



2018-2019 Scholarship Recipient

Matthew and Suzanne Lessard Scholarship

Robert B. McEachern Memorial Scholarship



Riley O'Keeffe

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My name is Riley O'Keeffe, and I am working toward my degree in Construction Management at Washington State University. I am the Vice President of the Associated Students in Construction Management club. I also serve on the leadership team for the WSU Gamma IV Chapter of Sigma Lambda Chi. I am a member of the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) and ASC Reno National competition teams.

I grew up around the construction industry with multiple family members working either in the trades or in project management. I have been enamored with construction since I first swung a hammer. I landed my first industry job when I was sixteen and have never looked back. I love every aspect of a project from inception, to design, to the finish work. I came back to WSU the summer of 2015 after having left for a few years to work as a carpenter. I decided to earn my degree in Construction Management because I saw the value and the potential opportunities it would create.

I am presently working for Lydig Construction on a very large educational skills facility. We are currently doing excavation and placing reinforcement. I hope to see this project through to its completion in the future. Upon graduation, I plan to work up through Project Administration and eventually help lead a team and company to success.

I enjoy spending time with my wife and socializing with friends. I also love activities that get me outdoors and challenge me.

Additionally, Riley was a recipient of the following 2017-2018 AGC Education Foundation Scholarships: Robert B. McEachern Memorial Scholarship, Frank and Susan Young Scholarship, and Employees of GLY Construction Scholarship