



## 2019-2020 Scholarship Recipient

*Robert L. Landau and Betty L. Landau Scholarship  
Dr. and Mrs. Stephan Sefcik Scholarship*



### **Ephrem Yared**

*Senior, University of Washington*

My name is Ephrem Yared and I am currently pursuing a degree in construction management and architectural design at the University of Washington. Outside of my coursework, I hold a position in the Associated Students of UW Black Student Commission and work with many community organizations as a freelance designer.

My parents immigrated to the United States from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to raise my older brother and I here in Seattle. Though it has been an arduous path, I am honored to be able to represent my family and my people in the construction industry.

I am currently working at JTM Construction as a project engineer intern with the Special Projects Division. The diverse collection of ongoing projects has been challenging and exciting to tackle as a first-year intern. I plan on continuing my career at JTM as a project engineer after graduation and later hope to become a part of the ownership team at JTM.

One major goal I have is to leave my mark on the skyline of Seattle, Chicago, and New York. I have family in each of these cities and I am confident that one day they will be able to point up at a skyscraper and tell their children that anyone can leave their mark on the world by pursuing their passions with conviction.

I have always been fascinated with the power of the human hand. From the hand chiseled Churches of Lalibela to the complex structures of Zaha Hadid, humans have found ways to defy logic and gravity to create inspiring spaces that have shocked the world century after century. I plan on adding my own contribution to the same degree.

In my free time I enjoy designing furniture, clothing, and watching films.