



NW ASSOCIATION
FOR
BLIND
ATHLETES

GRATITUDE REPORT
SPRING 2020

On behalf of our Board and staff, **THANK YOU** for being a part of our community at Northwest Association for Blind Athletes. Thank you to each athlete, volunteer, staff member, and supporter who shows up, gives their time and resources, and believes in our mission. It is because of each and every one of you that we can continue providing life-changing opportunities to children, youth, and adults who are blind and visually impaired.

With gratitude,

Billy Henry
Founder, President/CEO



**READ ABOUT ALAINA'S
JOURNEY TO GERMANY INSIDE**

JOURNEY TO GERMANY

Alaina first joined NWABA three years ago at a Spokane Paralympic Experience. Since then Alaina has participated in Camp Spark, multiple NWABA events in Spokane, WA, and even joined her school wrestling team.

NWABA's Judo Paralympic Specialists noticed her right away at Camp Spark and submitted her name to USA Judo to compete.

Last year, Alaina applied for an NWABA scholarship to compete in the World Judo Open in Heidelberg, Germany in February 2020 alongside Ron Hawthorne and Liana Mutia, NWABA's Judo Specialists and camp staff. This would be Alaina's first time competing internationally.

Not only is Alaina a tremendous athlete, she is incredibly kind and grateful. When she received the news that she had been awarded the scholarship, she and her mom were jumping up and down screaming with excitement. NWABA then promptly received a picture and a thank you note for the scholarship. Thanks to individuals like you, NWABA offers scholarships to support children, youth, and adults so they can achieve their dreams.

On February 9, 2020, Alaina was medaled! In addition to winning the Bronze, she competed alongside Liana Mutia, who is continuously training to compete in Tokyo this summer. Alaina is just getting started on her journey and we know that she is destined for greatness in life.



“Thank you and the board again for your support. We could not have done this without you all and the support and confidence you give Alaina. Thank you!”

- Angela, Alaina's mother

ANNOUNCING: CORE VALUES

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes has established the following values to guide our mission forward.

- **EMPOWER PEOPLE**
We champion potential and empower people to turn their ambitions into reality.
- **GROW BOLDLY**
We are committed to cultivating opportunities for individual & organizational growth.
- **BE TRANSPARENT**
We operate with full transparency, bringing honesty and integrity to everything we do.
- **BE INCLUSIVE**
We welcome, serve, and support all people with dignity and respect.
- **STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE**
We bring steadfast determination in pursuit of our mission and our goals.

E.Y.E.

GIVE MONTHLY

ENVISION YOUR EXPERIENCE

Monthly gifts provide NWABA with a sustainable source of revenue, which allows us to continue enhancing and expanding programs across our region. Your generosity will change the lives of children, youth, and adults.



“If more people would give monthly to NWABA, even \$5 per month, it would go a long way to providing the programs and services that blind and visually impaired individuals, like my son Kevin, rely on everyday.”

- Shelley, Mother of NWABA Camper

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GIFT THOROUGH E.Y.E. GIVE
MONTHLY, VISIT US AT
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ENRICHING LIVES. PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES.

BECOME A CHAMPION. LEAVE A LEGACY.

Join Northwest Association for Blind Athletes' **Champions Legacy Giving Society** to make an impact in perpetuity!

BEQUEST

The easiest way to join is to add NWABA as a beneficiary in your will.

STOCK TRANSFER

Designate stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities to NWABA and ensure our programs are making a difference for a lifetime.

IRA

Make NWABA the beneficiary of your retirement account while supporting the area of greatest need.



To get involved, **contact Billy Henry, Founder, President/CEO** at bhenry@nwaba.org today.