

2013 SAAM Scholarship Awards

Emily Dickerson

There is no question that Emily is a high achiever with an emphasis on quality in whatever path she chooses to follow. Throughout her high school days she has committed to her archery program while completing college courses along with her regular high school studies, volunteering in her community, and working a part-time job as a medical records assistant. Emily says: "Archery is a unique sport, as both mental and physical stamina play a key role in success. More importantly, success is not attained by a series of perfect tens but by continued and consistent improvement." Emily is continuing her education at the University of Saint Joseph to pursue a career in the medical field.

Elliot Simon

Archery according to Elliot is the ultimate sport that has given him his greatest achievement to date, that of making the world Archery Youth Championships in 2011. Juggling school work and archery was not an easy thing to do, yet he accomplished his goal to do both.. He is still looking for the "perfect shot" and plans to do so for the near and distant future. Elliot plans on becoming a statistical analyst, also known as an Actuary, studying at UCONN where he also plans to continue archery through their college program.

Jared Hall

Jared has two major goals set for his future. He says, "one of them is to attend and graduate from the Maine Maritime Academy, completing the Power Systems Engineering degree and earning my Coast Guard license for working in the shipping industry. The other goal I have in the near future is to join the volunteer Fire Department in my town." His greatest role model is his Grandfather Wallace who has given him the gift of commitment to community, and selflessness, helping to shape the man he has become today. In 2012 he became a member of the US Archery Team. "I realize that no goal is to far or too big. It just takes commitment and hard work. If I put my mind to it and put in the effort, anything is possible.

Natalie Chew

Reading and archery are two very important aspects in Natalie's life. Through reading she has been able to determine the path she would like to follow in her life, that of furthering the rights of women's equality around the world. Natalie says, "Archery has, among other things, taught me to take pride in small achievements and to not let disappointments weigh me down. I have learned how to relish the fleeting feeling of pride when all my arrows hit the center of the target after I have shot steadily and confidently, and not let myself become overly frustrated with a single bad shot." Natalie plans on attending Harvard College to pursue her studies.

Ellen Spence

During her young life, Ellen has a growing list of accomplishments. Besides being a determined scholar, she is an avid fencer, an archer, and has her own jewelry business. Her proudest achievement to date is when she made the Honor Roll for the first time in sixth grade. She says: "This academic accomplishment helped lay the ground work that has made me strive to go that extra step, to push myself harder, to achieve more than I originally thought I could possibly accomplish." Ellen plans on attending Wheaton College where she will strive for a degree in Science.