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Educational Service Center

July 12, 2012

To: Snohomish County Football Foundation Hall of Fame Committee.

Re: Hall of Fame Scholarship Banquet.

I am writing this letter to lend support for what I consider one of the best philanthropic endeavors by any organization in Snohomish County. Annually the Snohomish County Football Foundation Committee chooses 4 players to receive scholarships for their outstanding academic and community service, and athletic activities. The list of winners over the course of 30 years is certainly impressive. The scholarship money these athletes receive in many cases makes the difference between being able to attend college immediately or having to wait until their financial situation improves.

As a former football coach in Snohomish County for 21 years I was able to see many athletes benefit from the efforts of the foundation. One such athlete was a student who played quarterback for a team that I coached at Marysville Pilchuck High school in the 80's. This young man overcame much to not only be a successful athlete but, more importantly, a successful student. He was a student who consistently challenged himself academically (4.0 gpa) and he applied for many colleges. He eventually was accepted to Stanford but did not have enough money for tuition, room, or board. He applied for many scholarships and was also a recipient of the Snohomish County Football Foundation Scholarship. Because of that award and others this young man was able to fulfill his academic dreams and go on to be a successful businessman and entrepreneur.

With the economy continuing to recover and the cost of college tuition at an all time high, increased philanthropic assistance for deserving students will be one of many keys to insure future generations of productive citizens. One of the most gratifying and heartwarming events that I have ever attended has been the Snohomish County Football Foundation Scholarship Banquet. It is a classic display of tremendous academic talent from our own back yard. These student athletes will be our greatest resource for the future and we need to provide them with continuous support. To that end, please consider or continue your support for the Snohomish County Football Foundation Scholarship awards.

Sincerely,

Ken Collins

Assistant Superintendent Lake Stevens School District The Snohomish County Football Official's Hall of Fame Committee was formed to honor scholar athletes in the greater Snohomish and Island Counties. Since then we've awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to help further the academics of young scholar athletes, as they become the future leaders of our communities.

To accomplish this goal, the "Hall of Fame" sponsors an annual banquet, supported entirely by donations. Each year 50 nominated athletes, their coach & parents gather to celebrate their achievements. The highlight of the banquet for the 250+ in attendance occurs when the scholarships are presented to several outstanding recipients.

HISTORY

In May of 1982, J.T."Bud" Simpson of Everett, a long time member of the Seattle Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, and local coaching legend, Jim Ennis contacted a few local football enthusiasts to form a committee. After several meetings and much work, the NFFH of F granted Chapter recognition to Snohomish County on September 9, 1982. The first banquet followed that December.

For the first nine Scholar Athlete Banquets, we were with the National organization. However, in 1991, the Snohomish County Football Hall of Fame was formed to strengthen our economic and cultural ties to our region. Funding this endeavor has entirely come from donations by local businesses, individuals and of course football officials. The Hall of Fame holds a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status so that all donations may be tax deductible.



In 2003 we have again changed our name to the Snohomish County Football Official's Hall of Fame (SCFOHF). Our purpose of the Snohomish County Football Hall of Fame is to support high school football scholars in a positive fashion and reward their academic, athletic, leadership and citizenship abilities by providing incentives to young scholar athletes so then can strive to achieve high ideals in the future.



"We are grateful for the scholarship money but especially for the enriching experience it was to be included in the Snohomish County Football Hall of Fame event." — Mike and Kathy Long (parents of former winner Chris Long of South Whidbey)

To accomplish the goal of supporting high school football scholars in a positive fashion, the SCFOHF committee has sponsored an annual banquet since 1982 honoring scholar athletes from high schools throughout Snohomish and Island counties. The evening commences with dinner followed by a guest speaker.

Previous keynote speakers;

Charlie Young (USC); Garland Bryant; Randy Van Divier (UW); Jim Lambright (UW); Chuck Nelson (UW); Brad Westering (PLU); Rick Fenney (UW); Jim Livengood (WSU); Reggie McKenzie (Seattle Seahawks); Dick Baird (UW); Dennis Erickson (WSU); Hugh McElhenny (UW); Mike Price (WSU); Frosty Westering (PLU); Dough Wollard (WSU); Mike Levenseller (WSU); Rob Smith (WWU); Bob Robertson (WSU); Tony Ventrella (Local Television Sports Anchor); Nesby Glasgow (UW and Seattle Seahawks); Curt Marsh (UW and Oakland Raiders) and Bruce Brown, director of Proactive Coaching.



