



## Caldarazzo Scholarship Recipients

The **2011** recipient, **Joshua Whitney** will attend Linnfield College in the fall where he will most likely study business management. At the bottom of his life, Josh was homeless, focused out of his own home by drug use and abuse. Depressed with no sense of direction, his sister took him in. Then, he was mentored by Coach Shawn Stanley who worked with him on and off the field. Josh became an avid reader, went out for track where he won the conference championship and placed in the top eight in the state in the shot put. He then played football. Not only did he become a starter, he was an all conference player and will play football for Linnfield. Most importantly, Josh maintained a 3.51 GPA and recovered all of his missing credits. Coach Stanley says, "in sixteen years of coaching Josh has perhaps done the most with the least."

The **2010** recipient was **Juan-Manuel Gomez** who attended North Salem High School. In foster care since the age of three, Gomez has overcome many obstacles to be where he is today. At the age of twelve, getting involved with gangs landed Gomez on probation. As Gomez states, "I've had my share of ups and downs in life already and through it all I've learned that life will come with struggles and only you can hold yourself back."

In **2009** the scholarship was awarded to **Julieta Cordova** from South Salem High School. Julieta was raised in a very supportive family that was Spanish speaking with little knowledge of the English language. Despite challenges, Julieta rose to the occasion, learned English and became a student who excelled in everything she put effort into.

The first recipient in **2008** was **Holli Tuss** who attended West Salem High School. Holli was only thirteen when her father committed suicide after a long battle with depression and methamphetamine addiction. As I, stated then, "Holli is most deserving and honorable recipient, she did not let life get her down; in fact she is a student who strives for success in all aspects of life."