



HIGHLANDS RANCH

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HIGHLANDS RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HRCA) PRESENTS 2025 COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO – Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – The Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) announced the recipients of its 2025 Community Scholarship Fund awards. Established in 2003, the program continues its mission to support local students in pursuing post-secondary education opportunities.

The awards ceremony took place on Tuesday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m., in the Wildcat Auditorium at Southridge Recreation Center. The event coincided with HRCA's monthly delegate and board meeting.

"For more than 20 years, this fund has been a cornerstone of our efforts to uplift young people in our community through education," said **Mike Bailey, HRCA CEO/General Manager**. "It's a testament to how Highlands Ranch continues to come together to invest in the next generation."

The Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund (HRCSF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, plays a key role in helping students, especially those with financial need, achieve their educational goals. Funding comes primarily from community donations and HRCA's signature annual event, the Highlands Ranch Beer Festival, held each spring at Civic Green Park. HRCSF does not receive any member assessment dollars. Since its inception, the fund has awarded 453 scholarships totaling \$775,000.

The fund also supports participants in HRCA's Therapeutic Recreation Department by offering scholarships to individuals with special needs who require financial assistance or one-on-one instruction to participate in group activities.

"At Rock Canyon, we truly appreciate the Highlands Ranch Community Association Scholarship Fund", said **Lexi DiLacqua, Rock Canyon School Counselor**. "Unlike many scholarships that prioritize academic achievements, HRCA's scholarship values the impact students have made through volunteer work and their dedication to helping others. By focusing on service rather than grades, the HRCA scholarship encourages a broader range of students to pursue higher education and continue their commitment to community engagement".



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The Therapeutic Recreation Department has served Highlands Ranch residents for more than 25 years. The program is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with special needs and their families by offering a diverse range of services and activities. To date, it has supported more than 220 families and 600 individuals and currently offers 30 distinct programs.

Congratulations to this year's HRCSF recipients:

Gabriela Boeckman
Mountain Vista High School
Intended Study: Mechanical Engineering

Isabella Brandberg
Arapahoe High School
Intended Study: Elementary Education

Ulysses Brown II
ThunderRidge High School
Intended Study: Business Administration

Emma Cranney
Rock Canyon High School
Intended Study: Economics

Taylor Curry
ThunderRidge High School
Intended Study: Health Sciences

Sarah Donohue
Arapahoe High School
Intended Study: Nursing

Alexander Fiduccia
Highlands Ranch High School
Intended Study: Computer Science

Natalie Heckwolf
Mountain Vista High School
Intended Study: Biology

Colton Hollingshead
Mountain Vista High School
Intended Study: Biochemistry

Natalie Keillor
ThunderRidge High School
Intended Study: Animal Sciences

Caden Kennedy
Mountain Vista High School
Intended Study: Sports Media

Abigail Kocher
ThunderRidge High School
Intended Study: Marketing

Sandra Krzywdzinski
Rock Canyon High School
Intended Study: Business

Addison Martin
Rock Canyon High School
Intended Study: Political Science

Aaron Martinez
Rock Canyon High School
Intended Study: Biology

Sean McCarty
STEM School of Highlands Ranch
Intended Study: Psychology

Sophia Miller
Rock Canyon High School
Intended Study: Biomedical Sciences

Zoe Nelson
ThunderRidge High School
Intended Study: Nursing

Elise Sabala
Mountain Vista High School
Intended Study: Psychology/Pre-Med

Quinlan Smythe
Regis Jesuit High School
Intended Study: Engineering Physics

Abigail Stael
ThunderRidge High School
Intended Study: Business

Alexandra Strassner
Mountain Vista High School
Intended Study: Neuroscience/Pre-Med

Ava Werner
Mountain Vista High School
Intended Study: Neuroscience

Lauren Wong
Valor Christian High School
Intended Study: Biomedical Sciences

Madison Wong
Valor Christian High School
Intended Study: Biomedical Sciences