

# Ryan Birchfield '11

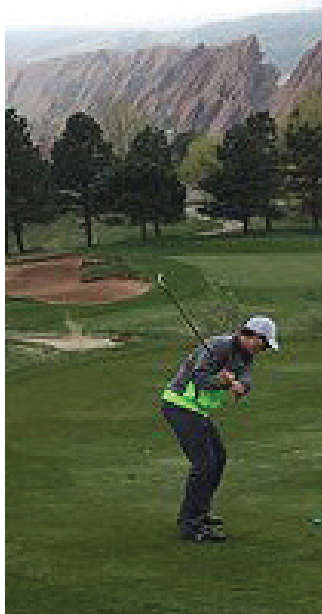
Named National Merit Commended Scholar at STEM School Highlands Ranch

Ryan is a senior at STEM School Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He was named a National Merit Commended Scholar. Ryan has been on the Honor Roll all four years of HS. He currently has a full schedule of AP courses. Ryan played Varsity Golf for the last three years, and has also participated in Varsity Basketball and Varsity Lacrosse.

Ryan is competing in The Cyber Patriot competition this year, and so far, his team has done extremely well, landing in the top 10% in the country. There are several more rounds through April. Cyber Patriot is the premier high school defensive cyber security competition hosted by the Air Force Association with over 2717 high school teams across the world.

Ryan has been accepted to several of his top choice schools so far, including the University of Rochester. He's very excited! He's deciding between

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and University of Rochester at the moment, though he was also admitted to the Colorado School of Mines. He plans to study some combination of Physics and Engineering, with some Computer Science, while in college.



Also Ryan competed in the Spartan Race that was held in Breckenridge last year....he and his Dad, Steve, both finished and did really well!

***"We just can't thank the faculty and staff at St. Nicholas enough for the amazing foundation given to Ryan and Kyle!"***  
-- Colene Birchfield

*Top, left to right: Matchwits Quizbowl Competition; Ryan's class picture; Ryan on the golf course; Ryan and his dad in the Spartan Race; Ryan and brother Kyle with their mom Colene. Thank you to Colene for sharing the information and photos.*

