



## 2020-2021 Scholarship Recipient

### *Friends of the Northern District Scholarship*



## **Max Nelson**

### *Sophomore, Central Washington University*

My name is Max Nelson, and I am pursuing a construction management degree at Central Washington University. At Central, I am a member of the AGC club, and I am heavily involved in the Salt Ministry. Salt Ministry is the largest college Christian ministry at Central Washington University.

I have been interested in construction as long as I can remember. My dad has worked in construction his whole life, so I have always been around construction. When I could walk, I would visit my dad on the jobsite and ride in the operator's lap while they were running the excavator. I was infatuated with heavy equipment and moving dirt. So much so, that one of my first words was "tractor."

Since then, I have worked as a laborer and as an intern at Granite Construction Company in Everett, WA. I had the great opportunity of interning after my senior year of High School. This internship solidified my decision to study construction management at Central Washington University.

In my second season interning at Granite, I have had the opportunity of working under our paving project manager, Beth Duffus. Under Beth, I have coordinated and managed multiple small paving projects around the Puget Sound area, and have done a little estimating on small paving jobs as well. I plan on continuing my education in Construction Management and getting as much experience as I can in the Civil Construction industry.

Upon graduation, I hope to work at Granite Construction or a similar heavy civil contractor as a project engineer. I hope to advance my career into an upper management role where I can utilize strong leadership and problem-solving skills. In my free time, I enjoy hunting, fishing, playing guitar, and trying my best to stay involved at my church.