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Two Highlands Ranch Students To Compete In K1 Speed E-World Championships

DENVER, March 26, 2024 -- Colorado students Haley Stone, 11, and Luke Hugen, 15, will compete in the K1 Speed E-World Championships in the Junior Division, April 13-14, and the Teen Division, this June, respectively.

The K1 Speed E-World Championships is an international competition that pits the best racers from K1 Speed indoor go-kart locations from across the United States against top racers from K1 Speed centers in Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. Racers qualify by competing in a monthly race league at their local K1 Speed center. Those who finish in the top three of the final points standings qualify to move on to the State Championships.

The two local students recently won the K1 Speed Colorado State Championships, qualifying for the National Championships in California, which could lead to racing in the World Championships where they could earn up to \$8,000 in the junior championship and \$10,00 in the teen championship.

Other Colorado racers joining Stone and Hugen included Junior Racers Cody Bergen (2nd Place) and Tate Patterson (3rd Place); Teen Racer Liam Moga (2nd Place); and Adult Racers Ian Prehmus (Champion), Dustin White (2nd Place), and Joshua Dillon (3rd Place).

Stone and Hugen, who both race for Forward Direction Motorsports (FDM) discovered they live just five houses away in Highlands Ranch after they met at the K1 Speed Littleton, Colorado, a track known for its close-knit family of racers pushing and inspiring each other to faster times and results.

In fact, the Hugen family recommended FDM to the Stone family after watching Haley race, and both families credit K1 Speed for introducing them to other racing opportunities. Since then, Stone, along with Hugen, has raced in the Colorado Karting Tour, which is the primary outdoor racing series in the state, and in the Phoenix Kart Racing Association Winter Series.

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Stone considers Ferrari Formula 1 Driver Charles Leclerc to be her favorite racer and Nandini Breggin, another young woman racer and the current K1 Speed Littleton adult kart course record holder, to be her mentor. When she's not competing, she enjoys reading, drawing and hanging out with friends. Blessed with a need for speed and a way with words, she says that if she doesn't become a professional racecar driver, she wants to be a writer. If she wins the big prize, Stone says, "I will save for college, use it to race karts, buy books, and foster kittens."

Hugen, who has been racing since 2020, also cites Leclerc as his top driver. He enjoys snow bike riding and rates history as his favorite subject in school. "If I won the top prize, I'd give some of it back to help those less fortunate in appreciation of how fortunate I have been and then put the rest aside towards a car to further my racing," says Hugen, who wants to be a race car driver or pilot some day.

Local racing fans can cheer on these two up-and-coming racers on the [K1 Speed Facebook](#) page during the competitions. "It's been awesome seeing Haley and Luke develop into tremendous racers and become so passionate about our brand, karting and racing in general," says Caulder Trader, General Manager of K1 Speed Denver. "They both have indoor and outdoor karting experience, so I won't be surprised to see them do well in the championships. If they chose to continue down these paths, I think they both could make a career out of this hobby if they wanted to."

For more information about K1 Speed, visit www.k1speed.com.

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Founded in 2003, K1 Speed is the world's largest indoor electric kart racing operator, with 88 locations in seven different countries and 30 states. K1 Speed is a unique upscale entertainment concept for casual consumers, racing enthusiasts, and corporate or group events. K1 Speed offers an International Franchise and is currently accepting applications.