The highlight of the banquet occurs when each nominee's accomplishments are presented followed by the presentation of scholarships to the most outstanding scholar athletes. The scholarships are provided as an incentive to further the athlete's educational endeavors and are based on four areas of achievement. These multiple criteria are meant to look at the recipient's level of performance in the areas of:

- Scholastic Accomplishments
- Athletic Participation
- Leadership in extra-curricular activities
- Citizenship in non-school related activities

Those that meet these ideals are chosen for scholarships on the basis of attitude, scholarship, citizenship and contributions to his school, family and community.

2012 BANQUET

The 2012 Annual Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet is just around the corner! The 31st annual banquet will be held on Wednesday December 5th. We will be returning to the Comcast Arena in the Edward Hansen Conference Center. The banquet will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by our guest speaker and concluding with the scholarship awards.



The 2012 guest speaker at the Snohomish County Football Official's Annual Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet will be Keith Gilbertson Jr.. "Gilby" is currently a scout with the Cleveland Browns of the NFL. He has served as the head football coach at the University of Idaho (1986–1988), the University of California, Berkeley (1992–1995), the University of Washington (2003–2004) and an assistant coach for the Seattle SeaHawks.

2011 BANQUET

The theme of the 30th annual Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet was "giving back". It was held on Wednesday December 7, 2011. The banquet took place in the Edward Hansen Conference Center at the Comcast Arena in Everett.



The guest speaker was Charlie Young, a tight end who played for 13 seasons in the National Football League for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1973–76, the Los Angeles Rams from 1977–79, the San Francisco 49ers from 1980–82, and the Seattle Seahawks from 1983–85. He was drafted by the Eagles in the first round of the 1973 NFL Draft. He played college football at USC and went to Edison High School in Fresno, California.

Our guest speaker was a high achiever on and off the football field just like our nominated student athletes. He played in the Pro Bowl in 1973, 1974 and 1975 and won Super Bowl XVI with the San Francisco 49ers in 1982. He was a key contributor on the final 89-yard drive that led to the play that has been immortalized as "The Catch" in the 1982 NFC Playoffs versus the Dallas Cowboys. A staunch community supporter, Charlie Young volunteers with the United Way, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Society, and Pacific Northwest Athletic Congress. A volunteer for the 1990 Goodwill Games, he participated in the Black Men Professional Breakfast and is a board member of the Wee Care Childcare Center.

All of the nominated student athletes are top-notch kids, excelling on the football field, earning top grade point averages and giving back to the community through thousands of hours of community service.



A big congratulations to the winners of the 2011 Snohomish County Football Officials Hall of Fame Awards:

- •Sam Shober Archbishop Murphy HS Everett, WA
- enrolled at Stanford University
- •Jacob Micheletti Lakewood HS N. Lakewood, WA
- enrolled at University of Washington
- •Joshua Schuh Stanwood HS Stanwood, WA
- enrolled at Auburn University
- •Blake McPherson Arlington HS Arlington, WA •
- •Tanner Davenport Meadowdale HS Edmonds, WA
- enrolled at Simon Fraser University

A big thank you to the numerous sponsors and individuals who donated to this years event. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, sponsoring a table or attending future Snohomish County Football Officials Scholar Athlete Banquets please contact Jim Carter (425) 327-5732.

"Dear Snohomish County Football Official's:

I would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication in putting on the Snohomish County Football Hall of Fame Banquet. The evening was delightful and the food was delicious, I would have had seconds, but I was too nervous to eat my usual volume of food.

I really appreciate the tremendous amount of time the committee served in the reading of all the applications. I feel very honored to have been chosen as one of the scholarship recipients. In the fall, I am planning on attending Modesto Junior College, in California and studying Agriculture. In addition, the Head Coach of Modesto Jr. College has been in contact with me. I am very excited. Your Scholarship will be helping to make these plans come true. Thank you so much for this opportunity." Sincerely.















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PAST WINNERS

The vast majority of student athletes both nominated and those that have won the Hall of Fame awards have gone on to receive degrees from colleges and universities throughout the nation. The underlying trait that all of the past winners have is that they have gone on to become the leaders of today.

