

Greeley Central High School

The Highlight

Senior Edition

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THE SENIOR PICTURE PATCH

BY: DANIEL SANTILLAN



SEAN ROTTER, 4.4 GPA STUDENT AND GREAT ATHLETE WHO COMPETED IN CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD THROUGH HIS YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL. HAS MANY PERSONALITIES AND IS A GREAT PERSON WHEN GETTING THE CHANCE TO MEET HIM.



YAHIR CHAIREZ SALAZAR, 4.213 GPA STUDENT. CAPTAIN OF THE FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, AND TRACK TEAM. OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AND A VERY INVOLVED STUDENT NOT ONLY WITH THE SCHOOL BUT WITH THE COMMUNITY. ANYBODY WHO'S FROM COLORADO CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THIS GUY ONCE SAYING HIS NICKNAME, "CHINO".

TOMEA CRUZ, A SINGLE SPORT ATHLETE BUT SHE IS GREAT AT WHAT SHE DOES. SHE IS A GREAT PERSON AND PUTS A SMILE ON MANY PEOPLE'S FACES. SHE IS INVOLVED WITH HER SENIOR CLASS AND I WOULD SAY IS LIVING HER LIFE TO THE FULLEST.



JUAN ESPINOZA, A TWO SPORT ATHLETE WHO LOVES HIS TEAMMATES AND SUPPORTERS. HE WALKS AROUND WITH A SMILE AND MAKES EVERYONE AROUND HIM LAUGH, HE IS A LAID BACK PERSON WHO IS JUST ENJOYING LIFE.



AMBER HUDGINS, A 4.0+ GPA STUDENT WITH LOTS OF LOVE AND PASSION TO GIVE TO THE WORLD. SHE IS ALWAYS FULL OF ENERGY AND READY TO HELP ANYONE AT ANY MOMENT.



ALEXIS TAPIA, A FOUR SPORT ATHLETE WHO IS GREAT AT EVERYTHING SHE COMPETES IN. A VERY INVOLVED STUDENT WITH THE SCHOOL AND A GREAT PERSON WITH A BRIGHT PERSONALITY, ALONG WITH HER BRIGHT SMILE TO FOLLOW ALONG.

All the GCHS instagram pages



that you need to see!

By: Kaiflyn Romero

The students at Greeley Central have taken on the task to create a Instagram page that showcases all the memorable moments of 2021-2022

The school year has been full of unforgettable moments, to help remember every special memory, students have taken on the task to create an Instagram page that truly enhances these moments that we have created together. over the past few years, social media has created an enormous impact in our lives, creating a big form of communication. To help communicate with others, students have created Instagram pages focusing on student activities and actions. Some of the most well known pages are the GCHS parking page, GCHS student council, GCHS boys volleyball, etc. The @Greeley Highlight is the official newspaper Instagram account. This account keeps up with the monthly issues that the newspaper staff produces. Features like Student shout-outs, staff member introductions, and sneak peeks of future issues are all included! one of the most popularized pages is the @Gchs worst parking.



This page consists of images with some of the worst parked cars out in the student parking-lots. The creator of this accounts has decided to stay anonymous but is known to be very proud of growing their account to over 500 followers within 4 months. Students send in submissions to this account, days later seeing their submissions up on the page with a caption to fit the image. Next up on the favorites list, the @Gchs sleeping page. This page started back in November and since then has gained over 480 followers. This page belongs to an anonymous student who asks for submissions of students who get caught sleeping around the school. This page is a fun way to advocate students to not sleep during school as they can get featured on this page. This account has created a fun experience for students to see all their friends on an Instagram page followed by hundreds of Greeley Central students.

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SENIOR TIKTOKS

BY: CARLOS RASCON
ESCALANTE



TikTok could be considered one of the most popular and favorite apps for students, and seniors have used this as a way to share senior events/traditions, many seniors have been participating in some TikTok trends that share the experience of being a senior. Some of the Trends are:

#SeniorDitchday,
#Senioryeartransition, Senior Quotes, Senior prom, Senior Pictures, Senior year, Recaps of there high school graduation, and Senior living life advice. These trends are popular for students and teachers as the year come to a close. Even if you are a freshman, junior or sophomore it's never too early to brainstorm ideas for next year trends. We are Thankful for all Seniors and their TikToks.

