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Meet our Scholarship Winners

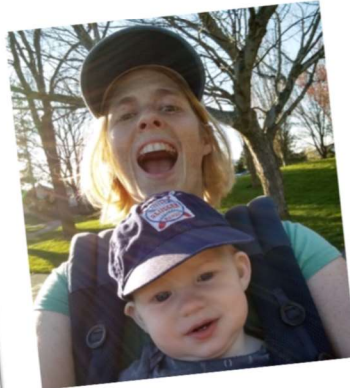
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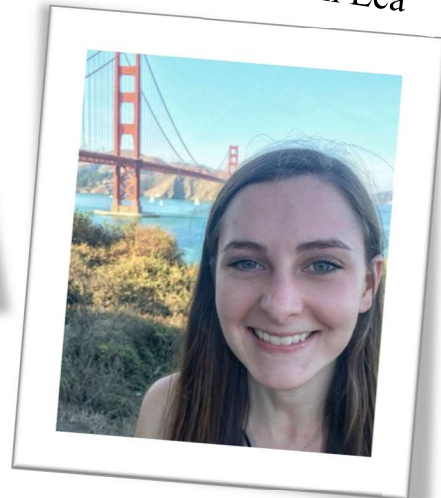
Hannah Lea



Karen Looney-Patterson



Betsy Cave 6/10
Karen Laws 6/23



Katheran McCarroll

Want to join us for the monthly business meeting June 1, at 7 p.m. on Zoom? Click on the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872630897?pwd=aHJlZlRlbnNpVGNERk03WElsUkNTZz09>



Erin Huffstodt graduated from Anacortes High School in 2018, attending the University of Washington that following fall. By the end of the school year, she was accepted into the UW design program, with a concentration in Industrial Design. Now finishing her second year at the UW, she has learned more than she could have ever imagined. Home now for the summer, she is focusing on enjoying many good books, bike rides, and being outside.

Karen Looney-Patterson is pursuing an Environmental Conservation certificate at Skagit Valley College. She aspires to continue on to graduate school and become a wildlife ecologist. She has previously worked for the ACFL and Fidalgo Animal Medical Center. She also once hiked the John Muir Trail solo and did not see a single bear.



Hannah Lea is a sophomore at the University of Washington. She is majoring in biochemistry with departmental honors and is a student in the Interdisciplinary Honors College. Hannah hopes to get her MD/ PhD and become a pediatric oncologist as well as an oncology researcher. Outside of classes, Hannah spends many hours studying vasodilation and prostate cancer, as a member of the Theberge Lab in the UW Department of Chemistry. Hannah is also an executive member of the UW Relay for Life planning committee, a member of a pre-medical honors society, and a member of Camp Kesem (a free camp put on for kids who have parents with cancer). Hannah loves to spend her free time with friends and family and getting to explore all that Seattle and Washington have to offer.



Katheran McCarroll moved to Anacortes on her tenth birthday and has enjoyed being a member of our community ever since. She moved to Seattle to pursue her undergraduate degree, but moved back to Anacortes to start her masters. She is currently finishing up the first term of her masters in teaching elementary education, and wants to be able to teach in the same school district she went to school in. Katheran says, "When I was five, I knew exactly what I wanted to be when I grew up. I was going to be an underwater artist that studied marine biology, lived in a submarine, and drew pictures of all of the amazing creatures I discovered at the bottom of the ocean. (I was also going to marry my best friend who was going to be an artist in space, but that's neither here nor there.) But as I got older, I slowly became more and more indecisive about what my future should look like. Most of that indecision came from other people swaying me towards different career paths. Some people told me that just because I loved marine biology, didn't mean it was a real career. Some, often in subtle ways, made it clear that women can't be scientists. Others though, were just amazing mentors that made me want to be just like them, a writer because of my sophomore English teacher, a coach because of my figure skating coach my junior year, a scientist because of my senior science teacher. In the end, I do still want to be just like these mentors. I want to inspire students to try new things and find their passions. All of these mentors were extremely good at making their students feel smart, capable and inspired. As a teacher that is exactly what I want to be able to do for my future students."

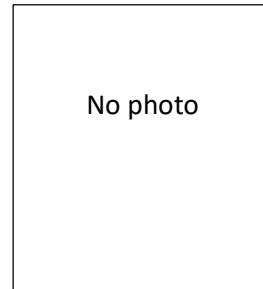


AMS students

Keira Hines

Aileen Kim

Aleena Aipperspach Kaela Stevens



Seven young women received awards for their achievements in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) from the Anacortes branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Four 8th grade girls from Anacortes Middle School each received a certificate and a \$100 award. The math awards went to Keira Hines and Kaela Stevens. Recognition for achievement in science went to Aleena Aipperspach and Aileen Kim. Three seniors each received \$1500 scholarships. Ava Hawkins has been very involved with the yearbook at Anacortes High School and plans to attend UC Berkeley. Anna Prewitt will attend Pamona College to pursue her interests in Chemistry and English. Grace Hill plans to attend Scripps College to major in Economics or Environmental Science. All three young women received STEM awards as 8th grade students. (submitted to Anacortes American by Terri Bawden)

AHS students

Anna Prewitt

Ava Hawkins

Grace Hill



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Thank you



Dear AAUW Members,

I wanted to let you know how thankful I am to have been selected for a scholarship from your organization. Receiving this scholarship has made it possible for me to take the extra term I need to take due to public school closures, without having to take out a loan. Next year I will be finishing my masters in teaching elementary education. I am hopefully going to be doing my required observation hours and student teaching hours at Island View Elementary, though things are currently being shifted around a little bit because of school closures. I am so excited about this next step because I am ready to be back in the classroom and working with students, hopefully at the same school I went to when I was in elementary school.

By awarding me this scholarship you have greatly decreased my stress about paying for the upcoming term and have reminded me why I want to teach in this community so badly. This community is full of people who do their best to improve it and make it stronger. The work your organization does to empower women is something I greatly appreciate and admire.

Thank you for this scholarship and all of the other amazing things you do for our community. It really is inspiring seeing the way that all of you support members of our community.

Sincerely,
Katheran McCarroll

President's Message

When I was installed as your branch president, I thought I knew exactly what to expect. Greet and open meetings, create board agendas and keep the meetings organized. I had done it before and believed this would be just like the last time. However, times have changed and as difficult as that seems, I am a positive person and I believe we will come out of this pandemic with some new and exciting ways of offering AAUW to our members and our community.

Your board has continued to meet each month with the help of Nelle Jacobson who purchased and sets up our Zoom meetings. Our annual meeting took place and we were able to see and talk to some of our STEM award winners. We elected and installed new officers. At the business meeting on June 1, we will look at some of the ways we raise funds, some of the opportunities we will have to invite guest speakers from out of the area, and how to encourage new members while meeting the needs of existing women in our branch. Although we normally don't meet over the summer, we may have some virtual gatherings so we can stay in touch with each other. Perhaps we can start a virtual book club for those of us with extra time to read! If you would like to join us at the business meeting, please use the link on page 1. If you haven't paid your dues, please remember that the AAUW fiscal year ends on June 30. Don't let this stay at home keep you from remembering why you joined AAUW in the first place.

Be well.
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