

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL EVENTS

GENERAL INFO

ARPA and City of Trinidad Scholarship Program - \$1,000. College Scholarship available to qualified Trinidad High School senior. ARPA \$500 College Scholarships are available to member municipalities in Holly, La Junta, Lamas, Las Animas, & Springfield. Dave Brunelli, Superintendent of Trinidad's Electric Department, is the local coordinator for the ARPA Scholarship Program. He can be reached at 719-846-9843, x120.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Iota Chapter is offering a \$1,000 Scholarship for a female education major in the Raton, Trinidad, or Walsenburg area. If interested contact Shari at <scholarship.dkg@gmail.com> for eligibility requirement information. Deadline is this Friday, March 19, 2010.

Scholarship. Miners' Colfax Medical Center Auxiliary \$1,000 Medical Scholarship offered per year to assist one or more Colfax County high school graduates interested in Medical or Health related fields. Contact Shirley Faver at 575-445-4988 for more information. Deadline is April 5.

WEDNESDAY

Trinidad

Dist. Accountability meeting 6 p.m. Weds @ the school's District Office, BOE Room, 215 S. Maple Street.

Edward Jones honors 'Students of the Month'

Raleigh Jackson

Trinidad High School senior Raleigh Jackson, the son of Herberta Yellowhorse-Tsosie and Donovan Tsosie, won the Edward Jones Award for the Most Improved Student for the month for January. He accepts his plaque from Edward Jones Financial Advisor Lori Hoffman, while standing next to his mother, Herberta Yellowhorse-Tsosie, at right. Also pictured, from left, are THS Assistant Principal Joe DeAngelis, THS Principal Jennifer Mason and Edward Jones Financial Advisor Mel Williamson. Raleigh said his favorite subject is math because he likes figuring out the problems. He said he has enjoyed working with Tony Diego on various community projects. This summer Raleigh will attend Trinidad State Junior College through the Bridge Program offered by Upward Bound, and then start in the fall as a full time student at TSJC. Raleigh said his parents have inspired him to "keep on working on getting a diploma and going to college and be successful in the goals that I set for myself."



Anna Avalos

The Edward Jones Academic Student of the Month Award for January went to Trinidad High School senior Anna Avalos, accepting the award from Edward Jones Financial Advisor Mel Williamson. Also pictured, from left, are THS Assistant Principal Joe DeAngelis, THS Principal Jennifer Mason, Edward Jones Financial Advisor Lori Hoffman, and Anna's parents, Betty and Joe Avalos. Concerning her favorite subject in school, Anna said she has always liked all aspects of science, including biology and astronomy. In her free time she enjoys baking and cooking for friends and family, going for walks, biking, sewing, spending time with her family, reading poetry, writing, snow skating, and listening to and composing music. After graduation she would like to go to college and attend a culinary arts program or study veterinary medicine. Anna said she has learned from her parents that positive thinking is the key to success.



Kirsten Harding

Kirsten Harding, a senior at Trinidad High School, has been named the Edward Jones Service Student of the Month for January. She accepts the award from Edward Jones Financial Advisor Mel Williamson. Standing next to her are her parents, Denise and Jerry Vitiello. At left are THS Assistant Principal Joe DeAngelis, THS Principal Jennifer Mason and Edward Jones Financial Advisor Lori Hoffman. Kirsten said her favorite subject is psychology because "it's really interesting to learn about why people are the way they are." She enjoys reading a lot, hanging out with her friends and going to movies, especially the scary kind. Concerning her service activities, Kirsten said she has most enjoyed volunteering at the Trinidad Blues Festival because "it really benefits the community and helps bring people to Trinidad. We're small, but we have a lot to offer." Kirsten credits her parents for teaching her work ethics and their best advice to her has been to take responsibility for her actions.



Photos by Richard Sitts

Hoehne's Brandon Tortorelli earns Boettcher scholarship

Special to The Chronicle-News

Tim Schultz, President and Executive Director of the Boettcher Foundation, is pleased to announce that Brandon Tortorelli from Hoehne High School has been selected as a 2010 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship recipient.

Brandon is planning on accepting the scholarship and using it to attend the Colorado School of Mines, where he will major in biochemical engineering.

Each year, the Boettcher Foundation grants 40 merit-based scholarships to superior young persons

from Colorado high schools. Begun in 1952 as a statewide competition recognizing scholarship, leadership and achievement in young men and women, the Boettcher Scholarship program has sought to reward outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate the potential to make significant contributions to Colorado.

Since the program's inception, the Foundation has awarded almost 2,200 scholarships. Today, the Boettcher Foundation provides approximately \$3 million in scholarship support annually, making the pro-

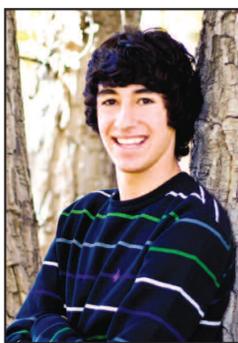


Photo courtesy of Hoehne School

Brandon Tortorelli

gram one of the largest merit-based scholarship programs in the nation.