ANNUAL SENIOR BBQ STRIKES AGAIN

BY: BRITAIN ROBBINS

ITS SENIOR SEASON, WHICH ALSO MEANS SENIOR EVENTS AND ANNUAL PRACTICES.

Every year the newly graduating seniors come together for a cluster of events put on to show our schools gratitude towards the students. These events include Cap and Gown checkouts, a Senior cookout/ BBQ, Senior slideshow, and Senior Sunrise. Wednesday May 18th at 3:00 PM, Seniors who are graduating will be required to check out/ rent a cap and gown for graduation, later that day at 5:00 PM Seniors will round back up at the school for the annual Senior BBQ, Senior Slideshow, and Senior BBQ. Graduation Practice will be Friday May 20th at the DG Stadium. As the year is winding down many students will be given opportunities to help themselves grow as individuals, especially our GCHS Seniors. As Senior Season approaches, help support our seniors through the rest of this school year, you could simply just let them know they're doing a great job, and they can make a difference in their lives and others around them.

10 Pieces of Advice for High School Seniors

By: Amber Hudgins

Senior year of high school has been nothing short of exciting, but equal parts busy. There is a lot to think about when it comes to classes, careers, and colleges. But it's imperative to make sure you're making memories and enjoying the ride while juggling your busy life. Upon reflection, I have crafted a list of top ten things I wish I did more of or taken the time to do in hopes of helping you navigate this busy year.

1) Spend time with family and friends

Spend time with your family and friends who you love. (This includes pets!) Even if you decide not to move away right after school, senior year is a huge transition into a different phase of your life. Use the support your people can provide as you navigate this new time. Family members may have helpful advice, just as I do, and it can save you a lot of hard lessons learned.



2) AP classes save you money

AP classes are impressive to have on your transcript and your college applications. This is proof you're able to complete advanced course work. If you're applying for a highly selective school, AP Classes give you an edge on other students applying. Also, if you score well on your AP exam, you can possibly receive college credits. (Check with your college of choice to confirm which classes.)

3) Take those fun classes

Take interesting electives. High school is about finding something you really enjoy. Take a photography class. Or a robotics class. German. Dance. Painting. This can help you discover the path you want to take in your life.



4) Learn to balance your social life with school life

You should enjoy your senior year, spend time with your friends, meet new people, and attend events, but it's also important to not slack off and get distracted. "Senioritis" is real. Avoid procrastination and maintain academics. Senior year should be fun, but it's also an important year for your transition to college or the workforce. Either way it'll help keep you motivated.

10 Pieces of Advice for High School Seniors

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5) Speak to your guidance counselors, teacher and coaches.

Ask the adults in you life you have already experienced what your going through as senior for help. They know what to do. Some simple questions to ask (that can help tremendously are) What worked for you? What do they wish they had done differently? Senior year is a time of endless possibilities, its easy to feel overwhelmed. Take time for you and reflect on what you truly want. Its okay not to know, afterall almost every one changes their major in college.



6) Scholarships are so important

Always complete your FAFSA! This is the biggest first step to getting money for schooling. Apply to scholarships early and often. Once you're accepted to a college, continue to apply to the ones that may be due in spring or summer. Most scholarships will ask about community service. Apply at shelters, soup kitchens, design fundraisers it all will help you.

7) Remember everyone's path is different.

There is no wrong way to start adulthood. While some may go right into the work force and others may go to an internship(theres way more possibilities than this too) Everyone's journey is different.



8) Sit in on college classes and shadow jobs

Not everyone knows what they want to do after college, and many students who think they do, end up changing their minds. There are countless paths available, so take some time and research and explore your options. There are job fairs, career tests, talk to professionals and see what their days are like to see if that's what you would want.

