

Steamboat Springs Teen Council's April Teen Of the Month

Steamboat Springs High School Junior Claire Traverse

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 14, 2018-Members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council (SSTC) have selected Claire Traverse as Teen of the Month for April 2018. Claire has been selected for this honor by members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council because she is an outstanding and passionate teen in the community and embodies the following values:

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

Claire Traverse is a junior at Steamboat Springs High School (SSHS), where she is a beacon of academic excellence to her peers. Outside of academics, she is involved in the cross country running team, and is a captain of the SSHS Nordic skiing team. She is a leader in Wildlife, which is the version of Young Life tailored to kids in middle school. She is also very active in the performing arts, playing piano for the SSHS drama troupe, the Steamboat Springs Christian Center, and the SSHS jazz band.

When asked about her greatest accomplishment, Traverse said, "I think my greatest accomplishment is the fact that I have stuck with the piano for so long. It has required years of practice and commitment, but I have played since I was in the 1st grade. There is almost no better feeling than really diving into a piece of music. To be able to feel music is what I crave every time I sit down to play."



Claire noted that her motivation to be so involved in the community is very service oriented. She is driven by the desire to make our little mountain town a better place for everyone living in it. She wants to increase the positive energy of this community in any way she can.

After high school, Claire intends to go to college, but has yet to decide where to attend or what to study. However, she knows she wants to do something with math, specifically statistics or calculus. She also would like to travel for some time on a mission trip.

Claire notes her spiritual leaders as her role models, saying "I have had many people that have been a huge influence for my life. The biggest thing that all of them have taught me is that worry is useless, because God has a plan for my life. He has a direction, so I just need to trust in him. All of my mentors have had a significant influence on my spiritual life in that way."

She described her ideal day as many citizens of our valley would: as a day on the snow. Whether downhill or Nordic, Claire loves skiing in all of its forms. She is also a fan of teen romance novels, especially the incredibly corny ones. The cornier they are, the better in her eyes. Cooking and baking are hobbies of hers as well.

Claire believes that teens need to be valued in the community because they are the future of the community. “Just because we are not as old as others in the community doesn’t mean that we can’t do astonishing things. We have charisma like no other generation” she said.

Congratulations Claire! She will be awarded a \$25 Amazon gift certificate and will be featured in the Steamboat Today newspaper. Learn more about the SSTC at facebook.com/ssteencouncil.

About the Steamboat Springs Teen Council: The SSTC, in its 11th 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 Yampa Valley Community Foundation.

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