader who approaches life with confidence and determination. This has kept him at the top of his class and driven him to succeed in an amazing resume of sports and school accomplishments. His biggest goal is to impact the lives of others and to make a real difference in the world. He will start down that road with general studies at Rocky Mountain College, keeping his future options open.

Andrew Ratty is a courteous, respectful student who strives, through a strong work ethic and methodical problem solving, to make the most of his education. While doing so, he has built a strong record of success in school sports. He is highly motivated to pursue a career in education, hoping to impact the lives of younger students and helping them make lifelong memories. To that end, he will enter the education program at the University of Wyoming this fall.



Thanks to your generous support, we were able to grant 2nd year scholarships to the following students:

Brice Beisher, Ashlyn Blare, Cassidy Enloe, Maxon Lube, Haley Madson, Kaylin McKinley, Nathan Motsick and Morgan Nance