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## **BIAW Announces 2019 Education Scholarship & Grant Award Winners**

**Olympia, WA** BIAW is proud to announce the 2019 BIAW Education Scholarship recipients. The awards were announced at the BIAW summer Board of Directors meeting held in Yakima June 21<sup>st</sup>. Winners came from all over the state and their continued education and future careers will be an asset to the homebuilding industry.

“The commitment of all the applicants shows the caliber of the students that wish to go into the homebuilding industry, and the BIAW Education Scholarship program has an enormous impact on the lives and careers of these students,” said BIAW’s 2019 Education Committee Chair, Diane Glenn. “Adding grant awards this year has allowed us an even larger impact. We really do make a difference.”

Since its inception, BIAW has awarded over \$650,000 in scholarships to students who have demonstrated a passion and commitment to developing a career in the home building profession.

There were 31 student applicants for the scholarships this year. 18 winners were chosen based on the applicant’s field of study, extracurricular activities and building industry work experiences.

This year’s winners were:

Hamed Ghaheri, Julian Garcia, Shawn Leyenhorst, Sergio Gonzalez, Luis Briones, Jose Luna, Jr, Connor Ellis, Sierra Rothlisberger, Kayla Snodgrass, Zeb Chamberlain, Colt Corrigan, Cayden Tanasse, Colby Tucker, Troy Hilseneger, Kevin Mendoza, Matthew Clark, Carson Cortez and Brandon Boudrieau.

Additionally, BIAW awarded four grants to organizations offering programs in construction-related fields of study, residential construction career training, continuing education, and apprenticeship and skills assessment services. This year’s winners were: Builder Grant Program in Bremerton, Community Boat Project building ‘tiny houses’ in Nordland, Peninsula College summer partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Port Angeles and Perry Technical Institute in Yakima.

BIAW would like to thank the Scholarship Review Committee who spent hours reviewing and evaluating the applications: Deacon Band, Darylene Dennon, Diane Glenn, Jennifer Kelly,

Charles Locke, Aaron Marvin, Linda Mosier-Vaudt, Roy Mureno, Ron Perkerwicz and Russ Shiplet.

If you are interested in more information about BIAW's Scholarship or Grant Programs, please contact Hillary Vanatta or Jan Rohila at 360-352-7800.

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