



HOMETOWN
PULLMAN, WA

MAJOR/MINOR
ATHLETIC TRAINING

CLASS YEAR
SUPER SENIOR

CAMPUS
PULLMAN

R.H. & JANE LOGAN SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT

Butch I. Cougar

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE WSU AND THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SPORT, AND HUMAN SCIENCES FOR YOUR EDUCATION?

As the proud Cougar I am, I couldn't resist a college that lives and breathes empowering education, advancing sport, and enhancing human potential. The College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences (CESHS) has a long legacy of preparing teachers and leaders, plus strong programs in sport management, kinesiology, athletic training, and social work. It's a place where students get hands-on experience, real-world internships, and the chance to make a difference from day one.

And hey—when you're the mascot, you want to represent a college that reflects the Cougar spirit: bold, dedicated, and committed to community. CESHS checks every box.

PLEASE TELL THE DONORS/STEWARDS OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.

I'm Butch T. Cougar, born from a long tradition of Cougar pride dating back to 1919, when WSU first adopted the cougar as its mascot. My name honors football star Herbert "Butch" Meeker, and while I started as a live cougar in 1927, today I'm a costumed student who roams the sidelines, pumps up crowds, and represents the heart of WSU.

I spend my days cheering on students, supporting campus events, and being an ambassador for the university. Whether it's high-fiving future teachers, celebrating kinesiology research breakthroughs, or hyping up sport management students before big games, I'm always there to bring the energy.

WHAT IS THE GREATEST LEARNING EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD SO FAR IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SPORT, AND HUMAN SCIENCES? ARE THERE ANY FACULTY, STAFF, OR CLASSMATES WHO HAVE POSITIVELY IMPACTED YOUR EXPERIENCE?

One of the most meaningful experiences I've had is seeing how CESHS blends classroom learning with hands-on practice. Students don't just study teaching, sport, or human sciences—they live it through practicums, internships, and community engagement.

I've watched future teachers master innovative approaches to learning, sport management students run real events, and athletic training students gain clinical experience with Division-I athletes. That commitment to applied learning has taught me what it means to truly support student success.



Cougs don't rise alone. I've been inspired by:

- Dedicated faculty and staff across CESHS who lead with passion and expertise.
- Students who bring energy, curiosity, and Cougar pride into everything they do.
- Leaders like Dean Karen Thomas Brown, who guide the college's mission and vision.

Every day, I see how these individuals shape a community built on learning leadership, and heart.

LOOKING AHEAD TO YOUR TIME AT WSU, WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO OR ARE EXCITED ABOUT?

Oh, I've got a whole den of things I'm excited for. I'm looking forward to:

- Cheering on Cougs at every home game and hyping up the crowd until Martin Stadium shakes.
- Supporting CESHS students as they head into classrooms, clinics, and sport organizations.
- Joining community outreach events, especially those that connect future educators and human-science professionals with local schools and organizations.
- Watching students grow into leaders, whether they're future teachers, athletic trainers, sport managers, or researchers.

Every year brings new Cougs, new energy, and new opportunities to make a difference.

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS, SPORTS, ACTIVITIES? IF SO, WHAT ARE THEY?

As the mascot, I'm *everywhere*. I'm involved in:

- Athletics — football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, track... if Cougs compete, I'm there.
- Campus events — Week of Welcome, Homecoming, graduation, fundraisers, and student-life celebrations.
- College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences activities — from teacher pinning ceremonies to kinesiology showcases to sport management events
- Community outreach — school visits, charity events, and programs that bring Cougar spirit to the region.

If there's a place to spread joy, pride, and high-fives, you'll find me.

WHAT WILL RECEIVING THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELP YOU ACHIEVE?

Receiving scholarship support means the world — even to a Cougar. It helps me:

- Continue representing WSU at the highest level, showing up for students, alumni, and fans.
- Support CESHS programs, events, and outreach that strengthen our community.
- Focus on my role as an ambassador, without worrying about financial barriers

Scholarships don't just help individuals — they help the entire Cougar family thrive.



HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE?

Giving back is part of being a Cougar. I plan to:

- Support future educators and human-science professionals by showing up at their events and celebrating their achievements
- Promote service and community engagement, encouraging students to get involved in local schools, youth programs, and wellness initiatives.
- Be a symbol of unity and pride, reminding everyone that Cougs help Cougs — always.
- Continue outreach to schools and communities across Washington, inspiring the next generation of Cougs.

Now and in the future, I'll keep lifting others up with the same spirit WSU has given me.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS POST-GRADUATION?

After my time on campus, I'll continue serving as a lifelong ambassador for WSU.

That means:

- Supporting alumni events
- Promoting WSU pride across the state and beyond
- Encouraging future students to join the Cougar family
- Staying connected to CESHHS initiatives that improve education, sport, and human well-being

Once a Cougar, always a Cougar — and I'll carry that legacy forward.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY TO THE DONORS/STEWARDS(S) WHO PROVIDED YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT?

To the incredible donors and stewards who make scholarships possible:

Thank you. Your generosity strengthens the Cougar community in ways that go far beyond financial support. You help students pursue their passions, reduce barriers, and step confidently into careers that change lives.

Your belief in our students — and in the mission of the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences — fuels everything we do. I'm proud to represent a university where people like you make such a meaningful difference.

