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To our Participants and Sponsors,

Today marks the 31st Spartan Foundation Golf Tournament. We are so glad you could join us at Crystal Lake Golf Club.

We are grateful to the supporters of this tournament and the young people of Richfield. Beginning in 1990 through today, your support has provided over \$460,000 in contributions to Richfield youth.

Spartan Foundation funds have been used to purchase equipment for a variety of athletic and performing arts programs. Funds have also helped Richfield student-athletes with various participation fees. Since 1990, the Spartan Foundation has provided \$230,000 in scholarships for Richfield seniors attending college.

These funds primarily come from this tournament. 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

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Crystal Lake Golf Course
Lakeville, Minnesota
June 21, 2021

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SPARTAN FOUNDATION AWARDS BANQUET

WELCOME

Blaine Joerger, Master of Ceremonies
President of Spartan Foundation Board

INVOCATION

Ernie Lindstrom
Spartan Foundation Founding Member

INTRODUCTION

Steve Unowsky
Superintendent, Richfield Public Schools

DINNER

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jared Ellerson, Richfield Activities Director

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

Karnas Family

Kron Family

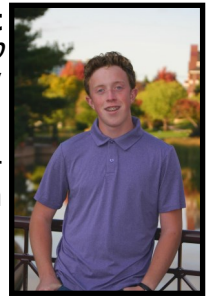
Bill Davis Scholarship

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Debbie Lamberger & Maria Kimmes
Golf Committee Co-Chairs

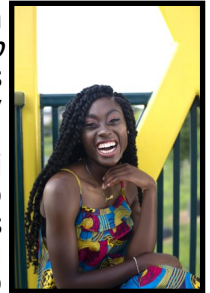


Nicholas Wiederholt
Karnas Family Scholarship
South Dakota State University
Engineering



Nicholas wrote, "I was taught in my freshman year of baseball about the importance of being a team player. I saw the amount of respect that I earned from my teammates just by being there and giving my all. That's what keeps me in the game, trying my best, giving my all."

Fametta Zubah
Bob Tripanier Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Kinesiology or Biology



RHS National Honor Society Advisor, Dr. Nikki Schiffler wrote, "I have observed Fametta grow into a poised and accomplished young woman. She is an exceptional student with excellent grades and a three-sport varsity athlete resulting from a drive to do and be more."



WE ALL HAIL FROM RICHFIELD HIGH
FOR THE SPARTANS WE DO CHEER,
WE'LL FIGHT ON AND EVER TRY
FOR THE SCHOOL WE LOVE SO DEAR.
HOLD OUR COLORS, RED AND WHITE,
MAY THEY WITH OUR SPIRIT FLY,
MAY WE EVER FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!
FOR RICHFIELD HIGH.

HERE WE COME (shout) HAIL THE SPARTANS,
FIGHT FOR RICHFIELD HIGH! FIGHT!
DO YOUR BEST, TEAM! WE'LL DO THE REST, TEAM!
FIGHT FOR RICHFIELD HIGH! FIGHT!
HOLD OUR COLORS, RED AND WHITE,
MAY THEY WITH OUR SPIRIT FLY,
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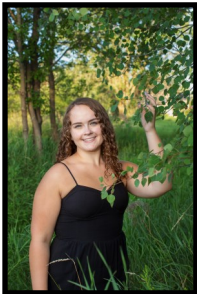
Brandon Portillo
Against All Odds Scholarship
 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
 Biochemistry

Brandon wrote, "As a student in RHS I learned so much about how to do well in school and why college is important, all thanks to the teachers who I had my freshman and sophomore years. These lessons were vital for success in college. Without them, my current status at Normandale Community College would not reflect my true potential."



Jeobani Reyes-Leon
Against All Odds Scholarship
 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
 Architecture and French

Jeobani wrote, "Going to college is an important step to fulfill my dreams in life and I will do so with the honor and humbleness my parents taught me from a young age. I will always be grateful for my parents and I will always do my best to make them proud."



Lucy Schuller
Steve Grindelund Scholarship
 St. Cloud State University
 Elementary Education

Lucy wrote, "I kept busy and did not give up. I went to volleyball, dance, girl scouts, school, homework and met with friends but also making sure it was at a healthy level. So overall, a positive attitude and a healthy schedule kept me going strong, and also the thought of making sure my dad would still be proud of me."



Evelyn Vazquez Moreno
First Generation Scholarship
 Normandale Community College
 Health Care, Nursing Assistant

Evelyn wrote, "I achieved many academic goals even though I did not know the American language, culture and school system. Now that I feel secure about it. I feel I can accomplish every goal with dedication, effort and commitment."

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."



The Spartan Foundation's 31 year history of fundraising for Richfield Public Schools and college scholarships provides the basis of a new era for these students. This year 25 RHS seniors will each receive \$1,000 going to their colleges of choice.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

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.

AGAINST ALL ODDS: 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.

AGAINST ALL ODDS: TECHNICAL/COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Honors a student who has overcome adversity and will attend a technical or community college.

