

# 2026 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**TESSA HAUSKEN**, winner of the third annual Beverly Mayer Memorial Scholarship will be attending Washington State University, where she will pursue a degree in Agricultural Education. First, however, she is going to take a year to travel to schools around the state as one of the six recently elected FFA STATE OFFICERS! In this role, she will travel to local chapters to mentor members, facilitate leadership workshops, and advocate for agriculture. This will prepare her well for her career goal of becoming an effective agricultural educator and mentor.

Tessa's high school career has been highlighted with leadership, activities, work experience, and community service. Much of this, unsurprisingly, has been with FFA where she held the offices of president, secretary, sentinel, and helped facilitate several career development events. However, in addition to this involvement, she has been an officer in National Honor Society and a dedicated athlete in volleyball and wrestling. As a wrestler, she made it to the state tournament twice, and she placed 4<sup>th</sup> this winter as a senior.

Those who wrote recommendations for Tessa all spoke to her high level of commitment and her impact on others. Tessa is "a proud member of community" of Ephrata, and the Alumni Association is pleased to lend our support to this outstanding young woman.

**JAYDEN PELLHAM** plans to attend Washington State University and earn his degree in Cybersecurity and has already been accepted to the College of Engineering. While at Ephrata High School, he has already begun to explore this career through courses in cybersecurity, AI fundamentals, and an introduction to computer science, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He has excelled in E-Sports, winning a state title with his teammates as a sophomore, and then second place in state as a senior.

Besides E-Sports, Jayden has been a contributing member of National Honor Society, FBLA, and Math Team. He has a significant amount of volunteer work, helping at the community Autism Awareness event, basketball concessions, and the Orange E carnival.

Jayden's recommendations spoke to his reliability, his growth throughout high school, and his high level of intelligence and capability. He takes pride in his work, fully engaging in his courses and setting a high standard for himself as well as for any classmates hoping to keep up with him.

We wish Jayden success as he works toward his goals and hope this support helps him to that end!

**BRADY HENDRICK** has already completed his AA from Big Bend Community College and will continue his education at Central Washington University. While there, Brady plans to complete his degree in business, followed by trade school to become a licensed electrician, with the long-term goal of owning his own electrical contracting business. Brady has made substantial progress toward this goal with three courses in accounting, as well as economics, statistics, business law, and business calculus.

Brady has dedicated a vast amount of time to Ephrata Athletics, playing three sports each year throughout high school and stepping into leadership roles such as team captain for football and basketball. He has earned the respect of his coaches and teammates and has been recognized for his work ethic and coachable attitude.

In addition to his busy sports schedule, Brady has found time for part-time work and volunteer experiences. He has worked for local farmers, participated in National Honor Society events, and he has been a member of the schools Hope Squad, which teaches students how to provide friendship and support to peers who may be struggling.

Brady is an outstanding example of someone who understands the impact of community, and the Alumni Association is happy to lend support toward his future endeavors.

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