

IF YOU'RE WONDERING

WHY WE GIVE SUPPORT

ANDREA DONLUCAS '22

"Volunteering gives me the chance to make a difference in someone's life even if it's something small. We take a lot for granted such as school supplies, so my friends and I helped fill backpacks with them for those who need them."

MCKENNA YATES '21

"A few of my friends - Andrea [Donlucas '22], Rachel [DeWalt '21] and Julia [Devencenzi '23] helped fill backpacks with new school supplies so they would be ready for the upcoming school year. The organization was A Precious Child, a nonprofit in Broomfield."

HUDDLE UP. Head Coach Paula Seifried pulls Alison Martinez '22, Miraya Fulton '21, Kasey Dean '21, Makayal Whitehouse '24 and Assistant Coach Phil Kesler together after the bottom of the inning to prepare to go up to bat and get some runs during State playoffs against Broomfield Oct. 6. "We use positive truthful words, inside jokes or a chant that gets us going when we come together," Seifried said. *photo by j.bishop*
HERE IS A GIFT. Before the rivalry game on Oct. 1, Head Coach Paula Seifried presents Caitlin Fabel '21 and Kairee Heer '21 flowers and a gift bag with a homemade keychain for Senior Night. "I'll

never forget Senior Night even though it was different because of Covid. I will always cherish that night because I have made a strong bond with the girls and coaches over the year!" Heer said. *photo by j. bishop*
WHAT A CATCH. Mariah Niday '22 pops up looking down the first base line making sure the runner remains on base during the third inning at the rivalry game on Oct. 1. The girls beat Prairie View 16-4. "The PV game was huge for our team, not only because we all were playing with an undeniable passion. We all did our parts and because of that we came out victorious against the Hawks," Niday said. *photo by m. ruser*



MY EYES ON YOU. Kasey Dean '23 watches as pitcher Makena Geist '21 winds up to pitch the ball so she can lead off first base while standing next to Kaylie Stitch '21 at the Erie High School Tournament on Aug. 28. The Bulldogs took the win 11-1 against the Mustangs. "I want to put myself in scoring position so getting a head start off first base gives me the best opportunity to steal second," Dean said. **READY FOR THE BALL.** In the infield, Anya Miretez '24 throws the ball to third base during warmups against Wheatridge High School on Sept. 3. The team went on to lose that game 0-14.

DRIVING THE BALL. Sydney Rodriguez '22 makes contact with the ball at the bottom of the third inning during the first round of State playoffs against Broomfield on Oct. 6. "It felt so good to be on the field surrounded by my teammates. We brought our A-game and a lot of energy that was contagious to the whole team, despite the end result," Rodriguez said.

ONE MORE HUG. Caitlin Fabel '21 embraces Kynzi Booth '21 after their coach gives them one last pep talk at the State tournament on Oct. 1. The team lost to Broomfield 2-4. "We were so close to a win, and it was hard knowing that would be my last high school game," Fabel said. *photos by j. bishop*



JUST ADD ME ON SNAPCHAT



WHO: Brandon Stricklin '22
USERNAME: gonike34

"Maybe friendship can't begin until someone chooses you, so add me and get to know me."



WHO: Matthew Tschida '22
USERNAME: mattschida

"New friendships are amazing and are what will help you through all of high school. Some people leave and some stay. Always be looking for new friends because they could eventually turn into long lasting friendships."



WHO: Annika Cunningham '22
USERNAME: annikamaire9

"I like making new friends because everyone is different and does things differently. Making new friends gives me a variety of people to talk to and make good memories with."

WITH A NEW COACH

and Covid-19 restrictions to follow, the softball team took time up front to create moments of team building.

"[Head] Coach [Paula] Seifried was such a good influence on the team, and I truly believe that without her we wouldn't have been as successful as we were," Caitlin Fabel '21 said.

Seifried started a new tradition to build "sisterly bonds" by pairing the younger girls with older players so they would have a support system of softball sisters.

"I feel like it was a great way for the younger

softball players to feel connected with the upperclassmen which also lead them to feeling more comfortable talking to us about something they needed help with outside of softball." **KYNZI BOOTH '21**

These bonds helped due to the fact that by following the COVID-19 guidelines, the team couldn't celebrate home runs at the plate or give each other high-fives.

"Playing through a pandemic was hard and we had to jump through obstacles to be able to play the sport we love. We disinfected the balls after every practice and had to social distance. Through it all, we did continue a tight bond," Sydney Rodriguez '22 said.

GABRIELLA RODRIGUEZ '22

"It felt great to get on the field and play. Our energy for every game was up, and if it was down, there was always someone there to lift you up. We cheered and supported each other no matter what because this season we had to be there for one another."

YOU'VE GOT A

FRIEND IN ME

Softball teams adopt big sister, little sister model due to Covid-19 guidelines

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WE'RE THE MISSING LINK

Link Leaders connect with freshmen through monthly activities



"The bonds I made with my freshmen have impacted me in a way that is hard to explain. I feel like there is a friendship, but also that they look up to me. I make connections with them when I am able to so they know they have someone to support them."

LOGAN FLANAGAN '22

"I've made friendly bonds with all the freshmen in my Link group during Advisory and tutoring. Something special about being a Link Leader is making new connections with people and setting that foundation from the first day of high school."

MYKAILA FARMER '22



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how the Link Leaders supported freshmen on their first day of high school, jump to page 62-63.