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Rogerson Family Thrive for Theron Foundation Donates \$11,500 to Granville Exempted Village Schools Athletic Department

Granville Exempted Village School District is proud to announce the donation of \$11,562 by the family of Theron Rogerson through the Thrive for Theron Foundation to Granville Schools' athletic department.

"This generous gift supports Granville Athletics and will strengthen our mental performance initiative, which aims to support student-athletes thrive both on and off the field," said Athletic Director Josh DeVoll, M.Ed., CAA. "We are so grateful for their patronage and partnership."

Theron Rogerson was a 2021 Granville High School athlete who excelled in track and field. Theron participated in Cross Country and Track and Field as a middle school student athlete, then turned his focus solely to Track and Field in high school. As he was getting taller and stronger in his junior year, he decided to put his effort into the hurdle events, then the pandemic struck and the outdoor Track and Field season was cancelled. He was making great gains in his senior year during indoor Track and Field, when he suffered a broken leg in mid-February and missed the end of indoor and half of outdoor Track and Field seasons. While hobbled by the broken leg, he continued to work on upper body strength and support his team. He made a slow comeback, fought his way into shape, and ended the year with two LCL Championships in the 110HH and 300IH races. Theron made a big impact on and off the field. He was a positive force, and although his drive to better himself and achieve his goals was obvious, he relished in others achieving their goals and lifted others up when they were down. Above all else, Theron was a light-hearted and kind soul who loved his teammates and classmates, and the Track and Field Blue Aces.

Theron died by suicide in May 2022. The Thrive for Theron Foundation and Theron Rogerson Scholarship fund at Granville High School started as a remembrance of his passion for Track and Field, the Granville Blue Aces, and his teammates. It has also highlighted the risk of suicide and the importance of mental health support.



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In 2022, the Granville High School Athletic Department created the Granville Athletics Mental Performance Initiative (GAMPI), a groundbreaking program designed to strengthen the mental health, resilience, and performance of student-athletes. Developed in partnership with Ohio State University's LiFEsports program, GAMPI reflects Granville's commitment to preparing students for success both on and off the field.

The initiative provides athletes with structured workshops, trainings, and guest speaker events that focus on confidence, motivation, stress management, and balancing academics with athletics. By normalizing discussions about mental health in athletics, GAMPI equips student-athletes with practical tools to manage pressure, build resilience, and develop life skills that extend beyond sports. The program is part of Granville Athletics' broader philosophy known as "The Standard," which prioritizes the holistic growth of student-athletes—helping them thrive not only in competition but also in life.

Since the program began, Granville Schools' student athletes have reported a decrease in internalizing behaviors (anxiety, procrastination, sadness loneliness, etc.), an increase in their positive relationships with coaches and caregivers (i.e., can talk to them if there is a problem or issue), and an increase in their abilities to cope with daily stressors, solve conflicts, and balance academic and athletic responsibilities. To read more about the program, visit <https://www.granvilleschools.org/athletics>.

"Granville Athletics is proud to lead the way in integrating mental performance into athletic training, ensuring that student-athletes are supported physically, mentally, and emotionally," said DeVoll. "This donation from the Rogerson family will help us to increase our offerings in this area."

Visit the Rogerson Family's foundation website to learn more and support their inspiring cause: <https://www.thrivefortheron.com>.

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