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St. Paul Rodeo awards high school scholarships

St. Paul, Ore. (June 4, 2018) – The St. Paul Rodeo has announced the recipients of its annual scholarships.

Haley Scott and Presley Smith, both residents of St. Paul and both St. Paul High School graduates, have each received \$4,000 for their college education.

Scott, the daughter of Rob and Laura Scott, played volleyball, basketball and softball while in high school. She was part of the Virtue First Foundation and was class officer her sophomore year.

Smith, the daughter of Tony Smith and Jamie Sewell, played volleyball, basketball and ran track. She was a member of Virtue First, involved in FBLA and choir, was treasurer and president of student council, and was the senior class president. She, along with her twin brother Holden, were co-valedictorians of the class of 2018.

Both girls were involved with the St. Paul Rodeo, beginning their volunteer work in concession stands. As high school athletes, they were required to volunteer their time to benefit the St. Paul High School Booster Club. Athletes helped park cars for rodeo-goers, and both Scott and Smith helped with that. Scott's mother, Laura, was volunteer co-chair of the ticket office, so Scott spent plenty of time in the office, doing simple office tasks.

Scott will attend Chemeketa Community College this fall and transfer to Oregon State University to earn a bachelor's degree in radiation therapy.

Smith will attend the University of Oregon and work towards a pre-law/economics degree, to prepare for a law degree.

The girls are cousins, sharing a great-grandfather, Maurice Smith. Maurice Smith was one of eight founders of the St. Paul Rodeo in 1935. Scott's grandparents, Buddy and Nancy (Smith) Schneider, are St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame members.

Each year, the St. Paul Rodeo Association awards two scholarships: one to a graduating senior from St. Paul High School, and one to the child of a St. Paul Rodeo Association member. Scott's mother is a St. Paul Rodeo Association member.

This year's rodeo runs July 3-7, with performances each evening at 7:30 pm and a 1:30 pm matinee on July 4. Tickets are on sale online at www.StPaulRodeo.com.

For more information, visit the website or call the rodeo office at 800.237.5920.

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Cutline: Haley Scott is the recipient of the St. Paul Rodeo Association scholarship given to a child of an association member. The St. Paul resident will attend Chemeketa Community College and plans on furthering her studies at Oregon State University.

Cutline: Presley Smith is one of two recipients of the St. Paul Rodeo Association scholarship. A co-valedictorian of the St. Paul High School Class of 2018, she will attend college at the University of Oregon. Photo by Cassie Fisher.