



## 2017-2018 Scholarship Recipient

*Hugh S. Ferguson Scholarship*

*Employees of J.R. Abbott Construction Training and Education Fund Scholarship*



## Hannah Russell

*Senior, University of Washington*

My name is Hannah Russell, and I am attending the University of Washington to earn my degree in Construction Management. I am currently interning for Howard S. Wright working on a tenant-improvement project on a 21-story tower in downtown Seattle.

Construction is in my blood. My father, his father and his father's brothers all own underground utility construction companies. My other grandfather is a retired electrician, my uncle is a surveyor, and my brother works in design and manufacturing for a pile-driving company. It is through this long line of construction that my passion for the construction industry grew. I am proud to follow a long history of hard working men who have had successful careers and businesses in the field of construction, and to be the first woman to follow this path and to add the value of a four-year college education to our family history.

My long-term goal is to work as a project manager for a global construction company with a base in Seattle. I hope to be a part of a team that manages the construction of buildings contributing to the Seattle skyline: a skyline I have been studying from my West Seattle home for my entire life. After gaining enough on-site experience, I hope to build in other parts of the world learning how different environments affect the building process.