

# THANK YOU!

To our Participants and Sponsors,

Today marks the 30th Annual Spartan Foundation Golf Tournament. We are so glad you could join us today at Crystal Lake Golf Club.

We are grateful to the supporters of this tournament and the young people of Richfield. Over the past 30 years, your support has provided over \$400,000 in contributions to Richfield youth.

Spartan Foundation funds have been used to purchase equipment for a variety of athletic and performing arts programs. The funds have helped Richfield students who needed assistance with various participation fees. It has also provided numerous scholarships for Richfield seniors attending college.

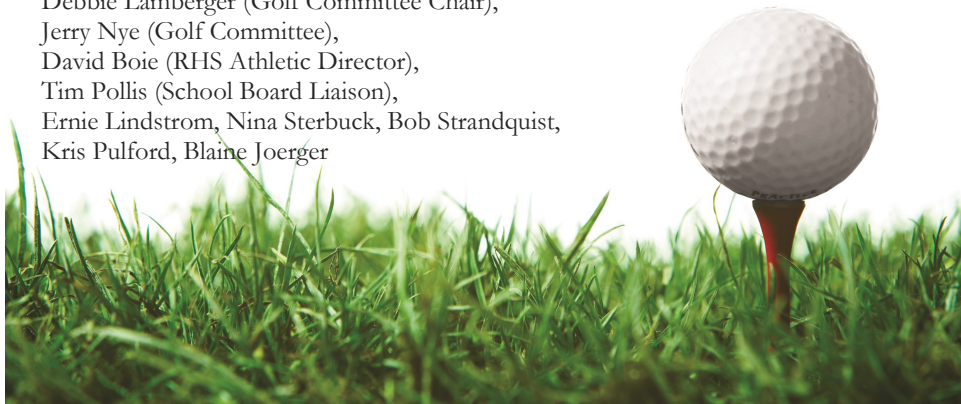
These funds primarily come from this tournament, however, additional donations come from individuals, organizations and businesses.

The Spartan Foundation Board and Tournament Committee are very thankful for your participation and continued support!

We hope you had a great day with friends and colleagues. Enjoy your evening!

## **The Spartan Foundation Board**

Bill Davis (President), Mike Sandahl (Vice President),  
Steve Lindgren (Treasurer), Cheri Aanestad (Secretary),  
Dave Lamberger (Golf Committee Treasurer),  
Debbie Lamberger (Golf Committee Chair),  
Jerry Nye (Golf Committee),  
David Boie (RHS Athletic Director),  
Tim Pollis (School Board Liaison),  
Ernie Lindstrom, Nina Sterbuck, Bob Strandquist,  
Kris Pulford, Blaine Joerger



## **30TH ANNUAL SPARTAN FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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**Crystal Lake Golf Course  
Lakeville, Minnesota  
June 17, 2019**



**Aaron Zambrano-Vega**  
Athletic Scholarship  
The College of St. Scholastica  
Kinesiology



Aaron wrote, "I learned so much from being a captain of the Richfield basketball team this season. This leadership role came naturally to me. I encouraged my teammates to be motivated in their classes and to join me in kids' camps and rake-a-thons. I tried to make the most of the honor of being a captain."





**Maria Valdez**

*Grindeland Memorial Scholarship*  
Normandale Community College  
Biology/Forensic Science/Psychology

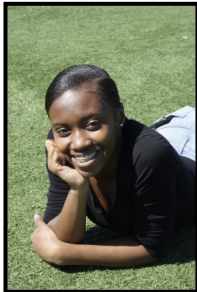
RHS English teacher Dr. Schiffler wrote, "Maria is a conscientious student who is never afraid to take the extra step to make sure she has a clear understanding. Her maturity adds to her solid character."



**William Voigt**

*Top Scholar Award*  
University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Biology/ Spanish

RHS Spanish department chair, Anne Messerli wrote, "William is a committed, driven student who earned the rank of #1 in the class of 2019 with a 4.7 GPA. He is also captain of our wrestling team, and William initiated the RHS Spanish Club. He is truly a remarkable young man."



**Mikah White**

*Alumni Memorial Scholarship*  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College  
Computer Science and Programming

Mikah wrote, "As the youngest of 10, all brothers, it took me a long time to find myself in this family. Today I am outgoing, funny and kind-hearted because I have learned to accept the things I cannot change and the courage to change the things I can."



