



2019-2020 Scholarship Recipient

Larry Johnson/Prime Construction Scholarship



Declan Liddiard

Sophomore, Central Washington University

My name is Declan Liddiard and I am pursuing a degree in construction management at Central Washington University. I am an active member of the AGC student chapter, and I hope to participate on the heavy civil or mixed-use Reno competition team next year.

From building birdhouses with my dad when I was 6 to welding a trailer frame together, I have always loved working with my hands and building. I worked summers in high school as a framer and built several houses. After graduating high school, I started working for I.V. Riley Materials, a trucking company. I began as a shop worker, welding and fabricating anything the trucks needed. I was originally going to go to CWU to become a high school metal shop teacher, but when I discovered the Construction Management program, I knew it was the perfect fit for me.

After a year at CWU, I still work in the shop at I.V. Riley Materials as well as act as our head maintenance manager. I am able to use the skills I learn in school and apply them to my work at the shop.

My goal after graduation is to continue to work with I.V. Riley Materials. My long-term goal is to start my own small company with a few dump trucks and excavators. In my free time, I enjoy working on my truck or in the shop, going on bike rides and hikes with friends and family, and playing the drums for my church's worship team.