ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Luke Ellis for the 2020-2021 academic year. Luke is a Junior majoring in Construction Management from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

Treasurer, CSU Associated Builders and Contractors Rocky Mountain Student Chapter

College of Health and Human Sciences Dean's List

STATE OF BEING

I was born and raised in the small town of Rifle, Colorado where I was heavily involved in sports and academics all throughout grade school. I grew up working on a cattle ranch and worked in construction, and learned how to be a hard worker. I owe a lot of my academic drive to my parents who are both in the education system. When I'm not at school or participating in extra-curricular activities I enjoy hunting, fishing, and exploring the mountains. Some hobbies of mine include woodworking, fly-tying for fly fishing, and boxing. I actually started my own fly-tying business named Mamm Peak Flies my junior year of high school. I discovered my passion for construction when I picked up a summer job between my junior and senior year of high school that involved just about every aspect of the construction field. I mainly learned steel fabrication and welding but also got to do some landscaping, some earth work, as well as some wood framing. Overall it was a great experience and I did it again the next summer. Since then my love for the industry has continually grown in learning more and more through my education as CSU.

STATE OF DREAMS

After I graduate, I would like to become a field engineer and work my way toward becoming a superintendent in whatever company I end up working for. From there it's hard to say what I will want to do. I've always wanted to start my own construction company, but if I really enjoy the company I work for there would be no reason to leave. So at that point in my career, my next move would be based upon whether or not I want to stay with the company. It's been an interest of mine to get into remote custom home building, so if I were to start my own company, that would most likely be what I go into. However, I have no idea what my future holds so these plans and interests are subject to change over the next 10-20 years. Ultimately, I think it would be really great to eventually be successful enough to be the top alumni donor to the construction management program at CSU.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

I am very humbled by and thankful for your generous contribution to my education at CSU. Being an officer of the ABC student chapter here on campus, I have really gotten to know and appreciate the Associated Builders and Contractors organization. This gift makes me want to continue to be a part of the great things you all are doing for the industry even more. This money will help ease the burden of the high price to attend CSU. My parents have made a deal with me that if I continue to earn good grades they will help with part of my tuition, and I am very thankful to them for their help. However, I still pay all of my living expenses and all my books, so this scholarship is much needed and very appreciated. I promise your money will not go to waste. I will continue to work hard in all my classes, and make sure that I am more than ready to go into the industry when I graduate. Thank you again for your generosity.

