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Washington State Bank

**Summer
2022**

Staff Spotlight



Garrett Ikerd

Loan Officer

Washington State Bank is pleased to welcome Garrett Ikerd as a lender in our Fairfield location. Garrett grew up in Brighton and is a graduate from Washington High School. This spring he received his bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Iowa. Garrett says he is most excited to work with great people and help others in the Fairfield community.

In his free-time Garrett enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends. Some may be surprised to find out that Garrett is actually a twin! His education in the finance industry along with his eagerness to help others and be a part of the Fairfield community makes Garrett a great asset to the Washington State Bank Loan Department.

Tips to Take the Stress Out of Travel



Vacations are meant to be relaxing, but under planning and overspending can lead to financial stressors. Consider the following tips to reduce travel-related anxiety and help you make the most out of your time away—whether journeying across state lines or overseas.

- 1. Create a travel budget.** To help you make well informed financial decisions while away without compromising your long-term savings goals when you return.
- 2. Think mini getaway.** Taking shorter, more frequent trips versus one big far away bonanza not only requires less planning, and is generally less expensive, but offers more opportunities to unwind year-round.
- 3. Plan in advance.** Trip planning can be stressful. Research destinations, make reservations, prepare itineraries, and create a budget. Create a reasonable timeline and budget and ensure you have your affairs in order (impending deadlines, medication needs, and baby-sitting, dog-sitting or house-sitting arrangements).
- 4. Control what you can.** Unexpected surprises--flight delays, lost or stolen items, can quickly sour your vacation mindset. Travel insurance can help you recoup some of your expenses and soften the blow to help with smooth sailing. Some credit cards — especially those designed for travel — offer protections for delayed flights, lost luggage, trip cancellation, accident insurance and more.
- 5. Accessing accounts abroad.** When traveling outside the United States, make sure to inform your trusted community banker of your plans to avoid an account freeze or declines for “suspicious activity.”

As always, remember that Washington State Bank is here to help. We hope you take these tips into consideration and enjoy a well-deserved vacation this summer!

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5 Local Scholarships Awarded in 2022

This year WSB awarded five students across the school districts we serve with \$1,000 scholarships to be used their freshman year of the college of their choice. The recipients are listed below.



Piper Brant
Louisa-Muscatine



Jacob Miller
Washington



Elyse Hunt
Washington



Freddy Vergara
Columbus Community



Anna Dunlap
Fairfield

Ca\$h Mobs Return

Our infamous Ca\$h Mobs made their return in a big way in May with our visit to Deese's Thirsty Camel in Conesville! WSB brought over 40 employees and their family members out to enjoy a night of great food and company, while also supporting a wonderful small business. Staff distributed \$150 in "Bucks" to be used towards meals for the evening. Follow us on Facebook to see where we will be headed next!



Kidzfest 2022

The amazing weather brought a record crowd out to the Washington County Hospital & Clinic's annual Kidzfest held in Central Park! Our activity this year was a unicorn ring toss and when the night was coming to an end, WCHC helped us give the fun game away to two lucky children. We look forward to next year's event!



Volunteering at Habitat House

Our staff in Fairfield along with President/CEO, Sue Basten volunteered for the Greater Fairfield Area Habitat for Humanity at their most recent build. They helped clean the house so it was ready for new homeowner, Jossy Rosales Heilmann to move in. Jossy is shown on the far left with Lisa, Spencer, Krista, Jessica, Sue, and Brittany. Thank you all for volunteering your time!



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