

Rylee Funk

Sisters High School April 2018 Student of the Month

Rylee Funk likes to be involved, and she's not afraid of a challenge.

"I'm very passionate about the stuff I've chosen to be involved with," she said.

Those involvements represent the wide range of opportunities available to Sisters students. She's a standout Americana Project musician, a member of the Astronomy Club, a Mr. SHS escort — all the while taking challenging Advanced Placement college-prep courses.

"It's kind of more rewarding to me personally to be challenged in school," she says.

Rylee is quick to highlight the key aspects of education in Sisters.

"I think the community aspect is really unique," she says. "As well as the programs offered."

She is currently planning to attend the University of Colorado, Boulder, to pursue a major in the sciences — astrophysics, astronomy and/or chemistry being strong candidates.

"Rylee Funk is an incredibly talented musician and student leader. Rylee has

been a key leader in the high school Americana Project program for four years. Her soulful original songs are appreciated by everyone who hears her perform. She has organized countless performances and is the co-student leader in charge of this year's Americana Project CD recording. Rylee is also a strong member of the high school concert choir — leading the alto section with her great voice and attitude. Congratulations, Rylee, you deserve this recognition!"

— Rick Johnson

"I am so proud of Rylee Funk. Since her first day in astronomy her freshman year through biology and chemistry, Rylee's passion to learn and contribute to her community have impressed and inspired me. It has been such an honor to be Rylee's teacher. Her excitement to understand the world, from microscopic to cosmic, has motivated me and her classmates to also want to know more. Rylee's kindness touches her community. I celebrate her accomplishments and wish her the best as she embraces her future beyond Sisters High School. She will be sorely missed, as she has truly embraced the opportunities here and given

so much! Congratulations, Rylee!"

— Rima Givot

"There is a gentleness and grace and spunk to Rylee Funk that makes her a beautiful addition to any class and any event. Her passion for the stars and for music so suits her kind soul. What a gift she is to Sisters High School!"

— Jami Lyn Weber

"When I think of Rylee, I think of the quote by Booker T. Washington: 'I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.' This young lady lives her life with purpose. She works incredibly hard on whatever task is at hand, and deals with setbacks with grace and determination. With a positive attitude, she moves forward, learning from each experience. I am proud of what Rylee stands for and what she is becoming. She is a true gift and will positively touch lives throughout her journey of life."

— Samra Spear



"Working with Rylee is so fun, I love her excitement and energy."

— Tony Cosby

"Rylee brightens my day with her smile. She is very thoughtful and caring of others. She carries a song in her heart that is expressed in her music."

— Ruth Barrios

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