**Tenzin Woesser**

*Athletic Scholarship*  
University of Minnesota  
Computer Science

RHS Science teacher Matthew Brown wrote, "Because Tenzin is such a strong science student, her college future has a good foundation. Tenzin speaks three languages and understands four. These all combine to help her face major social and academic hurdles in the future."

# SPARTAN FOUNDATION AWARDS BANQUET

## WELCOME

Dave Boie, Master of Ceremonies  
Athletic Director, Richfield High School

## INVOCATION

Ernie Lindstrom  
Spartan Foundation Founding Member

## INTRODUCTION

Steve Unowsky  
Superintendent, Richfield Public Schools

## DINNER

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dave Boie

**Tom Spooner Award**

**Athena Award**

**Top Scholar**

**Against All Odds**

**Athletic Scholarship**

**Desmond Family Scholarship**

**Russ Schuvieller Scholarship**

**Oz Mullerleile Memorial**

**Steve Grindeland Memorial**

**Bob Tripanier Memorial**

## TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Debbie Lamberger & Jerry Nye  
Golf Committee Co-Chairs





# THE VISION

The Spartan Foundation, Inc. is a tax-exempt, and nonprofit corporation formed in 1990. It is operated solely by unpaid volunteers for the purpose of supporting the youth of Richfield in cases of need that go beyond that which is provided by governmental means.

The Spartan Foundation wants to fund tomorrow's opportunities for today's Spartans. It has been found that kids who participate in co-curricular activities are more likely to become school leaders and role models in our community.

Our vision is to help provide the maximum number of activities that provide the maximum opportunities for Richfield schools.

Our mission is to aid in funding the needs of tomorrow's leaders here in Richfield. We are dedicated to enhancing the education experience for students in the Richfield Public School system.

# THE HISTORY

It all began with **Bob Lindgren**, a director on the Richfield Public School Board of Education in the 1980's. He became concerned about funding for school sports programs. Together with his friend and former Richfield School Board member **George Karnas**, they launched a plan to supplement the funding for new equipment and student participation fees through a community initiative: A Golf Tournament and Banquet!

Together Bob and George gathered other Richfield leaders to plan a tournament at Rich Acres Golf Course where entry fees and local sponsors' donations would provide these needed funds for youth programs. George contacted **Fred Babcock** at VFW Post 555 and American Legion Post 435, and they accepted the opportunity to host the banquet on alternating years following the golf tournament.

The inaugural event was held on June 12, 1990. This first Golf Tournament Committee was co-chaired by **Bob Lindgren** and former administrator **Gene Olive**. They were assisted by community volunteers: **Steve Lindgren**, Richfield Chamber of Commerce President; in sponsorships; **Bill Davis** in publicity; **Ernie Lindstrom** in legal matters; **George Karnas** in banquet/program and **Bud Erickson** in golf tournament events. These men became the inaugural Board of Directors of the "Richfield Spartan Foundation, Inc."



## Destiny Ross

*Technical Community College Scholarship*  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College  
Nursing

Destiny wrote, "Because my parents had to work so hard, I was able to play basketball. When I joined teen outreach programs Treehouse and Young Life, I was surrounded by spirits and people who helped me a lot."



## Diem Tran

*First Generation Scholarship*  
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities  
Computer Science or Business

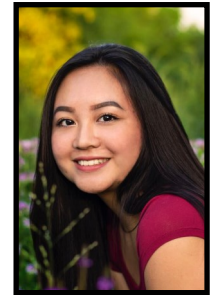
RHS College-in-the-Schools Literature teacher Dr. Schiffler wrote, "Diem is critically open-minded about expanding her thinking and has proven to be a mature writer."



## Linh Trang

*Top Scholar Award*  
University of Minnesota Medical  
Laboratory Science

College-in-the-Schools Science teacher, Matthew Brown wrote, "Linh has maintained a rigorous academic schedule in balance with a busy extracurricular regimen. She has made the most of what RHS has to offer. She's among the best I've seen."



