PAHS Senior Bridget Lachner Awarded Third Annual Feiro Family Scholarship

At its annual fundraising event Saturday night, Carly (Feiro) Boyd presented Port Angeles High School senior Bridget Lachner with the third annual Feiro Family Scholarship. Bridget intends to study at a two-year college before transferring and earning her terminal degree in education. The $1,000 award was made possible by private donations to a scholarship fund, started in honor of Art Feiro, one of the founders of the Feiro Marine Life Center and a beloved educator and coach in Port Angeles. Craig Baker, Port Angeles High School graduate of 1961, kicked off the evening by honoring his late mentor and noting his long-lasting influence on his students, several of whom were in attendance at the event, along with Art Feiro’s son, Mark, Mark’s wife Kathy, grandchildren Carly and Eric, and one of Art’s great-grandchildren.

Previous awardees of the scholarship were Elliott Soelter of Port Angeles High School (2016) and Bailey Powers (2017) of Forks High School. The applicants are selected on the basis of their personal connection to the center’s mission: Feiro Marine Life Center contributes to a strong community by providing local marine and watershed learning experiences, inspiring us all to act on behalf of our environment. 2019 scholarship applications will open in December of 2018.

The annual fundraising event, held at the Red Lion Hotel, brought in just over $40,000 from 167 attendees to support ocean education on the Olympic Peninsula. The featured speaker, artist Jill Bliss, spoke about the importance of the integration of art and science and how educational conversations benefit from both perspectives. This was the last official “Fish on the Fence”- titled fundraiser for the marine life center, who will look ahead in 2019 with a new theme, Making Waves, as it continues to plan for a new home on the Port Angeles waterfront. Presenting sponsors included Hartnagel Building Supply and Angeles Millwork, Kitsap Bank and Merrill & Ring.