

Students from the class of 2019 earn scholarships, awards

The graduating Class of 2019 earned numerous awards and scholarships this year. Students received \$187,210 in scholarships!

- 413** Graduates (Arlington and Weston High Schools)
- 12** Earned Associate Degrees (Everett College)
- 5** Earned GED (Open Doors Program)
- 1** National Merit Scholarship
- 1** Board of Directors' Award
- 1** Superintendent's Scholar Leadership Award
- 67** Community Scholarships and Awards
- 10** Arlington Education Association Scholarships
- 9** Arlington Dollars for Scholars
- 7** AHS Booster Club Scholarships
- 10** APS Payroll Deduction Scholarships
- 2** APS Classified Employees Scholarships
- 2** PTSA Scholarships- Haller Middle School
- 1** PTSA Scholarship- Post Middle School
- 2** Boyer Award and Duskin Scholarship
- 7** Students participating in college athletics
- 10** Student enlisted in the military
- 78** Scholarships from colleges or other organizations

Congratulations Class of 2019!

We are proud to recognize the Class of 2019! This year, 376 seniors graduated from Arlington High School and 37 seniors graduated from Weston High School. We know you have a bright future ahead of you!



Our Students And Staff Are MAKING AN IMPACT



Weston High School student, Macie Bailey, earned her high school diploma in three years! She also earned a \$10,000 Arlington Rotary Scholarship, which she will use to attend Central Washington University. Way to go, Macie!



Arlington High School student, Cole Hahn, received a National Merit Scholarship which he will use to attend the University of Washington. Only the top one half percent of all the nation's seniors earn finalist status and about half of those earn a scholarship. Congratulations, Cole!



Haller Middle School sixth grader, Genesis Holdaway, received an award on May 30 from the Monroe Police Department for helping her grandmother when her grandmother was injured.

Arlington High School Senior chosen as a Military Child of the Year semi-finalist

Arlington High School (AHS) Senior, Matthew Suce, was chosen as a semi-finalist for the national Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year.

Matthew was a member of the AHS National Honor Society, Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Through these groups and on his own, he has collected food for the poor, helped the elderly, and volunteered at community events. While he didn't make it to the final selection, his focus remains on helping others.

"I really like to help individuals in need," said Matthew. "Through servant leadership, I can bring positive changes to my community."

He has enlisted in the Washington National Guard and will also attend Central Washington University starting in the winter quarter. He will be part of the Reserve Officer Training Corp at the university and plans to join the Army after college and major in Army aviation.

Matthew, along with his younger sister, Sabrina, attended the April 3 proclamation signing with Gov. Jay Inslee declaring April as Month of the Military Child.



Arlington High School Senior, Matthew Suce, was chosen as a semi-finalist for the national Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year. Matthew talked with Gov. Jay Inslee during an April 3 proclamation signing declaring April as Month of the Military Child.

(Photo credit: Joseph Siemandel - WA National Guard Public Affairs Office)

"I was really honored to be part of the signing ceremony," said Sabrina, a junior at AHS. "It was nice to have military families recognized."

Volunteerism is a big part of the Suce family. Matthew and Sabrina's mother, Nohelia who is a substitute teacher in Arlington Public Schools, was the 2018 Washington National Guard Spouse of the Year. Her husband, Junior Suce, is a U.S. Army Training Non-Commissioned Officer. The family was based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Lakewood, moved to Puyallup, and relocated to Arlington in November of 2018.

"The Suce family is very involved in educating their community about military culture and the transition from active duty to the National Guard," said Robbin Seeberger, Lead Child and Youth Coordinator with the Washington National Guard Child & Youth Services. "The whole family is involved in the

Washington National Guard Child & Youth Services across the state of Washington. They assist with our summer and winter camps, regional events, and various training opportunities."

"Being a military family with a spouse who may be deployed really teaches you resilience, but also helps you empathize with other military families who need help," said Nohelia. "My husband and I have tried to teach our children to give back and help those who need that extra support."

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- Kay Duskin

President, APS Board of Directors

Arlington Schools' board president and retired assistant superintendent recognized with WASA Awards

Arlington Public Schools Board President, Kay Duskin, and recently retired Assistant Superintendent, Kathy Ehman, were recognized with Sno-Isle Region 109 Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) awards on May 9.

