

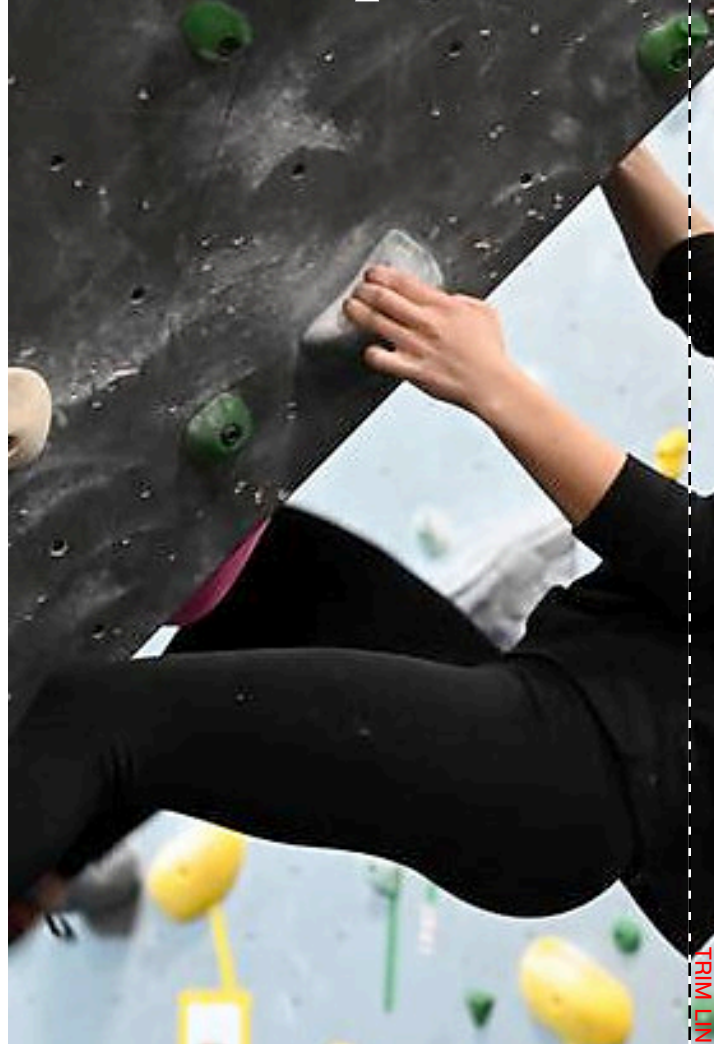
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Rock Climbing



Valyn Highley

Rock To The Top



Climbing Communally. Rock climbers begin their ascent into the upcoming climbing season. The team practiced for months and competed against other schools in the process. "I am a competitive person, so practicing in order to perform better is a big motivation, and the other is just that I like climbing, it's not really something I need much motivation to do, it's something I want to do," said **Maya Magallanes**, a varsity climber who celebrated her sixth year climbing for the school. She explained that the team members range from climbing enthusiasts to serious, varsity-level athletes. The skill variation makes for a diverse set of climbers and a great sense of comradery. **Evan Shanks** explained that for him, the appeal of the club was simple: "It was a good, relaxing club that I could just have fun in."

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State Championships



"I got 51st at state. The hardest bouldering climb I have completed is a V7, the hardest sport climb was a 5.12a. Boulders range from V0-V17ish and sport climbs range from 5.5-5.15d."

Maya Magallanes



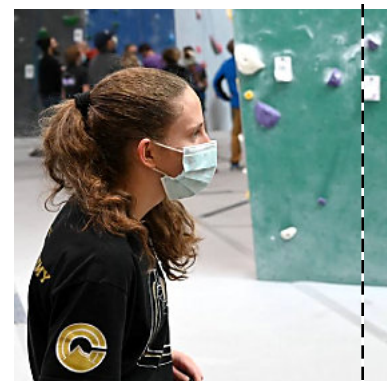
"I enjoy climbing the walls and looking down feeling the fear and excitement of being up high and pushing myself to get stronger and finish harder problems."

Sean Beasley



"It was a lot of fun to climb with a bunch of different people and see all the different climbers from around the state. I was nervous at first, but the caffeine in me kicked in and I was really excited."

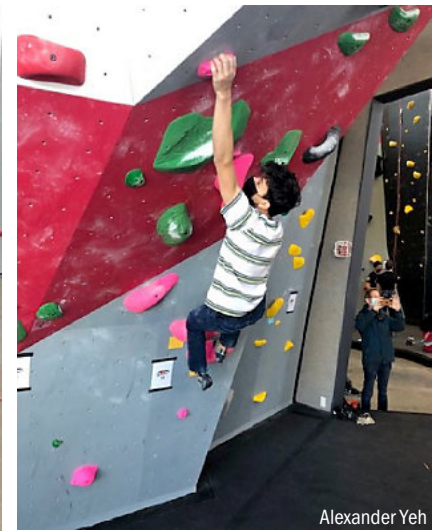
Olivia Saenz



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The climbing team qualifies for the state championships, and much of their success is attributed to the encouragement from their fellow teammates. **Sean Beasley** often received encouragement from **Diego Saenz** who was unable to climb his best due to an injury, but he still found ways to be a team player. "I still got to help so many people out and belay so many people. Overall it's been really fun and I've still enjoyed getting to hang out with everyone." Even when things don't go as planned, it was important to have the support of other team members, cheering the climbers on from the ground.



Showing Our Skills

Learning New Things. With the help of their coaches and encouraging teammates, rock climbers are able to improve and learn new skills throughout the season. Some climbers learned skills that they had never heard of before just by talking to their teammates and climbers from other schools. **Valyn Highley**, who was able to talk to many climbers and gain experience, commented, "Talking to other climbers helped me learn new skills and how to climb different routes. Everyone was really supportive, even people from other schools and it helped me get different perspectives on ways to finish climbs. That environment really encouraged me to get better and be less scared to approach other climbers to ask for help." She continued to comment on the support she received from inside her team, "**Olivia Saenz** helped me have a lot more fun which helped me stay motivated to keep climbing when I was feeling tired."

