



# Roberto '24

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When I came to Rosseau I saw a different future that I could have. The first thing that impressed me the most were the people. Everyone was so friendly. I was able to make friends instantly. And I could surround myself with people who actually wanted to have good futures, that yearned and strived something to change themselves, to change the world, to change their futures. I found love for my sport again. I did CrossFit, and I ended up reaching third in Canada, top 100 in the world. I had the heaviest lift in my age group in the world. I was really up there. And I found the gym was the spot for me when I wanted to find comfort. If I had a bad day, I would go there and lift. Here I found people who knew what my sport was, I could talk to people about CrossFit.



When I came to Rosseau, I didn't even think that I wanted to go in the medical direction. I felt I'd lost that dream a long time ago. Coming here gave me hope. I found a community of like-minded people that actually wanted to see me succeed. So I wanted to see them succeed. I didn't want to let them down, I didn't want to let my teachers down. A good example of that is Mr. Walker who put all of this effort into really, really trying to help me in chemistry class. Because he tried, and he showed faith in me, I was able to succeed.

If I didn't come to Rosseau I would never have had any of that. You'll never find another community like this. In public school I was friends with everybody, but at the same time I couldn't have everybody sit in a room [together] and be able to name every single name in the room and know something about everyone personally. It's a very, very different experience. Everyone here is lucky, even if some days it doesn't feel like that. People want this experience.



*Roberto arrived at Rosseau Lake College for his Grade 12 year as a man with a purpose. Having made the honour roll at his past schools, Roberto brought a sense of discipline and hard work characteristic of someone beyond his years. Whether it be pursuing his passion for academic success or pushing himself to give 110% at rugby or the gym, Roberto has been an inspiration to those around him. He was often found pitching in around campus in small ways that made a big difference. Next year, Roberto plans to pursue a 4-year degree in science in order to fulfil his dream of becoming an orthopaedic surgeon.*



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