



# “Chalk Talk”

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**W**elcome to 2020. There is so much to say about the world around us and what has happened to this world over the past four months. Be it for me to try and explain any of it, I can't! Like almost everyone else in my situation, I sit back, look at what is going on and try to make some sense out of it. Shaking my head is usually the result. On the bright side, my family and friends have weathered the storm and have maintained some level of normalcy within our tight-ened-down environment.

The coaches of the Nor-Cal Retired Coaches Association have also weathered the storm and have been able to come out of hibernation to continue our mission to help Student Athletes with college scholarships. The scholarship committee has selected a great set of scholarship recipients for the **2020** year. In the following pages of this newsletter you will find information about each recipient from this super group of scholarship winners. Enjoy learning a bit about each student athlete and know just how proud we are of each and everyone of them.

The year 2020 started out like gangbusters and it looked like a BANNER year for our fundraising with our loyal Partners coming on board and helping the RCA have its biggest year ever. Well, after a great start, you can imagine how fast the brakes were applied in March. Now, in the middle of June we have regrouped, are contacting those Partners already involved and those who are also coming out of hibernation. Hopefully things will regain some normal level as we look forward to our 7th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament which has been moved to **October 5, 2020. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** It will of course be held at Riverview Golf and Country Club. Our previous July date was not going to occur with all the mandatory restrictions.

Let's hope October brings us into a safer time where we can all come together and enjoy a day on the links, great friendship, a great meal and a good time for a good cause. After all, throughout all that occurred the first six months of this year, WE, and I mean WE are all: "STILL IN THE GAME".

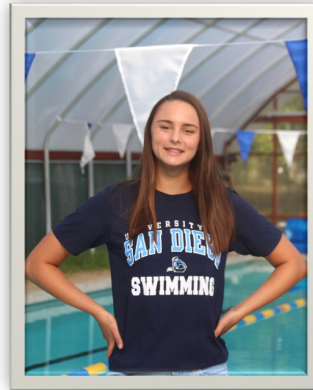
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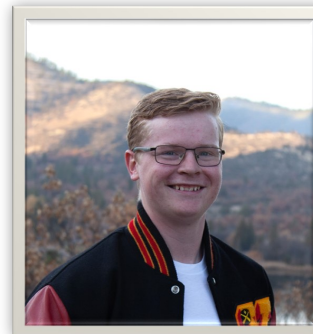
**Jackson Beasley** attended Shasta High School. He participated in 4 years of Basketball and Baseball. He was a part of First Team All League, All County, All Section in Basketball Honors. For extra curriculars, he was President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Youth Group Leader, and ASB Commissioner of Special Activities. Jackson is intending to major in Kinesiology/Athletic Training.



**Jayne Brandt** attended Red Bluff High School. She participated in 4 years of Swimming and began competing at the age of 5. She received a National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation. Jayne is a member of the Connect Crew and also participated in a Collegiate Level Astrobiology research project. Jayne is intending to major in Pre-Med at the University of San Diego



**McKenzie Cassingham** attended Central Valley High School. She participated in 3 years of Basketball, 2 years in Tennis and 1 year of Track & Field and also Softball. She received Kiwanis Youth Service Award honors. McKenzie participated in the Key Club, FFA, and the Environmental Club. She also volunteers teaching basketball skills to Jr. High Girls. McKenzie is intending to major in Science.



**Caleb Cox** attended Yreka High School. He participated in 4 years of Baseball and 2 years in Basketball. He received the Rotary Club Academic Award, and Scholar Athlete for both Baseball and Basketball. Caleb was the Secretary/Treasurer for his class all 4 years, he was also a member of FFA, and a counselor at French Creek Camp. He also competed in a welding competition at Shasta CC. His intended major is Mechanical Engineering at Oregon Institute of Technology.



**Gigi Elizarraras** attended U-Prep High School. She participated in 4 years of Varsity Volleyball, 2 years in Varsity Track & Field, and 1 year in Varsity Softball. She received honors in the NAL Volleyball League. She is a National Latin Exam Gold & Silver recipient as well as a National Hispanic Recognized Scholar. Gigi is an AAU Club Legacy Volleyball Coach, a Latin Tutor, Counselor at Camp One Safe Place and VP for the Interact Club. Gigi is intending to major in Psychobiology at UCLA.



**Hebron Ferrier** attended West Valley High School. He participated in 4 years of Soccer and 3 years in Tennis. He received All League Soccer & Tennis Honors, as well as Youth Rep of the Year. Hebron participated in the Science Bowl and the Acts Youth Group. He volunteers to serve Thanksgiving Meals to the community and is also a Life Guard/Swim Instructor. His intended major is in Structural Engineering.



**Cade Lambert** attended West Valley High School. He participated in 8 years of Wrestling and 5 years in Track & Field. He was a Scholar Athlete for 3 years, an All State Linebacker, and a Shasta County Heisman. Cade was Student Body President, a part of the Recycling Club, a Jr. Eagles Wrestling Coach, and a Jr. Eagles Football Announcer & Helper. Cade is intending to major in Environmental or Political Science at Rocky Mountain College.



**Savannah Leak** attended U-Prep High School. She participated in 4 years of Varsity Soccer, and 2 years of Varsity Track. She received Honors for All League Soccer as well as Sprinter of the Year. She participated in the Fall Musical, and has been a part of the Community Creek Clean-up for 4 years. She helps at the American Language & Culture Camp, and has helped for 9 years with Think Pink. Savannah is intending to major in Biology at the UC Irvine.



