



Steamboat Springs Teen Council's February Teen Of the Month

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 9, 2018-Members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council have selected Este Wilkinson as Teen of the Month for February 2018. Este has been selected for this honor by members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council because she is an outstanding teen in the community and embodies the following values of Teen Council:

- 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

Este Wilkinson, a senior at Steamboat Springs High School (SSHS), is an active member in the community and dedicated to multiple sports including volleyball and tennis as well as the annual Dance Showcase.



Sports have been a priority for Este, especially volleyball where she has excelled on the high school team during fall and the White Out club team in spring. Even with a strong emphasis on sports, Este remains dedicated to academics and is an active member of the SSHS Link Crew and Student Council.

Este has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school, regardless of the course level difficulty (think calculus and chemistry). A true leader, she has been a tremendous help in terms of academics to her peers. She plans to further her education and attend a small liberal arts school to study both psychology and pre-law in the future.

Motivated by the "opportunities Steamboat has to offer," Este says that her friends and family have pushed her to step out of her comfort zone to explore and recognize her talents. The Steamboat Springs Teen Council is thankful to have teens like Este in the community to look up to.

Este is inspired by her family and her friends, but more specifically her primary role model remains her mom. She says, "My mom, a hard-working and motivated women, has taught me to depend on myself for emotional and physical support." Este is so thankful to have learned skills such as independence and confidence from her mom.

When Este was asked to tell us a little more about herself, you could see how much she values both her athletics and the outdoors. She feels thankful to have grown up in a place with things like mountains and sand volleyball courts at easy access. However, just as important to Este is the support and great friendships she has created in Steamboat. Este believes that "teens are the future of our world," and is important to make sure that they are confident in themselves so that they can change the world.

Congratulations Este! 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, Grand Futures Prevention Coalition and the Boys & Girls Club. The SSTC is funded through a grant from Routt County United Way and Yampa Valley Community Foundation.

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