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Sheriff Taylor Awards Scholarships to Two Local High School Students

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor today awarded the 2022 County Sheriffs of Colorado Scholarship to two local students, Central High School's Kaitlyn Jesik and Pueblo County High School's Aaron Krinsky.

The County Sheriffs of Colorado, the state's sheriff's association, offers 31 scholarships of \$500 each to deserving high school and college students in Colorado to fund higher education. However, Sheriff Taylor, who is a strong proponent of higher education, has traditionally awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student. This year, Taylor again opted to award two, \$1,000 scholarships due to the level of competition among the applicants.

"Both of these students are very talented, hard-working and are most deserving of this scholarship," Taylor said. "Kaitlyn and Aaron are examples of the exceptional students we have in our community. I am proud to support them in furthering their education by awarding them each a \$1,000 scholarship."

Kaitlyn, 18, has a 4.1 GPA and currently ranked in the Top 5 of her class at Central. She plans to attend Colorado State University-Fort Collins and major in zoology and biology. Her career goal is to be a veterinarian.

Kaitlyn has been actively involved in high school as a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, a peer mentor group member, drama club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Show Choir and Newman Club. She has been a member of the varsity tennis team and has earned seven academic letters. Kaitlyn has been just as active outside of the classroom as she is involved in 4-H, where she has participated in a variety of events and activities. She also has given back to the community as a volunteer at St. Martin's Well Pet Clinic, the ZooAlive Program at the Pueblo Zoo and through the Pueblo County 4-H program. She also worked at the Pueblo Zoo. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Stephen and Shaynee Jesik.

Aaron, 18, has a 4.6 GPA and is ranked in the Top 20 of his class at Pueblo County High School. He plans to attend Colorado State University Pueblo and study business and exercise science with the goal of becoming a chiropractor.



Aaron is a member of the National Honor Society, National Italian Honor Society was academic all-state in football and soccer. He is a three-sport athlete having played football and soccer for four years and tennis for one year. He plans to play football for CSUPueblo.

Outside of school, Aaron has been involved in a variety of community service projects to include food drives, the Make a Wish Foundation, hospice and numerous school fund drives. Aaron is the son of Angela Colletti.

This is the 43rd year for the County Sheriff's of Colorado Scholarship program, which is funded in part, from the CSOC honorary membership fund which consists of contributions from citizens and businesses. CSOC considers the scholarship program an investment in the future and one that helps provide deserving students with the opportunity to make a positive contribution to society.

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