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Samantha Holling and Izabella Myers selected as Washington's Wheat Ambassadors

(Ritzville, Wash., November 27, 2023) Two high school seniors have been selected to represent Washington wheat farmers and will serve as the Washington Wheat Ambassadors for the upcoming year. Samantha Holling of Fairfield and Izabella Myers of Latah were selected after an initial written application process that included submitting a short introductory video.

Holling and Myers each gave a speech at the 2023 Washington Association of Wheat Growers Annual Banquet on Nov. 15 in Coeur d'Alene during the Tri-State Grain Growers Convention. The seniors were judged on the quality of their presentation and were awarded scholarships funded by the Washington Wheat Foundation. Holling received \$5,000, and Myers received \$4,500. The ambassadors will represent Washington wheat farmers at various civic and community events and will also participate in WAWG advocacy meetings with state agencies and legislators.

Holling is the daughter of Casey and Miranda Holling. She is a student at Oakesdale High School where she maintains nearly a 4.0 GPA while being extremely active in FFA. She has served in many FFA chapter and district positions and is very active in her community, including being a youth mentor. She raises and shows pigs on her family's wheat farm where she has been helping out since she was young. Besides FFA and her community involvement, Holling also plays volleyball and basketball. Holling is planning on attending the University of Idaho and majoring in agribusiness. She hopes to find a career working directly with farmers.

Myers is the daughter of Clint and Tawnya Myers. She is a student at Liberty High School where she maintains a high GPA. She has been involved in 4-H and FFA throughout her school years and raises and shows pigs while also helping out on her family's wheat farm. When she's not volunteering for a nonprofit that puts together activity kits for hospitalized children, Myers can be found playing on her high school basketball team. Last year, she started a small baking business and is in the process of getting a small plane pilot's license. Myers plans to study agricultural education at a four-year university and become a high school ag teacher.

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