Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation Awards \$56,500 In Scholarships



During a special Scholarship Award Event on June 4, 2025, the Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation awarded 25 scholarships to graduating high school students living in Kennewick and Finley and to college students who had previously been awarded a scholarship from the Foundation. Parents, students, Kiwanians, and guests attended the Scholarship Event where students received \$56,500 in scholarships!

Per Chuck DeGooyer, President of the Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation, "this was the highest number and greatest total value of scholarships ever awarded by the Foundation in a single year! With costs for college tuition, room and board, and books continuing to increase, the Foundation Board is tirelessly working to raise funds to award greater scholarships to area students each year."

If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation, please contact Chuck DeGooyer at kennewickkiwanisfoundation@gmail.com. Donations to the 501©3 Foundation are tax-deductible.

The Kiwanis Club of Kennewick started the Foundation in 1996. The Club will be celebrating 100 years of community service in 2027, and the Foundation is working to raise and award \$100,000 in scholarships to students that year to celebrate and honor the great work performed by members of the Kiwanis Club throughout the past century.

High School Students receiving a Scholarship (in alphabetical order) are:

Kimberly Cannon – Kamiakin High graduate
Attending Brigham Young University pursuing a Medical Degree

Payton Frentzen – Kamiakin High graduate
Attending University of Montana pursuing Communication Science Degree

Emily Gonzalez Garcia – Kennewick High/Tri-Tech graduate

* Received the Rick Corson Endowed Scholarship

Attending University of Washington pursuing a Law Degree

Macey Griffiths – Kamiakin High graduate

* Received the Wayne and Maureen Bell Endowed Scholarship

Attending Central Washington University pursuing a Special Education Degree

Gizzelle Guzman Guzman – Kennewick High graduate Attending WSU – Tri-Cities pursuing a Nursing Degree

Alethea Lowrance – Kennewick High graduate

* Received the Don Anderson Endowed Scholarship Attending Boise State University pursuing an Astrophysics Degree

Lauren Lusk – Kamiakin High graduate

* Received the Bob Woehler Endowed Scholarship

Attending California Institute of Arts pursuing a Film & TV Production Degree

Aliyah Malone – River View High graduate
Attending Bushnell University pursuing a General Studies Degree

Aaliyah Robertson – Kamiakin High graduate
Attending Eastern Washington University pursuing a Computer Science Degree

Alexa Sanchez – Kennewick High graduate
Attending University of Arizona pursuing a Business Marketing Degree

College Students receiving a Renewal Scholarship (in alphabetical order) are:

Zugehilee Angel-Centeno

* Received the Joan Rude Endowed Scholarship

Attending Washington State University pursuing a Nursing Degree

Lauren Bell

* Received the Walteen Corson Endowed Scholarship
Attending Western Governor's University pursuing a Business Management Degree

Ashley Bybee

Received the George Jones Endowed Scholarship Attending Brigham Young University – Idaho pursuing a Healthcare Degree

Meighan Crowder

* Received the Art Carson Endowed Scholarship
Attending University of Washington pursuing a General Psychology Degree

Hailey Dreier

Attending Central Methodist University pursing an Environmental Science Degree

Kanyon Gardner
Attending University of Wyoming pursuing an Engineering Degree

Connor Harper

Attending Grand Canyon University pursuing a Business Entrepreneur Degree

Nicholas Landon
Attending Grand Canyon University pursuing an Engineering Degree

Karlie Logan Attending Oregon State University pursuing an Engineering Degree

Skyln Munson
Attending Columbia Basin College pursuing an Early Childhood Education Degree

Genevieve Parker
Attending Brigham Young University pursuing a Biophysics Degree

Melanie Petersen

* Received the Edith Winkler Endowed Scholarship

Attending Whitworth University pursuing an Elementary Education Degree

Maxwell Steele

* Received the Victor "Red" Rutherford Endowed Scholarship

Attending University of Washington pursuing a Computer Science Degree

Meredith Winiarski

* Received the Henry Sauer Endowed Scholarship

Attending University of Washington pursuing an Engineering Degree



Congratulations to the parents and to all the students receiving scholarships this year! We are proud of them and know our future looks positive with these future leaders.