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Technology Isn't All Fun and Games. Students gather together on a school wide zoom call to discuss the dangers and risks of social media and how to prevent harmful situations. After listening to the presentation and learning safe technology habits, **Elliot Waters - 24** stated, "Yes, I am just going to be more careful about who I talk to online." Also becoming more aware of the dangers of technology, **Rhea Alexander - 23** explained that she "will always be cautious of what I do on my devices and try my best to avoid anything sketchy." Due to online school, Rhea's favorite piece of technology is her computer. "I don't really know what I would do without my computer because I use it so often," she exclaimed.



Isaac Narang-23



Elizabeth Anderson-23



18 Years of Age And Civically Engaged

The year 2020 brings lots of change, including the presidential election. For their first time voting, **Maddie Jett, John Stegner, Haylee Floyd, and Elaina Troxell - 21** voted by mail to reduce the risk of spreading COVID. For her first time filling out a ballot, Maddie explained that it was "nerve racking because the whole time I felt like I was doing it wrong, but I followed the directions and it was actually very similar to the SAT forms, so I guess standardized tests prepare you for your ballot." Both Maddie and John believe people should vote for those who can't. John explained that voting is important because "it will quite literally affect the lives of millions if not billions of people. So, even if you don't want to vote, you should for the people who either are not old enough or the people outside the US who will be impacted by the outcome of the vote." To the students who will have the opportunity to vote in the future, Haylee's advice is "to do your research before voting and make sure you know what you're voting for."



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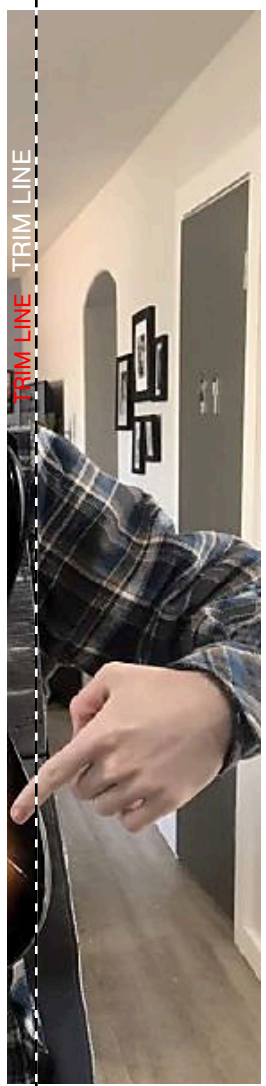
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Hitting the Slopes

With winter kicking off, skiers and snowboarders look forward to the season ahead of them. **Henry Huynh, Missy Zamora, Joe Cesario, Grace Norman, and Ford Krout - 21** were already excited for the season and spent a weekend up in the mountains. Grace said she enjoys snowboarding because she loves "being in the mountains and getting to see such pretty views everywhere." Considering the effects of COVID on ski season, **Adriana Kahanek - 24** commented, "I believe the reactions from the ski resorts is a good way to make sure COVID does not spread as rapidly." She noted that she skied regardless of restrictions, like reserving times or requiring a mask, because "skiing has always been something I've done and I cannot remember a season where I have not skied." Similar to Adriana's passion for skiing, **Cayden Claays - 22** explained that he will not defer his pass to next year because he was already excited to hit the slopes. He noted that his love for skiing started "when I got on my first pair of skis at the age of two."



Sign Me Up

College, Here We Come! Launching the letter of intent signings, **Kate Giblin and Aubri Braecklein - 21** are the first two athletes to sign to their colleges. Committing to play soccer at Allen Community College in Kansas, Kate was able to sign at Jefferson Academy with a small group of supporters. On the other hand, Aubri shared that, "for signing day, I did it at my house which is a bit different than other years. Usually there is a big assembly, and a bunch of people come." After Aubri signed to play golf at Georgia State University, she celebrated with dinner.

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