



REIDSVILLE, NC, March 9, 2021 (PRESS RELEASE) -- Created through a partnership between Reidsville Area Foundation and Rockingham County Schools, the *Jonathan Craig Student Athlete scholarship* honors the lifework of our friend, coach, and colleague, Jonathan W. Craig, Jr. who passed away in September 2020. Jonathan served as the Executive Director of Human Resources for Rockingham County Schools and long-standing Board of Directors member with Reidsville Area Foundation.

Dr. Rodney Shotwell, current Superintendent of Rockingham County Schools shared that *"Jonathan would be honored to know the youth in our community have resources available to attend post-graduation opportunities. He gave everything he had to help all students as a math teacher, coach, principal and district leader. Jonathan knew his purpose – help students reach their potential through his actions, his devotion and love for education. He was an inspiration to many of his athletes and former students."*

For consideration, student athletes must demonstrate high academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and exhibit strength of character during competition and within the community. Priority will be given to students coming from under-resourced, under-represented, or marginalized communities. Financial need is also a consideration, as both organizations wish to help talented students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college. Annually, the scholarship Committee, composed of school-based Athletic Directors, the District Athletic Director, Central Office personnel, and Reidsville Area Foundation Board members will review nominations from each school. All nominees must be seniors in high school, active in one or more varsity sport, maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA, and display teamwork and comradery in all aspects of their daily lives.

The selection meeting will be held in the spring of each school calendar year. Recipients will be notified at the RCS Athletic Banquet, as well as recognized during an end of school-based award assembly. Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited U.S. institution for award distribution.

*"Jonathan was a dedicated board member, serving with compassion and purpose. He was a spirited soul, finding joy in all aspects of life. Jonathan used his passion, intellect, and insight each day to put students first and in the forefront of conversations. We hope to honor his efforts by recognizing and propelling a local student athlete towards a fulfilling college career,"* shared Dawn Charaba, Executive Director of Reidsville Area Foundation.

Community members who want to make a donation to grow the fund for the Jonathan Craig Student Athlete Scholarship should contact Annie Ellis, Rockingham County Schools Chief Financial Officer, at 336-627-2645 or via email at [aellis@rock.k12.nc.us](mailto:aellis@rock.k12.nc.us).

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