

Ivan Pulido

Walla Walla Community College

Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship

My name is Ivan Pulido. I'm 32 years old, the son of Mexican immigrants who came to the USA for a brighter future. I was born in Los Angeles, CA, and was raised in Las Vegas, NV. I acquired my GED while I was incarcerated from 2010 – 2013, where I realized demanding work pays off.

After a lower back injury, I decided I wasn't getting any younger and that I needed to go back to school. It wasn't until 2016 that I decided to attend Walla Walla Community College and pursue a AAAS Plant Operations degree. I'm the fourth child of five to attend college. I found it challenging at the time since it had been so long since I'd done any book work, but my initiative and drive is what led me through those tough times. I maintain a 3.7 GPA, am part of the L.E.G.I.T club and sit as vice president for the club and take part in the recycling program on campus.

This summer I was able to get my CLD, thanks to scholarships that I have been awarded, including the Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship. It is an honor to say that I will fulfill the requirements for my AAAS-Plant Operations degree in the summer of 2018. I plan to continue my education and pursue a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering.