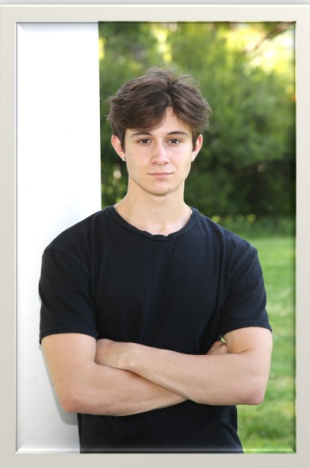
**Jessica Mayer** attended Fall River High School. She participated in 2 years of Varsity Volleyball and 4 years of Track & Field. She received a State FFA Degree, Girls State, and was a FFA State Finalist in Veterinary Medicine. She participated in Interact; a Rotary Sponsored Community Service Club. She also works as a Veterinary Tech with a local Veterinarian. Jessica is intending to major in Animal Science & Veterinary Medicine.



**Bryon Meyer** attended U-Prep High School. He participated in 4 years of Football and 3 years in Baseball. He received MVP for JV Football, and was honored by the Humane Society for his Excellence in Care of Animals. Bryon is an Eagle Scout, a Counselor at Camp Love A Pet, a member of the Trap Club and is also a Waterworks Park Lifeguard. His intended major is Civil Engineering at Utah State University.



**Natalie Osborne** attended Fall River High School. She participated in 4 years of Volleyball and 3 years in Basketball. She received the NBC Sports Camp Golden Ruler Award, the Gold Honor Roll for each semester in High School, and she competed in the FFA Creed Recitation Competition earning 6th place overall in California. Natalie was the FFA Chapter President, Student Counsel President, and she is doing an Internship with children who faced childhood trauma. She is intending to major in Psychology at Southwest Oregon CC.



**Gage Owen** attended Enterprise High School. He participated in 4 years of Basketball. He received honors at Boys State. Gage was the ASB Rally Commissioner, and participated with the McConnell Foundation Euphrates Summit. He helped with the Hornet Hoop Camp and worked at Feather Bear Designs. His intended major is in Engineering at.





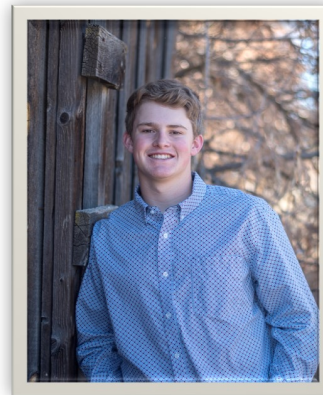
**Josiah Palumbo** attended Foothill High School. He participated in 3 years of Varsity Basketball, 2 years Varsity Track & Field and 2 years Varsity Swim. He received the Record Searchlight's Athlete-of-the-Week, and MVP in the Red Brown Classic Tournament. Josiah was also Shasta County Sports, Boys Basketball Player of the Week. He participated with the Key Club, Whiskeytown Kayak & Paddleboard Crew, assists the WT Park Rangers, and the FCA Boy's Basketball Huddle. Josiah is intending to major in Engineering at Shasta CC.



**Alexis Ramirez** attended Mt. Shasta High School. He participated at Varsity Level for 4 years in Track & Field, 3 years in Soccer, 2 years in Cross Country & 1 year for both Wrestling and Ski Team. He is a Gold Recipient of the Hispanic Heritage Youth Award and received the Track & Cross Country American Conference award. Alexis is an Intern for Manx Web Solutions. He participates with Simpson University Upward Bound, the Science Bowl Team, Mt. Shasta Trail Assoc., and Skills USA Elec. Engineering Entrepreneurship Training. Alexis is intending to major in Electrical Engineering at Louis & Clark College.



**Jenna Randolph** attended Shasta High School. She participated in 4 years of Alpine Skiing, and 3 years in Tennis. She received the Scholar Athlete for Alpine Skiing, and was the Ski Team Captain. Jenna was an Alpine Ski Coach, a Soccer Referee, Class Secretary, Key Club Social Media Director, and she participated in the Madrigal Dinner. McKenzie is intending to major in Business at the University of Idaho.



**Calvin Thackeray** attended Etna High School. He participated in 3 years of Football and 2 years in Basketball. He is the Football League Defensive MVP. Calvin received an FFA State Degree, and was a back-to-back winner of the Poetry Out Loud Contest. Calvin was an ASB Officer, was in the Boy Scouts, was a Flag Football Coach for Etna's Police Athletics League (PAL), and raised & showed a steer for the fair. His intended major is Agri Business at College of the Siskiyou's.



**Simon Turner** attended Shasta High School. He participated in 4 years of Basketball, and 4 years in Baseball. He received All League Basketball in both his Jr & Sr years. He won the Maestro Award while accompanying the Foothill Choir at the World Strides Music Festival. Simon is proficient in both the Tenor Saxophone & Piano, he is a Peer Tutor, and was selected for the Phil Bryant & Lyons Club All Star Basketball Game. He is intending to major in Computer Science at Bucknell University.



**Destiny Valles** attended West Valley High School. She participated in 2 years of Varsity Track & Field and 1 year of Varsity Volleyball. She received a Citizen-of-the-Month award, an Academic Award for having a 3.5+ GPA each year, and a Scholar Athlete Award. Destiny was in 4-H and raised & showed goats. She was a member of the CSF, and volunteered for the Alyssa Araiza Wings of Angels, plus the Link Crew to help with Freshman Orientation. Her intended major in Film & Media at CSU Northridge.