



# BUILDING FUTURES FOUNDATION

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## **Building Futures Foundation Awards Scholarships to Seven Local Students** *Each student will receive \$2,000 to further their industry career goals*

**Vancouver, Wash** – (June 21, 2018) – The Building Futures Foundation awarded eight students with academic scholarships at the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County’s board meeting on June 12. The following students were honored:

**Aisha Marcos** is a Washougal High School graduate and will start her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Washington State University, Pullman this Fall. She has been accepted into the School of Design and Construction’s (SDC) Architecture program and is working towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture, while pursuing a minor in Construction Management. Upon graduation, she intends to transition immediately into the accelerated Master’s architecture program.

**Caden Hiebert** is graduating with honors from Hudson Bay High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and of the Bay ACE's Magnet. He has been active in track, cross country and school leadership. Throughout his high school career he has focused on AP engineering, physics and math classes. This year he has had the opportunity to build a modular pop-up homeless shelter with two other Bay students. They placed among the top 5 teams for Washington State in Samsung’s Solve for Tomorrow contest. Caden is looking forward to attending the University of Washington in the fall to with an intent to major in Mechanical Engineering.

**Christopher Barnes** is a commercial hvac installer looking to better his life. He has over five years of experience working in the field and is going back to school, starting with Clark College, to take his career to the next level. He enjoys using mathematical procedures on a daily basis. Chris is looking forward to taking his real-life construction experience and applying it to a mechanical engineering career path. On the job he often hears tradesman complaining about installing systems that were designed by engineers with no field experience. Chris wants to bridge that gap. When he’s not at work Chris enjoys working out, boxing, and helping his family.

**Erin Trantham** graduated from Cedar Tree Classical Christian School and is excited to start something new. She is moving to Texas to study Electrical Engineering at Letourneau University. In addition to loving math and science, Erin is a classically trained ballet dancer and her time outside of school is evenly split between tutoring younger math students and teaching her love for the arts.

**Hunter Lindberg** is entering his second year at Washington State University Vancouver where he is studying to be a mechanical engineer. He plans to get a degree at WSUV and seek a career locally where he can make a difference in the community where he was raised. Hunter volunteers at Rocksolid Community Teen Center as a mentor when his school and work schedule allow.

**Kyle Brabec** recently graduated from Hockinson High School. Some achievements of his include ASB Treasurer, NHS Secretary, and winning the state championship in football in his senior year. In the fall he will be attending George Fox University where he will continue football while majoring in business management with a minor in entrepreneurship. Kyle intends to become a commercial developer and multifamily builder.

**Whitley Seter** is a 2018 La Center High School/Clark College Running Start student, graduating with a 3.93 GPA. In high school Whitley participated in varsity soccer, and varsity basketball as team captain, National Honor Society, and FBLA. She was a basketball mentor to elementary and middle school players. Whitley will attend Washington State University, Pullman to study under their construction and design program with a double major in business. One day Whitley hopes to have her own design firm.

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.*