Kay Duskin- President, Board of Directors, Arlington Public Schools

Duskin received the WASA Community Leadership Award for Arlington Public Schools. She has served on the Arlington School Board for 20 years, including eight years as board president. Her commitment and dedication to the students, staff and community of Arlington is exceptional in every way. Duskin regularly volunteers her time in Arlington schools and is very connected with students, staff and families.



Kathy Ehman- Retired Assistant Superintendent, Arlington Public Schools

Ehman received the WASA Student Achievement Award for Arlington Public Schools. Ehman is an amazing leader who has inspired the implementation of multiple innovations which are increasing student achievement in Arlington.

One of these innovations is the Open Doors Program for students 16-21 who are significantly credit deficient or have dropped out of school. Ehman's vision and leadership have made this program of hope available for over 50 students to date.

“We are so pleased to be able to offer this choice for students who would otherwise be lost to the school system,” said Ehman. “There is nothing more rewarding than to see a student who struggles be successful.”

“Kathy and I are very honored to receive these awards,” said Duskin. “Volunteering in our schools is such a rewarding experience. I would encourage any community member to contact their local school to see how they can help. The students really enjoy it when different people volunteer in our schools.”

Duskin and Ehman received the awards during WASA's annual awards luncheon May 9 in Everett.



Arlington High School Campus Monitor, Mark McDougall, was nominated for the 2019 Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year for making connections with students.

McDougall is more than the school's campus monitor; he's a role model who tries to make connections with all of the school's nearly 1,600 students.

“Mark knows the names of nearly all of our students and goes above and beyond to form bonds with students, like volunteering to be a DJ for our holiday winter ball that was hosted for our Special Education Life Skills students,” said Arlington High School Principal, Duane Fish. “By knowing all of our students, he also keeps our students and staff safe by recognizing someone who shouldn't be on campus.”

While he wasn't selected as the classified school employee of the year, he was honored at a recent board meeting and humbled to be nominated.

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Arlington Proud!

Every day, I feel so fortunate to live and work in Arlington. When making the decision to move here several years ago, I knew there was something very special about Arlington. The people, the community, the schools and the beautiful landscape, including the Stilly River running through our town and the North Cascades standing tall beside us to the east. Arlington is an oasis located a few miles away from I-5. It is the best place to live, work and learn!

The end of this school year brings celebrations of many student learning successes. This *Our Schools* publication is filled with success stories and there are so many more than we have room to share. We have so much to be proud of and grateful for:

- I am proud of the growth in learning and achievement each student has made this year.
- I am proud of the amazing and committed Arlington Public Schools staff who care about each student and come to work every day ready to help each student learn.
- I am proud of the academic excellence resulting in more than 400 graduates and 11 valedictorians being honored this year.
- I am proud of the many community organizations who never hesitate to support the learning taking place in our schools, such as the Arlington Education Foundation that provided nearly \$17,000 for classroom mini-grants this year.
- I am proud of the support provided by many community organizations for student scholarships honoring academic and service excellence totaling \$187,210 this year.
- I am proud that we continue to work to remove barriers and ensure equity by providing school supplies for all students.
- I am proud of our efforts to connect students to career, college and vocational opportunities and our commitment to keep expanding these opportunities.
- I am proud of our efforts to lower class sizes in the early years, kindergarten through third grade.

- I am proud of our efforts to cultivate a growth mindset around mathematics so every student believes they can do math at high levels.
- I am proud of our student advisor to the board, who has served faithfully the past two years.
- I am proud that we are working on ways to address the need to replace our old buses.
- I am proud that we prioritize the safety of our students and staff and that we have taken specific actions to support this.
- I am proud of our commitment to better communicate with our families and community.



Congratulations to Brittany Anderson for receiving the Superintendent Scholar Leadership Award!

The list could go on and on. We are Arlington Proud!

In the spring issue of *Our Schools*, I shared with you that I am a leader who wants to hear your voices and actively partner with you to make our schools even better. Next year, "Community Voices" opportunities will take place where reps from each school will be selected to share with me what is working in our schools, what is not, and suggestions they have. If you are interested in participating in one of these events, please contact Gary Sabol, Director of Communications, at 360.618.6217 or your school/building administrator.

Your continued partnership is vital. I urge you to be engaged, involved, and share your thoughts often. Please check school and district websites for information about ways you can volunteer, participate and partner with us.

Have an awesome summer!

Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chrys".

Arlington Public Schools provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

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