



2019-2020 Scholarship Recipient

Gene Colin Two-Year Scholarship



Robert Anderson

Third Quarter, Wood Technology Center Seattle Central College

My name is Bert Anderson and I am currently pursuing my associate's degree in applied sciences in cabinetry and architectural woodworking at Seattle Central Community College. I am a member of the Woodworkers Advocating Gender Equity (W.A.G.E) club and I work at Park Avenue Construction.

Before becoming a woodworking student, I worked in customer service at the Burke Museum and in education for the Hyogo Board of Education and Minor Avenue Children's House. I enjoyed my work in these fields, but I wanted to pursue a career where I can work with my hands and bring my creativity to life. I heard about Seattle Central's woodworking programs at the Wood Technology Center and immediately knew I wanted to be involved.

I graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in drama in 2010. This degree has been incredibly helpful over the years but rarely translates directly to attaining a job. I am hoping my degree in cabinetry and the wealth of skills and knowledge obtained while pursuing it will prepare me for a place in the trade workforce. Ultimately, I hope to find a job where I can flex my creative talents.

In my free time I love rock climbing, drawing, and relaxing with my family.