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## ***Hero Awards Highlight Resilient Jeffco Students and Innovative Teachers***

**GOLDEN, Colo. (Nov. 15, 2017)** – Jeffco Schools Foundation honored four students, three teachers, and a principal Monday evening for their stand-out work. Recipients attend or work at various schools in the district, but all share a common trait: their dedication, enthusiasm, and fortitude make them heroes.

Teachers and administrators nominate students who have caught their attention (and many times their heart) for facing challenges - from battling a serious illness to coming to school even though they spent the night in a park due to homelessness. Student awardees received scholarships to Red Rocks Community College and are eligible for additional scholarships that will fund school-related expenses like books, transportation, and fees. Teachers are selected for their innovative work and dedication to the profession.

For details about the recipients listed below, watch the videos on [JPS-TV](#), or contact Denise Delgado ([Denise.Delgado@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:Denise.Delgado@jeffco.k12.co.us) or 303-982-2261), Executive Director of the Jeffco Schools Foundation.

### **Students:**

[Rachael Black](#), Arvada West High School  
[Brenda Calderon](#), Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School  
[Jayson Garcia](#), Sobesky Academy  
[Christopher Jones](#), Two Roads Charter School

### **Teachers:**

[Barbara Weisiger](#), Coronado Elementary School  
[Alisha Lindsey](#), Bradford K-8 North  
[Jennifer Marquez](#), Wheat Ridge High School

### **About Jeffco Public Schools**

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 65 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 157 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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