

MARLEY HELFER

Student | Ballard High School | Class of 2025 | Seattle, WA

EDUCATION

- Ballard High School (Current Senior), 4.0 unweighted/4.3 weighted GPA
- 1360 Cumulative SAT score

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Ballard High School Talisman Newspaper** | Academic Years 2022-2024
Promoted from a reporter to a Copy Editor as a first-year staff member in 10th grade. Selected for co-Editor-in-Chief in 11th grade to lead the publication in producing 5-6 editions each year; responsibilities include editing, design, writing, mentorship and photography. Current co-Editor-in-Chief as a 12th grader. Proficient in Adobe Products: InDesign, Photoshop, and Lightroom
- **Peter Fewing Soccer Camps** | Summers 2022-2024
Coach and mentor to 20-40 youth ages 5-13 at full-day and overnight soccer camps through soccer games, drills and tactics while exercising leadership and communication skills.
- **Ballard Boys & Girls Club** | Summers 2021/2022
Counselor in training (CIT) in daily activities and field trips at full day-camps. Responsible for 30 campers ages 4-6; gained skills in childcare, communication, and problem solving.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **Student Arts Leadership Committee, Ballard High School** | 12th grade
Founding member in the first-ever committee of student leaders of Ballard High School art programs, representative for the Talisman newspaper
- **Link Leadership Program, Ballard High School** | 11th/12th grade
Student mentor and support leader to a group of 8-10 incoming freshmen throughout the school year through school and program-specific events.
- **Craft Club** | 11th grade-present
- **Earth Service Corp Club, Ballard High School** | 10th grade
Weekly volunteer sorting compost, recycling & garbage
- **Eating Disorder Awareness Club, Ballard High School** | 9th/10th grade
Educating local community and student body about teen eating and body image disorders through service projects and outreach events
- **Student Senate Representative, Ballard High School** | 9th/10th grade
Elected position; advocate for student's views on school issues and events in monthly student government meetings

JOURNALISM AWARDS

- **NSPA 2024 Individual Award Finalist** | 11th grade
Selected for the NSPA's annual student journalism awards; Finalist for Story of the Year in opinion writing
- **Best of Sno Awards** | 10th/11th grade
Four articles selected for the Sno Network, a publisher of more than 500 US high school newspapers; awards in news, feature and opinion writing.
- **NSPA Leadership Award in Student Journalism** | 11th grade

DETAILS

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PROFILE

Senior at Ballard High School in Seattle, Washington, with extensive experience in journalism, media publishing, leadership, and athletics.

SOFT SKILLS / TRAITS

Dedicated
Hard-working
Creative
Driven
Detail-oriented
Respectful
Open-minded

INTERESTS

Film and documentaries
Playing & coaching soccer
Ski racing & backcountry skiing
Hiking, backpacking, camping
Tennis
Flag football
Music
Language (French Proficiency)

REFERENCES

Scott Koch

Ballard Youth Soccer Coach
scott@riskeverything.com
Mobile – 206.409.5978

Peter & Patty Fewing

Employer / Coach / Business Owners
Peter Fewing Soccer Camps
peterfewing@peterfewingsoccercamp.com

Luke Thorp

Girls Director / Soccer Coach
Celtic FC
lukethorp@seattleceltic.com

Awarded for demonstrating journalistic excellence and staff leadership for at least two years; nominated by journalism adviser.

- **WJEA Summer Journalism Workshop |** Summer before 11th grade
All Star Award in Design for demonstrating growth, perseverance and passion for journalism
Best Color Group Award for working collaboratively and effectively with other journalists
- **WJEA 2023 State Write-Off Competition |** 10th grade
Honorable Mention in Yearbook Feature Writing

OTHER AWARDS & HONORS

- **National Honors Society, Ballard High School |** 10th grade-present
Volunteer work at the National Nordic Museum, a local senior center, and a school blood drive
- **Seymour Kaplan Humanitarian Award, Salmon Bay K-8 |** 8th grade
- **Responsibility and Inclusion Awards, Salmon Bay K-8 |** 7th/8th grade

ATHLETICS

- **Seattle Celtic FC 06/07 GA |** Spring 2024-present
Club soccer; competing in regional and national showcases and competitive tournaments
- **WPL Surf Academy 07 |** 11th grade
Selective travel club soccer team; attended national showcase tournaments
- **Emerald City FC F06 Green |** 9th/10th/11th grade
Club soccer; two-year team captain
- **Ballard High School Varsity Flag Football |** 11th grade
- **Ballard High School JV Women's Soccer |** 9th/10th grade