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**SHS Students Are Finalists for Daniels Fund, Boettcher Foundation Scholarships**

The Salida School District is pleased to announce that several of our students have been selected as finalists for two very significant scholarships. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Zeke Wilcox - finalist for both the Daniels Fund and Boettcher Foundation Scholarships

Brennan King - finalist for the Daniels Fund Scholarship

Both are seniors at Salida High School and are products of the Salida School system. Wilcox started at the Salida Early Childhood Center, and King joined Salida Schools in Kindergarten at Longfellow Elementary School. They reflect the following characteristics honored through these prestigious scholarship programs:

Candidates for the Daniels Scholarship Program should reflect the characteristics of Bill Daniels, the man behind the program, and are considered to be America’s next generation of leaders, persevering through life’s challenges and committed to making a difference in the world around them. They are independent and entrepreneurial thinkers who are proud of their country and their communities and work hard to improve them. Winners of the scholarship receive an award to cover the full cost of attendance at partner schools within Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming up to $25,000 a year for qualified expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, miscellaneous educational expenses. Learn more about the [Daniels Scholarship](https://www.danielsfund.org/scholarships/daniels-scholarship-program/overview).

The Boettcher Foundation Scholarships are awarded to seniors who show evidence of superior scholastic ability and intellectual curiosity, evidence of leadership and involvement, service to their community and school, and outstanding character. It is a merit-based scholarship, the Foundation defines as "merit of circumstance," meaning the selection criteria mentioned above and more. There are 100 finalists, and 50 initial winners will be announced in early May. Winners receive an annual fixed amount of $20,000 for four years, with additional support depending on which Colorado school they decide to attend. Learn more about the [Boettcher Foundation Scholarship](https://boettcherfoundation.org/scholarships/prospective-scholars/).

Salida Schools is incredibly proud of our finalists and wish them the best of luck as they move forward in the process for these scholarships.

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