



Congratulations BA Graduates!

Jamileh Almasoud
Teddi Blades
Tanay Brookens
Marilou Carlson
Aldona Graves
Kate Hale
Sara Hegnes
Caileen Hill
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Kristy Lara
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Erika Ortiz
Elizabeth Sandoval
Isaac Stahl
Keely Strohl
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Donna Warner

News from Child Care Aware of WA Scholarships

Child Care Aware of Washington Scholarships is excited to announce that we can now support home visitors, coaches and family support specialists with our scholarships. Starting this fall, early childhood educators working in the following roles are eligible to continue their education with our scholarship support:

- Lead & Assistant Teachers
- Early Achievers Coaches
- ECEAP Family Support Staff
- Directors
- Home Visitors
- Program Supervisors
- Infant/Toddler Mental Health Consultants
- Assistant Directors

Eligibility now includes early childhood educators who are working a minimum of 10 hours per week at child care facilities participating in Early Achievers. Contact us to find out if you or your staff are eligible.

In other news, it is time to prepare for the 2019 Legislative Session in Olympia. Please consider helping us advocate for continued funding of ECE scholarships for child care professionals. Please email us at scholarships@wa.childcareaware.org if you are interested.

Child Care Aware of Washington values and encourages feedback from early childhood educators in Washington. For more information on any of our scholarships, please visit us online at <http://wa.childcareaware.org>.



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Scholar Spotlight—Dani Hoffman, Northwest Center Kids, Seattle

When Dani Hoffman thinks of the benefits she has received since starting college to earn her BAS degree in ECE at North Seattle College, she lists several important things: “rejuvenated thought processes,” “energy of joy” and learning ways to “think bigger and dig deeper to better reach and serve the children and families I have the privilege of serving.”

She credits her scholarship, made possible by Early Achievers, for removing the barrier to her ability to earn her degree. “Early Achievers has encouraged and advocated for me as an educator and professional in a field that often lacks proper support and empowerment. My coach works hard to make sure I have the tools and knowledge I need to create and maintain a classroom that is enriching for all my children, all while challenging me to be more intentional and aware of my efforts and impact as a leader as well as an educator.”



**WA Child Care
Business Edge -
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Have you signed up for Washington Child Care Business Edge yet? It's a new, free online business services portal designed to help Early Achievers providers save time and money on their small business administrative tasks. It's full of free templates, tools, resources, tips, discounts, posters and other printables, links to both federal and state regulations and more.

Edge is funded by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and it's powered by Child Care Aware of WA. Here's what one Edge pilot tester said: “It is very helpful to have all of this information in one place.”

<https://www.childcarebizedge.org>



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Fall Reminders:

Academic Advising Forms: Scholars must submit an Academic Advising Form in the first calendar quarter of their scholarship contract.

Release Time Claim Forms: A benefit of your scholarship is the option to use Release Time if you and your employer agree to use it. CCA of WA Scholarships compensates your employer for claimed release time at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, up to 3 hours per week for time you take away from work for course-related activities.

Find the Academic Advising Form & Release Time Claim Form on our website:
<http://wa.childcareaware.org/providers/scholarships/forms-instructions/scholarship-forms>



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