



Funds Distribution Report

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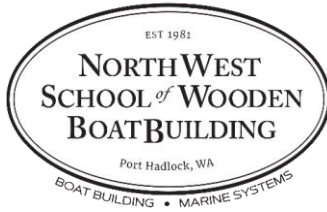
Organization's General Goals:

The Boat School is an educational institution accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Colleges and Schools (ACCSC) and attracts students from around the world. Its mission is to teach and preserve traditional and contemporary wooden boatbuilding skills, while developing the individual as a craftsman.

Date of Award:	Level:
2018 Q2	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding.

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To: Marilyn Sheldon, Director, Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund
From: Betsy Davis, Executive Director, Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding
Re: Final Report for grant supporting scholarships and internships
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This is the final report from the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding (NWSWB) for the generous grant of [REDACTED] received August 2018 to support funding of its scholarship and internship programs.

Each year NWSWB directly changes lives for about 50 post-secondary students who build skills and learn craftsmanship while enrolled in the 6-month Marine Systems program or the 12-month Boatbuilding programs. The school also trains about 50 regional maritime workers in the new specialized week-long Marine Systems Intensive training classes, giving them additional skills and training to advance in their existing jobs. Maritime businesses are benefitted by having a source for hiring trained employees – over a dozen regional boatyards have hired students over the last few years. The school also draws about \$2 million revenue annually into rural Jefferson County, and graduates of the school help fill the 1 in 5 jobs in the Jefferson County that are maritime related.

Thanks to funding from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions and from others supporting the scholarship and internship fund, the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding was able to provide scholarships to support 9 students this year – 6 enrolled in Boatbuilding and three enrolled in Marine Systems. One woman and eight men received the scholarships, and their ages are 18, 24, 26, 29, 33, 34, 35, 38, and 40. The funding also supported two internships, enabling two graduates from the prior year to spend an additional six months at the school working on more complex projects.

The Boatbuilding students who will graduate September 13, 2019 have learned through a hands-on “apprenticeship” model as they work on real-world projects. During the course of this grant students learned and practiced boatbuilding skills like lofting, framing, planking, and spiling, while learning about using tools, working with wood and learning how to problem-solve in the physical world. The skills were developed while completing new construction projects of many different kinds of row, sail and power boats. Some of the projects included the Herreshoff Rozinante sailboat, 16’ Poulsbo motor boat, Gartside 18’ Workboat, 16’ Sid Skiff, and the Clean Bay, an all electric/solar workboat. Meanwhile Marine Systems students were learning a broad range of skills relevant to an entry level marine technician, including: marine electrical, marine plumbing, marine corrosion, hydraulics, diesel and outboard engines, propulsion, steering and controls, and refrigeration and heating.

Here are a few photos from this school year, showing the students learning to master skills and develop craftsmanship. The following page tells the stories for the two interns. A BIG THANK YOU for the support your grant provided to these students!!!



Prothero Interns

The Prothero Internship, named for boat school co-founder Bob Prothero, is a six-month paid position that allows one or two Boat School graduates to spend additional time at the school honing their skills in an environment that offers increasingly more challenging work, at a faster pace, and with more independence.

RYAN BRECKEL



RYAN BRECKEL left a secure job at a global manufacturing company to study traditional wooden boatbuilding at NWSWB. His friends thought he was crazy, but his wife agreed it was time to shake things up. “We were like ships passing in the night,” Ryan recalls. “She was working late hours as a dance instructor and I was leaving early for a job that kept me inside all day doing computer-based design, troubleshooting, and machine maintenance.”



As a student in the Traditional Boatbuilding program, Ryan worked on a 17' Whitehall, a 17' Rangely Guide Boat, and a 12' Spurling Skiff — a dramatic and welcome change from the corporate environment. “Everyone here loves boats. Everyone loves working with their hands. Everyone is driven to do their best. They’re not just working for a paycheck or a degree. They’re doing something they really enjoy and have a passion for. I like being around that.”

At the end of the school year, Ryan was awarded a Prothero Internship in Boatbuilding, doing finish work on a Kingston motor launch and a 16' Poulsbo and restoration work on the original *Blue Moon* (22' yawl built in 1955).

At the end of his internship, Ryan was hired to work at the Port Townsend Shipwrights Co-op, where he is working under the direction of Tim Lee, former Chief Instructor at NWSWB, on the restoration of *Western Flyer*, a vessel that has a central role in John Steinbeck’s *Log from the Sea of Cortez*.

LOGAN LASTOVICA



LOGAN LASTOVICA grew up on his family’s cattle ranch in Texas, studied engineering at the Air Force Academy, and spent the next five years operating and troubleshooting GPS satellites. After serving in the Air Force, he was looking to get into something that was still technical, but more hands-on and not so regulated and regimented. Working on boats came to mind as something that’s “complex enough to be interesting, but on a scale where you can get involved in a project from start to end and not be focused on just one tiny aspect of it.”



He enrolled in the Traditional Boatbuilding program at NWSWB, where he learned the basics and honed his skills on the 28' Herreshoff Rozinante build. “I was captivated by the shapes of boats and the whole construction aspect of it,” he recalls.

At the end of the school year, Logan was awarded a Prothero Internship to serve as teaching assistant in the new Marine Systems program. His contribution was so significant that his internship was extended and led to his current job with Naval Architect Tim Nolan. “The biggest thing that carries over from my engineering experience,” says Logan, “is being able to break a large system down into its parts and to think about it systematically.”