

WE KEEP BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP

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Technology Students of Association head to State with hand-made projects



STRIKE A POSE. Ilene Becerra-Bermudez '22 walks down the runway modeling a shirt and shorts designed by Irene Hernandez '22 and Celeste Tari '22 in the Fashion Design and Technology competition. Hernandez and Tari placed seventh in the competition. "I had Irene fit me for the clothes, and then when I went on stage, I had a great time. I wanted to model for Irene and Celeste because they needed people to model their clothes," Becerra-Bermudez said. **FASHION TIME.** Irene Hernandez '22 sits on the floor of her hotel room sewing a skirt together to get ready for the Fashion Design and Technology competition the next day. "Fashion Design helped me hone a lot of my skills because I had to figure out how to make different pieces and how they fit on different body types," Hernandez said. photos by j.ripko

THE TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA) STUDENTS ARRIVED AT THE STATE CONFERENCE

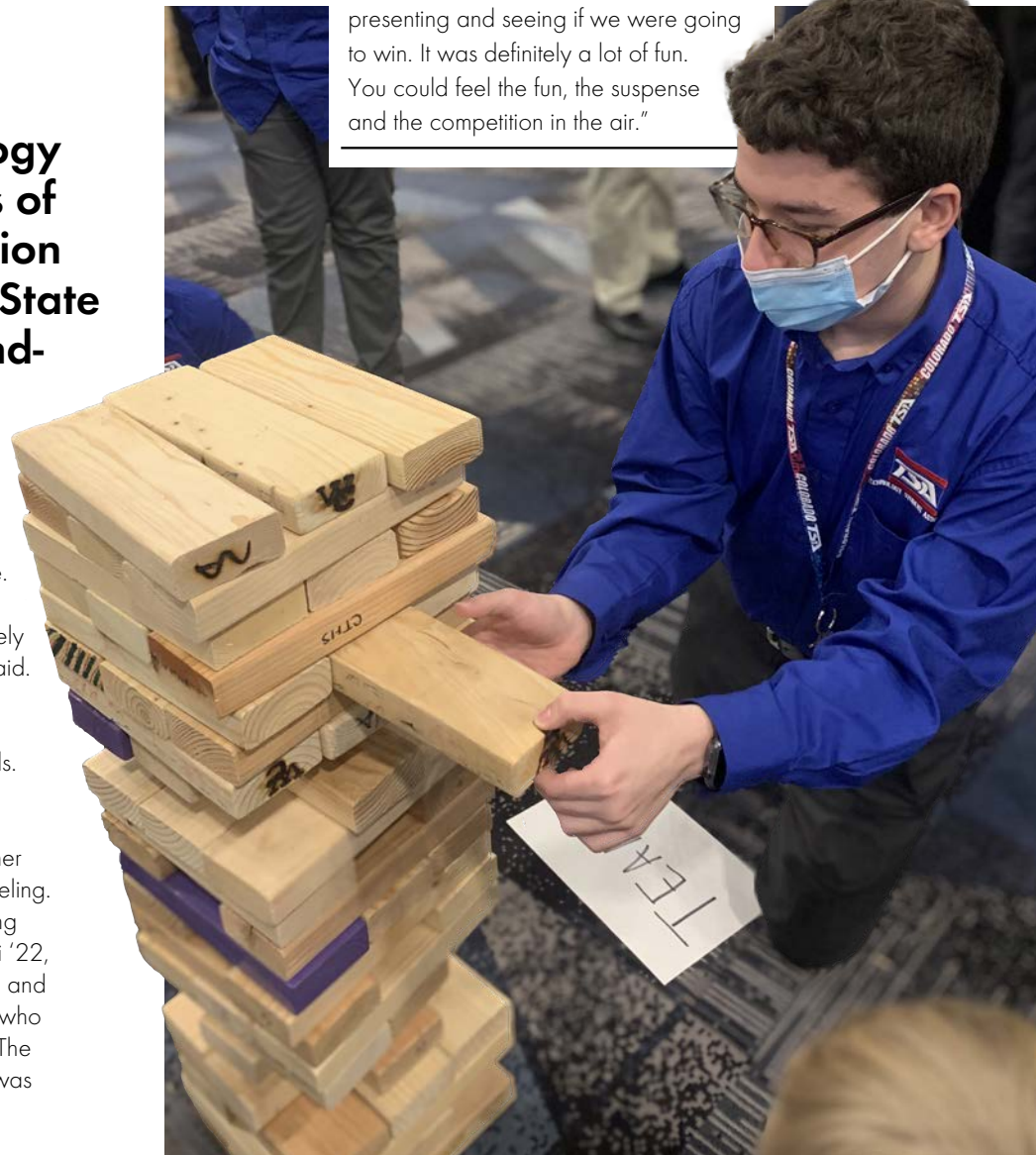
at the Denver Marriott Tech Center on Feb. 24 with projects in their hands that began as drawings on a piece of paper.

"TSA has been great. It has shown me my potential in the engineering pathway, where comparing my original sketches with my final model is a deeply rewarding sight," Dylan Gorsegner '25 said.