## Katherine Urzua Parra

*Bob Tripanier Memorial Scholarship*  
University of St. Thomas  
Science

RHS Science teacher Mr. Brown wrote, "I praise Katherine's involvement in Latinas Unidas as they work to support young women who come from situations where self-confidence and true potential has been diminished by certain societal attitudes. Katherine is stronger and more dedicated today."





### **Francine Legba**

*First Generation Scholarship*  
Carleton College  
Psychology, Public Health

RHS Science teacher Dr. Jennifer Kersten wrote, "Francine is an impressive English language learner who persevered to do exceptional work. She is diligent, passionate and determined."



### **Mumtas Mohamed**

*Against All Odds Scholarship*  
University of St. Thomas  
Engineering, Biology

RHS Social Studies teacher Mike Harris wrote, "Mumtas is one of the most inspiring students who has the ability to persevere through difficult situations. Her caring and positive attitude is a great asset for our school community."



### **John Dominic Poyatos**

*Russ Schuvieller Memorial Scholarship*  
University of Dubuque, Iowa  
Flight Operations, Management

RHS National Honor Society Advisor Dr. Schiffler wrote, "J.D. wants more from school than simply learning the material. He does extra research outside of class to satisfy his pure curiosity."



### **Katherine Reyes Garcia**

*Technical-Community College Scholarship*  
Inver Hills or Normandale Community College  
Psychology, Nursing

Katherine wrote, "When I look into my father's eyes I see a man trying to make the best of what he can offer. My dream is to continue my studies and demonstrate that my father's sacrifices have not been done in vain."



**Practice Green:** Wallace Carlson Printing;  
The Sandeen Family: In memory of Mike Ludwig and Bob Tripanier players on the 1963 State Championship Football team.

### **Hole:**

- 1 Lindstrom Law Offices  
Desmond Foundation
- 2 Broadway Pizza
- 3 American Family Insurance  
Jason Williams Agency
- 4 Class of 1968
- 5 Elliott Law Offices  
Parsley Builders
- 6 Richfield Tourism Promotion Board
- 7 The Olson Family  
Class of 1972
- 8 Kennedy & Graven Law Firm
- 9 Richfield Medical Group  
Richfield QB Club
- 10 Dan & Kris Seeler  
The Schuveiller Family
- 11 Sandahl & Associates  
Harry Bittman Family
- 12 Champion Awards  
Michael Girsch Agency
- 13 Bernie Mattson and The Club
- 14 RBI - Richfield Baseball, Inc.
- 15 RBCU – Richfield Bloomington Credit Union
- 16 #RTown  
Best Buy
- 17 In Memory of Robert (Bob) Lindgren
- 18 Ability Plus

**Raffle Sponsors:** AFA–Advanced First Aid, Minnesota Lynx, Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Wild, and Affordable Therapeutic Massage

## **THANK YOU**

**These sponsors and contributors have helped the Spartan Foundation in a special way. Please make use of their services whenever you can.**



# TOM SPOONER WINNERS

*The Tom Spooner Award is given annually to an outstanding senior male athlete who demonstrates achievement in athletics, citizenship and academic excellence. The award is named for Tom Spooner, a Richfield High School athlete, who died from leukemia and personified these criteria. The Spooner Family, along with the Richfield Spartan Foundation have kept this legacy alive through this scholarship.*

1957: Larry Molsather	1990: Jason Janu
1958: Dick Schubbe	1991: Amos Casey
1959: Doug Carlson	1992: Hai Le
1960: Bill Davis and Marty Richardson	1993: Casey Johnson
1961: Bob Werness	1994: Mark Holman
1962: Jim Mitchell	1995: Paul Scanlon
1963: Tim Wheeler	1996: Nate Ashmead
1964: Mike Sadek	1997: Neal Gambaiani
1965: Barry Bishop	1998: David Ashmead
1966: Doug Edmonson	1999: Charles Case
Tom Kiedrowski	2000: Joe Pavelko
1967: Scott Stein and Doug Schindler	2001: Ta Ho
1968: Doug Kingsriter	2002: Patrick Akpaette
1969: Mark Flanders and Steve Cook	2003: Wade Vrieze
1970: Robert Slonski	2004: Stuart Lindgren
1971: Larry Habegger	2005: Tate Quale
1972: Chuck Viskocil	2006: Dustin Driefke
1973: Doug Goebel	2007: Trevor Olson
1974: Steve Bender	2008: Will Neilsen
1975: Doug Nelson	2009: Renard Robinson
1976: Mike Voelker	2010: Corey Fitzgerald
1977: Brian Holt	2011: Zak Beaudet
1978: Paul Franzmeier	2012: Max Hamilton
1979: Dan Lerom	2013: Duncan Pederson
1980: Scott Schuveiller	2014: Obsa Ali
1981: Randy Westlund	2015: Marcus Voigt
1982: Ivan Zubar	2016: Tommy Fallon
1983: Paul Gisselquist	2017: Patrick Voigt
1984: Bill Krohn	2018: Connor Swetala
1985: Mark Hollingsworth	
1986: Dan Palmer	
1987: Jeff Ziebol	
1988: Steve Holman	
1989: Chito Arcilla	

