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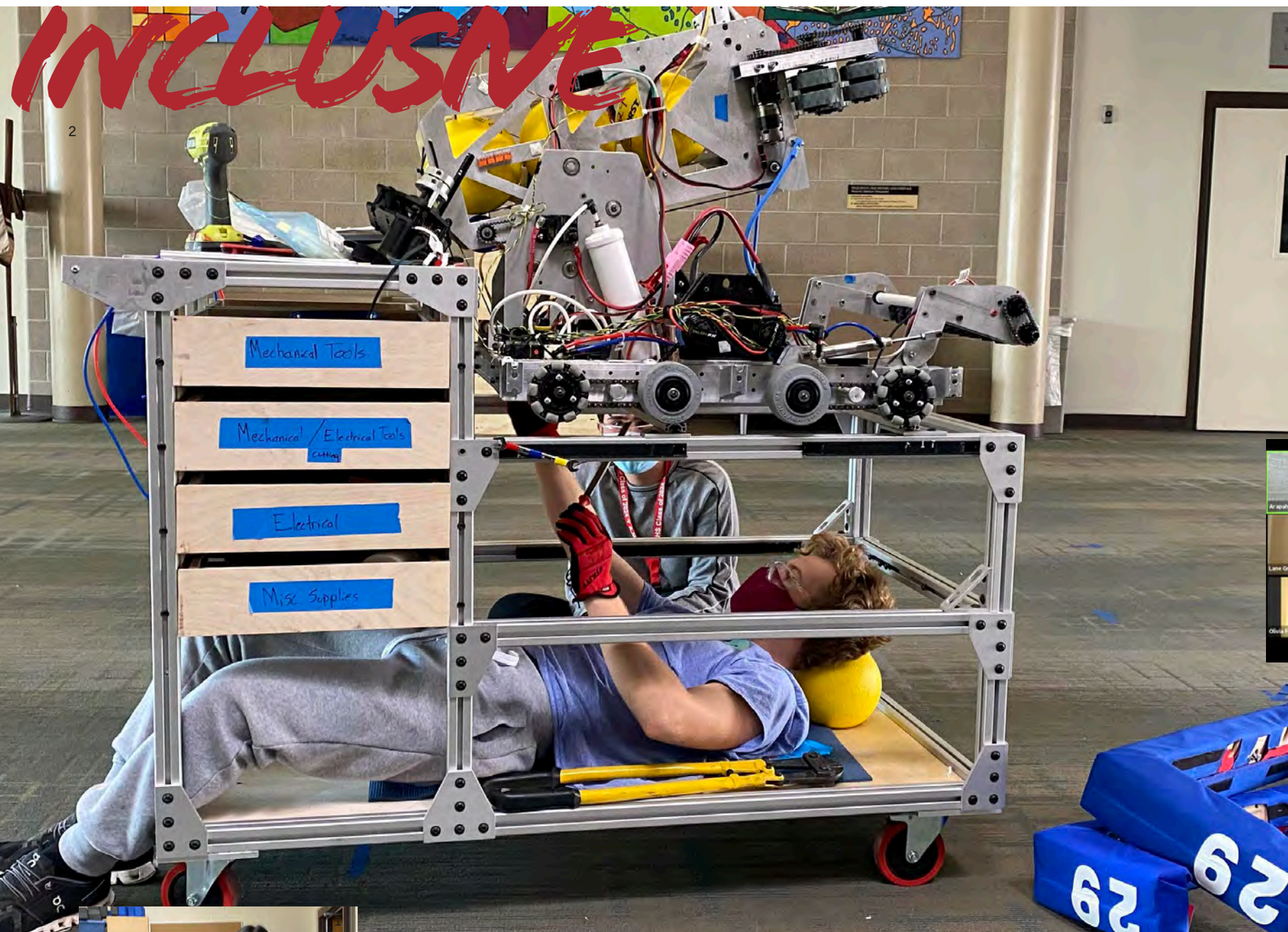
Clubs are a great way to get to know people who have the same interest as yourself. With things being so different this year, clubs provided an extra need to connect with "your people."

Having a COVID-filled year meant having to make changes and still find a way to be as productive and effective as the past years.

Robotics experienced a different way to compete, with three different areas to compete instead of the traditional one. This invited new ways of thinking and created a new skill set. Mock Trial competed fully online

but was still able to come away with a second in state title. NHS, DAG and Speech and Debate all found ways to adapt and make a difference. Cadre, which is usually a cash-based donation club, adapted with a Venmo handle and QR code to keep contributions coming.

These clubs, among many others, made great efforts keeping students in touch, whether that meant meeting online or spaced out in classrooms. COVID created new challenges, but it was nothing we weren't able to overcome.



