

## PRESS RELEASE

### The 2025 Joel Zucker Memorial Scholarship Awards

We are proud to announce this year's Joel Zucker Memorial Scholarships to six graduating High School seniors and 10 Continuing Education students for a total of \$47,000. Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, this scholarship was established in memory of Joel Zucker who died after finishing his third Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run in 1998. This year marks 165 scholarships for a total distribution of \$366,050. All college-bound applicants from Silverton are considered as well as students in the surrounding San Juan Mountain communities that volunteer at the Hardrock Hundred Run.

Donations are collected annually from runners and volunteers. For more information, contact Andi Kron at [kron@swcp.com](mailto:kron@swcp.com). To donate online go to [https://cfssc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit\\_id=1094](https://cfssc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1094) or send a check payable to Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado, P.O. Box 1673, Durango, CO 81302; write 'Joel Zucker Scholarship' in memo line.

#### High School winners:

Jaquelin Acosta, \$3000  
Silverton HS  
Colorado Mesa University



Syri Christensen, \$3000  
Silverton HS  
Fort Lewis College



Mylah Gallegos, \$3000  
Meeker HS  
New York University



Priya Hartman, \$4000  
Lake City HS  
Berry College



Karely Ortega, \$3000  
Silverton HS  
Colorado State University



Alejandro Torres Saldana, \$3000  
Silverton HS  
Metropolitan State University of Denver



Continuing Education winners:

Daniela Acosta, \$3000  
University of Texas

Raja Braford-Lefebvre, \$2000  
NOLS Wilderness Medicine Program

Katelyn Cunningham, \$3000  
Berry College

Miranda Hall, \$3000  
Gonzaga University School of Law

Bennett Levine, \$3000  
Western Colorado University

Jaden McNeese, \$3000  
Western Colorado University

Belen Roof, \$2000  
NOLS Wilderness Medicine Program

Caroline Thompson, \$3000  
University of Colorado

Kharis Weller, \$3000  
Western Colorado University

Molly Wright, \$3000  
American University