

SWASF - *Quarterly Newsletter*

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SEDRO-WOOLLEY ALUMNI & SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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2025 Quarterly Newsletter*

Happy 2025 Cub Fans!

Greetings Cubs, Alumni, and Foundation Supporters,

We've missed you! It's been a little while since our last newsletter, but with the 2025–2026 school year now in full swing, we're excited to reconnect and share all the incredible things happening!

And there's already plenty to celebrate—our Cubs took home a big **Homecoming football win over Mount Vernon this last weekend**, and great things are happening in classrooms and across our schools!

This edition of the newsletter is packed with **milestone moments** and **upcoming opportunities**:

- 🎓 Two new scholarships honoring longtime Foundation champions **Pat Hyatt** and **Barbara Ward Thompson**
- 🎂 And a very special **Happy 101st Birthday** to SWHS Class of 1942 alum and founding member **Lola Ellestad!**
- 🏆 A complete list of our **2025 SWASF Scholarship Winners**, recognizing incredible seniors across dozens of awards
- ✈️ A reminder about **upcoming deadlines for both Classroom Grants and Opportunity Grants**—don't miss your chance to apply or share with an educator!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the success of Sedro-Woolley students and our community. Here's to another great year ahead—because **once a Cub, always a Cub!**

— *Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation – Board of Directors*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Upcoming Board Meetings & Community Events

- November 21st, 2025 --SWASF Board Meeting
- January 16th, 2026 --SWASF Board Meeting
- March 20th, 2026 --SWASF Board Meeting

The 24-member volunteer board meets on the third Friday of odd-numbered months at the Sedro-Woolley School District administrative offices on Trail Road at 11:00 a.m.

Interested in Getting Involved?

The Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation is currently looking to fill a few vacancies on our Board of Directors. If you're passionate about supporting students, honoring alumni, and giving back to the Sedro-Woolley community, we'd love to hear from you! For more information or to express your interest, please reach out to us at info.swasf@gmail.com.



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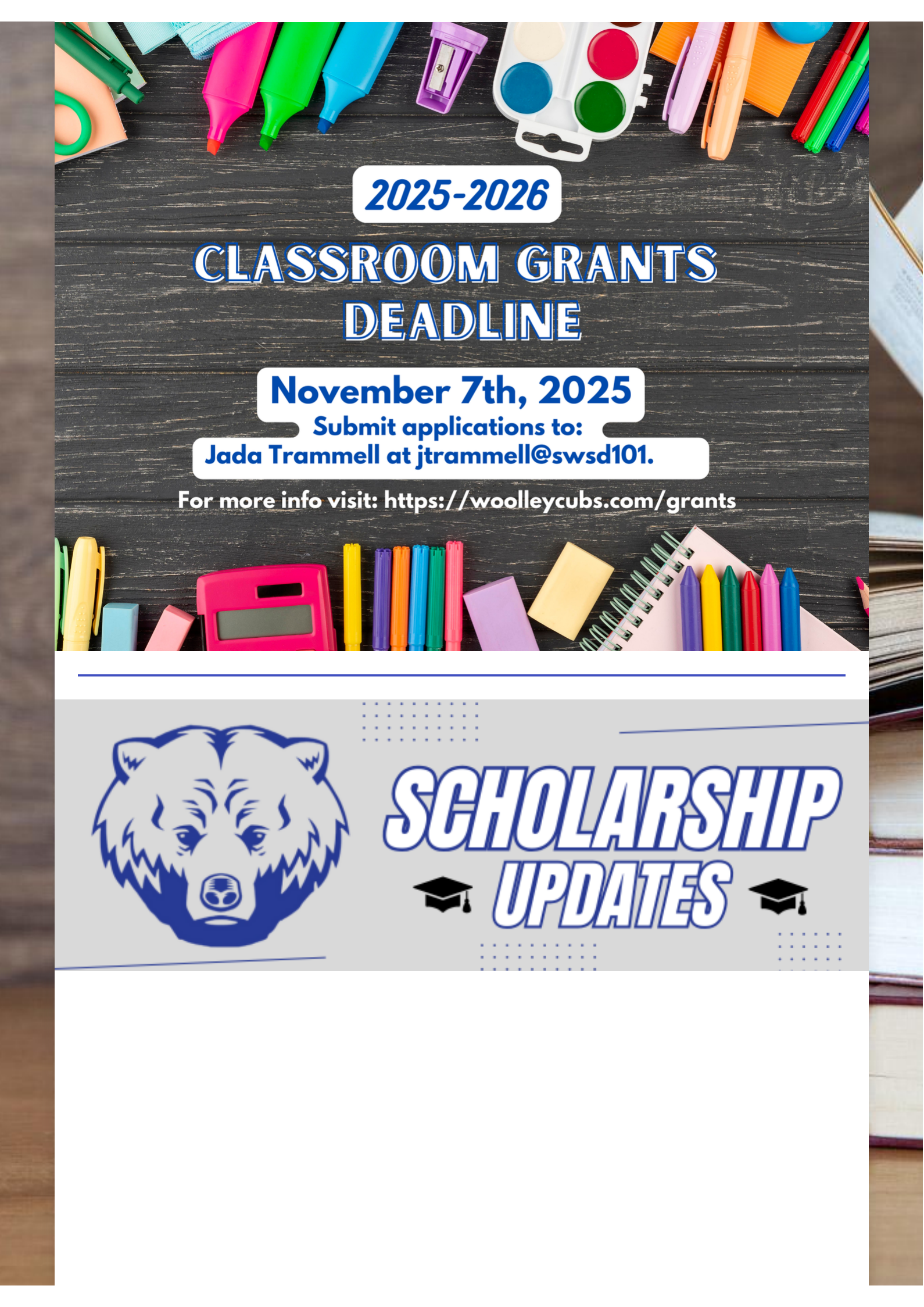
Annual Classroom Grants for 2025