1. DURING A DAG meeting Aiyanna Siew '24 and Sofia Rivera '24 participate in a conversation with a group. Diversity Action Club is a club that explores issues surrounding diversity, inclusion, and justice. Photo by staff 2. CLIPPING OFF BOLTS on a transport cart, Jack Bentfield '23, who is in charge of build, wants to make

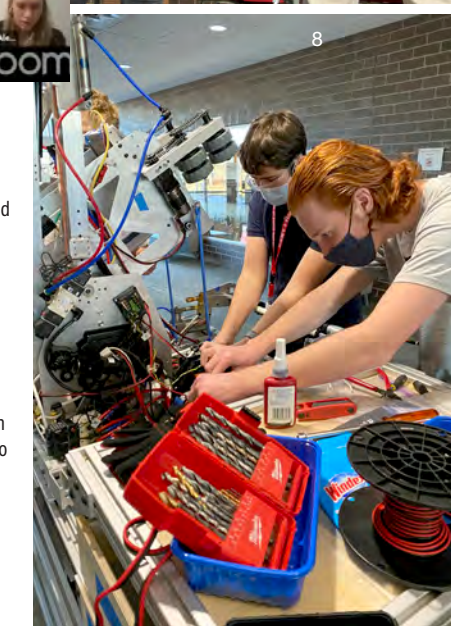
sure no one gets cut while loading their robot on the cart. The cart was built by a student to transport the competition robot. "I really like going to the meetings. I enjoy the learning engineering skills and the leadership role I have," Bentfield said. Photo provided by the Robotics team



3. DURING A DAG meeting Junior Samuel Opferman '22 talks with Mr. Mixon and his classmates about their weekly agenda. 4. PARTICIPATING IN A ZOOM TOURNAMENT for Mock Trail, Chalmers Powell presents his closing argument for the prosecution. This year all tournaments were conducted online due to the pandemic which made for a very different experience from previous years. "Participating over Zoom took away part of the performance, like dramatically glancing to the jury after a cross. Furthermore, part of the fun of being in person was walking into the courtroom, slamming my briefcase down on the table, just like in the movies but Zoom took that away," Powell said. Screenshot taken by John Plumleigh 5. AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL HONOR Society Blood drive, Abigail Northrop '22, checks temperatures prior to donors entering. The November blood drive won the \$200 prize by the Denver Broncos. Our school had the most successful drive in Colorado during a global pandemic, a World War 2 level event. Photo by staff



6. NHS MEMBER Nzana Thillot '21, welcomes new members at this year's induction ceremony in front of the Steele Center. The National Honor Society is one of the largest clubs on campus with over 200 members. 7. THE MOCK TRIAL A TEAM, Seniors Trenton Schultz, Maddie Proctor, Chalmers Powell, Ben Phillips and Juliette Bruner and junior Feliciano Sayers, defend their Regional Championship title in their third round of a virtual tournament. The team went 4-0 during this tournament. Screenshot by John Plumleigh. 7. ROBOTICS TEAM MEMBERS Issac Rechlin '22, electrical lead, and Joseph Champeau '24 work on the electrical wiring for the competition robot which would be used in the skill challenge of the competition. All of the competitions were virtual this year. "It was totally on a whim to be part of the electrical team last year, but I enjoyed it enough to specialize," Rechlin said. Photo by staff



club SPOTLIGHT

AUDREY CHRISTENSON
SPEECH & DEBATE

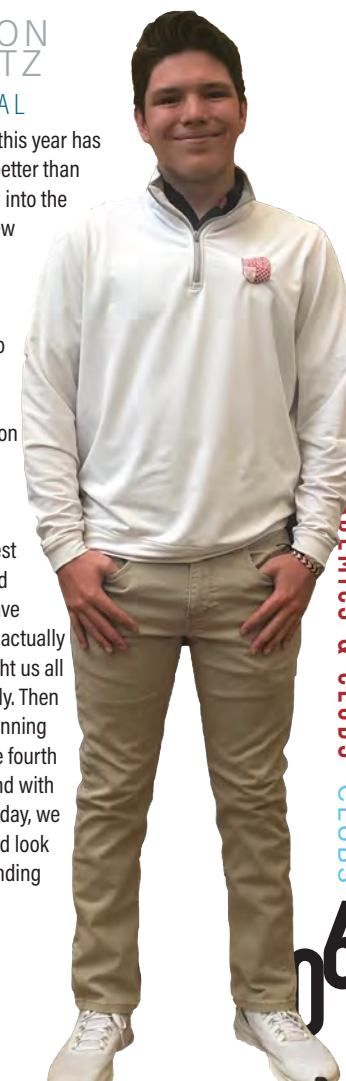


"I joined Speech and Debate initially through the Competitive Speech and Debate class. I have performed humorous pieces as well as more serious poems. I have also attempted an individual form of debate called the Lincoln-Douglas Debate. A highlight for me has been the Speech and Debate retreat. At this retreat, we would play Pictionary and eat pizza. We would also watch the movie "The Great Debaters" which has been a tradition for many years.

Something that I have had to overcome was really letting myself become the character I was acting as. This meant really relaxing and becoming comfortable performing my speech which took practice. I have also made friendships with other students in the club and have been a part of Speech and Debate for four years now. I have made solid relationships with other students and have had so much fun getting to know them and performing different pieces."

TRENTON SCHULTZ
MOCK TRIAL

"The mock trial this year has gone so much better than expected. Going into the year no one knew what to expect; we didn't know what we would be allowed to do and fortunately we were able to practice in person for part of the season, having limited time we used it to the best of our ability and being able to have those practices actually in person brought us all closer as a family. Then we ended up winning regionals for the fourth year in a row, and with state starting today, we all feel ready and look forward to defending our state title."



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