

Meridian Public School Foundation

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I am truly honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Meridian Public School Foundation McClellan Scholarship, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude. The time I spent in the Meridian School District helped me grow into the student, and more importantly the person I am today.

I will be entering my senior year at Washington State University next fall, and I'm looking forward to finishing out my bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. I worked hard this past year to obtain a 4.0 GPA and hope to maintain that during my last two semesters. I spent the summer of 2021 working in Colville, WA as an intern for Hewes Marine Co. helping their engineering department streamline their manufacturing process with CNC machinery. This summer I am working in Sedro-Wolley at Sedron Technologies, an engineering firm that is a subsidiary of Janaki Enterprises. Sedron has been developing a new technology that turns wastewater streams into beneficial products. For example, I am currently working on a project that turns the vinasse from a rum distillery into clean water, alcohol used within cleaning products, and a dry product that functions as a fertilizer. This internship has been an amazing experience and I've learned many valuable skills that I will take with me after graduation.

After graduation I hope to find a job within the manufacturing industry. The shop classes at Meridian highschool are what initially sparked my desire to design and create new things, and my internship experiences have only driven this further. Throughout both of my internships I've found the most enjoyment when I get the chance to develop prototypes and assist in the manufacturing of new products. Because of this passion, I'm excited to get into the job force and further develop my knowledge within the engineering field.

The Meridian Public School Foundation, and more specifically the McClellan Scholarship, has made it possible for me to further my education and find enjoyment within my field without the stress of financial burden. Because of this scholarship, I am fortunate enough to focus entirely on my education throughout the school year and gain job experience during the summers. This financial assistance you provide allows students like me to follow our passions. I am extremely grateful for your continued support as I come into my final year at Washington State University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chad Nunamaker', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chad Nunamaker

