

CHRISTOPHER WOODWORTH

Christopher Michael Woodworth is no stranger to adversity. The death of his mother just before his fifth birthday, followed by acclimating to his new mother, Joli, within one year, moved him to develop adaptability to changing circumstances. Being the youngest of six children, followed by three more children joining the Woodworth family, has taught Chris to share space and time with others and has taught him unselfishness.

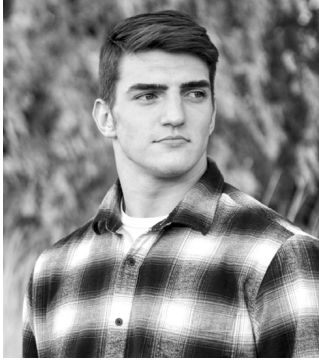
He has always been generally cheerful and able to face challenges with a "can-do" attitude. His education has been eclectic, with some public school, some home school, some private Christian school, and more recently, the switch to early college. Even his sports career has embodied changes, such as the switch from soccer to football in the eighth grade.

Chris has often had the challenge of standing alone spiritually, with certain choices regarding dating and other lifestyle decisions that have often differed from the culture at large. He has publicly identified with Jesus Christ in baptism, has been an active member at Grace Bible Church, and has been actively involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Facing the necessity of working for pay in the summer, and in a lesser way, throughout the school year, has taught him that a good work ethic and a proper use of time is invaluable. This work ethic has overlapped with his studies and sports as well. Chris started wrestling at the age of 10 and has progressed through the rigors of La Grande Mat Club, Middle School and High School practices, showing improvement every year, with all those years of hard work resulting in a state championship his junior year.

He missed his eighth grade year due to an ankle injury, and part of his junior year due to a concussion, but has persevered through these injuries as well, embodying a joyful, team-oriented attitude. Chris often doesn't get the spotlight, but when he does, he has been able to be humble about it.

His future goals are to possibly participate in football in college and pursue a pre-medical or pre-dental program. He, as well as the rest of the Woodworth family would like to thank the coaches, the teachers, the parents, and other supportive members of the La Grande community that have all played a role in Chris's success, on and off the mat.



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