



## **Steamboat Springs Teen Council's March Teen Of the Month**

*Steamboat Springs High School Senior Julia Congdon*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 13, 2018**-Members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council (SSTC) have selected Julia Congdon as Teen of the Month for March 2018. Julia has been selected for this honor by members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council because she is an outstanding and passionate teen in the community and embodies the following values:

- 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

A senior at Steamboat Springs High School, Julia is a very active member within her school and community. You can find Julia in the high school theater where she works diligently on plays and musicals acting as scenic designer, assistant technical director, and head of set construction. Currently, she is working on set design for the high school musical Footloose.

Julia's greatest accomplishments to date has been her role as a finalist in the Photographer's Forum Best of High School and College Photography 2017 and 2018. This achievement carries even greater significance to Julia since photography is one of her greatest passions and hobbies outside of school. Another impressive success of Julia's was making it to nationals for her scenic design of Sweeney Todd at the Colorado Thespian Conference in December.



When asked what motivates her to stay involved in the theater, photography and her community? Julia answers, "Everything I am involved in, I am passionate about. It's because I love what I'm doing that I continuously immerse myself in it. I love theater more than words can describe." Not only does Julia enjoy making the shows as memorable as possible but she's also pleased to be a part of something that has given her all of her closest friends.

The SSTC is thankful to have teens like Julia in the community acting as strong role models for their peers. After high school, Julia is taking a gap year and participating in the Rotary Exchange Program in which she will be living in Finland with host families for the 2018/19 school year. After the exchange program, Julia hopes to attend college with a major in Technical Theater. In five years, she hopes to be able to travel the world and continue doing what she loves most – theater!

As for role models she admires and respects, Julia say no one person can be singled out as her role model since so many people have been instrumental within her life. However, her family, teachers, and closest friends come immediately to mind as having had the greatest impact on her life and made her the person she is today.

Julia strongly believes it is important for teens to be valued within a community. “We are a part of it too. Some of the brightest minds and greatest ideas are found among the young community members. The world needs to and is going to change in many aspects of life and my generation is going to be the one that accomplishes those changes. Teens need to be valued in our community because our voices matter and we are capable of making a real difference.”

Thank you Julia Congdon for your extraordinary example of being a leader, role model, and committed teen within the community. 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](https://www.facebook.com/ssteencouncil).

*About the Steamboat Springs Teen Council: The SSTC, in its 11<sup>th</sup> 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 and Grand Futures Prevention Coalition. The SSTC is funded through a grant from Routt County United Way and Yampa Valley Community Foundation.*

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