

## **“NEVER GIVE UP” Tom Delva SCHOLARSHIP**

Columbine High School Tom Delva was the father of Ed Delva “Class of 2019”. Wrestling was Ed’s favorite sport in High School. He played football to help make him a better wrestler. He is currently wrestling for Western State University in Gunnison. Tom began smoking in high school and became addicted to cigarettes. He was diagnosed with lung cancer when Ed was 6 years old and his sister Alex was 4 years old. He lived for an additional 13 months and died when he was 48 years old. Towards the end of his life, he said to Ed and Alex to “Never Give Up”. Tom Never gave up until the cancer took him. This scholarship has been created to bring awareness to the dangers of smoking and vaping. Tom said countless times how he wished he had never started smoking. He tried very hard to quit, unfortunately, it was too late. We hope as wrestlers, you will learn to use your skills and discipline learned through your sport and apply them in life situations to become the best you can be to yourself, family, loved ones and your community. We loved Tom and miss him very much, he would be very proud to be part of this scholarship to help with lung cancer awareness.

### **The Delva Family & Doug**

This scholarship was created to award those who have put forth the effort to be on the Columbine High School Wrestling Team. The Scholarship was created and funded by family and friends in memory of Tom Delva. Ed Delva, Class of 2019 and Alex Delva, Class of 2022 lost their father, Tom to lung cancer in 2008.

#### Scholarship Highlights:

- \$1,000.00 award to one senior on the wrestling team.
- Award paid directly to education institution for the benefit of the student.

#### Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a graduating senior from Columbine High School.
- Student/athlete must have participated their senior year on the wrestling team. Injured student/athletes are eligible for the scholarship.
- Student must have at least a 2.5 GPA.

#### Application Checklist:

- Application
- Essay
- Nomination letter from a teacher, coach, or mentor outside of Columbine High School.

Two copies of the application and all documents must be submitted to the Columbine High School counseling offices by 5:00 p.m. on or before April 15 annually.