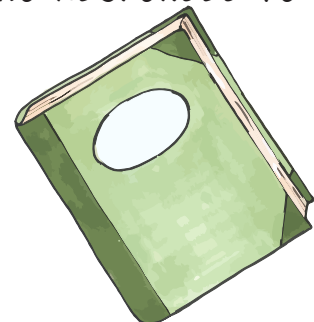
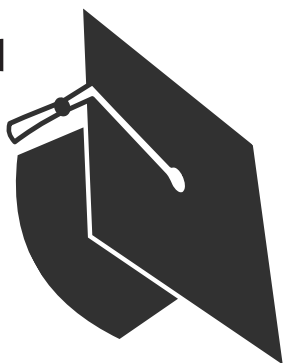
9) Tour colleges

If you have the opportunity to tour colleges, take it! You can learn so much about colleges by researching it online but sometimes seeing it in person will help you make the final call. This will help you make your final decision with the most confidence.

10) Make a list of things you want to do

Step out of your comfort zone. Graduate with no regrets. Join a club you've always wanted to join. Someone you wanted to be friends with. A class you were interested in taking. Do all those things you've thought of doing. Highschool is the best time to do these things, challenge yourself and step out of your comfort zone.

Seniors After High School



AS WE ALL KNOW, THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IS COMING TO A CLOSE AND THAT MEANS SAYING GOODBYE TO THE SENIORS WHO LED AND MENTORED US. SOME OF US GOT TO BE WITH THESE WONDERFUL SENIORS FOR 3 YEARS AND HAVE CREATED STRONG BONDS WITH THOSE LEAVING. OTHERS HAVE JUST MET AND BEGUN TO BOND WITH THEIR "SENIOR BUDDIES." WHATEVER THE CASE, AND WHEREVER THEY ARE GOING, WE APPRECIATE THE TIME THAT YOU HAVE SPENT WITH US HERE AT THE CASTLE.

RATHER THAN LOOKING BACK AT THE HIGHSCHOOL YEARS THAT THESE SENIORS EXPERIENCED, LIKE SOME ARTICLES WITHIN THIS NEWSPAPER ARE ALREADY DOING, THIS ARTICLE IS HERE TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AND SEE WHERE THOSE LEAVING US ARE GOING. ALL ARE GOING THEIR OWN PATHS, SOME MAY BE COMMITTED TO A COLLEGE, SUCH AS ALEXIS TAPIA AND HER COMMITMENT TO HASTING COLLEGE; WHILE OTHERS MAY BE JOINING THE WORKFORCE, JUST AS XAVIER SIMON'S HAS DECIDED TO DO. NO MATTER WHAT THEY PLAN TO BE DOING, THESE ARE THE SENIORS AFTER HIGHSCHOOL (WELL AT LEAST THOSE WHO RESPONDED TO THE GOOGLE FORM):

Brenda Canales - Aims Community College to then transfer into a college
Nayzeth Hernandez - University of Northern Colorado
Ella Niccoli - Colorado State University
Jessica Lopez - University of Northern Colorado
Louis Arenas - CU Boulder
Daemon Darcy - Workforce
Paola Leos Salazar - Colorado State University
Kimberly Prieto - IBMC

Ash Hein - St. John's College
Calista Lopez - Aims Community College
Elver Vicente - Aims Community College
Rosario Avalos - Lincoln Tech
Seth Campbell - University of Northern Colorado
Jacob McNell - University of Northern Colorado or Grand Valley State
Arial Dyer - Workforce
Amber Hudgins - Aims Community College then transfer

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Seniors After High School

Emma Lackey - Travel &
then go to college
Hailey Elam - Colorado State
University
Icela Miranda Chavez - Aims
Community College
Grace Lackey - Travel &
University of Idaho
Xavier Simon - Workforce
Cara Shuttler - Montana
State University
Diana Flores - University of
Northern Colorado
Lupita Pina Rivera
- Workforce possibly Aims
Community College
Brianna Leos - University of
Northern Colorado
Izaiah Hernandez - Marines &
Wyotech
Jaden Elm - College
Undecided



McKinzie Kelly - University
of Colorado Boulder
Oliver Voigt - University of
Northern Colorado
Hannah Evans - Gap Year
Savana Long - Saint John's
College (Santa Fe, NM)
Fidel Meza - Aims
Community College
Casbah Parlin - College
Leslie Garcia - University of
Northern Colorado
Emma Johnson - Colorado
Mesa University
Alexis Tapia - Committed to
Hasting College
Davis Nguyen - "Become
Famous"
Angelina Esquivel - Aims
Community College
Kevin Soto - Aims
Community College



Whether we just
met you, or have
barely known you,
thank you for
guiding us, at least
part of the way,
through high
school.

