

2007 Spokane County Interstate Fair Ambassadors

Continuing with the Fair Ambassador Program, currently in its tenth year, selection of this year's ambassadors took place on April 14. The contest was open to all youth (male and female). Congratulations to the 2007 Spokane County Interstate Fair Ambassadors! For their efforts, the ambassadors will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship to the college of their choice due to the generosity of our sponsors Insulation Specialists Inc. and Thundering Hooves Ranch. Contestants were treated to special gifts from the following program supporters Associated Agency Group, Camp Fire USA, Citadel Communications, Clear Channel Radio, Interstate Fair Food Vendors, LCD Expo Services, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, Pizza Rita, Seven-Up Bottling Company, Snyder's, Spokandy, Spokane Indians Baseball, and the Valley YMCA.

The competition began with applications from 20+ contestants. The initial round of judging narrowed the field to the top twelve candidates including Ceitleen Albertson (Bonners Ferry), Shalisa Guttromson (Univeristy HS), Jennifer Johnston (Whitworth College), Lee Kaelin (East Valley HS), Dale Knudsen (University HS), Riley Myklebust (Lewis & Clark HS), Maria Naccarato (Central Valley HS), Anna Nelson (NW Christian), Kahla Noel (Cheney HS), Joshua Novajosky (Ferris HS), Kelsey Opsal (Mead Education Partnership), and Journey Smith (Rogers HS).

If you know of an outstanding youth (junior in high school to 20 years of age) that would be interested in being a Fair Ambassador, please contact the Fair Office at (509) 477-2772 for more information.

Ceitleen Albertson (Bonners Ferry):



Ceitleen is the 20-year-old daughter of Lillie Albertson of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Ceitleen has participated in the community through being a member of the community theater, community choir, and community orchestra. She is also a 4-H leader, committee member and volunteer. She adds that she has devoted hundreds of community service hours singing and playing for events, collecting food, and much more. In High School Ceitleen held a 4.0 G.P.A. and was involved in choir and drama receiving awards for the most outstanding vocalist, most valuable player (drama), achievement and helpfulness (drama), perfect attendance, and a citizenship award. She has also received numerous trophies, medals, and awards during her 13 years as a 4-H member. Ceitleen has graduated from High School and is employed as a cook in a local café. She hopes to attend classes at North Idaho College's Bonners Ferry Branch in the future. She hopes to also continue to be an active leader and volunteer in the 4-H program and throughout her community stating that she would like to future her education in the musical arts. Ceitleen served as the 2003 Boundary County Fair Queen and Idaho State Teen Association Officer. Her love for the Fair has her hoping to one day become the secretary at the Boundary County Fair. Ceitleen is currently working on the "Congressional Award" for youth and young adults. She loves to play the violin, hike, camp, swim, and be around other people. She takes voice lessons and participates in an international choir and she truly enjoys ballroom dancing.

Riley Myklebust (Lewis and Clark HS):



Riley is the 17-year-old son of Grant and Barbie Riva of Spokane. With a G.P.A. of 3.6, Riley has participated as a junior counselor at Camp Reed, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, assisted with the regional Special Olympics basketball tournament, and is a part of his school's community service program – Key Club. Riley has raised funds for the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery as CEO of his Intro to Business class. He is the Junior Class Vice President and Cross Country Team Captain. He has served as Track Captain and has been employed part-time as a Spokane basketball official. Riley took fourth place at the regional DECA business competition and placed 7th at State. Unfortu-

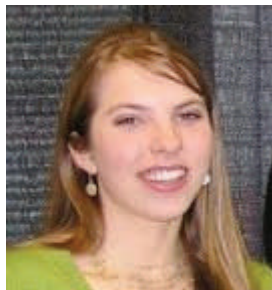
nately, only the top six finalists move onto Nationals. For his future aspirations, Riley has set short-term goals of becoming an ASB Officer, Senior Class President, and running for a Key Club officer position. After High School, Riley hopes to attend the University of Washington and pursue a career that he enjoys. Riley adds that he enjoys spending time with his family and friends where he states that there is never a “dull moment”.

Maria Naccarato (Central Valley HS):



Maria is the 16-year-old daughter of Jay and Sharon Naccarato of Greenacres. She is currently involved in the leadership program at her school. She served as a class officer in both her freshman and sophomore years. She is a leader in her school’s First Priority Club. She is currently taking several Advanced Placement classes and holds a G.P.A. of 3.4. Maria is a member of the National Honor Society and has received an academic letter. She was on the school’s Destination Imagination team where they took third in the regional competition. Maria has organized the Washington Association of Student Council’s Conference, tutored students from Orchard Elementary, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, given dog obedience lessons to younger 4-H club members, helped her brother who has Downs Syndrome put together his Eagle Scout project, collected food for her school’s food drive, walked dogs at the Humane Society, volunteered at the Wishing Star Gallop, and participated in a mission trip to Tijuana Mexico and another to the Yakima Indian Reservation. Currently a junior, Maria hopes to attend Eastern Washington University as a Running Start student in the fall. After graduating from High School, Maria plans to attend the University of Montana to pursue a degree in wildlife biology. She hopes to eventually work at a National Park or for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. She would also like to spend some time as an overseas missionary. Maria loves history and reading. She has written a few short stories and poems and is almost finished with a novel that she hopes to one day get published. She loves the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, kayaking, hiking, riding horses, and showing her Siberian Huskies.

Kahla Noel (Cheney HS)



Kahla is the 18-year-old daughter of Judy Noel of Spokane. She has assisted in bettering her community by volunteering for the West Plains Fair, Ronald McDonald House, Second Harvest Food Bank, and annual Spokane County 4-H Tack Swap. She is a longtime member of Spokane County 4-H and was Miss Cheney Rodeo last year. Kahla is also in the process of becoming a Big Sister and mentoring a young girl. In school, Kahla plays varsity tennis and is a scholar athlete of three years. She is an academic scholar of three years as well. She is enrolled as a Running Start student at Eastern Washington University. She has been awarded the Chase Youth Award for Citizenship and the YWCA Young Woman of Achievement Award. Kahla’s plans for the future include attending Eastern Washington University to complete her prerequisites which will allow her to apply for the nursing program at the Intercollegiate Nursing College of Spokane. Her hope and dream is to be accepted into the college and receive her degree as a Registered Nurse. From there, she hopes to specialize in becoming a certified midwife. Kahla adds that she is an aspiring photographer and hopes to be able to do this as a second job on the side specializing in wedding photography and photos for special events. Kahla states, “My main hobby that I devote the rest of my free time to are my horses.” She loves horseback riding and has been a member of Frog Hollow 4-H Club for eight years. She has shown her horses at the Spokane County Interstate Fair and the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.