Carly is a strong storyteller with an advanced sense of social justice and understanding of how politics affects all of us, including high school students. Her localized story about COVID vaccinations in Colorado included tons of interviews, great structure, and excellent writing. Her opinion piece on creeping fascism combined graphic and narrative storytelling to make her point. She also did some great visual reporting with a photo story about the effects of the East Troublesome Fire, breaking national news with local reaction about the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, and a spot-on screed about the travails of now-former Rockies’ General Manager Jeff Bridich. All in all, Carly’s portfolio shone through because of her thorough reporting, her strong writing, and her multimedia storytelling skills. And she’s just a sophomore. Wow.