

THIN blades *A figure skater of nearly ten years shares her passion for the elegant, yet challenging sport.*

BIG DREAMS



Kaitlyn Phillips ('26) has been figure skating since she was five years old and has stayed dedicated to her sport throughout the past ten years. Many films and movies inspired Phillips to begin skating, but one in particular stood out. "I watched a lot of skating movies while I was growing up... and then I watched "Frozen", and I was like, I have to be a skater," said Phillips. By taking group lessons for a year and then moving to individual lessons, many interesting skills and tricks were learned; one of Phillip's favorites being a salchow. "It's a jump where you start off going forwards, and then you turn around and land on one foot going backwards... I really like [that skill] because it's easy, and it just feels really nice and it's fun," said Phillips. *photo by: isabella candelaria*

Speed demon. Posing alongside **Sydney Hill ('25)**, **Trystan Bundgaard ('25)**, **Jackson Harris ('25)**, and **Ryan Wilcox ('25)** enjoy a beautiful day on the slopes. While skiing, Wilcox focuses more on speed and likes to go down each run as fast as he can. "It's more fun, and the faster you go, the better you look if you have control, and I have gotten good at control," said Wilcox. *photo donated by: ryan wilcox*

Cloud 9. Knees deep in powdery snow, **Mrs. Lindsay Schneider** cuts in front of the treeline. Because of its' light and fluffy texture, Schneider prefers to ski on powder instead of freshly groomed runs. "You just float. It's just this surreal experience of just knowing that nobody else has been on this untouched track of powder," said Schneider. *photo donated by: Mrs. Lindsay Schneider*

SHRED *Our very own competitive skier shares her experience and passion for her sport.*

the SLOPES



Dedicated student and skier **Addison Dulaney ('25)** shares what her life looks like during her competition ski season.

Dulaney has been skiing ever since she was three years old, and at just five years old, she chose to transition to the competitive ski life.

"I'm a really competitive person. I like to make everything competitive, so the only way that it would have been super fun for me was if I was racing and competing against people," said Dulaney.

Although she is competitive with others, she helps herself to focus by telling herself, "it's only 45 seconds of my life that I'm about to be experiencing, it's really not that deep and I don't need to be over-thinking it," said Dulaney.

Juggling school and competing is a big job for Dulaney and she has to follow a strict schedule to keep everything in line.

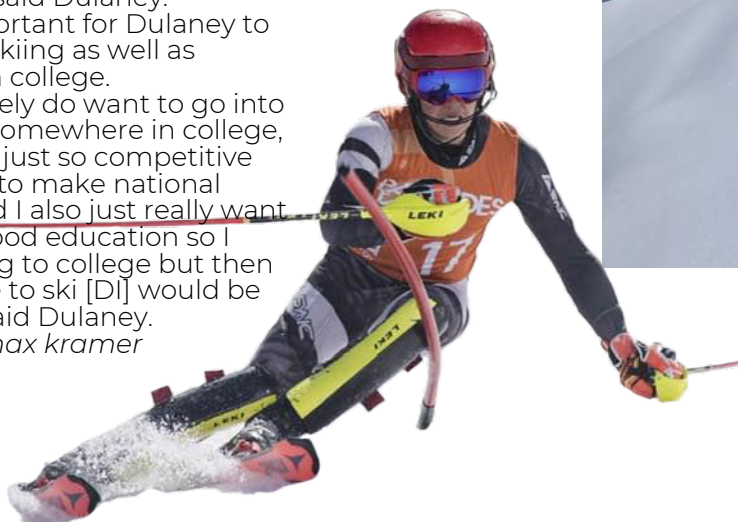
"We train every morning from about 8:30 to about 11:30, and then we have an hour lift session afterwards... then we go to school from 1:00 to 5:00," said Dulaney.

During her ski season, Dulaney lives with a host family in Vail, Colorado and her parents visit over the weekends, which is not always an easy lifestyle.

"I found it really difficult to balance my two different lives. Leaving friends and family I think was the hardest struggle to go through," said Dulaney.

It is important for Dulaney to continue skiing as well as learning in college.

"I definitely do want to go into Division I somewhere in college, the field is just so competitive right now to make national teams, and I also just really want to get a good education so I think going to college but then being able to ski [DI] would be perfect," said Dulaney. *story by: max kramer*



SNOWPLACE *like*

H O M E

Skiers, snowboarders, and other snow athletes share their love for winter's favorite pastimes.

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SNOW SPORTS

WINTER



Head to toe. Geared up and ready to hit the slopes, **Brayden Valdez ('27)** and **Bear Rickard ('27)** pose for a selfie together. Countless layers of clothing and gear are must-haves when it comes to staying comfortable while skiing. Valdez said, "Having goggles [is important] because if you don't have goggles, obviously the sun would annoy you a lot, and you'll get really cold." *photo donated by bear rickard*

Pop a squat. Sitting on his friend's snowboard, **Gavin Boatright ('24)** practices a goofy pose with his friend **Mason Thoma ('24)**. Despite being friends with snowboarders, Boatright prefers to ski and has a lot of experience with the sport. "[Skiing] is fun and I've been doing it since I was little, and my dad's really good at it," said Boatright. *photo donated by: gavin boatright*



Snowpals. Mireya Gurrola ('24) enjoys a sunny ski day with her friend **Bethany Grint ('24)**. Although Gurrola enjoys snowboarding by herself, being with friends, specifically Grint, brings a new light to the sport. "Beth drives the way there and back, so that makes it easy, and she's a really good skier so I don't have to wait or anything for her," said Gurrola. *photo donated by: mireya gurrola.*



60% SNOWBOARDING

34% SKIING

6% OTHER

The answer to the age old question; is skiing or snowboarding better?

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