

## Colorado Snowboarders Dedicate Sochi Journey to Students at the Morgridge Academy at National Jewish

Taylor and Arielle Gold inspired after visiting school for chronically ill children

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DENVER, CO — Colorado natives, Taylor and Arielle Gold, recently named to the United States halfpipe snowboarding team, are dedicating their journey to Sochi to the children at the Morgridge Academy at National Jewish Health, the nation's leading respiratory hospital. The Morgridge Academy is a unique, free day school for chronically ill students in kindergarten through eighth grades. The Morgridge Academy was established by National Jewish Health in 1973 and has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of children in that time.

During the past year, the Gold siblings toured the Morgridge Academy and spent some time with the students.

"I was really inspired by the kids we met. All of the students at the school face uphill battles medically and academically but are fighting and succeeding," said Arielle Gold.

"Visiting Morgridge Academy provided a lot of perspective. Every day these kids wake up and battle chronic illnesses, and the teachers, nurses and staff have created an environment where they can thrive," said Taylor Gold. "It's an honor to dedicate our journey to them."

"Arielle and Taylor inspired our kids during their visit. They delivered a meaningful message of perseverance and following your dreams that resonated with our students," said John Reid, principal at Morgridge Academy. "We're all excited to be following their competition and look forward to their journey in Sochi."

The men's halfpipe competition takes place on Tuesday, February 11. The women's halfpipe will take place Wednesday, February 12. The students at Morgridge Academy will be tuning into these events when the school schedule allows.

**National Jewish Health** is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 121 years ago as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health today is the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to groundbreaking medical research and treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders. Patients and families come to National Jewish Health from around the world to receive cutting-edge, comprehensive, coordinated care. To learn more, visit the [media resources page](#).

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