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**Lewis & Clark Tiger Fund awards first scholarship**

SPOKANE, WA, 7.13.09—Ashley R. Sutch, a 2009 graduate of Lewis & Clark High School, is the first recipient of the L.C. Tiger Fund Scholarship at Inland Northwest Community Foundation. A second Tiger Fund Scholarship was also presented to Jelane S. McBride. Both young women were recognized for their achievements on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at an all school assembly to honor Lewis & Clark Seniors.

The L.C. Tiger Fund was started three years ago by Dave Eash and Gary Doughty, members of the Lewis & Clark Class of 1966, as a way of giving something back to the school that positively influenced their lives. The Fund will provide a scholarship which recognizes a student who has overcome significant life challenges with a positive attitude and who has a commitment to furthering education after high school graduation.

Ms. Sutch, who was diagnosed with dermatomyositis, an inflammatory muscle disease, has not let the effects of this condition get her down. She regularly volunteers for the ALS Foundation and helps serve Thanksgiving dinners at Crosswalk. Despite her illness, Ashley has maintained a 3.2 GPA and was recognized as a Community Scholar. She has been accepted to Gonzaga University where she will pursue a degree in Pre-Medicine with the long term goal of becoming a physician.

Ms. McBride has also struggled with health issues affecting her hips and legs and resulted in a compromised immune system. A strong faith in herself allowed her to overcome these conditions. Jelane participated in Washington Drug Free Youth programs and regularly volunteered with the Cup of Cool Water Ministry and World Vision. She maintained a 2.9 GPA. and will attend Spokane Falls Community College before transferring to Washington State University where she will pursue a degree in Interior Design.

Donations to the L.C. Tiger Fund are accepted from all Alumni and friends of Lewis & Clark High School and will go toward growing the fund for yearly scholarships. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF), 618 West Riverside Avenue, Suite 302, Spokane, WA 99201-5102. For additional information about the L.C. Tiger Fund go to the Lewis & Clark High School website and click on the L.C. Fund link at the bottom of the site, or contact INWCF at 509-624-2606.

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