The SW Alumni & Schools Foundation has proudly contributed over **\$443,000+ in Classroom Grants**, leaving a lasting impact on Sedro-Woolley's schools. Applications for this year's grants are due: **November 7th, 2025**. To apply, please visit: [Grant application and guidelines for 2025-2026](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Jada Trammell at 360-855-3502 or by email at jtrammell@swsd101.org. Thank you!

For a comprehensive list of past grant recipients, please visit:
[SWASF Classroom Grant Awards](#)

We can't wait to celebrate this year's recipients with you!

A top-down view of various colorful classroom supplies including markers, pens, a pencil sharpener, and a paint palette, arranged on a dark wooden surface.

2025-2026

CLASSROOM GRANTS DEADLINE

November 7th, 2025

Submit applications to:
Jada Trammell at jtrammell@swsd101.

For more info visit: <https://woolleycubs.com/grants>



**SCHOLARSHIP
UPDATES**





First Recipients of the Albert Bingham Memorial Scholarship

🌟 A Historic First for the Albert Bingham Memorial Scholarship! 🌟

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the first-ever recipients of the Albert Bingham Memorial Scholarship—a powerful new legacy that will continue to uplift Sedro-Woolley students for years to come.

This year, 10 outstanding students each received a \$5,000 scholarship—totaling an incredible \$50,000 in support for the Class of 2025.

Congratulations to: Colby Nasin, Jessica Amaro, Cassidy Costanti, Mia Barajas, Ernesto Vega Mecado, Phoenix Vinzant, Cheyanne Schuh, Roberto Salinas, Alejandro Sanchez, and Tania Vasquez Olivera!

We are so proud of each of you and can't wait to see what's next on your journey!

Albert H. Bingham

Memorial Scholarship

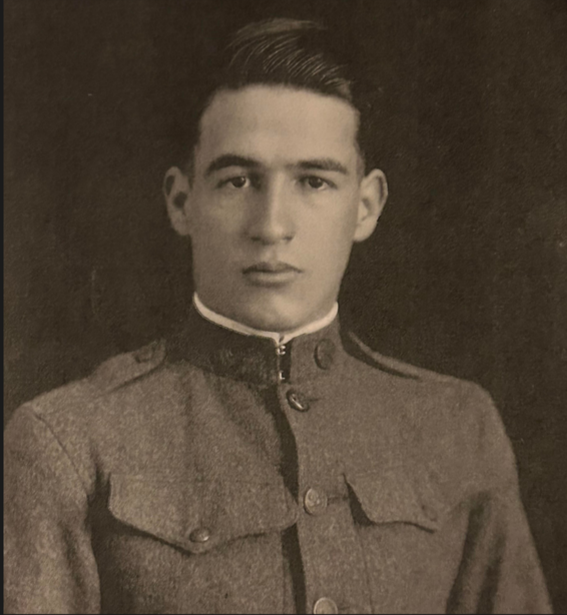


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Skagit Valley Herald

🌸 Celebrating the SWHS Class of 2025 and Our Scholarship Recipients

We are incredibly proud of all the students in the **Sedro-Woolley High School Class of 2025** and all that they have accomplished! This remarkable group represents the heart of our community — hardworking, compassionate, and full of potential.

The **Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation (SWASF)** is honored to celebrate our **2025 Scholarship Recipients**, who received awards from SWASF and our generous community partners. Together, these scholarships total **\$81,200** in support of our students' continued education and bright futures.

