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Building Futures Foundation Awards \$16,500 in Scholarships to Eight Local Students

Largest total dollar award in non-profit's history

Vancouver, Wash – (June 27, 2017) – The Building Futures Foundation awarded eight students with academic scholarships at the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County's membership luncheon meeting on June 22. The following students were honored:

Jorgen Gilbertson, a second-year recipient of a Building Futures Foundation scholarship, is a life-long Washingtonian born and raised in the small town of Prosser. He met his wife of 7 years, Julie, when living in Tacoma and attending Pacific Lutheran University. In 2012 Jorgen embarked on the journey of a lifetime and served in the Peace Corps in West Africa for two years. During this time abroad, he decided to reenter school to study Mechanical Engineering. Jorgen is now completing his degree at **WSU Vancouver** in the Mechanical Engineering program.

Warren Phillips is a graduate of La Center High School. Warren attended classes and clubs that empowered his love of knowledge, one of which was the Washington Aerospace Scholars. Parallel to Warren's educational endeavors was his scouting career which started 12 years ago leading up to receiving his Eagle award last February. Still to this day he encourages the spirit of scouting through his position as Assistant Scoutmaster. Going forward Warren takes his eagerness to learn to **Clark College** where he plans to pursue architecture or engineering.

Hunter Lindberg, graduated from Battle Ground High School on June 14th. He participated in football and track and was also a part of National Honor Society. Hunter volunteers at Rocksolid Community Teen Center as a mentor helping teens with homework and providing them with a role model as well as a friend. He plans to attend **WSU Vancouver** in the fall to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Brittan Gullickson is a recent graduate of Ridgefield High School. Besides school, athletics and work are both important to Brittan and he loves building things and working with his hands allowing him to see project come together. Brittan just landed a great summer job working construction throughout Washington and Oregon. In the Fall, Hunter will attend either **Clark College or WSU Vancouver**. His college focus is to obtain a business degree to prepare him to start his own construction company.

Jordan Griffith just recently graduated from Skyview High School and the Diesel Technology program at Cascadia Tech Academy. He was the captain of his high school swim team and works as a lifeguard at the Lakeshore Athletic Club in Vancouver. Jordan will enter **Clark College** in the fall in their Diesel Program.

Reid Maahs is going into his junior year at **Washington State University** and his first year of their construction management program. Reid graduated class of 2015 at Prairie High School and attended Clark College at the same time through the Running Start program. In his senior year he was captain of the Golf team, as well as the Rugby team. In his free time you can find Reid on the golf course or on the water giving his best attempt to catch a fish.

Alex Tetz recently graduated from the Science Math Technology program at Skyview High School with a 3.95 GPA. He was a member of the national honor society, as well as a varsity soccer athlete. Alex enjoys competitive sports, hiking, photography and other various outdoor activities. He will be attending the **University of Washington** in the fall where he plans to study civil engineering. Alex enjoyed early exposure to the building industry through his father and grandfather and hopes to make this field his career as well.

Tanner Sixberry is a basketball player who played on his high school team and in tournaments all around the northwest; he also played on the golf team. He's a recent graduate of Woodland High School and owns his own business weeding and brush cutting for homeowners and home owners associations in the Woodland area. Tanner will attend **Clark College** in the fall to obtain a welding certificate and Associates degree. He then plans to pursue an electrical apprenticeship program through NECA/IBEW.

The Building Futures Foundation, a non-profit extension of the BIA, has promoted education, student scholarships and environmentally sensitive building practices in the construction industry since 2002.

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The Building Futures Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational foundation, which raises money via donations and event contributions, in an effort to award annual scholarships to local students pursuing an education and future career in the building trades.

The Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of all businesses involved with real estate, land development, homebuilding and construction.