Students prepared for competitions where they received the theme for that particular event. They worked on their project at home and during club meetings until the State conference came together.

"For my project, I worked on it from October until we went up on the stage. It takes quite a bit of time and it is a lengthy process, but the work is definitely worth it in the end," Celeste Tari '22 said.

By the end of the conference on Feb. 26, two projects qualified for Nationals. In Architectural Design, Ilene Becerra-Bermudez '22 and Shawn Tiffany '22 received second place while Gorsegner placed second in Transportation Modeling. Other students placed at State including Irene Hernandez '22 and Celeste Tari '22, who placed seventh in Fashion Design and Technology and Logan Flanagan '22 who placed tenth in Essays in Technology. The Conference Scavenger Hunt Winner was Jenaya Ripko '22.



SHAWN TIFFANY '22

"My favorite part of going to State was the competition and the suspense of presenting and seeing if we were going to win. It was definitely a lot of fun. You could feel the fun, the suspense and the competition in the air."



FASHION SHOW READY. Celeste Tari '22 kneels on the floor in front of the mirror in her hotel room with makeup around her as she prepared to model in the Fashion Design and Technology Fashion Show competition later that afternoon on Feb. 24. In the fashion show, Tari and partner Irene Hernandez '22 designed wardrobes that Tari and a few of their TSA teammates wore on a runway in front of judges while Hernandez spoke about their fashion choices. "I've always enjoyed the fashion show because I get to show off all of the hard work me and my group members did," Tari said. photos by j.ripko **BRICK BY BRICK.** Shawn Tiffany '22 carefully extracts a Jenga block from the pile while his TSA teammates gather around him to watch as he competes in The Giant Jenga Tournament. The tournament was an annual event at the TSA conference where students competed in multiple games against competitors until one student was declared the winner. photo by d.gorsegner



IT'S JUST MUSIC TO MY EARS

Emilio Padilla '22 creates videos to support songs

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WHO: Emilio Padilla '22

WHY VIDEOS: "I'm serious about pursuing musical arts as a career, so I need to have music videos to go with music. It adds another element to the song to really paint the story or emotion to the song."

THE PROCESS: "It's very spontaneous and in the moment. When I'm making music videos it roots back to when I first make the song. I consider the song like an experience of my own feelings, so I can visualize what I want to see. When I watch the footage with my friend/videographer Adrian Covarrubias, I get excited to see it come to life."

THE PRIDE: "Even though I only have two music videos released, I have others in the works. I am just waiting for my album to be released and more videos will happen."



WE ARE HEADING TO NATIONALS. Standing in the hallway at their hotel, Ilene Becerra-Bermudez '22 and Shawn Tiffany '22 hold up their project they won second place in Architectural Design at the TSA State Competition on Feb. 25. "I worked with the engineering programs and the Civil Engineering class to help me with the architecture. Then I worked with engineering firms. They taught me how to use Revit and then I put that knowledge to use in the architectural design competition with Shawn," Becerra-Bermudez said. photo by j.ripko



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WE REALLY DO SET THE STAGE

Nathaniel Swearengin '22 serves as set lead for drama musical

WHO: Nathaniel Swearengin '22 collaborated with Desiree Munoz '22 as a Lead Set Technician for the spring musical, "Mamma Mia."

INSPIRATION: "We looked at a bunch of other 'Mamma Mia' sets from high schools around us and then we created a drawing of what we wanted our set to look like. Throughout the show we just kept adding small details to our set as we got inspired."

HOW: "We first drew out and modeled what we wanted the set to look like. Once Arch [Jane Archuleta, director] approved, we then worked with Robert, her husband, to put the frames up and tested all the hinges. This took about a month or more. We then added all of the paint and decorations to make it look like a real set as if we were in Greece."

FAVORITE SET PIECE: "The Murphy bed that came out of the wall."

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM GOALS FOR THE YEAR?

CONNOR BROWN '22

"My long-term goals are to graduate, move into my own place and go to Front Range Community College as a part of their trade program."



KORI VOGEL '22

"I have a young horse I'm hoping to get some training on this year. I'm planning on taking him to college with me. I'm just hoping to get him safe to ride."

DAYANA MARTINEZ '24

"My long term goals for 2022 would have to be starting junior year, passing all my classes, and before Winter Break, have a certified assistant's license."

ANNA JORSTAD '25

"I want to continue working hard, getting good grades and improving in swimming, so that I can get a good scholarship for swimming."



BRIAN GURULE '22

"My long-term goals for 2022 are to get adjusted to life outside of high school. I'm going to be graduating and moving to college soon, so I need to prepare for a life with more responsibility and freedom."

OLIVER KRISKA '22

"Right now, my main goal is to start college in the fall and work toward a degree in history and education."



HOLLY POOLE '22

"My goals for the next year are to grow a better understanding of the world around me, and the positive impact I can make on the environment."

AND THIS SHOULD CONVINCE YOU WE CAN TURN IDEAS INTO REALITY 101
TSA, "Mamma Mia" Set, Emilio Padilla