AGAINST ALL ODDS: 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.

AGAINST ALL ODDS: BILL DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

Open to a college-bound senior who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to community service within or outside of RHS.

AGAINST ALL ODDS: 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.

Helen Nguyen
Russ Schuveiller Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Kinesiology



RHS Science Teacher, Sheryl Juenemann wrote, "Helen masterfully balances her schedule. Maintaining top marks in school, earning awards and letters while simultaneously managing her leadership commitments and her job. Helen's skills of organization and dedication to all her academics, work and activities predict further success for this hardworking, responsible young woman."

Ryan Odefey
Kron Family Scholarship
Undecided



Ryan wrote, "Through my high school career I have learned lots about myself and how to work with others. I think that playing a sport with such a high Team aspect and not an individual sport is huge for leadership and development."

Jacqueline Olea Rossano
First Generation Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Rochester
Health Science/Pre-Physical Assistant



Jacqueline wrote, "As a senior, I am in a paid internship through the program called Genesys Works. This program helps not only on the professional side of a job, but they also help with university applications, and so much more. I also joined since the money I earn will help pay for my college tuition."

Livanna Pimentel Pinales
Technical/Community College Scholarship
Normandale Community College
Health Care Nursing Assistant



Livanna wrote, "I felt very happy and grateful for the award given to me from Richfield High School during my Junior year. It was an honorary student award for my dedication and effort in class, for having good grades and helping my classmates when they needed it. And now I'm still trying to keep doing a very good job."



Jack Messerli-Wallace

Top Scholar Award

Drake University - Des Moines, Iowa
Physics, Mathematics, Electrical Engineering

RHS English Teacher and National Honor Society Advisor, Dr. Nikki Schiffler wrote, "Jack is an exceptional student and has a lively curiosity that makes him dissatisfied with superficial explanations. He wants more from school than simply learning the material. For example, Jack

taught himself pre-calculus so he could take more math classes. Ranking number 2 in his class is evidence of Jack's determination and talent."



Giselle Morales Balbuena

Technical/Community College Scholarship

Normandale Community College
Arts or Criminology

RHS Counselor, Sara Linde wrote, "I have enjoyed watching Giselle blossom throughout the past four years. Perhaps what many will find most impressive about Giselle is that she has taken almost every course offered by our art department – her artistic talents and attention to creative

details are truly awe-inspiring."



Alicia Nelson

Against All Odds Scholarship

University of Minnesota, College of Science and Engineering
Astrophysics

RHS Physics teacher, Dr. Jennifer Kersten wrote, "Alicia is an exceptional high school student. She is not only one of the top academic students with which I have had the privilege of working, she is also selfless and curious. She is mature beyond

her years. I expect Alicia to be a successful college student both in her classes and in her activities because she has challenged herself during her high school career and this should serve her well as a college student."

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, male or female 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.

KARNAS FAMILY.

Honors a softball or baseball player who is exceptionally team-oriented.

KRON FAMILY DREAM BIG FOUNDATION.

Awarded to a senior who, despite diminished family resources will continue his/her athletic career in college.



SAVE THE DATE
Monday, June 20, 2022

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	1989: Chito Arcilla
1958: Dick Schubbe	1990: Jason Janu
1959: Doug Carlson	1991: Amos Casey
1960: Bill Davis and Marty Richardson	1992: Hai Le
1961: Bob Werness	1993: Casey Johnson
1962: Jim Mitchell	1994: Mark Holman
1963: Tim Wheeler	1995: Paul Scanlon
1964: Mike Sadek	1996: Nate Ashmead
1965: Barry Bishop	1997: Neal Gambaiani
1966: Doug Edmonson and Tom Kiedrowski	1998: David Ashmead
1967: Scott Stein and Doug Schindler	1999: Charles Case
1968: Doug Kingsriter	2000: Joe Pavelko
1969: Mark Flanders and Steve Cook	2001: Ta Ho
1970: Robert Slonski	2002: Patrick Akpaette
1971: Larry Habegger	2003: Wade Vrieze
1972: Chuck Viskocil	2004: Stuart Lindgren
1973: Doug Goebel	2005: Tate Quale
1974: Steve Bender	2006: Dustin Driefke
1975: Doug Nelson	2007: Trevor Olson
1976: Mike Voelker	2008: Will Neilsen
1977: Brian Holt	2009: Renard Robinson
1978: Paul Franzmeier	2010: Corey Fitzgerald
1979: Dan Lerom	2011: Zak Beaudet
1980: Scott Schuveiller	2012: Max Hamilton
1981: Randy Westlund	2013: Duncan Pederson
1982: Ivan Zubar	2014: Obsa Ali
1983: Paul Gisselquist	2015: Marcus Voigt
1984: Bill Krohn	2016: Tommy Fallon
1985: Mark Hollingsworth	2017: Patrick Voigt
1986: Dan Palmer	2018: Connor Swetala
1987: Jeff Ziebol	2019: Joel Schaefer
1988: Steve Holman	2020: Nic Gustafson
	2021: Ryan Miles

Natalie Hanson
Top Scholar Award
University of Colorado - Boulder
Environmental Engineering



Natalie wrote, "I have learned to use my voice for positive change and advocate for issues I care about. I am working on a project with the Green Team. Climate change is something that is not talked about enough in school, so I felt it was my duty to educate students on climate change on this day dedicated to our planet. Many people believe that change has to be something big and that it can't happen just by yourself, but that's not true. Learning to use your voice and platform for positive change is a lesson I am very thankful to have learned this year."

