

Funds Awarded for Higher Education

Al Forthan Scholarship Winners Announced

Volunteers of America Oregon is honored to announce the 2023 Al Forthan Scholarship winners! We are pleased to recognize and financially support so many remarkable young adults in achieving their dreams of attending college. With the support from our community, we were able to provide \$86,000 to 47 Oregon High School Seniors this year.

2023 Al Forthan Scholarship Recipients are Kalia Hope, Shayla Jayne, Izzy Valencia, Tanner Kesecker, Mia Murphy, Elainie Myers, Avery Nelson, Kiara Salas Moreno, Elsa Santana Figueroa, Alyssa Stout Redmond and Julieta Torres Vazquez. Another \$28,000 was awarded to 36 students. The purpose of the scholarship is threefold: to honor Al Forthan, to award higher education scholarships to students from families impacted by addiction and poverty, and to encourage students to explore how addiction has impacted our community and the solutions to this complex problem.

After Al Forthan passed away in 2006, Greg Stone, the Program Director of the MRC, created this scholarship in Al's honor. He took \$500 dollars out of his own pocket to award to an Oregon high school senior who came from a family impacted by addiction. This scholarship was created



2023 winners of the 'Al Forthan Memorial' Scholarship

to help break the cycle of addiction within families by supporting students to achieve their dreams of attending college and furthering their education.

"Being a small part of Al's journey into recovery has been one of my proudest moments in my 30 plus years of working at the MRC," shares Greg Stone, Program Director at the Men's Residential Center (MRC). "When I had the honor to speak at Al's

funeral in 2006 (Al passed away with 14 years clean time), I shared that Al was the 'Michael Jordan of recovery'. That same night, with a deep respect and love for Al, I created the Al Forthan Scholarship. One month later and with my \$500 donation to a Jefferson High School senior, Al's alma mater, the Scholarship was born." Since the scholarship began in 2006, we have been able to award \$876,000 to 543 stu-

dents in Oregon who have been impacted by addiction and poverty. Please join us to support the 2023 scholarship winners at the 12th Annual Awards Ceremony on May 3rd from 5:00 - 7:30pm. We will be hosting an in-person ceremony with speeches from scholarship winners and former winners, as well as our keynote speaker, Steve Duin, columnist for The Oregonian. RSVP to attend at 2023alforthanawards.funraise.org.

Questions about your health care?

Find us in your neighborhood.



[careoregon.org/
connect-to-care](https://careoregon.org/connect-to-care)

MAY 18

Street Roots

9-10:30 a.m.

211 NW Davis St, Portland

Cultivate Initiatives

11-2 p.m.

660 SE 160th Ave, Portland

MAY 22

Doreen's Place (for residents only)

12-2 p.m.

610 NW Broadway St, Portland

MAY 23

Cultivate Initiatives

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

247 SE 82nd Ave, Portland

Union Gospel Mission

2-3 p.m.

3 NW 3rd Ave, Portland

MAY 27

Love Your Neighbor

12-2 p.m.

526 SE Grand Ave, Portland

MAY 29

Cultivate Initiatives

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4808 SE 92nd Ave, Portland

JUNE 1

Street Roots

9-10:30 a.m.

211 NW Davis St, Portland

Cultivate Initiatives

11-2 p.m.

660 SE 160th Ave, Portland

Nightstrike

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Under the Burnside Bridge

JUNE 5

Doreen's Place

(for residents only)

12-2 p.m.

610 NW Broadway St, Portland

