



## 2010 Athletic Scholarship Program

In 2010, fifteen athletes from Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California received scholarships from \$500 to \$1000 for a total of \$12,050.



**Linnea Baysinger (\$500)**, age 15, the daughter of Hartley and Susan Baysinger, attends Mount Si High School in North Bend, WA, and trains with the Team Alpentel **Snoqualmie** Ski Team. Linnea earning finished the 2009-2010 season nationally ranked as 1<sup>st</sup> in Super G and 4<sup>th</sup> in Giant Slalom. In addition, she achieved a top 25 ranking in Slalom. Last season, she reached the podium, including five 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, at 10 events.



**Tenaya Driller (\$500)**, age 16, the daughter of Ron and Deedee Driller of Tahoe City, CA, is in her junior year at Forest Charter School. Mike Prado, Tenaya's **Squaw Valley** Ski Team coach, commended her for her dedication and hard work. Her 100% effort in training has yielded impressive results in competition: top 20 national ranking in all four disciplines and a 12<sup>th</sup> place in this year's J-2 National Championships in Sugarloaf, Maine.



**Forrest Ferguson** (\$500), age 16, the son of Mark and Janette Ferguson, attends Castro Valley High School and trains with the **Squaw Valley** Ski Team. During the 2009-2010 season, Forrest distinguish himself by earning national ranking as 2nd in Downhill and 5th in Super G . In addition, he placed 9th in the men's J-2 National Championships at Sugarloaf, Maine and was named to the Men's J-2 National Team. Despite a busy competition and training schedule during the winter months, Forrest has maintained a 4.0 GPA; a testament to his strong work ethic.



**Johanna Gur** (\$750), age 14, the daughter of Zeev and Joani Gur, resides in Olympic Valley, CA, and attends Forest Charter School in Truckee, CA, where she is an honors student. A member of the **Squaw Valley** Ski Team, Johanna credits her work ethic, focus and commitment for her successes in both skiing and academics. Despite a serious injury in December 2009, she rebounded to qualify for the J-3 Junior Olympics where she scored a respectable fifteenth place in Super G. She finished the 2009-2010 season nationally ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in Downhill, 8<sup>th</sup> in Super G, and 20<sup>th</sup> in Slalom.



**Haley Hanseler** (\$750), age 16, the daughter of Jamie and Linda Hanseler, is a junior at Mark Morris High School in Longview, WA., and a member of the **Mt. Hood** Ski Team. Haley's hard work and dedication paid solid dividends during the 2009-2010 season with her achieving national ranking in the top 25 for four alpine disciplines: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Downhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Super G, 17<sup>th</sup> in Giant Slalom, and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Slalom. Her season culminated with a trip to the J-2 Nationals in Sugarloaf, Maine, and a top ten finish a Super G at the Western Regionals at Mission Ridge, WA. In 2010, Heley finished eight out of ten Super G races in the top ten. She is currently training to compete in the NORAMs at Lake Louise, Alberta (6-10 December). Haley is sponsored by the Mountain High Snowsports Club of Portland, OR, ([www.mthigh.org](http://www.mthigh.org)) a FWSA Athletic Scholarship partner.



**Lila Lapanja** (\$1000), age 16, the daughter of Vojko and Margie Lapanja of Incline Village, NV, is a junior at Incline High School. Lila is a member of the **Diamond Peak** Ski Team. Her coach Josee Lacasse notes that “her devotion to skiing, racing and excellence is a testament to the very ideals of an elite level athlete.” Lila had ten top ten finishes including six on the podium during the 2009-2010 season. She finished the year nationally ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in Downhill, 9<sup>th</sup> in Giant Slalom and 4<sup>th</sup> in Slalom.



**Nahanni Lukes** (\$500), age 14, the daughter of Jo Jenner, is a freshman at Ashland High School and a member of the **Mt. Ashland** Ski Team. During the 2009-2010 season, Nahanni distinguish herself by finishing first in her year group in Slalom for the Pacific Northwest Division and eleventh nationally. In addition, she had two strong finishes in Super G at the Mt. Hood J-3 Qualifiers in February 2010.



**Keith Moffat**, age 19, a Berkely High School graduate, currently attends Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Greg Jones, his **Squaw Valley** Ski Team coach, stated that Keith has the potential to be one of the best in U.S. alpine ski racing. During the 2009-2010 season, he was nationally ranked first in downhill, super G and giant slalom. In recognition of this outstanding performance, Keith was named to the U.S. Ski Team’s C Team.



**Nicolò Monforte** (\$500), age 15, the son of Sal and Johanna Monforte of Olympic Valley, CA, is in his sophomore year at North Tahoe High School in Tahoe City, CA. Nicolò is a member of the **Squaw Valley** Ski Team. During the 2009-2010 race season, Nicolò locked in his leading position as one of the country's top J-3 racers. He finished the season nationally ranked 3rd in Downhill, 4th in Super G, 16th in Giant Slalom and 10th in Slalom. He finished 5th and 6th in Super G and Slalom, respectively, at the J-3 Junior Olympics, and he was awarded the overall 2nd place at the spring Wild West Series. Dr. Eddie Mozen, chairman of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and a family friend, noted that Nicolò has

learned to “focus his goals, develop initiative, and multitask” so that he can succeed despite the challenging demands from competition, training, and academics.