Year	Lineman	Back	
2010	Bo "John" Kim	David Kay	
	(Edmonds-Woodway HS)	(South Whidbey HS)	
	Joonwon Choi	Lucas Sontra	
	(Edmonds-Woodway HS)	(Everett HS)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" Blake Petersen (Arlington HS)		
	Officials HOF, my scholarship. Next year I will be in Vancouver B.C. on a partial in for your financial help, and for possible."		
2009	Lucas Perry (Snohomish HS)	Tim Frohning (Monroe HS)	
	Grant Arnold	Caleb Smith	
	(Edmonds-Woodway HS)	(Archbishop Murphy HS)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" Andy Smith (Arlington HS)		
2008	Nicholas Deller	Dylan Estes (Snohomish HS)	
	(Mountlake Terrace HS)	(Shohollish H3)	
	Din Kuses	Bernard Do	
	(Edmonds-Woodway HS)	(Mariner HS)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" Nick Forsythe		

(Marysville-Pilchuck HS)

Year	Lineman	Back	
2007	Bradley Perry (Snohomish HS)	Eric Seacrist (Meadowdale HS)	
	Conner Nelson (Meadowdale HS)	Sean Braaten (Mariner HS)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" Brad McPherson (Arlington HS)		
2006	Nick Snyder (Archbishop Murphy)	Kevin Mansfield (Lakewood)	
	Matt Long (South Whidbey)	Tony Houts (Archbishop Murphy)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" lan Mai (Stanwood)		
2005	Josh Switzer (Sultan)	Kevin Rodland (Snohomish)	
	Kameron Gambill (Stanwood)	Ben Fritsch (Archbishop Murphy)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" Bryson Renouard (Lakewood)		
2004	Daniel Luce (Stanwood)	Kristopher Reece (Darrington)	
	Tyler Rumple (Lakewood)	Kristian Stensland (Snohomish)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" Matthew Murphy (Edmonds-Woodway)		
2003	Joseph Newland (Marysville-Pilchuck) Robert Dockter (Kamiak)	Casey Hoffman (Meadowdale) Jeffrey Rodland (Snohomish)	
	The "Armed Services – Schireman Scholarship Award" Brett Jones (Jackson)		

Year	Lineman	Back
2002	Chris Long South Whidbey HS	Michael Berry South Whidbey
2001	Zachary Schumpert Monroe HS	Patrick McCarty Lake Stevens HS
2000	Brian Jones Everett HS	Joshua Rodland Snohomish HS
1999	Matthew Kimball Lake Stevens HS	Patrick Ringland Stanwood HS
1998	Tyler Roberts Mountlake Terrace HS	Eric Rodland Snohomish HS
1997	Brenden Coughlin South Whidbey HS	Joshua Fletcher Arlington HS
1996	Kevin Carroll, Jr. Marysville-Pilchuck HS	Grady Smalling Lynnwood HS
1995	Brandon Nett Mountlake Terrace HS	Brandon Christiansen Kamiak HS
1994	Shain P. Heuer Lakewood HS	Greg S. Peticolas South Whidbey HS
1993	Nathan E. Dire Everett HS	Peter J. Sellers Edmonds-Woodway HS
1992	Devin Meucci Meadowdale HS	Marco Emerson Stanwood HS
1991	Adam Ballard Arlington HS	Douglas Seymour Snohomish HS
1990	Joshua Wolff Lake Stevens HS	Michael Kelly Cascade HS
1989	Saxon Yandell Snohomish HS	James Richardson Marysville-Pilchuck HS
1988	Darin White Marysville-Pilchuck HS	Jerry Lewis Marysville-Pilchuck HS

Year	Lineman	Back
1987	David Luedtke Mariner HS	Thomas Lane Everett HS
1986	Philip Olufson Woodway HS	Larry Stayner Marysville-Pilchuck HS
1985	James Rigby Cascade HS	Kevin Nelson Snohomish HS
1984	Todd Keeney Marysville-Pilchuck HS	Mark Draper Lake Stevens HS
1983	Nogi Asp Woodway HS	Phil Telgenhoff Snohomish HS
1982	Rick Larsen Arlington HS	Alan Pearson Sultan HS

"Dear Snohomish County Football Officials, Thank you very much for awarding me with a scholarship this past fall. It was quite an honor for my family and me, and I was happy to be able to represent Everett High School and Coach Soren. Best wishes to you all." Sincerely,

Lucas Sontra



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Scholarship winners have impressive resumes

By David Krueger, Herald Writer



EVERETT — If the youth is in fact the future, the future is looking pretty bright.

Thirty-eight scholar-athletes were honored at the 29th annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet — one back and one lineman from each local high school. Five of them won scholarships of either \$1,000 or \$500 at the event put on by the Snohomish County Football Officials Hall of Fame Wednesday night at Comcast Arena.

Describing the competition as fierce would be the understatement of the year.

Take Bo "John" Kim for instance. The \$1,000 lineman winner from Edmonds-Woodway has a grade point average of 3.92 and is senior class treasurer, a member of National Honor Society and plays Alto Saxophone in the school's band. He is in the Warrior Buddy program, where he mentors elementary school-aged kids, played center for two years on the varsity football team and wrestles for the Warriors, for whom he is a team captain and was the academic state champion last year at 189 pounds.

