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First Independent Helps Six SW Washington High School Grads Attend Clark College

Six new graduates from SW Washington high schools have earned local scholarships of \$2,000 each to attend Clark College in the fall.

Ali Fox, Camas High School; Tyler Chang, Evergreen High School; Sarah Custer and Amanda Sudan, Battle Ground High School; Amanda Miller, Skyview High School; and Malyaka Bush, Fort Vancouver High School, were selected by a Clark College scholarship committee.

Funds for the scholarships are made possible by a \$300,000 endowment E.W. Firstenburg, then CEO and Chairman of First Independent, gifted to Clark College in 1985. Up to 12 scholarships are awarded annually from the endowment to incoming Clark College students interested in pursuing careers in business.

“One of the ways we can help to build community vitality is by encouraging our young people in their pursuit of education,” said Jeanne Firstenburg, First Independent President and Chief Operating Officer. “Supporting students and local educational institutions remains a strong commitment for First Independent.”

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A full service community bank with assets of nearly \$1 billion, First Independent is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The bank serves SW Washington and Portland residents and businesses from 19 branches and offices in the region and a variety of online and mobile banking services. Headquartered in Vancouver, WA, with a long tradition of supporting local community organizations, First Independent is committed to enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life in the Pacific Northwest. Member FDIC.