

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY Puget Sound Section 2026 Scholarship Winners

The John Macklin scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in a college or university in the ACS Puget Sound Section with a chemistry curriculum. It is specifically for underrepresented minority students in chemistry. The scholarship is named after Dr John Macklin, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at the University of Washington. He received a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Cornell and became the first African American to join the UW chemistry faculty in 1968. He served on science education advisory committees for The College Board and on several Educational Testing Service chemistry examination committees. He is currently a Councilor in the Puget Sound Section.

Evangelynna-Rose Aguon, Pacific Lutheran University



Evangelynna-Rose Aguon an undergraduate student majoring in Biochemistry at Pacific Lutheran University. With a strong interest in healthcare and the sciences, she plans to continue her education in the field of Dentistry after completing her degree. Evangelynna-Rose hopes to build a career focused on improving patients' oral health while making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Growing up, Evangelynna was deeply

influenced by the dedication and sacrifices of her stepfather and immigrant mother. Their example instilled in her the importance of perseverance, determination, and responsibility, inspiring her to pursue a rigorous academic path and advocate for underrepresented communities. According to the author of the recommendation letter, Evangelynna is an excellent candidate for this award because they are still in the early stages of exploring the field of chemistry, and this scholarship could have a significant positive impact on their college career.

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The Julia Ann Rutherford Scholarship from the Puget Sound Section of the American Chemical Society is awarded to chemistry majors studying at four-year colleges and universities in Western Washington. Julia Rutherford (1989 – 2011) was a 2008 graduate of Eatonville High School and a student at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU). She was killed on July 3, 2011, while hiking on snow near Aasgard Pass in the Cascade Mountains near Leavenworth, Washington. During her time at PLU Julia excelled in the classroom and was an active member of the community and in ACS. In recognition of her commitment to mentorship and education, the Puget Sound Section established the Julia Ann Rutherford Scholarship in her honor in 2012.

Ian McAnnaly, University of Washington -Bothell



Ian McAnally is a sophomore at the University of Washington Bothell majoring in Biochemistry. He is passionate about using scientific research to improve patient care and is actively involved in undergraduate research while balancing work and community service. After completing his undergraduate degree, he plans to pursue an MD–PhD and a career as a physician-scientist, combining patient care with biomedical research to develop innovative treatments for disease.

Outside the lab, Ian volunteers with the King County Library System's StudyZone program, which offers free K–12 tutoring to underserved students. Through this work, Ian supports students' academic growth while serving as a positive role model. According to the author of the recommendation letter, Ian showed initiative by joining a research lab after completing an undergraduate research course and proved to be a highly motivated, dedicated, and passionate student. He continued to build his skills and achieved several impressive accomplishments.

Hanna Wiczek, Western Washington University



Hanna Wiczek is an undergraduate at Western Washington University earning her Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry. She intends to use this degree to pursue a career in Neurorehabilitation after completing PA school. Understanding and validating the complexity of traumatic brain injuries while applying her biochemical foundation is what ultimately inspires her pursuit in this field. Hanna writes songs and performs with a folk band as part of her healing journey through

significant health challenges. She also uses her platform to share their experiences with the community. According to the author of her letter of reference, Hanna's 3.8 GPA in a rigorous STEM curriculum is a significant achievement that reflects both her intellectual ability and her determination in overcoming substantial health challenges during college.

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The William J. Wasserman Scholarship from the Puget Sound Section of the American Chemical Society is awarded to chemistry students at two-year colleges and universities in Washington. William J. Wasserman (1925 – 2005) was committed to excellence in chemistry education and the promotion of science. He taught chemistry at Seattle Central Community College where he developed the chemistry program and created a novel training program in Chemical Technology. He served as Chair of the local section and as councilor for many years and in 1983 he was the General Chairman of the 1983 ACS National Meeting held in Seattle, coordinating interactions between the local and national organizations. The local section created the scholarship in his honor to recognize his belief that science education can expand opportunities for students and enhance quality of life throughout Washington.

Mathew Kastelic, Everett Community College



Mathew Kastelic is a biology student at Everett Community College and is currently taking the steps necessary to get into Physical Therapy School. With a major interest in human anatomy, he hopes to continue his education and build on the strong foundations he has built to help people battle through injuries and aging biomechanics. . Mathew is a certified personal trainer who applies his skills while working with patients, an experience that has helped him develop greater empathy. In addition, he volunteers at the YMCA, supporting programs that serve underprivileged children. According to the author of his reference letter, beyond his strong academic achievements, Mathew is a kind and compassionate individual with a great sense of humor and a strong drive to continually challenge himself in pursuit of both personal and professional growth.

Anique Zimmer, Tacoma Community College

Anique Zimmer is a biology student at Tacoma Community College, currently considering career paths and majors in laboratory sciences and biomedicine. With an interest in science communication, they hope to contribute both to the greater world of research and in bringing knowledge to where it might inspire future generations. Anique volunteers with the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Mussel Watch Program, building relationships through both fieldwork and laboratory activities. She also stays actively involved in her academic and campus communities by participating in the Engineering Club and serving as president of the Chemistry Club. According to the author of her reference letter, what sets Anique apart from many peers is a genuine dedication to mastering the material and collaborating effectively with classmates to foster a supportive learning environment. As a non-traditional student, Anique brings focus and determination to her studies and serves as a positive role model for others.