These awards cover virtually all college expenses for recipients who choose to further their education in their home state of Colorado. The scholarships consist of full tuition, fees, a book allowance and an annual stipend for living expenses. The scholarships are granted for eight semesters at either a public or private four-year college or university within the state as long as the Scholar maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Selection is strictly

"merit-based," allowing all seniors in Colorado to compete based upon their individual accomplishments. This year's scholarship winners were selected from over 1,300 qualified applicants on the basis of their superior academic ability, demonstrated service ethic, outstanding character and their participation in both school and community activities. To be eligible for one of these prestigious awards, students must rank among the top 5 percent of their graduating class, have a combined score of at least 1200 on the Critical

Reading and Math sections of the SAT or a composite ACT score of at least 27, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Colorado resident for their junior and senior years of high school.

The Trustees of the Boettcher Foundation are: Larry Allen, M.D., Pamela D. Beardsley, M. Ann Penny, Theodore F. Schlegel, M.D., Edward D. White III, Thomas Williams and Donald Woods.

Information provided by Katy Craig, Director of the Scholarship Program for the Boettcher Foundation.

Raton High culinary students add catering

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Raton High School's culinary arts classes have developed into a professional catering service this year. Under the direction of teacher Myra Baird, who came to the school exactly one year ago, the Tiger Culinary Students have learned to offer a complete package of catering services: they do the shopping, preparation, decorating, set-up, service, and clean-up.

Thirteen juniors and seniors participate in the Introduction to Culinary Arts course, with four others in Advanced Culinary Arts. Together, they've been providing the concession foods for sports events, where their bowl of chili has developed an enthusiastic following. The students catered last year's prom and the annual Raton Public Schools art show at International Bank in downtown Raton. They've catered for meetings at Raton High School and the High Plains Regional Education Cooperative (REC).

"We're treating it as a restaurant concept," says Baird. "From here, the students should have no

trouble moving straight into work in a restaurant, whether in the kitchen or serving." Along with safety and food preparation techniques, the students learn the importance of dressing the part.

Students enrolled in the Intro course include juniors Helen Baird, Jasmine Earle, Elisha Martinez, Christina Quintana, and Cassandra Sanchez, as well as seniors Jessica Fiorino, Kyle Fitzpatrick, Cheyenne Garrett, Rebeka Henson, Bubba Martinez, Tristan Martinez, Mallorie Salazar, and Christopher Simpson. The advanced students are Felisha Garcia, Sarah Marchiondo, Stevi Salazar, and Carlos Vigil.

Marchiondo, Henson, and Stevi Salazar are earning dual credit by completing the course requirements for Luna Community College's Culinary Concepts and Mathematics course.

Senior Carlos Vigil is finishing his third year of culinary courses at RHS. "I like to cook," he says. "I want to go to college to study culinary arts." After graduation in May, he hopes to attend either the Art Institute in San Francisco - a leading culinary school, Vigil

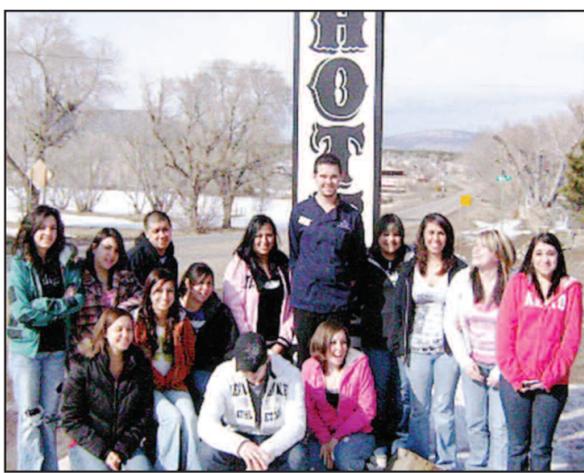


Photo by Myra Baird

Raton High School's culinary arts students visited Executive Chef Jake Pilley, top center, at the St. James Hotel in Cimarron last week

says - or Johnson and Wales University in Denver.

Johnson and Wales sent a representative to speak with all the RHS culinary students last week. The school offers a variety of

degree programs in business, hospitality, technology, and the culinary arts, with campuses in Denver, Miami, Charlotte, and Providence.

Baird used proceeds of the

Tiger Culinary Students' catering jobs to take the group to Cimarron last week, where they were hosted by the St. James Hotel's Executive Chef Jake Pilley, who cooked for the group. Students filed into the kitchen to watch Pilley - and assist - as he prepared their meals. "He was really nice to us," Vigil remarked. "We also got to look at his professional portfolio, which was really impressive."

Vigil is also a fan of his teacher, Myra Baird. "She's a really good teacher. She studied cooking and nutrition in college. She really knows what she's doing."

Baird is looking ahead. She wants to send a three-student team to statewide FCCLA cooking competitions, and to train someone to develop a professional portfolio for the group, with menus and photos.

She's proud of what the students have accomplished. "I'm really picky," she says. "When we have a job to do, we get it done. Everybody just loves what the students do." The students are obviously proud, too. Some, though, smile and admit that they're in it mainly for the food.



Congratulations to Kim on their Class 1A State Championship! Way to go Lady Mustangs!

