



The mission of Roaring Fork PreCollegiate is to identify promising first-generation students and motivate them to pursue higher education. Through personal mentoring we provide access to information and resources and equip students with relevant life skills to enable them to successfully complete high school and transition into the post-secondary program of their choice.

**January, 2020**

## Welcoming the New Year with Alumni Panels



Alumni: Joe Salinas, Ronald Clemente, Lorena Aguilar, and Lux Andrade advising our seniors at Roaring Fork High School.

During our first week back from Winter Break PreCollegiate Alumni, that are current college students came to their former high schools to talk with our seniors about their college experience. Our seniors were able to ask them any questions they had and our alumni gave our seniors great advice! We enjoyed having them visit and are thankful that they took the time during their Winter Break to share words of wisdom with the class of 2020 that will be experiencing their own transition to college soon. Thank you to the following PreCollegiate alumni:

Alex Trejo (Villanova University), Samantha Contreras (Colorado State University), Isabel de la Canal (University of Puget Sound), Megan Uren (Trinity University), Dylan Uren (University of Colorado), Alondra Torres (Fort Lewis College), Rubi Araiza (Cornell College), Rigo Perez (Colorado Mountain College), Margarita Alvarez (University of Colorado), Jose Zavala (University of Colorado), Cheyenne Myers (Colorado State University), Lorena Aguilar (Colorado Mesa University), Lux Andrade (Colorado State University), Joe Salinas (Colorado State University), and Ronald Clemente (Colorado State University)

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## Daniel's Fund Finalists!

The Roaring Fork School District has two Daniels Fund finalists in the district and they are both Roaring Fork PreCollegiate Scholars. The Daniels Fund scholarship is a very competitive financial need and merit based full-ride scholarship to any college or university. James Blazier and Odalys Cruz-Bonilla are seniors at Basalt High School. This is the third year in a row that Daniels Fund finalists in the Roaring Fork School District are all part of PreCollegiate. We are so proud of them both and wish them luck on their next round of interviews!



Carbondale Town Clerk Cathy Derby swears in a Roaring Fork High School senior Diego Valdez as student trustee. Photo by: Thomas Phippen - Post Independent

## Student Spotlight!

One of our seniors, Diego Valdez, was recently sworn into the Town of Carbondale student trustee seat that has been vacant for several years. Apart from being so busy with school work, college applications, and scholarship applications he is serving on the town board. Diego is also a finalist for the Morehead-Cain scholarship at the

University of North Carolina. The Morehead-Cain scholarship is a full ride scholarship for four years and four summers. They provide complete student

support through experienced advisors, exclusive enrichment, and networking opportunities. We are so proud of his accomplishments and happy to have his perspective on the board of trustees for the Town of Carbondale.

## Junior Parent Meeting: How to Pay for College

We had our financial aid meeting with the families of our junior students. In preparation of tax season we wanted to share important information with our families about how to start preparing for their student's financial aid applications this Fall. We also presented the different forms of financial aid available to pay for college. There was a great turn out of families and students!



Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs students and families gathered at Roaring Fork High School.

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