

2015 Scholarship Recipients

We are proud to announce the awarding of two scholarships this year, both to long-term Rain City team contributors who are current university students.

Kendall Sahl, is a Dean's List student, entering her last year as an undergraduate at the University of Washington. Using AP credits and hard work, Kendall will finish her bachelor's degree in three years. She writes, "My unyielding mental fortitude in the face of all challenges, academic or not, is a direct result of growing up as a cross-country athlete." That growth started with Rain City Flyers, where Kendall competed on cross country teams from 2003-2009. She was a scoring member of Rain City's 2005 Junior Olympics National Champion 9-10 girls team, and the JO Nationals third place 11- 12 girls team in 2006.

Kendall credits her involvement with Rain City as providing the foundation for her success in cross-country at Roosevelt High School where she competed from 2009-12. As a team captain she worked to build a supportive and fun team atmosphere "similar to the one that Rain City had constructed for me."

While no longer running at a competitive level, Kendall continues to use the mental determination of cross country running to pursue her passions. We are pleased to be able to support Kendall completing her education. She hopes to apply her Human Centered Design and Engineering degree to developing products and services helping global organizations that support real people.

Jackson "Jack" Pearce, the inaugural RCF Scholarship recipient for 2013-14, completed his freshman year at Gonzaga University, fulfilling pre-requisites for a BS in nursing. While achieving his academics, Jack was also a member of GU's men's cross-country and track teams, where he was named Outstanding Freshman. In addition to contributing on the course and track, Jack participated in Gonzaga athletics community events such as food drives. He writes, "...it was as a member of Rain City that I learned my core philosophy ... to pursue what I love ... be serious about being my best and about enjoying every single moment of that process ..."

Jack joined Rain City Flyers as a bantam in 2005 and was a member of the cross country team for nine seasons. He was a USATF Junior Olympics All-American 4 times, including being national champion in 2005. Jack had an outstanding cross country and track career at Mountlake Terrace HS, where he was recognized as one of the Edmonds School District scholar athletes of 2014.

As a Rain City Flyer and beyond, Jack has been known for his mentorship and support for his teammates and all other competitors. We are pleased to support him and encourage his continuing efforts as a scholar-athlete