

2019 SEATTLE HIROSHIMA CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Drew Mariel Deguchi

Daughter of Jay and Bernadette Deguchi
Granddaughter of Jean Fujii Deguchi
Great-granddaughter of Yoshito and Yukiko Fujii
Student at Mercer Island High School

Despite Drew's commitment to school related extracurricular activities, and out of school athletic and work demands, Drew has been able to maintain a 3.862 cumulative grade point average. Her strong academic achievement has resulted in her membership into the school's National Honor Society.

Since grade 10 Drew has been on the Mercer Island Girls Tennis Team. As a captain she organized events, led other team members in warm-up drills, and served as the communication conduit between the coach and her fellow teammates. Also for the last three years she was selected to be a group discussion leader for the Bridges program, as students break into small groups to learn and discuss current issues they face in the school and the broader community. Since the eleventh grade Drew has spent countless hours as a successful competitor in the school's business and marketing program, DECA. Also for the last four years she has been a member of the school's Amnesty International Club.

Out of school, Drew was a coxswain for the Mt. Baker Crew Team during her 9th and 10th grades. Over the past three years, she has also volunteered at a number of community events including Food Lifeline, Safe Rides, Keiro Northwest, Hope Place, Mary's Place and Cinematique.

One of the highlights in Drew's young life so far occurred during the summer of 2018 when she was selected as one of the two Goodwill Ambassadors from Seattle for the Hiroshima Kenjinkai International Youth Program.

At this time Drew is undecided as to which school she will be attending this fall, but is considering a possible major in Business.