Over $250,000 Awarded to Local Students

On April 8, The Summit Foundation was pleased to present over $250,000 in scholarship awards to 104 outstanding Summit High School seniors at Local Scholarship Night at the high school. Twenty of the scholarships were provided by local donors who have established scholarship funds at the Foundation.

“We were so impressed by the students this year. Some of them have overcome very difficult obstacles in their lives, but have still managed to shine,” said Jeanne Bistranin, Executive Director of The Summit Foundation. “Their efforts over the last four years reflect the vision of The Summit Foundation. We are so pleased to recognize them, and we wish them the best.”

Each year, The Foundation awards scholarships as part of its mission to support working families in Summit County and surrounding counties. These funds are distributed directly to universities around the country to help cover students’ tuition, books and room and board.

Over the past 30 years, The Summit Foundation has awarded over $3.3 million in scholarships to 1,323 local high school graduates.

All recipients of Summit Foundation scholarships are eligible to re-apply for a sophomore scholarship after their first year of college. The Summit Foundation’s scholarships are made possible by the local ski areas and over 3,000 community members who make direct donations, participate in employee giving and Patron Pass programs, and support our fundraising events.

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Executive Director Jeanne Bistranin speaks to scholarship recipients at the annual scholarship award’s night for Summit High School seniors.

2019 Summit High School Scholarship Recipients

Ryan Adis
Lauren Airey
Mia Ammon
Heidi Anderson
Ian Anderson
Jack Arnold
Paola Arrieta
William Austin
Simone Babet
Delani Bargell
Nathan Berry
Brianne Bolcato
Emma Braggins
Margaret Braner
Caiden Bretz
Elizabeth Browne
Angelita Buller
Audrey Buller
Wyatt Buller
April Butler
Chase Byers
Victoria Cadwallader
Benjamin Carlson
Maria Cervantes
Alexandra Clarke
Brendan Collins
Clara Copley
Calliope Cortright
Bridget Costello
Rachel Counihan
Brennan Creen
Nature Currey
Itzel Delgado Lara*
Hanna Dillon
Jonah Dominick
Morrison Donovan
Natalie Doocy
Jordan Elam
Gracie Eland
Matthew Espinoza
Gisselle Espinoza Saenz
Kierra Findley
Kathy Flores
Annika Fowles
Patricia Galaviz Hernandez
Kathryn Goettelman
Gabriel Groome
Emily Gustafson
Erick Hernandez
Jasmine Hernandez Peralta
McKinley Hiller
Madasyn Hirsh
Connor Holzer
Emma Howard
Alyssa Jackman
Grace Karoly
Maison Keen
Hanna Knickrehm
Kayla Krenzer
Summer Krueger
Abigail Lau
Cassidy Lawson
Rane Lawson
Katerina Lee
Allie Lew
Natalie Leyva
Alan Lopez Cruz
Jake Lowe
Madison Lytle
Gabriella Magliocchetti
Madeline Markel
Emma McComb
Ariel Mendoza
Uriel Mendoza
Keenan Miles
Camila Nanez Chalarca
Enrique Nunez
Matthew O’Connell
Brenda Ornelas
Cecilia Pennell
Cassandra Pierson

*Summit Foundation four-year scholarship recipient

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$3.3 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS
TOTAL TO 1,323 LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

NEARLY 1/3 OF AWARDEES

F I R S T - G E N E R A T I O N C O L L E G E S T U D E N T S
Snowy Peaks High School
Angelita Buller
Jonah Dominick
Liz Thoma

South Park High School
Joseph Anderson
Emma Braggins
Kathryn Goettelman
Gabriel Groome

Lake County High School
Matthew Espinoza
Patricia Galaviz Hernandez
Taylor Webster

Summit County Government Scholarships
Lauren Airey
Delani Bargell
Victoria Cadwallader
Zaqueo Carchi Easterly
Alexandra Clarke
Brendan Collins
Nature Currey
Itzel Delgado Lara
Jonah Dominick
Morrison Donovan
Natalie Doocy
Kierra Findley
Jasmine Hernandez Peralta
Madisyn Hirsh
Sarah Hood
Kayla Krenzer
Gabriella Magliocchetti
Andrew Reynolds
Christopher Rohlf
Thomas Ryckman
William Sones
Megan Speer
Liz Thoma
Sydney Vargo
Carolyn Whelan

