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\$13,000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE HARDROCK HUNDRED ENDURANCE RUN

Four high school students will be awarded Joel Zucker Memorial Scholarships of the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run this year at Silverton High School graduation on May 26th. Martin J. Torres will receive \$3000 towards tuition at the college or university of his choice. Talitha Gallegos and Kayla Zimmerman will each receive \$2000 towards tuition at Fort Lewis College and Marley Roberts (graduating from Albuquerque High School) will receive \$2000 towards tuition at Northern Arizona University. In addition, Will Custer will receive \$2000 for his junior year at Adams State University and Allison Roberts will receive \$2000 for her junior year at Central New Mexico Community College.

Four high school students each submitted a lengthy application plus three teacher/adult mentor recommendations. In addition they each sat through a grueling 30-minute interview with Lois MacKenzie of Silverton, Rick Trujillo of Ouray, and Charlie Thorn and Andi Kron of Los Alamos, NM.

Joel Zucker Memorial Scholarships have been awarded almost every year since 1999 with 65 scholarships totaling \$67,550. The money is raised through donations from runners, volunteers, family members and vendors associated with the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run. This year's total of \$13,000 marks the highest amount ever given in a single year.

Students are solicited first from Silverton High School. If there are sufficient funds or lack of students graduating from Silverton, students may be considered from the San Juan Mountain towns of Lake City, Ouray and Telluride that support the Hardrock Hundred. Also, students that live or have lived in Silverton but are graduating from a different high school may apply.

Joel Zucker loved Silverton, the San Juan Mountains and running the Hardrock Hundred. He died in 1998 after completing his third consecutive run. He was 44 years old and boasted of being in incredibly good shape when he succumbed to an aneurism only 36 hours after he finished his last Hardrock Hundred, apparently the result of untreated high blood pressure. Joel's quiriness is still legend among old-timers. He described himself as a short, Jewish, stuttering librarian from upstate New York. He inspired many others to achieve their goal of running a hundred miles. Always at the back of the pack and usually finishing within minutes of the 48-hour cutoff, Joel said he liked to get his money's worth. His good humor is missed but his legacy lives on in this scholarship that honors the memory of an incredible soul.

Donations can be made to Joel Zucker Memorial Fund, Citizens State Bank, POB 6, Silverton, CO 81433. Inquiries can be sent to kron@swcp.com.