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BIAW Announces 2017 Scholarship Award Winners

BIAW is proud to announce the BIAW Education Scholarship recipients for 2017. The winners hailed from across the state and their continued education and future careers will be an asset to the home building industry.

“The desire and drive of this year’s scholarship applicants shows that the home building industry continues to attract outstanding individuals. In addition to awarding funding to those attending a college or university, the program also introduced scholarships this year for training at a technical or trade school in construction-related fields, which drew a number of applicants. With a labor shortage continuing in construction, the program’s scholarships are encouraging talented individuals to enter and succeed in the profession,” said 2017 BIAW Education Committee Chair Diane Glenn, CGP.

BIAW would like to thank the Scholarship Review Committee who spent hours reviewing and evaluating the applications: Kelly Coons, CGP, Central Washington Home Builders Association; Diane Glenn, CGP, Master Builders Association of King/Snohomish Counties; Aaron Marvin, CGB, CGP, CAPS, Builders Industry Association of Clark County; Jim Breidenbach, CGR, CAPS, Spokane Home Builders Association; Ron Perkerwicz, Kitsap Building Association; Ron Pelson, CGP, Central Washington Home Builders Association; Charles Locke, CGP, Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association

Twelve winners were chosen this year based on the applicant’s field of study, extracurricular activities, and home building industry work experience. The year’s winners are named below and were submitted by local home builders associations:

Vocational & Technical Trades Scholarships

- **Andrew Dechand, Glenwood.** Clark College, Welding – \$4,000, *Central Washington Home Builders Association*
- **Ellis Henderson, Pt. Townsend.** Peninsula College, Welding – \$2,500, *North Peninsula Home Builders*
- **Luis Silva, Raymond.** Grays Harbor College, Carpentry – \$3,500, *Olympia Master Builders*

Construction and University Scholarships

Shawn Leyenhorst, Sumas. WA Polytechnic Institute, Technology – \$4,000, Building Industry Association of Whatcom County

- **Viola Eckert, Olympia.** South Puget Sound Community College, Business Admin. – \$3,000, *Olympia Master Builders*
- **Taylor Toney, Shelton.** Washington State University, Construction Engineering – \$3,000, *Olympia Master Builders*
- **Christian Bertram, Oak Harbor.** University of Washington, Civil Engineering – \$1,500, *Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association*
- **Greyson Fields, Omak.** University of Washington, Construction Management – \$1,500, *Central Washington Home Builders Association*
- **Troy Hilsendeger, Spokane.** Washington State University, Construction Management – \$1,500, *Spokane Home Builders Association*
- **Colin Coker, Pt. Townsend.** Washington State University, Mechanical Engineering – \$1,500, *Jefferson County Home Builders Association*
- **Adrian Goodwin, Kirkland.** University of Washington, Engineering – \$1,000, *MBA of King and Snohomish Counties*
- **Madison Wittman, Bothell.** Washington State University, Architecture/Const. Mgmt – \$1,000, *MBA of King and Snohomish Counties*

This is the fifth year that a portion of the awards are funded from attendance at classes held through BIAW’s Education Program in partnership with local home builder associations. If you are interested in more information about the Scholarship Program and its activities, please contact Amanda Fields at (360) 352-7800.

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