

**"STANDING THERE CENTER STAGE WITH MY PARTNERS WHO WERE CRYING AND HAPPY MADE ALL THE STRESS AND HARDWORK SO WORTH IT."**  
**JORDAN JEWSBURY '20**

a brand **NEW** *Block* Students share what they prefer about Advisory Tuesday and Thursday  
 story by n. chavez

"Advisory can be useful in some ways but it's easy to waste time if you don't have anything to do on Thursdays. On Tuesday's we have curriculum that we have to learn. I like Thursdays because we get to go see other teachers to get help." **Jennyfer Martinez Hernandez '23 said.** photo by n. chavez

"Some advisory teachers don't really give you enough time for what you need to do. I just think when we had access time last year, it was more beneficial than it is this year. I guess I just don't see the point of what we are supposed to be learning yet." **Joseph Conte '22 said.** photo by n. chavez

"Advisory has been a good time to get my own work done. Thursday's are good for me and others because we can go in to our teacher's classes and get the help we need that we can't and don't get during class. I think it helps mostly just on Thursdays. Tuesday's is another story." **Matthew Ramsey '21 said.** photo by n. chavez

"Thursday Advisory days have been very useful for me because we get the opportunity to talk with our teachers about things we are struggling with. We also check on our grades and it's nice because our advisory teachers are more people who support and motivate us to do good." **Arianna Lloyd '20 said.** photo by n. chavez

**WATCH ME PRACTICE.** Kloee Eisenbarth '22 rehearses her part of her groups' presentation in the CLC Commons a week before State. "Doing my project with my teammates Rylee and Alexis made all of us closer and learn how to be patient," Eisenbarth said. photo by j. mahaffey

**STANDING CENTER STAGE.** Holding their second place trophy for their Financial Literacy Project, Jordan Jewsbury '20, Crisol Guzman-Corral '20 and Daniela Moler '20 stand together during the Deca State Competition ceremony. photo by a. sianis



we are in the *Winner's* **CIRCLE**  
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DECA members win first place in Chapter of Excellence category

Though the DECA state conference took place in late February, members **BEGAN PREPARATION** as early as September. Each member worked in a group to write a manual detailing a project that impacted the community in some way.

One project each chapter has the opportunity to complete is the Chapter of Excellence (COE) Project. In this project, students were required to explain the events and projects completed throughout the year that fit into the five focuses of the COE: the development of leadership activities, social activities, community service activities, competition preparation and recruitment and chapter advocacy activities.

The group who completed the COE started by writing a 20-page

manual detailing projects for each of those focuses, then created a 15-minute presentation explaining three feature projects.

"We spent the last few months putting in a lot of time and effort into COE by coming in outside of school, our off hours and lunches to work on it. It was stressful and frustrating but I just kept reminding myself it was for the whole chapter," **Nayeli Aguirre '20 said.**

The COE chairpeople were Vice President of competition, Aguirre; President Jordan Mahaffey '20; and Vice President Ashley Settergren '21. The group's presentation featured the projects Reel Career Success, Brightonize Your Spending, and Experience DECA. The group won first place.

"When we won all the hard work paid off. We were super happy to represent our phenomenal chapter and it was amazing to see the impact," **Ashley Settergren '21 said.**

*Look Closely* and get to know

**THOMAS WHITEHEAD**

"While I don't fully remember skipping first grade because it was so long ago, I remember going to first and kindergarten at the same time for a few weeks so I could get acclimated to the jump in grade levels. After that I was put into second grade." **Thomas Whitehead '23 said.** "I am now glad that I skipped because I got more of a challenge but it was tough when I first skipped because I was also younger than all my peers which made it harder to fit in." photo e. rawlings



story by e. rawlings



**DRESSED IN OUR TUXEDO.** District 7 Representative Benjamin Erger '20 speaks to the audience at the opening of the DECA State Competition Awards Ceremony while standing next to District 11 Representative Trevor Mitchell-Litpon '20 from Chaparral High School. As a DECA state officer, Erger met year round with other state officers to work on the State conference. "It was an incredible opportunity to bring all of the amazing things about our chapter to my position. I loved being a part of such a spectacular team. It was definitely a highlight of my time in high school," Erger said. photo by a. sianis

**THANK YOU CITY COUNCIL.** Shay Thompson '20, Kennedy Waltenburg '21, Kylar Jones '21 and Torrey Gonzales '20 stand next to a city councilmen after their community awareness projects were proclaimed by the City Council on Dec. 3. It was proclaimed that December was "Won't You Be My Neighbor" month and the "Brightonize Your Spending Weeks" was proclaimed for Dec. 1-7 and Dec. 8-14. "My project was dedicated to sparking kindness through neighborly actions and showing respect and care for one another," Thompson said. photo by m. white

**THAT'S OUR NAME** Kara Dunham '20 and Camryn Brunson stare at one another as Patrick Kelley '21 looks out into the audience after the group received their second place award for Business Solutions Project. "When I heard our names I was so surprised and proud of what we did," Dunham said. "Being next to my partners was such a surreal moment. We were so proud of our accomplishment." photo by a. sianis

we're always IN THIS *Together*  
 story by k. burke

**ALYSSA ROBERTSON '21 ON KING SOOPERS**  
 "People probably wouldn't think it but it's actually a lot of fun working at King Soopers. It's like a family environment so it's nice and friendly."

**WORKING WITH BREE**  
 "Working with my sister makes it an even better family environment."

Bree and Alyssa Robertson '21 work at King Soopers



**Byanna ROBERTSON '21 ON KING SOOPERS**  
 "I pretty much handle the checkout line including scanning and bagging items."

**WORKING WITH ALYSSA**  
 "I enjoy working with her. We work well together and people get very confused when we are together because they don't know we're twins."