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Evan Henniger (above) comes from a long line of Cougs. Growing up, he never doubted he'd be one, too, someday. His parents, Mike and Lisa, weren't as sure. Born with an intellectual disability (IDD), it seemed unlikely that Evan could enjoy the same WSU experience as his siblings.

But nothing stops a Coug.

In 2018, the College of Education launched WSU ROAR—a unique, inclusive two-year program for students with IDD. Evan was there on day one.

“He thrived in the ROAR program,” said Mike. “Everything he did, Evan found success in. He learned and grew, and we supported him.”

Now in its fifth year, ROAR allows students like Evan to audit university courses and build employment, academic, and independent living skills. ROAR scholars reside in dorms and apartments at WSU Pullman, creating a supportive peer network that fosters independence and meaningful growth.

Donor-supported scholarships provide a lifeline for ROAR families who, having been told college wouldn't be possible, did not plan for the expense.

The Henniger family established the Henniger Family Opportunity Fund to help families close that gap. “Parents who may have thought college wasn't an option for their kids need to understand that it is, and they need to start planning now,” Mike said.

“Anyone considering ROAR should take that chance,” Evan said. “It's a journey that can truly change your life. ROAR is like a family.”



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