Ola Harang Scholarship

- Carla Jimenez Nava

Judy Bingham Jones Scholarship

- Shelby Richardson

Robert Benham Scholarship

- Carin Bunch

Lola Ellestad Alumni Scholarship

- Micah Estes

Barbara Thompson Alumni Scholarship

- Landon Steele

Pat Hyatt Alumni Scholarship

- Abigail Gardner

Class of 1967 Alumni Scholarship

- Mason Requa

Alumni Scholarships

- Samantha Jepperson
- Hallee Christy
- Lily Rodriguez Padilla
- Colson Johns
- Dylan Stormont
- Alex Moore

Eastman Family Scholarship

- Zachary McCall
- Lily Hastings

HF Sinclair STEM Scholarship

- Alejandro Sanchez

HF Sinclair CTE Scholarship

- Logan Roth

Class of 1971 (Academic) Scholarship

- Micah Estes
- Samantha Jepperson

Class of 1971 (Vocational) Scholarship

- Kevin Macagba
- Ernesto Vega

Lewis & Millie Gruver Scholarship

- Zoe Abbott
- Parker Boal

Skagit Valley Warriors Football Scholarship

- Lily Rodriguez Padilla (SW)
- Maddison Padgett (Concrete)

Amanda Proudfoot Memorial Scholarship

- Tania Vasquez Olivera
- Jessica Amaro

Heather Schols Memorial Scholarship

- Carla Jimenez Nava (SW)
- Mila Tasi Taitano (BEHS)

Mollie Young Memorial Scholarship

- Shelby Richardson
- Kaitlyn Goss

Harrison Family FFA/CTE Scholarship

- Kylin Chance

Jennifer Francis-Schmidt Memorial Scholarship

- Logan Roth
- Olivia Stroud
- Kiersten Hendrickson

Mihelich Family Scholarship

- Alejandro Sanchez
- Shelby Richardson

Hampton Lumber Scholarship

- Colby Nasin
- Dylan Stormont

Bill & Betty Stiles Memorial Scholarship

- Mason Requa

Heather McCall Memorial Scholarship

- Zoe Abbott
- Zachary McCall

John Hull Memorial Tennis Scholarship

- Samantha Jepperson
- Parker Boal

Congratulations to all of our **2025 scholarship recipients** — and to the entire **SWHS Class of 2025!** Your hard work, perseverance, and achievements continue to make Sedro-Woolley proud. ♡
Once a Cub, Always a Cub.



🌟 Honoring Legacy, Inspiring Futures 🌟

This spring, the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Scholarship Committee proudly voted to honor **two of our longest-serving and most dedicated members** with scholarships in their names. These awards join the **Lola Ellestad Alumni Scholarship**, established in 2023, in recognizing the incredible legacy of our founding members—individuals whose passion, commitment, and volunteerism have shaped the heart of our Foundation.

We are thrilled to introduce the:

✦ Patricia “Pat” Hyatt Alumni Scholarship

✦ Barbara Ward Thompson Alumni Scholarship

Both Pat and Barbara have been pillars of the Sedro-Woolley Alumni Association and the Foundation, giving generously of their time, talents, and leadership for decades. Their unwavering dedication to the mission of supporting students and honoring alumni traditions has left a lasting mark on our community.

We are so proud to recognize Pat and Barb’s incredible legacies in this meaningful way. These scholarships will not only support the dreams of Sedro-Woolley students for generations to come, but also celebrate the spirit of community and service that Pat and Barb have modeled so beautifully.

♥ Thank you, Pat and Barb, for your decades of dedication. Your impact lives on in every student helped, every event held, and now, in every scholarship awarded in your honor.

Pat Hyatt (SWHS Class of 1952, née Erickson)

A proud Cub with a vibrant high school career, Pat was involved in nearly everything—Pep Club, National Honor Society President, Dramatics Club, Ski Club, Spanish Club, KBRC Radio Program, Choir, Class Treasurer, and much more. As a volunteer, Pat has spent more than 20 years with the Alumni Association/Foundation. She has chaired the annual plant sale for over a decade, served as Foundation president, managed registration for the All-Class Picnic, and contributed her energy to countless committees. Pat’s words say it all: *“Volunteering has been my life story and passion.”*

Barbara Ward Thompson (SWHS Class of 1943, née Ward)

Barbara’s leadership and drive were evident even in her high school days—Girls Club, Bookroom Clerk, Co-Captain of the Scrap Drive, Defense Stamp and Fuel Rationing Committees, Usher, Pep Club, Honor Roll, and Salutatorian of her class. Her impact continued well beyond graduation. Barb has been the driving force behind the All-Class Picnic for decades. While she may no longer hold the official title, we still proudly follow her guidance and the meticulous event binder she created, ensuring each year’s picnic runs flawlessly. She has also served as Foundation secretary and contributed to numerous committees.

