

# Siro Diaz

*Walla Walla Community College*

*Les Lyle Scholarship*

My name is Siro Diaz, I'm 27 years old, the son of Mexican immigrants who came to the USA for a brighter future. I was born in Walla Walla, Washington, and raised in Milton Freewater, Oregon. I graduated from Pleasant View in 2009. I'm a husband and father of two beautiful children.

It wasn't until 2014 that I decided to attend Walla Walla Community College and pursue a AAAS-Plant Operations degree. Once there I also enrolled in an Associate in Science program.

I'm the second child of four to attend college. I found it challenging at the time because I was working in a full-time graveyard position in process maintenance for ConAgra Foods. My initiative and drive is what led me through those tough times. I was able to maintain a 3.6 GPA, be part of the L.E.G.I.T club and sit as co-coordinator of the campus recycling program. Today, I'm able to work part time, thanks to scholarships that I have been awarded, including the Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship. Happy to say that I will fulfill the requirements for my AAAS-Plant Operations degree this fall 2016. I plan to continue my education at Oregon State University and pursue a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering or Renewable Materials Science & Engineering.

