

# WWPS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

## **RUSS LARSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year the Walla Walla Public Schools Music department grants the Russ Larsen Memorial Scholarship to one or more participants in music programs. Russ Larsen was band director and music supervisor at Walla Walla High School for 23 years. He was a terrific teacher and an incredibly talented musician, as well as a caring, selfless individual. In the selection each year, the music staff strives to choose young people who exemplify some of Russ Larsen's characteristics.

The Russ Larsen Memorial Scholarship is funded by the generous donations received at the Walla Walla High School Holiday concerts. Refer to the 2010-2011 Concert Calendar for upcoming dates!

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Russ Larsen Memorial Scholarship recipients, Aislynn Beckstand and Parker Davis. Aislynn received a \$ 750.00 scholarship and is attending Brigham Young University to major in Nursing with a minor in Music. She was a band and orchestra member during her years at Wa-Hi and an exemplary student. Parker Davis received a \$ 750.00 scholarship. Parker is studying music at Burklee School of Music. He was a member of the High School Orchestra where he played as well as composed for the group.

Walla Walla High School seniors planning to study music may apply and are chosen based on their level of participation in the music program, high academic standards and citizenship. Information and applications are made available to graduating music students in the spring.

## **ROBERTA ABRAHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Roberta Abraham was an exceptional person who touched the lives of many people in Walla Walla through music. Her career as a music teacher in Walla Walla Public Schools was devoted to helping and inspiring young people so that they could reach their potential as musicians. In her honor, each year scholarships are granted to middle and high school music students for private music lessons.

The Roberta Abraham Memorial Scholarship is funded by the donations we receive at the District Music Festivals. Our music students thank you for your attendance and generosity at these annual events!

The recipients for the 2010-2011 school year are: Abby Chacon, Bryn Chacon, Quinn Anderson, Emily Bendix, Miranda Doyle, Kelsey Gabel, Mallory Livingston, Tristan Moore, Trevor Moore, Amy Ueckert, Hirut Senter, Jacob Dyer, Cameron Davis, Christina Swanson and Keturah Wik. Congratulations and we appreciate your hard work!

Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their dedication to the public school music program and musical ability. The scholarship provides a \$10 stipend toward the cost of each lesson for twenty lessons for a total of \$200. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for lessons, make payment arrangements with the instructor and return the reimbursement forms in a timely manner. It is expected that the student will make consistent progress, remain in the music program throughout his or her music career, take lessons for the instrument or voice performed in his or her school music group, and participate in the Columbia Basin Music Educators' Solo & Ensemble Contest. Music teachers will provide applications and more information in the fall.