

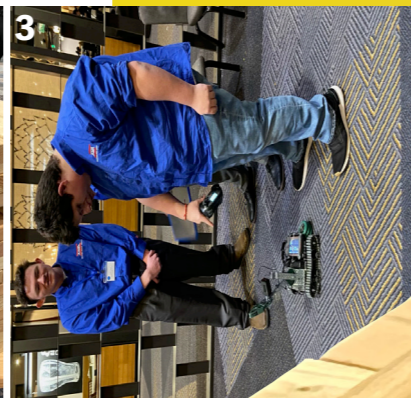
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AVID 10 students share benefits of taking class

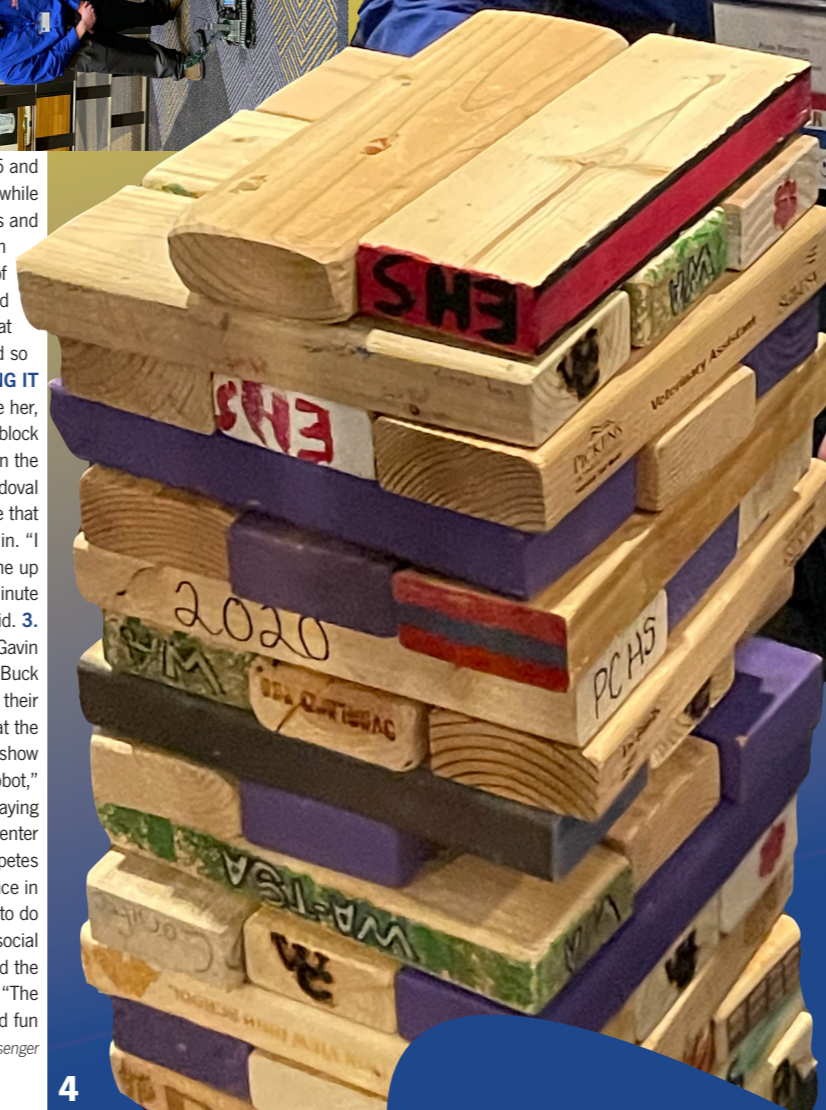


WHO: Rey Rael '26
CLASS: AVID 10
WHAT WE DO: "Well, we usually go over a lot of college prep stuff. We also do things that help us through high school from note taking to how to study."

WHY DO I LIKE THE CLASS: "I do think AVID will help me with applying for college and help me spend my money right. We just learn a lot of things that help us think about our futures."



