

## 2018 SAAM Scholarship Awards

### **Taeko Abuza**

Dedicated, hardworking, thoughtful, and an excellent work ethic are just a few words that are used to describe Taeko. Whether it is teaching archery to young archers or playing music, Taeko has the ability to reach goals that others would think impossible.

Taeko will be attending Ritsumeikan University for study in humanities where it will give her opportunities of helping to create a future beyond borders for those in need.

When it involves archery Taeko says, "There is a sense of balance and clarity in letting the arrow go. It will fly by itself and it may be affected by the wind or how I shot it, but it will reach its mark."

### **Kelly Davis**

Rarely does one find a passion so great that they want to make it part of their life's work. Kelly is off to a wonderful start being accepted to Mount Marty College to pursue a degree in Mathematics and Business.

Kelly says "The achievement I am most proud of to date is definitely earning my Girl Scout Gold Award by starting an archery club at Littleton High School." Kelly coached archery while still in high school, developed an archery program, and funded it all with fundraising.

Kelly is to be part of the Mount Marty Archery team for 2019.

### **Elizabeth Dickerson**

Amongst Elizabeth's instructors and peers she is thought to be a dedicated, hard working, intelligent young lady with a passion for excelling in both learning and teaching others.

Elizabeth has been busy these past years with earning her master's degree in chemistry at the University of Saint Joseph. Her love of archery has grown through the years with competing and coaching.

Here is a quote from Elizabeth; "I am incredibly passionate about archery and want to continue sharing this passion with others to allow the sport to remain strong for many years to come."

## **Hana Tabit**

Around Hana's hometown she is well known as "The Archer", dedicated to the art and teaching others the joys of archery. Hana's dedication to her community and the environment knows no bounds as she strives to seek answers to today's problems facing both the environment and world issues.

Starting at a very young age alongside her Aunt Penny with a test tube in hand Hana has journeyed through the world of Chemistry and wants to become a Chemistry Professor. Worcester Polytechnic Institute will be gaining a committed, determined and intelligent student.

A quote from Hana: "My ultimate life goal is to help as many people as I possibly can and make a positive impact on society, and I know that with the skills that archery has provided me, I will be equipped to take on whatever follows."

## **Abigail van der Swaagh**

In everything she does, Abigail strives to be great at what she accomplishes, whether it is archery or agriculture.

"Strength is not purely physical; training my mind and my body in archery and in the pasture, have taught me that the world will demand both determination and willpower, in spades, as I move on in academics, in agriculture, in sports."

Abigail is continuing her quest for a degree at Michigan State University studying Animal Science to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.