♥ *With heartfelt gratitude, we celebrate Pat and Barb for their decades of service.*

[**Click Here to Make a Donation to Our Scholarship Program!**](#)

OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

The Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation has created a new grant opportunity to support school/district endorsed activities that are outside of regular courses of study. The purpose of the grant is to support student extracurricular activities that find it difficult to provide essential and appropriate equipment common among quality programs; as well as other special needs unique to the requesting program.

Program needs of these extracurricular activities are often not adequately met given ASB fund distribution guidelines and varied levels of student participation. Eligible school / district endorsed extracurricular activities typically include: sports, music, drama, art, debate, and clubs as a few examples.

2025-2026 Opportunity Grant Applications are due January 5th, 2026!

To apply for an Opportunity Grant, please visit: <https://woolleycubs.com/grants/>

Have you seen the new Class of 2026 bleacher slogan?

If you've driven past the Sedro-Woolley High School stadium lately, you may have noticed this year's bold statement proudly painted across the grandstand — **"We Won't Quit in 2026!"** ❤️🐻

We love seeing the tradition continue each year! If you have photos of your own class's bleacher slogan from years past, we'd love to see them! 📷

Please email them to info.swasf@gmail.com so we can feature them in a future newsletter or online!

Happy 101st Birthday to Lola Ellestad! 🎂👑

We're a little belated in sharing our wishes, but the celebration is no less special! Lola is one of the original three founding members of the Sedro-Woolley Alumni Association and a proud member of the SWHS Class of 1942. Her lifelong Cub pride and community spirit continue to inspire us all.

Help Us Celebrate Our Amazing Community -- Nominations for SWSD's Community Recognition Awards are OPEN!

The annual **Sedro-Woolley School District Community Recognition Awards** nominations are open, and we'd love your help! This is your chance to celebrate those who make a difference — the people whose hard work, dedication, and spirit help our students and community thrive.

Award Categories:

- **Hall of Fame (Athletic):** For former SWHS student-athletes who've achieved distinction in athletics.
- **Hall of Fame (Academic):** For former SWHS students who've achieved distinction in academics or their chosen field.
- **District-Wide Recognition:** For current staff or community members who go above and beyond in their work with our schools.
- **Memorial Recognition:** To honor, posthumously, those who have shown exceptional service or loyalty to the Sedro-Woolley School District.
- **Community Recognition:** For individuals who've made an outstanding impact in our community or shown loyal support for our schools.

To nominate someone, please complete the [online nomination form](#) — it only takes a few minutes!

We can't wait to celebrate our incredible recipients on **February 26 at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Sedro-Woolley High School Auditorium.**

If you have any questions or need a little help with your nomination, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jada Trammell at jtrammell@swsd101.org.

Thank you so much for taking the time to recognize those who make Sedro-Woolley such a special place.

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS ON FACEBOOK....

Congratulations to Sedro-Woolley High School senior Landon Steele, recipient of the Barbara Ward Thompson Alumni Scholarship Award!

Although Landon was unable to attend the Senior Awards Night, he met with Mrs. Thompson at the high school to receive his certificate and take a photo.

Much like Landon—who served as ASB President this year—Mrs. Thompson, now 99, was also an incredibly involved student during her time at SWHS. Her 1943 yearbook write-up was impressively long, filled with honors and leadership roles: Honor Society for three years, Girls' Club Secretary, Pep Club member, class president, yearbook editor, Ski Club, tennis manager, bookroom clerk, Class Song Leader, co-captain scrap driver, and so much more. She was even salutatorian and served on committees ranging from dances to fuel rationing.

It's clear the spirit of leadership and service runs strong in our Cub community—across generations.

CUB CORNER

If your class is having an event in 2025 - a reunion, happy hour or other social gathering, be SURE to send it to us to include here in our newsletter or on our Facebook page! We are always happy to help share information about your event and help get the word out. We love seeing our fellow Cubs together and having fun!

Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Facebook Page

The Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation is a non-profit 503(c)(3) that raises, manages and distributes funds in support of student education in the Sedro-Woolley School District. If you would like to help support the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation, a list of different ways that you can help is included below.

1) Visit <https://woolleycubs.com/cubsgive> to make an online donation.

-You can set-up reoccurring donations, along with designate your donation to a specific area: scholarships/classroom grants/greatest need.

2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation

-Search for @swschoolsfoundation or scan the QR code (pictured below) to send payment.

3) Mail check to Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation at P.O Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

We invite you to join the Foundation in a partnership with the community to make a difference for our children!

Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Website



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