Summit County Rotary Scholarships
Audrey Buller
Chase Byers
Alexandra Clarke
Brennan Creen
Nature Currey
Jonah Dominick
Morrison Donovan
Abigail Lau
Cassidy Lawson
Emma McComb
Oliver Trowbridge

Albert-Krainz Scholarship
Oliver Trowbridge

Brad Odekirk Scholarship
Kyla Rys

Community Collegiate Scholarship Fund
Gisselle Espinoza Saenz

Dick Masica Engineering Scholarship
Zaqueo Carchi Easterly

Gavenda Family Scholarship
Itzel Delgado Lara

Grotemeyer Family Scholarship
Brenda Ornelas

Kathy Hagan Memorial Scholarship
Natalie Doocy

Lee Zimmerman Scholarship
Enrique Nunez

Lundin Family Scholarship
Patricia Galaviz Hernandez
Freya Schlaefer

McIntosh Arts Scholarship
Allie Lew

McIntosh Business Scholarship
Calliope Cortright

Merriman Family Foundation Scholarship
Maxwell Duxbury

Peak One Surgery Center Scholarship
Jake Lowe
Emma McComb

The Reggie and Pam Gray Scholarship
Kayla Krenzer

Snyder Family Scholarship
Emma Howard

Stonington Family Scholarship
Katerina Lee

Joe and Gene Swedish Scholarship
Morrison Donovan

Theobald Women in Engineering Scholarship
Abigail Lau

Westerland Family Scholarship
Brennan Creen

Photos by Joe Kusumoto
What did you find helpful about the CMC (Colorado Mountain College) Mentoring Program?

One of the most helpful things about the CMC mentoring program was the help I received to plan after CMC. This allowed me to make decisions based on what I wanted as the outcome. In this case attending Colorado School of Mines (CSM). Some of the planning involved visiting the four-year universities’ counseling and financial offices to get a better perspective on how to make the transition between schools smoother.

What was the biggest change after transferring to Colorado School of Mines?

Once I transferred from CMC to CSM I had to start managing my finances and time better, as my workload and my annual spending for school became significantly larger than when attending CMC.

What has been your favorite class or project in college?

My favorite classes in college include Machine Design and the combination of three classes that went hand in hand: Automation and Integration, Feedback Control Systems, and Mechanical Integration. These classes allowed me to apply many of my engineering skills into projects that I worked on throughout the semester.

What’s one piece of advice you would give a future Mountain Scholar?

My advice to any future Mountain Scholar and any student is:

• Work hard
• Keep in touch with mentors, teachers, family, peers, and people that want to help you on your journey
• Make a plan, and if things change that is OK, but try to always have an objective in mind

Where do you hope to be in five years?

In five years, I see myself working in my designated area as an engineer and hopefully in a position that will allow me to help others just like the help I have received.
Mountain Scholars Initiative Sees Largest Growth Yet

Now entering its second year, Mountain Scholars is pleased to announce that it has accepted 21 new participants into the program this spring. Program participants will receive scholarship funding, mentorship from local community volunteers, transfer assistance, academic and financial support, and navigation services.

The Mountain Scholars program, started in 2018, is focused on finding an affordable path to college completion for Summit County’s first-generation college students. Students are encouraged to start their postsecondary education at Colorado Mountain College (CMC), where they are paired with a local volunteer mentor. Students can complete their prerequisite courses at CMC at a more affordable rate, while identifying their intended major and considering the appropriate fit to complete their degree, including finishing at CMC or transferring to a four-year university. The services and support continue throughout their college journey.

“Mountain Scholars is the next step after our long-term support of the Pre-Collegiate program at Summit High School. Research has proven that providing additional support services makes college graduation three times more likely for this population, and we think it will be successful,” said Tara Dew, Program Manager of The Summit Foundation. “We wish the students well, and we thank our donors for their support and belief in these students.”

