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WSUAA Leadership Scholarship Programs Support WSU Students

The WSU Alumni Association is proud to support current student leaders—WSU’s future alumni leaders—through the WSUAA Leadership Scholarship Program. The program is designed to help more students—from a greater variety of backgrounds—receive a world-class education at WSU. Students can apply for a variety of scholarships provided by the WSUAA. There are scholarships for incoming and current students, and the recipients are considered based on a variety of factors which may include leadership, academic performance, campus involvement, and financial need.

Ask a Friend to Join

The WSUAA has continued its record-breaking growth with a new all-time high of more than 30,000 members (nearly equivalent to the population of Pullman!). The best way to continue this growth is for you, our loyal and supportive members, to keep spreading the word about why you joined the WSUAA.

Meleah Nordquist, a junior working toward a degree in psychology with a minor in human development, was awarded the Phillip and June Lighty Leadership Award for her work on a variety of organizations and her dedication to helping others.

November 22
Cougar Kickoff at Arizona State, Tempe, Arizona
Join your fellow Cougs in Arizona for a pregame rally! The rally will include guest speakers, prizes, Cougar gear, and a locally inspired tailgate meal.

December 4
Holiday Celebration at the Lewis Alumni Centre, Pullman
Join the Student Alumni Ambassadors at the Lewis Alumni Centre for the annual Holiday Celebration. Attendees are invited to get their pictures taken with Santa Claus and Santa Butch, as well as participate in holiday craft making, music, and refreshments.
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