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Plummer explains the highs and lows of a motocross racer's career.

Racing motocross since she was three years old, **Catherine Plummer '23** values the sport for the relationships it has brought her and challenges she has learned to overcome.

It is a family affair; Plummer's dad started her on a little bike with training wheels while her brother would ride alongside. Although motocross is an intense sport, Plummer finds it to be stress relieving.

"My favorite thing about [motocross] is how freeing it is, it's just you and the bike... you don't have anything to worry about once you start riding and you're flying through the air," Plummer said.

One of the major challenges Plummer has faced in the sport was an accident in August of 2022 when she crashed while going over a sand dune too quickly at a race in Wyoming.

"I don't remember what happened... I had a really bad concussion; for a long time all I could do was sleep. I got a pretty gnarly cut on my leg, which turned into a scar. I broke my nose, and my face was bruised and swollen... I thought I broke my elbow because my whole arm was bruised and swollen and I couldn't move it all."

Although the accident was a setback for Plummer, she continues to race.

"I can't see myself not doing it, it's everything I've ever known... it's just amazing," Plummer said.

A woman in a predominantly male sport, Plummer has gained a new level of confidence.

"Honestly it's really cool, being able to go out and kick the boys' butts is such a cool feeling. It makes me feel really good about myself and [I feel] empowered."

As for her future career, Plummer is still unsure about which direction to follow. She plans on pursuing either a degree in elementary education or engineering; however, she is leaning towards elementary education and becoming an elementary school teacher.

"I've always liked kids. I feel like I've always been told I'm good at teaching, and I feel like I would get to help kids be successful," she explained.

Plummer hopes to continue to race in her free time in college and teach her own children the sport.

"I really hope I can do it for my whole life... one of my biggest goals is being able to get my kids into it and watch them grow up with it like I did." *story by: elizabeth schecher*



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"It's part of my culture. My parents said I could get them [early on]. I want both of my arms covered and maybe even tribal on my leg."

-Isaac Talapu '23



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"To me, my butterfly tattoo represents transformation and strength."

-Chase Arnold '23



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"It's for my grandpa. He used to be a boxer. The handwriting is his signature and it says 'I love you.'"

-Jady Bregard '23



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"It's an archangel, in the Bible the left side is sinister and the right side is holy... so I'm getting all angels on my right side and all demon stuff on my left side."

-Jayden Burch '23



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"I designed it myself. My mom and I got matching tattoos for my aunt who passed away due to breast cancer."

-Adrianna Garcia '23