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Press Release

Sally Jane Ruybalid Becomes 30th Las Animas County Student to Receive a Degree from Princeton University

The Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship Foundation congratulates Sally Jane Ruybalid, daughter of Frank and Sarah Jane Ruybalid of Trinidad, CO, upon her graduation from Princeton University. On May 24, 2022, Sally Jane received her A. B. in Architecture and a certificate in urban studies, making her the 30th recipient of our sister scholarship, the Mary John Goree Scholarship for Las Animas County students at Princeton University, to receive a degree from Princeton. To date, no recipient of the Mary John Goree Scholarship at Princeton has ever failed to earn a degree from Princeton.

While at Princeton, Sally Jane served as a manager of the women's basketball team and sang in the Princeton Chapel Choir. Within Butler residential college, she also served as a peer academic adviser and a member of the residential college leadership team. For her activities outside the classroom, Sally Jane was named as one of seven recipients of the 2022 Spirit of Princeton Award sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students at Princeton to recognize students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the undergraduate experience at Princeton through dedicated efforts in student organizations, athletics, community service, religious life, residential life and the arts. <https://www.princeton.edu/news/2022/04/27/seven-students-win-2022-spirit-princeton-award-service-contributions-campus-life>

In the fall of 2022, Sally Jane will enter the three-year masters program in architecture at Princeton as a recipient of the Mary John Goree Scholarship at Princeton for graduate study. Sally Jane will be the second Las Animas County student to use the Mary John Goree Scholarship for graduate study at Princeton (the first was Maurice East, who received M. A. and Ph.D. degrees in politics from Princeton in 1966 and 1970, respectively). She will be the first Las Animas County student to use the Goree Scholarship for graduate study at Princeton after having been an undergraduate Goree Scholar at Princeton (Dr. East received his undergraduate degree from Colgate University).

According to Foundation president, David J. Vandermeulen, who also serves on the advisory board for the Mary John Goree Scholarship at Princeton, "Sally Jane has compiled a remarkable record of achievement inside and outside the classroom at Princeton. She joins a long line of Goree Scholars at Princeton who have made Las Animas County proud with their accomplishments. We wish her the best in her continued studies at Princeton."

The Mary John Goree Scholarship for Las Animas County students at Princeton University is administered by Princeton University with the assistance of an advisory board. It is awarded automatically to Las Animas County students who are admitted to Princeton through its normal admissions processes. The Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship Foundation plays no role in administering the Goree Scholarship at Princeton. The Foundation administers the Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship for Las Animas County students who attend colleges and universities other than Princeton. Las Animas County students may apply for both scholarships. For more information on both scholarships, please visit the Foundation's website at www.goreescholarship.org.