

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Grand Valley Power Selects 2020 Scholarship Winners** Eight students awarded GVP scholarships for continuing education

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. - (May 5, 2020) – The Grand Valley Power Scholarship Selection Committee has selected eight outstanding students to receive scholarships to pursue undergraduate degrees.

The committee, who is comprised of educators appointed by the board of directors, determines who is selected based on various elements such as academic performance, essay composition, academic and personal achievements, financial need and community or school involvement. Applicants must also be pursuing undergraduate degrees and currently reside in a home that receives electricity from Grand Valley Power. Since 1996, Grand Valley Power has awarded over \$194,000 to students who are continuing education.

The 2020 scholarship recipients are listed below:

Jack Broughton – Colorado Mesa University Scholarship - \$2,000 (renewable and \$8,000 total over the course of four years)

**Cassidy Lastine** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School and will be attending Colorado Mesa University. Cassidy is planning on pursuing her career in biology with a business minor. Cassidy has led volunteer efforts with Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley, Light of Life Children's Home orphanage and abroad. She also a violinist, participating in Fruita Monument High School orchestra and the District Honors orchestra and skied with the FMHS ski and board club for four years.

**Grand Valley Power Scholarship** - This one-time \$1,500 scholarship (per person) is awarded to students who will be attending an accredited institution of higher education.

**Chloe Nordstrom** is a graduating senior at Mesa Valley Community School and is planning on pursuing a career in pre-law. Chloe is very active and decorated athlete for the varsity Central High School volleyball team and has been the team captain for three years. She is a volunteer for many of her church programs as well. She will attend Colorado Mesa University this fall.



**Kaylie Fuller** is a graduating senior at De Beque High School and is planning on pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Lauren is involved with many school activities including theater, volleyball, basketball and track. She has been a part of the National Honor Society for three years. She will attend the University of Northern Colorado this fall.

**Joshua Meyers** is a graduating senior at Plateau Valley High School and will pursue a career in pre-dentistry and biology. Joshua commits his time participating in sports, volunteering and working part-time. He commutes back and forth between Collbran to Palisade High School to play soccer and was selected for the All-Conference team. Joshua also will pursue serving his country as a military medical officer. He is still undecided on where he will pursue his degree.

**Katelyn Johnson** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School and will pursue a degree in biomedical science. Katelyn has over 200 hours of volunteer service under her belt. In addition, she is the vice president of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she also is math tutor. After spending a week at an anatomy camp at Colorado State University, she knew she wanted to be a surgeon. She will attend Colorado State University or the Colorado School of Mines this fall.

**Hannah Piland** is a graduating senior at Plateau Valley High School and will pursue a degree in business administration. Hannah is a member of the National Honor Society, and student council and spends spare time doing community service. She also volunteers with the Mesa Community Center with the Art Heritage Program, bringing art history stories to life for all ages. She will attend Colorado Mesa University this fall.

**Delaney Bruner** is a graduating senior at Mesa Valley Community School and will pursue a degree in aviation technology. Delaney spends a lot of time volunteering at the Mesa County Library with summer reading, teen advisory group and tutoring programs. In addition, she is an active member of DECA, a 501c3 that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready. She will attend Colorado Mesa University and Western Colorado Community College this fall.



**Western Colorado Community College Scholarship** – This one-time \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a student who will be attending any program at Western Colorado Community College.

**Anna Weiland** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School and will pursue an associate degree in baking and pastry culinary arts and a Bachelor of Applied Science in hospitality. Anna spends much of her free time involved with her church and volunteering at Sonrise Mountain Ranch, providing families with meals every week. She will attend Colorado Mesa University and Western Colorado Community College this fall.

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## About Grand Valley Power

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