1. POKER FACE. Spencer Sorenson '25 and Coltyn Buck '25 playing a game of poker while taking a break between competitions and workshops at the TSA State Conference in February. "I joined TSA because some of my friends were in it and I was interested in technology," Buck said. "I am glad that I did because I feel like I have learned so much about technology." **2. THINKING IT THROUGH.** With Ryan Moore '25 beside her, Julianna Sandoval '26 slowly pulls out a block while playing the giant Jenga game in the hallway at the TSA State Conference. Sandoval believed that TSA was a great experience that every student should become involved in. "I would say, it's definitely a challenge to come up with your project, especially at the last minute when you procrastinate," Sandoval said. **3. GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE.** With Gavin Stanley '25 holding the controller, Coltyn Buck '25 stares at the robot that they made for their competition. "I really enjoyed my time at the State Competition because I was able to show the judges how hard we worked on our robot," Stanley said. "I also had a lot of fun playing poker." **4. STACK IT UP.** Pulling from the center of the Jenga board, Ava French '24 competes with her group at the TSA State Conference in Denver. "TSA definitely pushed me further to do our projects and think more about how social demographic second life affects us and the technology side of all that," French said. "The Jenga game was something else. We had fun playing it though." photos by d.gorsenger



5. WOMEN IN STEM. Vivian Hindman '24 and Sophia Rosasco '24 hold up the house that they built for the architectural design competition at the TSA State Conference. The project earned them a semifinalist designation at the conference. "TSA has impacted me as a student by giving me resources to explore future career paths such as architecture, coding and many other things," Hindman said. "I was really proud of the work that we did on our project and how we placed at the conference." **6. I WIN AGAIN.** Standing in the lobby at the TSA State Conference, Dylan Gorsegner holds up his project and first place trophy for transportation modeling. This was the second year in a row that Gorsegner had won first place in this category. "As president, I work real hard to lead by example and do my best at the projects we have to build for State," Gorsegner said. photos by r.tiffany

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TSA students place at State Conference

WITH LUGGAGE AND PROJECTS IN THEIR HANDS, TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS OF AMERICA (TSA) got on the school bus and headed to Denver to compete in the TSA State Conference in the middle of February.

"We took over 20 students to compete and attend workshops. I couldn't have been more proud of all of their hardwork getting to this point," Rajean Tiffany, sponsor, said.

Students were able to compete in more than one category. Brendan Urioste '25 prepared for projects in the events of virtual reality, video on

demand, music production, and robotic design. His team in the Demand Video event, Coltyn Buck '25, Robert Bellomy '25, Ethan Kiefer '24 and Dylan Gorsegner '25 got third place. He was also a semifinalist in the virtual reality event with Spencer Sorenson '25, Gavin Stanley '25, Buck, and Bellomy."

"It took so much work, but I think it was worth it," Urioste said. "Everyone who is in the club works real hard at their projects, and we do our best to compete at State."

Others who placed included Sophia Rosasco '24, Vivian Hindman '24, Ryan Moore

'25, Ava French '24 and Hayden Kirby '26. Gorsegner earned first place in model transportation modeling for the second year in a row.

"I was really honored to win again because I worked real hard on my project," Gorsegner said.

Teams also competed in a giant Jenga competition. The TSA team placed second in the competition. The TSA Chapter earned a Silver Chapter of Excellence Award.

"We had a great showing at State. We continue to get stronger in competitions, and raise our bar," Tiffany said.

WE ALWAYS WORK IT

(cause we're teachers)

Staff reflect about four day work week

WHO: Helen Spiegel
SUBJECT: Earth and Space Environmental Science

FOR STUDENTS: "I think it is interesting because students are here for a longer time period during the day. But I wonder if they might be losing some learning just with having that three days off all the time."

FOR TEACHERS: "It definitely gives us a day to catch up on work, but to also just have a day to take a break."



WHO: Jace Koger
SUBJECT: Earth and Space Environmental Science and Chemistry

FOR STUDENTS: "I think it might actually be detrimental to student's education. It doesn't help the students with the three day weekend as they forget a lot of things or they just don't get to learn as many things as we want to get through as far as curriculum."

FOR TEACHERS: "I actually really like it. It's nice to have that extra day to do whatever needs to get done."

