

# Ian Miner Future Horticulturist



Photo by Devon Duke

Ian Miner is a senior at Service High School and also attends King Career Center. He has been challenged with many obstacles in his life, but always perseveres. Weighing only one pound at birth, Ian has dealt with a seizure disorder his entire life. His seizures often affect his memory. However, he aggressively fights to restore any memory loss and compound his knowledge.

Ian has a compassionate and helping attitude that is displayed by his creative

projects. One such project is the Refugee Garden Project in Mountain View where Ian created a vegetable plot for families from Togo and Ethiopia. Ian's vegetables thrived and were used for consumption and also for sale at the Farmer's Market. His project continues to grow and has been so successful that it now involves numerous support services.

Volunteering to pilot a new version of the high school exit exam, Ian dedicated nine months as an advocate to the program. He works tirelessly to improve himself, to help those around him, and always displays a positive and pleasant outlook on life.

Ian's goals are long reaching. He would like to study history because he believes we all learn and profit from the past. He loves the outdoors and hopes to one day work for the National Park Service. He is also exploring community activism through working with the elderly as an outreach coordinator. All of these options illustrate Ian's thoughtfulness for others and his desire to help better society.

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