"I like school," Kim said, a phrase rarely proclaimed by high schoolers. "(Especially) those days in football camp just dogging around with my friends."

He hopes to attend the University of Pennsylvania,

University of Chicago or Harvey Mudd College, a liberal-arts school in Claremont, Calif., which specializes in mathematics.

South Whidbey's David Kay was the backs' \$1,000 winner. He possesses a resume that's just as impressive. A two-year letterman in varsity football, Kay has a 3.89 GPA and represented South Whidbey at the 2009 Youth Forum on Medicine. The hopeful surgeon volunteers at a local food bank and the University of Washington Medical Center and hopes to attend either UW or Stanford.

"Just work hard," Kay said when asked how incoming freshman can follow in his footsteps. "It's all about effort. Try to be enthusiastic about school."

The Schireman scholarship, a \$1,000 award which is sponsored by Jeff and Betty Schireman in honor of those who have or are serving in the military, went to Blake Petersen, an offensive lineman for Arlington. Petersen

lettered in football, basketball and track and was a team captain in all three sports. He was a first team "All Wesco" selection at linebacker and nominated to the East/West All Star game. All the while, Petersen maintained a 3.8 GPA and participated in Arlington's Relay for Life and organized a youth melanoma walk.

The aspiring teacher is looking to continue to play football at Eastern Washington or Pacific Lutheran University.

Joonwon Choi (Edmonds-Woodway) and Lucas Sontra (Everett) won the \$500 awards. Sontra, who boasts a 3.97 GPA and is in the top three percent of his class, also lettered in basketball and baseball. In 2008 he traveled to Fuling, China, to volunteer with special needs children in an orphanage through a program called "Young Life."

Choi is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate, which is the most rigourous course load a high school student can take. He received a scholarship to go to Costa Rica for a cultural immersion program as well as a trip to Hawaii to work on ecological preservation of a local ecosystem. Despite all the traveling he still managed to maintain a 3.87 GPA, participate in the Associated Student Body Senate, play basketball all four years of high school and mentor kids at a local Boys and Girls Club of America.

With all these scholar-athletes' studying, traveling and working, one has to wonder where these guys find time to sleep. Even they aren't sure.

"I honestly don't know," Petersen said. "I just keep going, going, going till I get it all done and go to sleep whenever. Then I get up the next morning and do it again."

Petersen, and the rest of the scholar-athletes tended to share a common motto: seizing opportunities.

"Get involved in as much as you can," Petersen said. "Never know what you'll miss."

"Take advantage of every opportunity you're given," Sontra said. "If things aren't going your way keep working hard and things will fall into place for you."

"It's never too late," said Kim, who didn't start taking honors classes right off the bat in high school.

The program, put on at the end of every season by the Snohomish County Football Officials Association, is run on donations from the community and the officials themselves. This year the ceremony also honored two special guests, Washington State Officials Hall of Fame member Warren Larsen, who spent 58 years officiating football, baseball, softball, basketball and wrestling events spanning 142 prep seasons, and Snohomish football player Ike Ditzenberger, the Panthers player with Down Syndrome whose touchdown run went viral on Youtube and recently won Lake Stevens and Snohomish High Schools \$10,000 in the "Spirit of the Game" prize from State Farm Insurance Companies.



Nominees

Archbishop Murphy: Austin VanderWel, Nathan Zarate.

Arlington:

Brady Quinton, Blake Petersen

Cascade:

Alexander Duncan, Dominque Doton

Edmonds-Woodway: Joonwon Choi, Bo Kim

Everett:

Spencer McKinnon, Lucas Sontra

Glacier Peak:

Brandon Gilbertson

Jackson:

Samuel Hering, Roberts Evans

Kamiak:

Drew Duskin, Thomas Fossedal

Lake Stevens:

Brandon Preslar, Kody Dinh

Lakewood:

Justin Lane, Alex Wilson

Lynnwood:

Coleman Bryant, Christopher Kossik

Mariner:

Brian Best, Jordan Garneau

Marysville-Pilchuck:

Tylor Klep, Klint Ramsey

Monroe:

Joey Roppo, Drew Hopper

Mountlake Terrace:

Lance Fernandez

Snohomish:

Thomas Koenig, Nicholas Frisk

South Whidbey:

David Kay, Tyler Norris

Stanwood:

Samuel Harris, Jordan Taylor

Sultan: Zachary Day, David Huckabone