Mountain Scholars now has 29 program participants studying at six universities across the state of Colorado.

For more information on how you might support the program or become a mentor, please contact Tara Dew at tara@summitfoundation.org.

Welcome New Trustees

Dustin Lyman

Dustin Lyman is the President/General Manager for Copper Mountain Resort. He is a strong advocate of community partnerships and of focusing on our local, working families. Dustin has a tremendous background that ranges from working for major corporations such as Dish Network and Famous Brands International, to playing in the NFL for the Chicago Bears. In addition to being a key leader in the Summit County business world, Dustin has a strong finance and business background, having obtained a bachelors degree in economics from Wake Forest University and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Dustin and his family recently relocated to Summit County from Boulder, where he grew up.

Peggy Hiller

Peggy Hiller is the Vice President of Operations for Arapahoe Basin Ski Area. Peggy has lived in Summit County for over 30 years and has a deep commitment to our community. She has a long history of community involvement, which includes being an active Summit School District volunteer for many years leading the After-Prom Committee and being involved with Make-A-Difference Day. She has also been on the Selection Committee for the Summit Foundation’s Philanthropy Awards. Peggy and her husband Keith have three young adult children in college.

Thank you, Alan Henceroth

As we welcome Peggy, we say good-bye and thank you to Alan Henceroth, the COO of Arapahoe Basin. Alan has been an active and dedicated Board member for over 15 years. He was on the Grants Committee and was always happy to lend his expertise and vast knowledge of the Summit County community. Alan spearheaded many fundraising efforts for the Foundation at A-Basin, and we appreciate his efforts that always went above and beyond any expectation. Alan, we will miss you as a Trustee, but we look forward to our continued partnership.
Second Homeowners Give Back To Summit County

For Jim and Susan Wright, helping others and giving back to the communities where they live is a responsibility, and one that also brings great joy. They are strong supporters of The Summit Foundation, and as part-time residents it is important to them to provide support that benefits the entire community.

Married almost 50 years, the Wrights have lived all over the United States and are now retired in Kansas City. They have a second home in Breckenridge and were originally drawn to the area due to the caring and unpretentious character of the people in Summit County, as well as the beautiful scenery.

“We have been blessed in our lives, and we hope that we can be a blessing to other people,” explained Jim. “It’s truly a calling, and we are humbled to be able to help.”

Next Generation Giving

Jim and Susan are intentional about sharing these core values and passing on their philanthropic legacy to their children and grandchildren. For many years around Thanksgiving, the Wrights have had a structured family giving meeting. Each person, even as young as seven years old, is challenged to find a charity to support and explain to the group about the cause, who it helps and why it is important. They are required to save and donate a portion of their own money, and Jim and Susan offer a substantial “match” for the donation.

“This family meeting has been such a rewarding and wonderful thing to do together. It brings tears to our eyes just thinking about it and the impact it has had over the years, especially on the younger children,” Jim and Susan said. Once the family started down this path, it became very natural for even the youngest children to think about giving and putting others’ needs above their own. “Now the family meeting is something that everyone looks forward to each year, and it’s a great way to continue that spirit of giving.”

Thank you, Jim and Susan, for giving back to our community and making sure that your tradition of philanthropy continues for generations to come.

“"The joy of giving lasts a long time. It isn't about recognition; it's about helping others and having an impact.”

- Jim and Susan Wright

Jim and Susan Wright are members of the Peaks Society, which consists of generous donors who have named The Summit Foundation in their will.

Generous Donor Leaves Legacy to Benefit Community

The Summit Foundation is honored and humbled to have received a significant bequest from the estate of Clark Nicklas. Our sincere sympathy to Clark’s family and friends. These funds will be used for current and long-term support for the community.
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Breckenridge

September 21, 22, 28, & 29, 2019
Summit County Parade of Homes

November 21, 2019
29th Annual Philanthropy Awards
Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center

December 10, 2019
Colorado Gives Day

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