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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS TEEN COUNCIL – FEBRUARY TEEN OF THE MONTH

Members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council have selected Shay Adamo as Teen of the Month for February, 2017! Shay has been chosen for this honor by members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council because he is an outstanding teen in our community and embodies the following values of Teen Council:

- Demonstrates that teens are valuable community assets
- Acts as a leader and/or a positive role model amongst his peers
- Committed to community service



Shay Adamo is a junior at the Steamboat Springs High School. Shay is a great teen in our community who is involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Adamo's passion for track and field has led him to one of his favorite sports, cross country. He has since become team captain and admires the peers he's met through the program. His involvement in Steamboat Springs Drama Troupe has allowed him to act, build sets and thrive as a performer. He also partakes in the Knowledge Bowl, Speech and Debate, Science Olympiad and the Dance Showcase.

While speaking with Shay about his greatest accomplishments, he was quick to come to an answer, “My greatest accomplishment is becoming the captain of the Cross Country team. Even though I was not the fastest runner, I think that I accomplished this goal by being the kindest teammate I could be, and by having the most enthusiasm I possibly could.” The main reason Adamo is motivated to stay so active is because he thrives off of being with people. As a student, he feels the busier he is, the happier and more productive he becomes.

In the near future, Adamo hopes to go on a Rotary Exchange to a foreign country as a fifth year student. Once returning, he plans on attending college where he will pursue teaching math. In ten years, he sees himself giving back as a teacher to the next generation of high school students. His motivation to give back and teach comes from one of his biggest role models, Lisa Renee Tumminello. Lisa has taught Shay and his fellow cross country and track peers how to be an amazing, upstanding human being. “She has helped her students become successful athletes and young adults”.

Throughout Shays high school career he has struggled with feeling comfortable while singing in front of others. As an aspiring performer, that has challenged him to audition for roles he feels ready for. “It took a lot of courage for me to do this, but overcame my fear by going to the audition and forcing myself to do something I was so terrified to do.” This strategy has help Shay overcome this fear.

Outside of school and after school programs, you will find Shay hanging out with friends, dancing, skiing and reading. His favorite quote is, “Every great dream begins with a dreamer”- Harriet Tubman. He admires his family and has felt constant support from them as a young adult. Shay feels it is important for teens to be valued in the community because “Teens today are going to be the future leaders of tomorrow and it is important that we find the strengths of all teens and appreciate those strengths. It is important to support these teens by valuing their strengths and in doing so making them better people.”

Congratulations Shay! Shay will be awarded with a \$25 Chamber Gift Certificate and will be featured in the Steamboat Today newspaper.

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About the Steamboat Springs Teen Council: The SSTC, in its 10th consecutive year, works to increase positive leadership development, involve teens in the community at large, and provide substance free and alternative activities for youth. The program is sponsored by the City of Steamboat Springs and Grand Futures Prevention Coalition. The SSTC is funded through a grant from Routt County United Way and the Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation.

To learn more about the SSTC, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/ssteencouncil>

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