

## **Ski & Snowboard Club Vail season ends with award-winning celebrations!**

As Ski & Snowboard Club Vail's season drew to a close, there was much to celebrate among athletes, parents, coaches, and staff. Keeping true to its mission to ***inspire character growth and excellence***, how fitting it was for the organization to end the season by recognizing its 550+ athletes for achieving great results and personal bests, both on and off snow. This recognition has been taking place over the past month at Ski & Snowboard Club Vail's individual snowsports program awards banquets as its season long training and competition sessions drew to a close, the last of which will take place in early May.

A very special addition this year, Ski & Snowboard Club Vail hosted a President's Dinner on April 11th at Vista at Arrowhead, the culmination of SSCV's individual program awards in honor of the winners of several coveted club-wide awards. This very special evening, made possible through the generosity of event sponsor Alpine Bank, had over 115 guests on hand to hear the inspirational stories of a number of award-winning young athletes, both on snow and off, as well as several special adults who have made outstanding contributions to the SSCV community this past year.

SSCV athlete club-wide award recipients recognized at the President's Dinner are noted below.

- Lower/Middle School Student of the Year-Wyatt Palmer
- Upper School Student of the Year-Anna Martin
- Gaynor Miller Award-Hannah Hardenbergh
  - *Presented annually to the Ski & Snowboard Club Vail athlete who exhibits the highest standards of Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Dedication. This athlete's overall performance is an example to be followed.*
- Craig Kelly Memorial Award- Zoe Kalapos
  - *Presented annually to the Ski & Snowboard Club Vail snowboard athlete who demonstrates the finest combination of athletics, citizenship and academic excellence.*
- Adrian Kearney Award- Wyatt Palmer
  - *Presented annually to a graduating Alpine Age Class athlete who exhibits a true passion for skiing and a love for life in the mountains.*
- Downhill Racer of the Year- Florian Szwebel
  - Presented to the SSCV athlete with the most outstanding performances in DH and Super G.
- Thomas Pitcher Award- Bryan Bailey
  - *Presented annually to the Ski & Snowboard Club Vail athlete who demonstrates the highest level of commitment to the sport of ski racing and academic excellence.*
- Walter Kirsch Award-Florian Szwebel
  - Overall (C3) Character, Courage, Commitment Winner
- Character, Courage, Commitment (C3) Monthly Winners
  - November- Parker McDonald
  - December- Jake Wenn
  - January- Florian Szwebel
  - February- Jack Skidmore
  - March- Hannah Hardenbergh

- April- Breanne Mat
- Zeke Pierce Memorial Award-Max Pierce
  - Presented annually to the Ski & Snowboard Club Vail athlete who exhibits a passion so deep that it shows a way of life, love for the environment and respect for all who share this love.

The SSCV community could not be what it is without the many adults who stand by to support its athletes and its mission. As such, several adults were honored at the President's Dinner. SSCV Board Chair and recognized business and community leader Glenn Davis received the Zella Gorsuch Memorial Award given in recognition of the person with the greatest contribution to the advancement of skiing in the Vail area. SSCV U14 Head Alpine Coach Terry DelliQuadri was on hand to receive The George Rau Coach of the Year Award for all of his work this season in the SSCV athletic community. Katie MacFarlane, a teacher at Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy, one of SSCV's academic partners, was presented with the Teresa Herbst Teacher of the Year Award for her dedication as an educator of SSCV athletes. Shelly Shanley, SSCV parent, was the recipient of The Vi & Byron Brown Volunteer of the Year Award for her extraordinary work as a volunteer this season.

Not only were the award recipients, proud family members, primary coaches of the award winning athletes and SSCV Trustees and management team members on hand to honor the award winners, but the event was also graced by the presence of the following very special guests of honor-individuals and/or family members after whom some of these prestigious awards are named.

Dave and Renie Gorsuch- Zella Gorsuch Memorial Award  
 George Rau (and his wife)- George Rau Coaching Award  
 Teresa Herbst-The Teresa Herbst Teacher of the Year Award  
 Stephanie Pitcher-The Thomas Pitcher Award (Thomas Pitcher's sister)  
 Adrian Kearney III and Brigette Kearney- Adrian Kearney Award (Adrian Kearney was their father)  
 Vi and Bryon Brown-The Vi & Byron Brown Volunteer of the Year Award

Aldo Radamus, Executive Director of Ski & Snowboard Club Vail shared, "Every supporter, athlete, volunteer, coach, teacher and administrator is a winner in their own right contributing to these achievements. It is truly inspiring to witness the character growth and excellence of each of our athletes throughout the year".