

2021 Scholarship Award

The Dick Curry EHS Class of '57 Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Diego Andres Sirit Cohen, graduate of Edmonds-Woodway HS.

Diego intends attending either the UW-Bothell or UW-Seattle so that he can continue to live at home. He plans to major in Computer Science and Game Designing.

Due to the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, he and his family immigrated to the USA to seek political asylum after being pursued by paramilitary groups sponsored by government entities for having opposite beliefs. In Venezuela, his father was the main income earner, yet that is not the case now; here only his mom is legally allowed to work. This makes it very difficult for his family to afford his college education.

He has enjoyed 2 years of playing on the Edmonds-Woodway Basketball Team. Diego has also participated in the church youth group providing food to people in need, and engaging activities to bring the community together.

"With big dreams in mind," Diego now wants to further his education by attending university. He has been able to complete sections of his academic studies in three different countries: Venezuela, Brazil, and the United States. This gave him the opportunity to learn from different cultures, and he can now speak Spanish, English, and a little Portuguese. After earning his degree in Computer Science specializing in Game Designing, he wants to work for any major game development company such as EA or Ubisoft. And after a few years experience, Diego wants to start developing personal game projects – so that he can achieve his biggest dream of designing a great video game.

Thank you SO much for making his dreams possible! It is an honor to be of service to both EHS Class of '57 and to Diego. When I read stories such as Diego's it makes my heart sing knowing we are changing lives. Thank you SO much for making that happen.

Warmly,
Deborah Brandi
Executive Director
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