

THANK YOU!

To our Participants and Sponsors,

Today marks the 32nd 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 \$480,000 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 \$255,000 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 20, 2022

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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
Luth Family
Jenny Sandahl Scholarship

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Debbie Lamberger & Maria Kimmes
Golf Committee Co-Chairs



Angel Sanchez

Against All Odds Scholar
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Architecture

Sara Linde, RHS counselor wrote, “Angel has excelled with commendable drive and intelligence in his time at RHS. I have found him to be motivated, hard-working and ready to accept new responsibilities.”



Carmen Vazquez Galicia

First Generation Scholar
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Biology

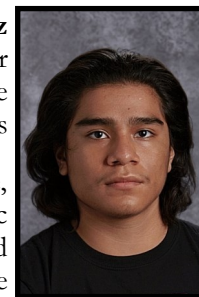
Melissa Findlay-Lampkin, RHS Family and Consumer Science teacher wrote, “Carmen communicates with a diverse array of people due to her verbal abilities in multiple languages. As a student in my class, I have come to see her wonderful combination of academic achievement, artistry, kindness and helpfulness.”



Mauricio Vergara Quiroz

Luth Family Scholar
Dakota County Technical College
Auto Mechanics

Sara Linde, RHS Counselor wrote, “Mauricio is a humble, respectful young man who has set high academic and personal standards for himself. His strength and determination have made him a valuable member of the RHS Swim team where he combines his strong work ethic with his fun-loving personality.”





Jose Lara-Bolanos

Against All Odds Scholar
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Computer Science

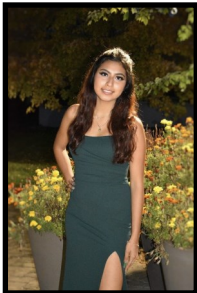
Annie Johnson, RHS English teacher wrote, “In the first days of online school after class, Jose stayed on the Google Meet screen just to talk and ask how I was doing. It takes a mature and confident student to have that type of conversation with his teacher. As a student, Jose took all advanced and college-level courses. He is also an athlete and an active member of our Richfield community.”



Roberto Narvaez Ortiz

Kron Family Scholar
University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Education

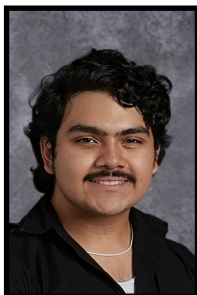
Roberto wrote, “We have plenty of good athletes at Richfield and I enjoy being part of them. But we need to be good students, too. I love learning about and teaching G.R.I.T. It stands for Gratitude, Responsibility, Integrity and Team. These are the foundations of a student athlete on the field and in the classroom.”



Hannia Pasten Diaz

First Generation Scholar
Hamline University
Pre-Law

Matthew Mullenbach, RHS Math Department chair wrote, “Hannia takes responsibility for her learning, is willing to advocate for herself and is not intimidated by complex topics. Her character and determination are an absolute plus when considering her future.”



José Rodriguez Dominguez

Technical, Community College Scholar
Minneapolis Community and Technical College
Graphic Design

José wrote, “It all changed for me in 7th grade when I realized that I needed to put more effort in school if I wanted to succeed in high school. Then my academic skills increased to the point of getting on the honor roll.”

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.”



Thank you
Crystal Lake
Golf Club for
hosting our
tournament!

The Spartan Foundation's 32 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 \$1,500 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.

Laura Hosar
Against All Odds Scholar
University of Utah
Business and Spanish



Laura wrote, "I have learned an immense amount of what it means to go through a trial and come out stronger than you were going into it. I have learned to appreciate each day more than I did before. I believe everything happens for a reason and you can take an important lesson out of each trial you encounter."

Tyler Jake
Athletic Scholar
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Psychology



Tyler wrote, "I am intrigued about exploring mental wellness through the lens of the Black experience. That's why I started a diverse student group called 'Dare to Be Real.' This leadership experience along with being a student representative on the Richfield School Board gives me confidence to face the future with optimism and hope."

Bryce Joerger
Athletic Scholar
University of Minnesota, Duluth
Civil Engineering



Matthew Mullenbach, RHS Math Department Chair and Baseball coach wrote, "Bryce is an intelligent student who grasps concepts with relative ease. He is the type of student who 'gets it.' He knows when it is an appropriate time for a joke and when it is time to be focused on our work. Bryce is fun, and he enhances our classroom experience."

Corrina Jones
Athletic Scholar
Northwestern University
Psychology and African American Studies



Corinna wrote, "Going forward, I hope to continue to be of help within my environment by creating a more productive society for our youth. That's why I helped to organize a Black Student Union in RHS. Richfield High School has taught me to take initiative, even when others don't."

**Dane Hanks**

Russ Schuveiller Memorial Scholar
St. Mary's University
Sports Management

Mike Harris, RHS Social Studies teacher and Varsity Boys Soccer coach wrote, "Dane is a very impressive young man both on the athletic field and in the classroom. His dedication to strength training inspired other team members and it enabled him to earn an All Conference award for RHS soccer as a senior."

**Sophia Hardy**

Jenny Sandahl Scholar
University of Minnesota State Mankato or Illinois State
Spanish

Sophia wrote, "I love expressing my creative side. It's where I can find a sense of calm and freedom. Being on the RHS Tapaires is where I find that space. I will carry the lessons and experiences I have learned through dance into the rest of my life and for that I am forever grateful."

**Rachelle Herrmann**

Steve Grindeland Scholar
Bethel University
Nursing, Community Health

Rachelle wrote, "As much as I love dance and being a member of the RHS Dance Team, my academics have always been my priority. Just as being a Spartan consists of much more than simply coming to school and then going home. Being a Spartan means pursuing excellence."

