

WSHS Grad Receives \$10,000 Scholarship



Colton Henderson, one of our two \$10,000 scholarship recipients, joined us today to celebrate his achievement. Also attending was his mother, Stacey, and Westside High School Intervention Counselor, Graham Stansbury. Our CS (Challenge Scholar) chair, David Barshes, zoomed in to facilitate a discussion with Colton, his mom, Graham, and mentors Jim & Carol Adamson.

The CS Program selects up to 8 kids in their sophomore year of high school who are at risk of not graduating, pairs them with Rotary Club mentors for two years, and offers cash incentives (up to \$300/semester) for meeting with the mentors, doing community service, and passing all classes. Two of the eight students in the cohort receive a \$10,000 scholarship to the college or training program of their choice, based on how they did the last two years of high school and the amount of incentives received.

David asked Graham to describe Colton two years ago, and why he thought Colton would be a good candidate for the CS program. Graham explained that Colton had missed most of his freshman year and had several challenges, but that Colton was a very smart person who had the potential to do well. Graham read a couple of letters from his teachers praising the work Colton did to catch up and stay on track to graduate. Colton agreed, and said the cash incentive sounded good. Mentors Jim and Carol described Colton as quiet and unmotivated when they were first introduced to him. They have seen a lot of growth in him over the last two years, and said the incentives did a lot to keep him motivated. One of Colton's biggest challenges was living in Leavenworth and having to depend on the Link bus system to get to school and back. He had to work very hard the last couple of months to complete his credits and graduate on time. Colton's mom thanked Rotary for the opportunity, and said Jim and Carol had been a blessing to both of them during the last two years.

Colton took part in the Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center culinary arts program his last two years. He is now working part-time in the kitchen at Chateau Faire Le Pont, and plans to use his scholarship to attend a culinary school within the next year and become a chef.

Club Meeting

Wenatchee Sunrise
Meets at LocalTel Event
Center at Pybus Public
Market
3 N Worthen St
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Time: Tuesday at 07:00
AM

Events

August 13th
Monthly Club Social

Programs

July 23, 2024

[David Barshes](#)
Challenge Scholar
student

July 30, 2024

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Challenge Scholar
student

August 06, 2024

[Veronica Masuda](#)
EARLYACT, Rotary in
Middle School

August 13, 2024

[Chris Pedersen, Chelan
County Fire Marshal](#)
Fire District updates

August 20, 2024

[Amber Hallberg,](#)
[Programs Coordinator](#)
Housing Authority of
Chelan Co. and City of
Wenatchee

July 23 Meeting Notes

Rebecca opened the meeting with a "this day in history" fact. Visitors included Graham Stansbury, Stacey Jones, and Challenge Scholar Colton Henderson.

Announcements

Rebecca sent around the sign-up sheet for club committees and told everyone to be sure and sign up for at least one committee. Text or email her your choice if you were not at the meeting.



Rebecca showed us the **"Impact Squad" award** presented to our club by Pinnacles Prep. The award was for impacting their school, students, and community through our weekly donation of a book for their library.

Julie said Laerke is back in Denmark now. Thanks to Kathleen for taking her to the Seattle airport so early in the morning last week. Julie and Joel were in Omak for a "Rebound" weekend with all the students who had recently returned from a year abroad. They were there to help students prepare for reverse culture shock.

Jim mentioned that our club has been invited to help with the Wenatchee Wild hockey concessions this year, but must commit at least one person at every game for a 4-5 hour shift. Rebecca is working on a way we may be able to partner with another club to cut down on the number of people we would need to make this happen.

Braggs & Confessions

- Earl said Kaity and Ethan are moving in with them to save money so they can get their own home. Earl is pleased to have the new grand baby with them.
- Jennifer spent the weekend on Camano Island at a family crab feed.
- Emma is going to Burundi at the end of August to help recognize the group of widows who have completed a small business program.
- Alan gave a shout-out to Wayne Steele who is volunteering at CD Community Action Council.

Jennifer's raffle ticket was drawn, but the wrong marble was picked. More money next week.

Next week's program will be our second Challenge Scholarship recipient, and a graduate of WSHS. Come hear her story.