Bye, seniors, and
we hope for the
best for all of
you after high
school.

HIGHLIGHT LEADERSHIP

BY: SEAN ROTTER



The castle is full of leaders and hardworking students that exemplify what it means to be a wildcat, we would like to take the time to recognise these exceptional individuals.

FOOTBALL TEAM
CAPTAIN- YAHIR CHAIREZ
SALAZAR
BOYS TENNIS- OLIVER
VOIGT
BOYS SOCCER- BEN
WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL- ALEXIS
TAPIA/ TOMEA
SOFTBALL- SENIORS
BASKETBALL- ISAIAH
FLORES
GIRLS
BASKETBALL- ALEXIS
TAPIA
CROSS COUNTRY- ISAIAH
CAMPBELL
MENS VOLLEYBALL- ZANE
BRANHAM



TRACK- CHINO/ ISAIAH
CAMPBELL
TRACK
GIRLS- CAMBRIA
JENSON
GIRLS TENNIS- ALEXIS
TAPIA
WRESTLING- CHINO
GOLF- TATE SEDINGER
CHEERLEADING- RACHEL
FEINSTEIN
MARCHING
BAND- BLAKE MIKULA
AND AVEN
COLOR GAURD- XAVIER
SIMON
BASEBALL- JJ
ESPINOZA AND JACOB
HERNANDEZ

SENIOR GRADUATION PARTIES

BY: FRELI NDAYISHIMIYE



SENIORS THROWING A GRADUATION PARTY IS A TRADITIONAL THING FOR ALL SENIORS THAT ARE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL. BEFORE THEY CAN HAVE ALL THE FUN AND MAKE PLANS FOR THEIR PARTIES AT GRADUATION, THEY FIRST HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LOOKING FOR COLLEGES THEY WANT TO GO TO AND HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT STUDYING FOR THEIR LAST FINALS TESTS IN HIGH SCHOOL. ONCE THAT'S ALL DONE THEY CAN NOW START PLANNING A WEEK OR A FEW ON WHAT THEY WANT TO INVITE TO THE GRADUATION PARTY AND WHAT KIND OF FOOD THEY'RE GOING TO FEED THEIR GUESTS. THESE PARTIES ARE ALWAYS GOOD BECAUSE THEY BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THEIR SENIORS. YOU MIGHT EVEN GET TO SEE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE OR HAVE SEEN FOR THE LONGEST. SOME SENIORS LOVE TO COMBINE THEIR GRAD PARTY WITH THEIR FRIENDS WHICH WORKS WELL WHEN THERE IS A GUEST LIST OVERLAP.



Scholarships

By: Chloe Forsyth

Almost all websites of large colleges in Colorado have a page dedicated to offering scholarships for students. Some scholarships are still up for grabs too.

Some of the specific universities offering these scholarships are the University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado State University, and the University of Northern Colorado. CU has scholarships that vary from 1,000 to 10,000. Most of the scholarships require written responses about the specific field the scholarship requires and some require a written response that just wants you to explain what you're looking for in college. Some of the scholarships CSU offers require you to list your GPAs. One scholarship, the Green and Gold Scholarship for Colorado residents requires a GPA of or above a 4.0 and you must be already admitted to a degree program at CSU. This is just one example of a type of scholarship for CSU though.

UNC scholarship page claims that over 72% of newly admitted students receive some form of a scholarship. The financial help will change due to what GPA the student has and if they are a colorado resident though. First-year admitted students can receive from 1,500 to 8,000 depending on where they came from in the state and their GPAs. Students can receive scholarships from even having a GPA as low as 3.0. Students who come from farther out of state typically will receive more on their scholarships.

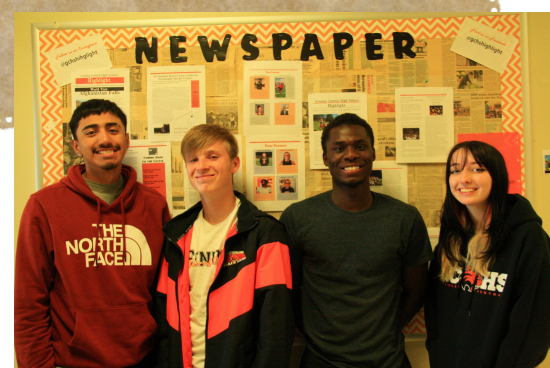
All these listed scholarships are just from a few of our nearby universities. Many more are offered from other colleges throughout Colorado and in the United States.



