

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Two students receive RLS Productions scholarships

WVC students Bree Bishop and James Florom each recently received a $1,000 scholarship from the Wenatchee Valley College Foundation.

Bree Bishop will be finishing her Associate in Applied Science Transfer Degree in Graphic Design in spring 2019. “My real leap of faith decision was cutting down on work hours to commit to full time college courses in order to pursue the program I’ve wanted to take since I was a teenager,” Bishop said. “I feel so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it.”

James Florom is currently pursuing Associate of Technical Science Degree in Computer Technology-Network Administration. “I got hurt at work and cannot go back to what I used to do. The fix it guy in me and the techie side of me thought this would be a great change for me, and it has been an awesome experience so far,” Florom said. “I am looking forward to continuing to learn in this field.”

These scholarships are made possible from direct donations to the RLS Productions’ Concerts in the Gardens WVC Foundation account by Horan Estates Winery and The Names Foundation. The RLS Productions’ Concerts in the Gardens is a five-week summer concert series held annually through July and early August at Ohme Gardens in Wenatchee, Wash. The concert series is produced by Robert and Rio Sandidge co-owners of RLS Productions, LLC.

Support comes from direct sponsorships, ticket sales and supporters of the concert series. RLS Productions set a goal in 2014 of raising $35,000 to endow a scholarship for the Wenatchee Valley College Foundation. Since 2014, it has raised $29,500 in donations. To date, $10,000 has been awarded in annual scholarships.

The 2019 summer concert series occurs every Thursday for five weeks from June 27 to August 1. For more information on the concert series, visit [RLStalent.com](http://rlstalent.com/).

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*Three goals drive RLS Productions’ Concerts in the Gardens: First, increase mid-week tourism outside a 50-mile radius of Wenatchee Valley and its bedroom communities. Second, develop the series into a regional concert series held at Ohme Gardens, resulting in increased tourism. Third, build a $35,000 scholarship endowment for the Wenatchee Valley College Foundation through an annual contribution of 25 percent of the net ticket sales, while at the same time generating immediate annual financial assistance for students in need. Information on the 2018 RLS Productions’ Concert in the Gardens summer series are available at*[*RLSproductions.net*](http://rlstalent.com/)*.*

*The WVC Foundation was incorporated in 1971. It exists to build relationships between the community and the college and raise financial support for Wenatchee Valley College students, programs, faculty and staff, as well as special projects such as building campaigns like the Music and Art Center. For information on how to make a gift to the foundation, establish a scholarship or include the WVC Foundation in your estate plans, contact (509) 682-6410. Visit the WVC Foundation website at*[*http://www.wvc.edu/foundation*](http://www.wvc.edu/foundation)*.*

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