

Dear Friends of Big Horn School,

Investing in Big Horn graduates who in turn will invest in their community is at the core of the Big Horn Education Fund, so we are delighted when our scholarship recipients return to Sheridan County to share their knowledge, skills, and heart.



Sammie Perkins graduated from Big Horn High School in 2009 and received a Big Horn Education Fund Scholarship. She moved to Big Horn when she was in the 7th grade after the tragic death of her father Chuck. "My dad taught my sister and me the importance of practice and working hard towards your goals. He's definitely been a hero to me, and the idea of making him proud has always been a driving factor in my work ethic," says Sammie.

Initially she wasn't very excited about the move, but says Big Horn School truly set her up for success both academically and athletically. Sammie was an instrumental part of five high school state championship titles: Volleyball in 2007 & 2008, Basketball in 2008 & 2009, and Track & Field in 2007. Aside from sports, she was involved in almost every high school club, on the high school rodeo team, and a member of the National Honor Society.

In addition to the Big Horn Education Fund Scholarship, Sammie received a scholarship to play volleyball at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, making the All-Region Volleyball Team and received Academic All-American honors. After graduating from EWC, Sammie received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming. Wyoming does not have a college of veterinary medicine, so through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) program she attended Washington State University. After her graduation in 2017, Sammie brought her credentials as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine back to Sheridan, where she is currently invested as an owner of Moxey Schreiber Veterinary Hospital. She enjoys being both a small and large animal vet; seeing a variety of patients, from dogs and cats to horses and cows to even an occasional exotic animal, keeps the job interesting and is so rewarding.

Sammie is an on-site and on-call vet for the Sheridan WYO Rodeo each year and volunteers as a career mentor at the Wyoming Girls' School. She spends most of her free time team roping and spoils her nieces every chance she gets.

"The financial burden of a degree like mine can be overwhelming for a high school graduate with big dreams, and the Big Horn Education Fund Scholarship helps lighten the weight on your shoulders and allows you to keep such a lofty goal in your sights," says Sammie.

Please consider a contribution to the Big Horn Education Fund to ensure this investment in our future Big Horn graduates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morgan K. Stalick".

Morgan (Barker) Stalick
President, Big Horn Education Fund
Big Horn High School, Class of 2002

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