

it's that
COLORADO
feeling



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it's the supposed 300 days of sunshine and the glistening snow-capped mountains. It's the yellow aspen trees and the few months of green we see in the spring. It's the moment in the sky right after a vivid sunset and right before the first wink of a star. It's our dog-lovers, our avid hikers. It's the fact that Colorado tends to hit all four seasons in a day.

"Colorado is the best. There's no other place I'd want to grow up. The atmosphere is very laid back, friendly and fun. Colorado has the most beautiful backdrop for all the art, music and culture it has to offer. The mountains are the best place ever, there are so many things to do there any season," Caleb Diekemper '19 said.

Colorado is a place where people with a variety of interests can thrive. Skiers, bikers, painters and musicians flock to the state to pursue adventures.

"I've lived in five different states throughout my life and Colorado has been the only state that has truly felt like home," Caroline Rejman '19 said. "There's always such a positive energy here and I'd say that Colorado is one of the friendliest states in the whole country. The fact that there are so many beautiful places to visit just in our state makes my home even more special."

Living in Colorado gave students the ability to be surrounded by metro areas, but have the ability to escape to the mountains.

"Colorado will always be home to me because of its ability to feel like a small state and a large one. You can go from city to city and find the cutest small boutiques or restaurants, yet you can drive for hours and never be bored from the endless nature views to the city lights," Rachel Peete '19 said.

PEACE AND QUIET: After hiking up Red Rocks before sunrise, Caleb Diekemper '19 takes in the beauty of a Colorado sunrise. Diekemper planned to stay in Colorado after graduation. "I can't wait to spend the next four years exploring, meeting new people and being a part of the state I love so much," Diekemper said. **AFTERNOON RIDE:** After finishing off their last class of the day, Ashley Cornwell '19 and Elizabeth Poole '19 ride their bikes through the neighborhood. The neighborhoods by the school have miles of sidewalks that you can ride on for hours. "Castle Rock is definitely one of the most beautiful communities and it's full of great people," Cornwell said. Copy by Taylore Todd; Design by Alexandria Fisher