

Lisa Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Background

This next award is very near and dear to my heart. It gives my family and I great satisfaction to present scholarship money this year to two seniors in memory of my wife Lisa. For those of you who do not know, Lisa Nelson was a P.E. teacher and the head volleyball coach here at Ralston Valley for thirteen years. She passed away on March 3rd after battling cervical cancer for two years. To commemorate her life and to ensure that she continues to touch the lives of kids, the Lisa Nelson Memorial Scholarship was established. The fund got its start when our family requested contributions in lieu of flowers at Lisa's services. That kicked off the fund and the students, faculty, staff and parents here at Ralston Valley have done the rest. The band, the choir, the orchestra, Stugo and many others have all contributed to this fund, ensuring the longevity and stability of it. It's truly amazing that in the short time period since Lisa passed away we are standing here tonight awarding two \$1000.00 dollar college scholarships. Thank you so much RV for helping establish the first Ralston Valley student athlete college scholarship.

Both of tonight's recipients possess qualities respected by Coach Nelson. They both are tremendous students, have experienced athletic achievement and have demonstrated leadership, good character, citizenship, sportsmanship and community involvement.

Reece Bolin

Our male recipient will be attending CSU in the fall. He is currently carrying a 4.0 GPA. He is a four-year participant on the soccer team. He was elected team captain as a junior and has received All Conference 1st team honors. He has been active in the community volunteering in a soccer program for disabled kids called TOPS and has helped the Sam Sandos Foundation who provides Christmas baskets for the less fortunate. I am proud to introduce Reece Bolin as the male recipient of the Lisa Nelson Memorial Scholarship.

Madison Gomer

Our female recipient will be attending the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs where she will be playing basketball. She is currently carrying a 3.9 GPA and is a member of Stugo. She has lettered all four years in cross country, basketball and track. In basketball she was elected team captain her junior and senior years and has received 2nd team all conference, 1st team all conference and honorable mention all state during her playing career. She also is an honorable mention track athlete and was named team captain her senior year. She has also been active in the

community volunteering her time for the Ronald McDonald House, the Arvada Food Bank and the Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District. I am proud to introduce Madison Gomer as the female recipient of the Lisa Nelson Memorial Scholarship.

I wish both recipients all the best and thank you to all the candidates that applied.