

PRESS RELEASE

The Joel Zucker Memorial Scholarship, now in its 21st year, proudly announces the awarding of \$33,000 to 11 students. This is the highest dollar amount in a single year to the most number of students. Five High School students (four from Silverton and one from Lake City) will receive a total of \$15,000 and six Continuing Education students (three from Silverton and three from Lake City) will receive a total of \$18,000. The recipients are:

High School Graduates:

Clair Cunningham (Lake City) \$4000; Berry College, Rome, GA
Wyatt Gober, (Silverton) \$4000; Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
Amaris Hamilton (Silverton) \$4000; Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
Jessica Henderson (Silverton) \$1500; San Juan College, Farmington, NM
Kyra Maxfield (Silverton) \$1500; Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM

Continuing Education:

Talitha Coombs (Silverton) \$3000; Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO
Hannah deKay (Silverton) \$3000; Regis University, Denver, CO
Miranda Hall (Lake City) \$3000; Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA
Jacee Lawrence (Lake City) \$3000; Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
Megan Levine (Lake City) \$3000; Adams State University, Alamosa, CO
Kayla Zimmerman (Silverton) \$3000; Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT

This year marks 98 scholarships distributed for a total of \$176, 050. Money is raised annually from donations gathered at the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run held in Silverton in July, from monies collected during the online lottery application, and from other donors. High school students from Silverton can apply as well as students from three other towns that support the run (Lake City, Ouray and Telluride) provided the student has volunteered at a Hardrock Hundred aid station. Students who have received the scholarship in the past and are still in college may apply for Continuing Education funds.

This scholarship was founded to honor the memory of Joel Zucker, a librarian from New York State who collapsed from an aneurysm the day after finishing his third Hardrock Hundred in 1998 at the age of 44. Joel loved Silverton and dogs. He roamed around town every afternoon after his morning run up Kendall Mountain giving out dog biscuits and greeting people.

He was not a racer, preferring to spend as much time as possible on the course and always finishing within ten minutes of the deadline. He took the time to encourage others to run long distances and inspired several runners to complete their first hundred-mile run.

Joel died doing what he loved most. He would be proud to know that in his name we are supporting the area's youth to pursue higher education.

Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado, P.O. Box 1673, Durango, CO 81302. Make check payable to "Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado" and include "Joel Zucker Scholarship" on the memo line.

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