

## Congratulations to the DWPA 2023 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Megan Cramer, Luke Carmick, Guillermo Grimsley, and Mario Zamora, DWPA 2023 Scholarship Winners. Certificates and checks were presented by Tracy Smiles, DWPA Chair. Marge Larson, 2023-2024 Scholarship Chair, introduced the essays of Cramer, Carmick and Zamora. Guillermo Grimsley spoke at the meeting.

The families of Megan Cramer, Guillermo Grimsley and Mario Zamora were present for the scholarship presentations.

**About Megan:** Megan Cramer is a graduating senior at BASIS Charter School. Megan's extra-curricular and volunteer activities include serving on The Launch Pad's Teen Advisory Council, the BASIS Student Council, playing the piano, and participating on a range of sports teams. Megan has applied and been accepted to 8 universities including ERAU, Cal State East Bay, and San Jose State, as well as several East Coast liberal arts colleges. Megan proposes that in order to change the world "I would want to encourage others to love themselves and their community... If I can do that, it'll create a domino effect that ripples through time."

**About Guillermo:** Guillermo Grimsley is a graduating senior at ASU Prep Digital. Guillermo's volunteer work includes work as a classroom aide in Mayer, helping K-8 students, and on weekends volunteered at the Francen Rescue Ranch where he helps rescued horses and donkeys. Guillermo has applied and been accepted to ASU, NAU, and YC. His long-term goal is to become a teacher whereby he can "truly make a change one heart and mind at a time."

**About Luke:** Luke Carmick is a graduating senior from Prescott High School. Luke's extra-curricular and volunteer activities include playing golf and baseball, serving on the student athlete leadership team, and as an officer for the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club. Additionally, Luke has volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, the Community Garden, and coached golf for a summer youth school program. Luke has been accepted to University of Arizona's Honors and Engineering Colleges, and ERAU. His goal is to use his Engineering education to "implement reusable energy anywhere and everywhere possible."

**About Mario:** Mario Zamora is a graduating senior at BASIS Charter School. Mario has been awarded many academic awards during his time at BASIS, played soccer, and volunteered at Zooteen where he's conducted learning stations, spoken to the public, worked as a counselor for enrichment programs for children, translated for Spanish-speaking visitors, and mentored new volunteers on how to interact with the public. Mario has been accepted to multiple universities

including Yale and M.I.T. Mario is also a legacy recipient of the DWPA scholarship. His sister was awarded the DACA scholarship several years ago.