**Estefania Gonzales-Ramirez**  
*First Generation Scholarship*  
 University of St. Thomas  
 Biology



RHS Science teacher Matthew Brown wrote, "Learning barriers don't really exist for Estefania. They are just another problem to solve. She will graduate with more than 15 credits from the University of Minnesota."

**Evyynn Hall**  
*Russ Schuveiller Memorial Scholarship*  
 St. Catherine University  
 Sonography



RHS Social Studies teacher Julie Lentz wrote, "Evyynn pushes herself and others to understand the material on a deeper level and has a true passion for learning. She is truly one of the most outstanding students I have taught."

**Dawn Jamison**  
*Athletic Scholarship*  
 University of California – Berkeley  
 Media Studies



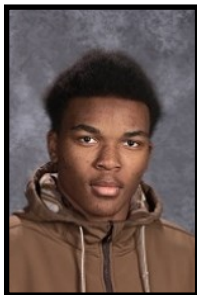
RHS French teacher Morgan Steele wrote, "I was new to RHS when I first met Dawn. She clearly explained what was learned in her previous years and was a vital student in my new role. She has proven to be a real leader in class."

**Thomas Kimmes**  
*Athletic Scholarship*  
 University of Minnesota – Duluth  
 Elementary Education



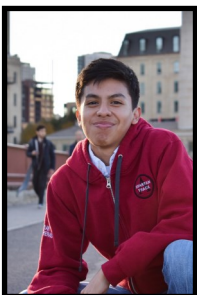
RHS counselor Sara Linde wrote, "Thomas is completing his fourth year of math in a College-in-the-School Statistics class. His moral compass is secure. I believe he will continue to grow both academically and socially at the college level."



**Demetrius Coleman**

*Oz Mullerleile Memorial Scholarship*  
North Dakota State University  
Liberal Arts

Demetrius wrote, "I look back on all the people passing away in my life and decided to be motivated to be successful. I have been through a lot but I now have people who will help me conquer any problem."

**Brian Contreras**

*Against All Odds Scholarship*  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Biology, Pre-med

RHS Science teacher Matthew Brown wrote, "Brian loves science. I know him as a mature, confident, capable individual. College is just a stepping stone to greater things."

**Mayowa Dowu**

*Against All Odds Scholarship*  
Augsburg University or  
University of Minnesota - Duluth  
Pre-law

RHS counselor Jessica Okey wrote, "Mayowa had to push herself to participate in AP and CIS courses. She then became a more open-minded learner which led her to value viewpoints from other people."

**Eric Gil Rosas**

*Athletic Scholarship*  
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities  
Biology

RHS Director of Bands Elizabeth Winslow wrote, "Eric is a strong musician and student because he understands the time and work ethic it takes to make progress."

# ATHENA AWARD WINNERS

*Greek goddess of wisdom and bravery, Athena's symbol is the olive wreath, a symbol of Olympic athletics. Each year, the Minnesota Athena Award honors the most outstanding female athlete. This award is based on excellence in individual or team sports.*