Connor Hintz
Athletic Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Duluth
Electrical Engineering



Connor wrote, "I've been involved in baseball, nordic skiing, cross country, and environmental club in RHS. On these teams I lead by example. I don't give up on a play even if it's lost. I'm there for my team and for the game no matter what. While I may not seem like a leader, I hope someone follows my lead and sees me as one."

Sadia Khyber
Bill Davis Scholarship
University of Minnesota
Biology



Sadia wrote, " In Richfield, the Upward Bound program helped me. Now as a Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) student at the University of Minnesota, I try my best. I've learned how to grow and if I make a mistake, I do not let it discourage me and then I will keep on learning."

Abigail Kleist
Russ Shuveiller Scholarship
University of Norte Dame
Engineering



Abigail is varsity captain of the RHS soccer, gymnastics and track teams as well as president of the band council. In addition to these distinctions, she is a life-long Girl Scout.

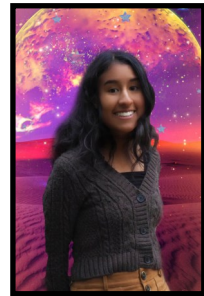


Ahna Christian

RHS Alumni Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Speech and Language Hearing Sciences

RHS English Teacher - Annie Johnson wrote, "I not only noticed her strong work ethic in our classroom but also in her ability to manage her other activities with her academics while still keeping an impressive GPA. While being on the National Honor Society, she volunteered extensively both in the school and

the community of Richfield. Ahna exemplifies what it takes to be a leader in our community at Richfield High School."



Crystel di Grazia

Athletic Scholar Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Environment Sciences, Policy & Management

RHS Work Experience Program Leader, Julie Lentz wrote, "Crystel is a disciplined student with great academic skills and abilities. Her transcript is a testament to her devotion to school. Moreover, she continuously proves that she is enthusiastic about learning and truly sees how knowledge,

rather than a grade, is its own reward."

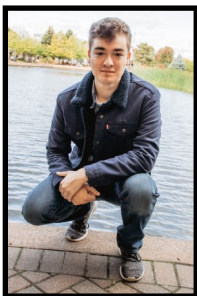


Allison Eggen

Against All Odds Scholarship
Augsburg University
Music Education and Spanish

Allison wrote, "To overcome the financial barrier in band, I started organizing an instrument drive during my senior year, with the goal of making band more accessible to people. While this project never got off the ground due to Covid-19 restraints, this is work I want to continue when I eventually become

a music educator."



Nicholas Eggen

Athletic Scholarship
University of Minnesota – Mankato
Business or Engineering

RHS Associate Director of Bands, Christine Porter wrote, "I hold Nick Eggen in the highest esteem. Nick's dedication to our band program includes reaching out to younger students and helping whenever the need arises. His combination of academic achievement, leadership and personal

character make him a true performer and leader."

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

2019: Phoebe McCartan

2020: Hannah Hintermeister

2021: Isabella Jurewicz

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Ryan Miles

Tom Spooner Award Winner
 Undecided



RHS Head Football Coach, Kris Pulford wrote, "In the five years in which I have taught or coached Ryan he has exemplified the definition of student-athlete and I am grateful to have the opportunity to be his teacher and coach. He has within the will to accomplish any goal or any task which he sets for himself or is required of him."

Isabella Jurewicz

Athena Award Winner

Colorado State University or University of Wisconsin



Bella is an exceptional student, athlete, and musician. Her special interest in tennis grew from her grandfather's love of the game. From age 4 through today, he fostered her involvement in tennis, and she could count on him to be at every one of her matches. Bella was twice selected to the All Conference team and served as senior captain. As captain of the Nordic ski team she was a two-year captain and was MVP in 2019.

Brianna Boykins

Desmond Family Scholarship
 Normandale Community College
 Business



Brianna wrote, "I plan to go to Normandale for two years then go onto a 4 year university. I either want to major in psychology or business but likely business. Normandale will teach me a lot of things that I would have not known prior and I believe will give me an opportunity for a chance at a post high school education."

Gina Cassellius

Against All Odds Scholarship
 McGill University- Montreal, Canada
 Faculty of Arts Program



Gina wrote, "One lesson I learned at Richfield High School was the importance of collaboration and cooperation with every person I meet and work with. I also learned that the more alliances you can make with people across different groups, the better. Going to RHS really made me realize how important everyone's differences are, and I think that is a valuable lesson that I will use for the rest of my life."