**Madalyn Hintermeister**

Bob Tripanier Memorial Scholar
University of Wisconsin River Falls
English Education and Psychology

Madalyn wrote, "School spirit is incredibly important to me. Not only does it make school events more fun but it also brings the student body closer together. I love being creative and trying to find new ways to do things."

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.

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.

LUTH FAMILY.

Awarded to a senior who will attend a two-year technical school, machinery focus preferred.

JENNY SANDAHL SCHOLARSHIP.

Awarded to a senior who is involved, caring and creative - who makes a difference in the lives of others.

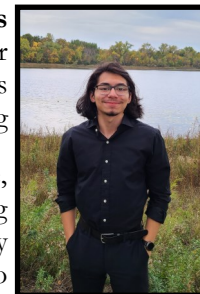
TOM SPOONER WINNERS

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 and Tom Kiedrowski	1999: Charles Case
1967: Scott Stein and Doug Schindler	2000: Joe Pavelko
1968: Doug Kingsriter	2001: Ta Ho
1969: Mark Flanders and Steve Cook	2002: Patrick Akpaette
1970: Robert Slonski	2003: Wade Vrieze
1971: Larry Habegger	2004: Stuart Lindgren
1972: Chuck Viskocil	2005: Tate Quale
1973: Doug Goebel	2006: Dustin Driefke
1974: Steve Bender	2007: Trevor Olson
1975: Doug Nelson	2008: Will Neilsen
1976: Mike Voelker	2009: Renard Robinson
1977: Brian Holt	2010: Corey Fitzgerald
1978: Paul Franzmeier	2011: Zak Beaudet
1979: Dan Lerom	2012: Max Hamilton
1980: Scott Schuveiller	2013: Duncan Pederson
1981: Randy Westlund	2014: Obsa Ali
1982: Ivan Zubar	2015: Marcus Voigt
1983: Paul Gisselquist	2016: Tommy Fallon
1984: Bill Krohn	2017: Patrick Voigt
1985: Mark Hollingsoworth	2018: Connor Swetala
1986: Dan Palmer	2019: Joel Schaefer
1987: Jeff Ziebol	2020: Nic Gustafson
1988: Steve Holman	2021: Ryan Miles
1989: Chito Arcilla	2022: Henry Schaefer

Christopher Flores

Bill Davis Scholar
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Mechanical Engineering



Jonathan Mitchell, RHS Social Studies teacher wrote, "Despite the massive interruptions to student learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Chris has not only continued to excel academically but he also continued to help with his family's business. I am excited to see what he will become."

Bridget Foley

Top Scholar Award
Macalester College
Political Science, Spanish



Matthew Brown, RHS Science teacher wrote, "Bridget has taken the most challenging courses our school has to offer and she has never earned less than an 'A.' She ranks first in her class. She is interested in political science and, I believe she will combine her passion for environmental issues to affect policies from within."

Cristina Furness Rubio

Russ Schuveiller Memorial Scholar
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Linguistics



Cristina wrote, "I love to come to class because of the teachers and interesting material. Plus, I love and strive to teach people new things and, in turn, have them teach me something. After college I want to be an educator and inspire more people to stay motivated and to love learning." issues to affect policies from within."

Justin Glass

Desmond Family Scholar
Normandale Community College
General Studies



Justin wrote, "I have learned important personal lessons. One of them is that no matter how much it seems like it, no one is alone. There are people who care for you and will help if simply ask them to."

**Belen Ayala**

Against All Odds Scholar
Undecided
Psychology

Belen wrote, “The most important lesson I have learned is about forgiveness and being kind to others. You never know what they are going through or the time they have left. I want to show my dad that he did a great job of raising me.”

**Sydney Colbert**

Karnas Family Scholar
St. Catherine University

Sydney wrote, “Richfield has taught me about hard work, inclusion and community because it values diversity. I love how diverse we are as a student body because we learn about other cultures and traditions that people have.”

**Helen Dombrock**

Top Scholar Award
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Marketing

Helen wrote, “Grace and resilience allow me to fail and to persist. These qualities brought benefits at Girls State when I was selected our group’s chairperson that led to my election to Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. representing Minnesota. One big secret to success that I have learned is simple – show up. It indicates your work ethic.”

**Eris Fleitman**

Against All Odds Scholar
Hamline University, St. Paul
Art

Grace Sacher, RHS Visual Arts teacher wrote, “Eris is a creative, independent, and self-driven learner who approaches every idea and project with original and unique ideas.”

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

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2019: Phoebe McCartan

2020: Hannah Hintermeister

2021: Isabella Jurewicz

2022: Maya Burkstrand

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SAVE THE DATE  MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

Henry Schaefer

Tom Spooner Award Winner
 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
 Industrial Engineering



Henry wrote, "I have enjoyed being a year-round athlete playing football, skiing cross country and triple jumping in track. My first leadership role was difficult but I learned that people will follow as long as I had confidence in what I was doing. In academics I found that collaboration is one of the most important aspects of learning and being successful. And, I believe that school spirit is inherently important because it creates a tight-knit community in our school." Jared Knodel, Track coach wrote, "Henry is intrinsically driven. He is a talented and physically gifted athlete. He treats others with the utmost respect and exemplifies the best of Richfield High School and of the community of Richfield."

Maya Burkstrand

Athena Award Winner
 Illinois State University
 Biology, Spanish, Women's Studies



The Athena Award is given to one exceptional senior female athlete from each participating school who excels academically and is involved in her community. Maya won this honor because she has distinguished herself as a State Champion in Varsity Swimming. Academically she has earned the Advanced Placement Scholar standing and she has also been a Girl Scout and leader for 13 years.