1973: Marlene Carlson

1974: Jean Gooding

1975: Patti Soderberg

1976: Cassie Olsen

1977: Sherry Case

1978: Cindy Carlson

1979: Carol Amos

1980: Kim Case

1981: Tracy Hyde

1982: Renee Dahlk

1983: Paula Chell

1984: Mindy Grafing

1985: Beth Anderson

1986: Jackie Kawiecki

1987: Brenda Paszkiewicz

1988: Tracy Herington

1989: Laurie Palmer

1990: Missy Miller

1991: Kris Lindstrom

1992: Michelle Erickson

1993: Sharen Luze

1994: Vicki Poehler

1995: Mandy Engberg

1996: Ann Mathews

1997: Rachel Ekholm

1998: Angela Grengs

1999: Leah Zarn

2000: Molly Ramm

2001: Katie Freeman

2002: Rachel Wallis

2003: Jenna Weinberg

2004: Katherine Flynn

2005: Nikki Jensen

2006: Sarah Kabes

2007: Shelby Savage

2008: Lisa Klass

2009: Pamela January

2010: Stephanie Skoog

2011: Kelsey Metz

2012: Bryann Guyton

2013: Jessica January

2014: Kinya Gilbert

2015: Emily Christian

2016: Mariah Wendland

2017: Jordan Skof

2018: Abby Stok

The Spartan Foundation's 30-year history of fundraising for Richfield Public Schools and college scholarships provide the basis for a new era of synergy. Due to recent generous donations from sources beyond the profits of the golf tournament and sponsor donations, the foundation has been able to merge with other foundations and give even more scholarships. This year the Spartan Foundation will present 25 \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.

**SPOONER AWARD.** The outstanding senior male athlete.

**ATHENA AWARD.** The outstanding senior female athlete.

**TOP SCHOLAR.** Female and male senior in the academic top 10% and has demonstrated leadership as well as community involvement.

**AGAINST ALL ODDS.** Awarded to seniors who endured personal adversity by demonstrating perseverance, fortitude and determination that led to success in high school.

#### **ANY SENIOR REGARDLESS OF GPA**

**FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE.** Awarded to a senior who will be a part of the first generation to attend college where neither parents have graduated from college.

**TECHNICAL/COMMUNITY COLLEGE.** Honors a student who has overcome adversity and will attend a technical or community college.

**RHS ALUMNI MEMORIAL.** Open to any senior who contributed to the success of the school and community. It honors the memory of former RHS students and faculty. Sources of these memorials are Bob Collison and Jim Hare, former Richfield coaches and faculty members. And Paul A. Schmidt, class of 1983.

**OZ MULLERLEILE MEMORIAL.** Given by family of OZ, a community member who was an outstanding supporter of RHS activities with a special love for athletics – male and female.

**STEVE GRINDELAND MEMORIAL.** Given by RHS class of 1972 for a FIRST GENERATION college student in honor of Steve, their classmate who never had the opportunity to attend college.

**RUSS SCHUVEILLER MEMORIAL.** Given in honor of Russ, a former RHS graduate and lifelong Spartan to a senior who demonstrated outstanding achievement in athletics, academics and leadership.

**BOB TRIPANIER MEMORIAL.** Given in honor of Bob, a former RHS graduate, class of 1965, and a devoted Spartan ever since. This award goes to a senior who also is devoted to RHS.

**ATHLETIC AWARD:.** Honors a student who is both a top athlete and a leader within RHS.

**DESMOND FAMILY FOUNDATION.** Given in partnership with Normandale Community College, it honors a student who endured personal challenges and will attend Normandale CC.

**Phoebe McCartan,** *Athena Award Winner*  
University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
Biosystem Engineering, Spanish

RHS Dance Team coach wrote, "As a 7th grader, she was the 4th member of a dying program and dedicated herself to building the team. We joined in her passion and 5 years later competed with a full team and won entry to State Tournament. Phoebe is a steadfast young woman of high character who never stops inspiring others."



**Joel Schaefer,** *Tom Spooner Award Winner*  
University of Minnesota  
Engineering

RHS English teacher Annie Johnson wrote, "Joel brings authentic thought and curiosity to discussions. He always shows a positive attitude. And, he has a passion for making a difference in the Richfield community."



**Yuleima Aguilar Garcia**  
*Against All Odds Scholarship*  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Nursing

RHS English department chair, Dr. Nikki Schiffler wrote, "Yuleima has a solid personal character and she is destined for success."



**Maggie Bui**  
*Desmond Family Scholarship*  
Normandale Community College  
Health Education

Maggie wrote, "I know college is a new big concept for me but I am excited about going to Normandale because they have lots of classes in health, education and management. I feel like I have a chance to be successful there."

