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many people, so much support, so many new opportunities.

The school, which feels like a city in a building, is covered in decorations. Suddenly, the butterflies begin, and the nerves hit you. It's time.

You look over and see your Link Crew leaders waiting to show you one student section in the state. the way-some with silly hats, others with Hawaiian leis for their freshmen to wear. At that moment, your Jaguar journey has begun.

"Link Crew helped me to prepare for what Rock Canyon is about and how educationally supportive it is. Rock Canyon has so many opportunities that Link Crew also gave me the chance to know about, since I was able to hear about it from the upperclassman first hand," JJ Nielsen-Meyer said.

we have school chants.

But in the jungle, we have the senior handprint wall. We have "the rock."

We have the Golden Boys, every year, leading us to be the number

We have the "whose house?" chant.

It's our house, and it always will be.

"The overarching Jaguar spirit is that we're smart, we're intelligent, we're hard-working and we are setting all of ourselves up for an incredible future," Principal Andy Abner said.

With 30 National Merit scholars-the second highest number in Colorado-and 30 AP courses-some of which are filled to capacity-

But it doesn't end there.

Classes like Fire Science, EMT and Criminology; Ceramics, Choir and Business-our CTE, arts and media classes are just a few that lead students to real future careers.

"In Criminal Justice, we are learning about the different law enforcement careers that people can go into and the procedures of big accomplishment. In the end, I am glad I worked as hard as I did the law. In the class, I was able to learn about different job options for after high school and college. I think it is really great that Rock Canyon provides these programs for students. It helps educate students on the law and jobs in that field before they decide in college," Mackenzie McJunkin '24 said.

While some may stereotype us as "everyone gets an A", it's about story by: a. nandy, c. bauer

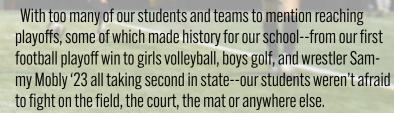
maybe some do.

"I have a 4.6 GPA that I have been working for since freshman year," Anthony Chui '23 said. "I'm really proud of being Salutatorian. I worked really hard to get to this point, and now my hard work has paid off. Even though I am not first, I still feel like being second is a to get to this point."

With all the programs, opportunities, hard classes and rigorous work, not all of our Jaguars can be Valedictorian, but everyone can be a part of the family. No one has to be afraid to be a part of the jungle-we are all resolved to do our best.

IT ALL STARTS HERE

Varsity captain Alex Durbin '23 walks onto the field at the start of the game against Cherry Creek Sep. 1, at Halftime elp Stadium. The jags defeated the bruins 2-1. "There's a lot of adversity that we battle through and we came out on top and that made that feel that much better." Durbin said.



Adversity doesn't stop or limit our students.

even if we have a test, guiz or timed writing the next day.

For some of us, it doesn't end at lacrosse practice or Improv Club. but at the job we work after school and the internship we volunteer at for community service hours.

"It's really hard [balancing school and Cheer]. There is a lot that goes into it, like making sure I stay on top of my work. Sometimes

it's hard to be motivated, especially when there's so much going on. It's such a busy life, but since college is coming up, that keeps me motivated to keep going," Izzy Harris '24 said.

We balance school, jobs, sports and activities, and we do it fearlessly. We come together through all the pressure, so much so, we have the 9News Swag chain to prove our unity, compassion and We come together as a student section to celebrate our athletes, spirit. Jaguars take our passions to the next level, no matter the stress, the pressure or the challenges.

> "We have a passion for learning, a passion for growing, a passion for doing our best. We're competitive as heck, we want to be the best, we expect to be the best," Abner said.

We bleed black and gold-we're competitive.

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COLORFUL CREATIONS
Members of the "9 to 5: The Musical" cast freeze as colorful lights illuminate silhouettes at a dress rehearsal March 27. The show featured many colorful lights and about 20 quick changes -- more than any show they've performed before. "Opening night [is stressful], making sure everything works together," Stage Manager Kayla Mumpy '23 said.

photo by: c. bauer



CLIMBING TO THE CLOUDS

The Colorado sunset ends another day Sent. 10 appearing from the clouds that filled the skyline visable from the second tallest 14er in Colorado, Mount Massive. No matter how wide the horizon, how big the storm, we were ready to face it--unflinchingly. photo by: s. callahan

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