

Columbia REA Scholarship Program

Awarding Academic Excellence

2010 Academic Scholarship Recipients



Tierra Kessler is the recipient of the Clark A. Brewington Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Randy and Dawn Kessler from Milton-Freewater, Oregon. She is a senior at Touchet High School.

Tierra is heavily involved in 4-H and FFA due to the family cattle business. She is active in FBLA, she serves as her schools ASB secretary, participates in the Math is Cool Competition and is on the school's varsity softball team. Tierra has held offices for many of the schools other clubs. She is involved in DARE as a student Role Model, Milton-Freewater Jr. Show Green Pancake Feed Fundraiser, she has chaired an annual Christmas canned food drive and Tierra also coached elementary soccer in the past.

Tierra was awarded Student of the Month from the Walla Walla Exchange Club in February of this year. She is a member of the National Honor Society; she is on the Touchet High School Honor Roll, Master FFA All around Beef Showman – 2009 Walla Walla Fair and was a First Year Spanish Language Student of the year.

Tierra plans on attending Oregon State University to earn a bachelor's degree in Biology. She would like to get into the science field of Biopharmaceuticals Research and develop medical drugs.



Austin Heinrich, is the recipient of a Columbia REA Scholarship. Austin a senior at Dayton High School is the son of Jeff Heinrich and Lisa Benzel.

During his time in high school Austin has participated in many clubs, sports and activities. He has experienced success in many of these extracurricular activities. Such as holding the office of secretary for FBLA and ASB, reporter for FFA and treasurer for National Honor Society, participates in Knowledge Bowl and has played basketball and golf.

Austin has received various school achievement awards, during his sophomore year he was class student of the year and inducted into the National Honor Society, which he is still a part of. In his junior year, he won the Masonic Temple's Junior Achievement award and named the junior class student of the year. This year Austin was named Valedictorian for his graduating class. Besides these school achievements Austin is involved in various activities in his community and he is happy to help in any way he can.

Austin plans to attend the Washington State University and pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After he achieves the level of experience required, he hopes to one day own his own engineering firm that specializes in the mechanical design aspect of engineering.



Jett Scrimsher, is the recipient of a Columbia REA Scholarship. Jett a senior at Columbia High School is the son of Michael and Wendy Scrimsher of Burbank, Washington.

Jett has participated in sports, such as football, basketball and tennis for all four years of high school. He is a member of FBLA, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl and has served as commissioner on the schools ASB. Jett participates in 4-H and has received the Eagle Scout Award in the Boy Scouts of America. Jett volunteers his time in many activities throughout his church and community.

Beginning this fall he will serve a two year mission with his church. After which Jett will attend Brigham Young University where he plans to earn a master's degree. He plans on working in the medical field but is undecided as to which branch of medical care he will specialize in, but he has thoughts of Optometry or Anesthesiology.

2010 Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship Recipient



Patrick Brennan is the recipient of the 2010 Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship.

Patrick resides in Santa Rosa, California and attended and has completed the Electric Lineworker Program at the Northwest Lineman College in Oroville, California.