**Morganne Murphy** (\$1000), age 16, the daughter of Belinda Denmark of Truckee, CA, is a junior at Forest Charter School and a member of the **Squaw Valley** Ski Team. Competing as a first-year J-2 last season, Morganne achieved top four and five national ranking in Downhill and Super G, respectively, and top 19th in Giant Slalom. During the 2009-2010 season she won three gold medals in alpine events (one Super G and two Giant Slalom) and a gold medal in Ski Cross at the USASA National Championships at Copper Mountain, CO. In mid April she finished 9th overall, but 1st among J-2 women, at the Elite FIS Speed Spring Series at Mt. Bachelor, OR. Based on her outstanding performance in alpine racing together with her gold medal

run at the USASA National Championships, Morganne was the only American girl chosen to compete in ski cross at the inaugural FIS Snowboard and Freestyle Skiing Junior World Championships. There she joined over 300 of the world's elite junior snow sports from more than 30 nations in Wanaka, New Zealand.



**Dylan Murtha** (\$1000), age 16, the son of Greg and Laura Murtha of Truckee, CA, is a junior at the **Sugar Bowl** Academy. Over the last five years, Dylan has been a top competitor in the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) sanctioned alpine ski competition. His coach, Aaron Atkins, attributes his success to his being an incredible competitor with the work ethic necessary to achieve all his goals. Dylan competed in 39 races during the 2009-2010 season, and he achieved a top ten finish in at least one race in Super G, Giant Slalom and Slalom. He ended the season nationally ranked 11th in Slalom and 15<sup>th</sup> in Super G.



**Brianna Piper**, age 16, the daughter of Steve Piper, attends Big Bear High School and trains with the **Snow Summit** Race Team. Brianna has demonstrated great potential for attaining her goal of reaching elite status as a ski racer. She qualified for the Junior Olympics during the 2008-2009 season, and her 2009-2010 performance put her just out of the top ten in eight of her races. Her coach, Ben Reeder, complements her for her work habits, commitment and determination, and notes that Brianna was forced to rebound from an injury during the last season. She has the ability to focus on feedback that indicates promise for unlimited potential. Brianna is sponsored by the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs ([www.lacouncil.org](http://www.lacouncil.org)) a FWSA Athletic Scholarship partner.



**Jordan Schweitzer** (\$1000), age 16, the daughter of Todd Schweitzer of Sandy, OR, attended Bend High School, but is currently enrolled at the Oregon Connections Academy, an online school. She is a member of the **Mt. Bachelor** Ski Team. She finished the 2009-2010 season nationally ranked as 1st in Downhill, 9th in Super G, and 16<sup>th</sup> in Giant Slalom. Winning the J-2 women's Downhill championship at Sugar loaf, ME, last March capped a very successful ski season. She is currently training to compete in the NORAMs at Lake Louise, Alberta, (6-10 December). Jordan is also the 2010 recipient of the Skiyente Ski Club's Erin Nicole Award (\$1050) for outstanding athletic achievement. The Skiyente Ski Club ([www.skiyente.com](http://www.skiyente.com)) is a FWSA Athletic Scholarship partner.



**Alexa Wehsener** (\$500), age 15, the daughter of Walt and Lora Wehsener, is a sophomore at iHigh Virtual Academy where she maintains a 4.0 GPA. The challenges of race training at **Mammoth Mountain** necessitates her completing her education at an on-line school. Alexa's coach, Kerry Brownlie, praises her for her outstanding work ethic, perseverance and dedication. It was her focus on skiing skills that yielded her best ever results during the last ski season. At the end of the 2009-2010 season, she was nationally ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in Downhill and the top thirty for Giant Slalom and Slalom. Two top ten finishes at the Junior Olympics qualifiers in January, 2010, guaranteed her the chance to compete in the Western Regional Junior Olympics at Mt. Bachelor, OR, where she achieved a respectable 15<sup>th</sup> place in Giant Slalom. In recognition of her successes on race courses and her hard work and dedication, Alexa was awarded the Mammoth Mountain Ski Teams women's J-3 skier of the year. Alexa is sponsored by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs ([www.skisandiego.org](http://www.skisandiego.org)) a FWSA Athletic Scholarship partner.



**Cai Yamamoto** (\$1000), age 16, the son of Calvin and Claudia Yamamoto, attends Quincy High School. Quincy, WA, and trains with the **Mission Ridge** Ski Team. During the 2009-2010 season, Cai distinguish himself by earning national ranking as 2nd in Super G and top 25 in all four alpine disciplines . The Mission Ridge J-4 Sportsmanship Award is named for Cai in recognition of his outstanding sportsmanship when he voluntarily relinquished a spot at the PACNW J-4/5 Championships so that a teammate could fulfill his dreams.