Dear Newspaper Staff Seniors, We all know that your guys went through a lot before becoming seniors. It might be tough and stressful sometimes, but you made it. You're almost to graduation and ready to head out into the world. We are really proud of you guys for making it here. We know you guys have friends that are by your side, having a fun time through the years and cheering you on. Now you guys must say goodbye in some form. Though you may see them again, it won't be the same experience.

We thank you for you guys being here with us and for taking care of our Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. They might be overwhelming to be around sometimes but thank you for being patient with them. For the future we don't know what you're gonna do but we hope you guys do whatever you guys love, be whatever you want.

Respect yourself, and help others that are needed. Hope you guys remember this class in your future and hope you guys have a best future. When something gets tough don't give up, and don't let anybody let you down. Always think positive about yourself and around you.



Summer is quickly approaching and there are quite a few students itching for it to start already. Although for seniors, this one is bittersweet. The graduating class of 2022 has made it despite everything that's happened in the last few years. Summer is the one escape from everything, and now the world is almost back to normal. This is going to be the most memorable summer, more memorable than COVID! But it'll be our last summer before we head out into the real world. Don't forget to make it a great one!

LAST SUMMER FOR SENIORS

By: Noah Vasquez



SENIORS ENJOYING THEIR LAST TIME PLAYING THEIR SPORT IN HIGH SCHOOL

BY: JUAN ESPINOZA

SENIOR YEAR IS AN EMOTIONAL YEAR BECAUSE SENIORS ARE SPENDING THEIR LAST MOMENTS AS A HIGH SCHOOL-ER. THEN SOME OF THOSE SENIORS ARE ATHLETES AND WILL BE SPENDING THEIR LAST GAMES AS STUDENT ATHLETES.

Growing up you couldn't wait to become a High School-er and wanted to play sports in high school. Your time has come and you have four years to play the sports you love. Now with one month of remaining those four years went by like a blink of an eye and seniors are spending their last moments with their teammates and coaches for one last time. I asked some senior athletes a couple of questions and those were: "What did it mean to you to be a Student Athlete?", "What are you going to miss the most about playing in High School?" , "What advice would you give to the upcoming Senior Athletes next year?" Here is what they said:



Yahir "Chino" Chairez-Salazar said, "To be a student athlete meant getting everything done in the classroom before you could perform on the field, court, etc. It required balance and focus, this allowed me to stay organized in both academics and sports. Finding the balance allowed me to focus on each part at their times." "I'm going to miss the atmosphere and excitement before games. It's a feeling that's unmatched. There's nothing like those moments before a game when you know that people are watching." "The biggest piece of advice I have for upcoming seniors is to be patient. When you're patient, you start to live in the moment more. This means you can take the time to improve at every practice and focus in game."

Alexis Tapia said, "Throughout high school, being a student athlete was my favorite part. Being able to be a part of a community that treated me like their family was something I will never forget. I made lifelong friends and I will forever be grateful that I had the opportunity." "What I'm going to miss more are practices. Even though sometimes it was tiring, I made so many memories and had so many laughs. Especially practices before game days because we would all just have fun." "Advice I would give to senior athletes is work your hardest. It goes by really fast and you don't want to regret anything." The four years of high school can go by like a blink of an eye, so spend your time wisely and have fun because you will never get to experience this ever again.

Greeley Central congratulates seniors committed to college athletics!

By: Sage Sathe

Every year in America, about 7% of highschool athletes commit to college athletics, or about 1,057,000. Amazingly, this year at Greeley Central we have three athletes committed to college sports.

Our athletes committed to college athletics this year are:

- Leon Ramirez, who will be going on to play football at Chadron State University.

- Alexis Tapia, who will be playing Girls Basketball at Hastings College.

- Last but certainly not least, Casey Hawkins who will be going to the prestigious Soccer Management Institute of Italy.

Greeley Central couldn't be more proud of these exceptional athletes and students.

