**SENATE BILL #2598**

**TITLE:** Revisions to the ASUW Honorary Cowboy Program

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**SPONSORS:** Senator Bartholomew, DeLany, Fried, Gordon, Stromberg; Freshman Senator Good, Houghton, Mann, Ridenour, and Woodward

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. Student Government (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible
3. through accurate representation, professional interaction with campus programs and
4. organizations, and responsible, effective leadership; and,
5. WHEREAS, interaction with the broader Wyoming community establishes ASUW Student
6. Government as a legitimate University of Wyoming organization and helps build ties with
7. the larger state community; and,
8. WHEREAS, the Honorary Cowboy award established by Senate Bill #2522 promotes the
9. Cowboy Spirit throughout the State of Wyoming; and,
10. WHEREAS, the ASUW wishes to see the continued recognition of the Cowboy Spirit in
11. future administrations; and,
12. WHEREAS, the selection and award process currently spans over two administrations
13. causing communication problems and confusion for the families and ASUW administrations.
14. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
15. Student Government that the Honorary Cowboy Award be amended to reflect the
16. changes in Addendum A.

**Referred to:** Program and Institutional Development

**Date of Passage**: **Signed:**

 **(ASUW Chairperson)**

**“Being enacted on** **, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**

**approve this Senate action.”**   **ASUW President**

Addendum A

Honorary Cowboy Award

**ASUW Honorary Cowboy of the University of Wyoming**

The “Cowboy Up” spirit is something that every student at the University of Wyoming represents at some point during their time at UW. UW students may demonstrate this spirit during a sporting event, in the classroom, or around the Laramie community.

The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Honorary Cowboy Award was established in 2011 to honor one of our own who exemplified the “Cowboy Up” spirit during his life threatening struggle. Derek Augustin, the son of Lisa Augustin who was the ASUW Office Associate, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 2011 and fought hard to overcome the illness. It was the initiative of the ASUW Executives and Senate to honor Derek for his “Cowboy Up” spirit, during the trying time of his illness. ASUW is now seeking to recognize another child facing a formable life condition and/or circumstances that requires a “Cowboy Up” spirit to become an Honorary Cowboy of the University of Wyoming.

Criteria for recognition are as follows:

* Students in K-12 Wyoming schools are eligible for the honor.
* An individual should emulate an upbeat attitude representing the “Cowboy Up” spirit of the University of Wyoming student population.
* An individual facing a formable life condition and/or circumstances that requires a “Cowboy Up” spirit that leads to ultimate triumph.
* An individual should have the support of community and family that is constant with that of the University assisting individuals and aiding to the spirit of “Cowboy Up”

The following policies govern the awarding of the scholarship:

* Recipient(s) of the award shall be selected from Wyoming K-12 schools by a committee comprised of: an ASUW Executive, who will serve as chair of the committee, an ASUW Senator, a member of the ASUW Staff, a designee from the Athletics Office, and a student-at-large (hereinafter called “Committee”). All members of the Committee (with the exception of the Athletics Office designee) shall be selected by the ASUW President. The above outlined Committee will choose the award recipient during the fall semester of each year.
* The recipient shall be evaluated, in part, by the above mentioned criteria for recognition.
* The recipient shall also be evaluated, in part, by one letter of reference describing the nominees “Cowboy Up” spirit.
* The recipient will be notified by the end of the fall semester of their award.
* The recipient and three guests (unless previously approved by appropriate ASUW executive) of their choosing shall be invited to a sporting event on campus with ASUW staff. ASUW shall pay for the recipient and guests lodging for one night, reasonable travel expenses, and one meal with ASUW staff.